

"4. A Race for Women about twenty years of age, who have been in the Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a gown; 2nd, parcel of tea; 3rd, a handkerchief.

"5. A Race for Girls between fifteen and twenty, who are now, or have been in the Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a bonnet; 2nd, pair of stockings; 3rd, handkerchief.

"6. Bobbing for an Orange in a Tub of Water, for Girls under ten, who are in Piddington Sunday-school. Prize, a collar. The Proving of the New Bells will take place about half-past three o'clock. Prize for best ringers, £2; for the second, £1; for the third, 10s.

"7. A Wheelbarrow Race for Men between thirty and forty. 1st prize, a waistcoat; 2nd, neckerchief; 3rd, pocket handkerchief.

"8. Jumping in Sacks, for Men between twenty and thirty, who have been in Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a spade; 2nd, neckerchief; 3rd, pocket handkerchief.

"9. A Hurdle Race for Young Men from fifteen to twenty, who are, or have been in Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a hat; 2nd, neckerchief; 3rd, pocket handkerchief.

"10. A Race for Boys above ten, who are in Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a cap; 2nd, neckerchief; 3rd, a pocket handkerchief.

"11. A Race for Boys under ten, who are in Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a jacket; 2nd, a neckerchief; 3rd, a pocket handkerchief.

"12. A Race for Girls from ten to fifteen, who are in Piddington Sunday-school. 1st prize, a shawl; 2nd, parcel of tea; 3rd, pocket handkerchief.

"N. B.—The Ministers and Churchwardens being desirous on this occasion of promoting harmless festivity and real enjoyment, and aware that some strangers may be present, rely on their own parishioners to check any disorder which may arise from excess of drink, or other ill-conduct in such strangers.

"Piddington, May 21st, 1846."

The above extract from the *Christian Witness*, a popular religious periodical, conducted by Dr. Campbell of the Congregational denomination in England, is deserving the special notice of our readers, as indicative of the lamentable degradation to which the people are brought under the fostering influences of "the church," as by law established. Did we not receive the intelligence through an unquestionable channel, we should have taken it for a caricature; but it is a fact beyond all question that the rewards held out by the Ministers and Churchwardens of an English Parish, to the attendants upon the Sunday-schools and ministry of the National Church were as above described!

It is moreover a fact established beyond all question, that where the power of the Parson and Squire is pre eminent in any English Parish—there ignorance and vice most fearfully prevail.

Reader.—Every art which the devil and a corrupt government can employ, is now being employed to thrust upon us by fraud and violence a system bearing similar traits—and that too in the name of the Christian Religion! Even the Methodist leaders LATELY BOUGHT OVER WITH EXECUTIVE GOLD, have avowed through Mr. Alder, that they are "a branch of the Church of England at home and abroad!!!" and have become its base allies in this Colony. Mark the influence of this union upon their own character already in view of education! Egerton Ryerson's daughter has been placed under the salutary discipline of the Dancing School! and she, with the daughter of John Ryerson, and other methodists youths, are now receiving instruction at a Roman Catholic Nunnery in Montreal!!! THIS IS THE FRUIT OF GOVERNMENT BRIBES AND EVIL COMPANY. Christian reader! labour to send men to Parliament who will oppose all religious grants from government, thus to corrupt and debase our religious teachers,—our churches, and our youth.

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