

such means. If not, do the best they can, and leave the issue with God. These fairs are modern inventions among our country Baptists.

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In England they work a little more steady, but they 'work by the same rule,' it would appear. Read the subjoined :

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon lately held a bazaar or fair to obtain funds towards the erection of a new building for his congregation, by which £900 was realized after paying all expenses. The CORN CROPAL says, "the Duchess of Sutherland has taken great interest in its success. Through the exertions of her Grace more articles of taste and art, the work of fashionable fingers, found their way into the recesses of the stalls, than was ever known to be collected for such a purpose before."

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From the American Christian Review.

The allusion of Brother Oliphant to our refusal to publish his articles is, we think, without any just cause. Our recollection is, that the only reply we made to him, was in an article sent to him, and kindly published in the BANNER. We have not attempted to review his articles in any of our publications, as we now recollect. The mere circumstance, that we alluded to him and his position as opposed to the Missionary Society, did not obligate us to publish his articles, nor induce us to think of so doing, though we certainly have no objection to their appearance in our columns, and will certainly publish anything he may write, if he desires it and will lay our remarks before his readers. He is an esteemed and talented brother, a sincere and honorable man, whom we dearly love for his work's sake, in maintaining the cause of Christ by preaching and publishing in the British Province of Canada. He is not caviling, as some are, and doing nothing in any way. He is, and has been for years, working for the cause, and, we doubt not, feels a Christian interest in it. We desire him, therefore, to understand that our columns are free for him to the some extent that his pages are free to us, even if he does give our arguments "quick consumption." Our only desire is, that truth and righteousness may prevail.

Our brother will recollect, however, that he has the *down-hill side* of the argument, in one sense at least. It does not take near as strong, as clear, and convincing arguments to convince men that they ought to keep their money in their pockets as it does to induce them to pay it out. Any kind of stand-still, do-nothing, or negative doctrine is more easily proved to the satisfaction of men than doctrine requiring them to go forward, engage in and sustain affirmative movements, any positive and effective action. There is no money between the eyes of men and his arguments, but the money is greatly in the way of seeing the arguments on the other side. We are fully aware that our brother