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# STORM CENTRE OF METHODIST CHURCH

British Journal Comments on the Professor Jackson Incident in Canada.

### "LIBERTY IN METHODISM"

Bays Attempt Was Made to Block Professor's Appointment in English School.

London, July 11. - Christian Commonwealth pu lished in London, Eng., and which can itself the "Organ of the Progressive Movement in Religion and Social Ethics," in its issue of June 11, features an interview with Rev. George Jackson, recently of Toronto, under the heading, "The Storm Centre of Methodism."

Editorially, this comment is passed under the caption:

"Liberty in Methodism." Rev. George Jackson, B. A., principal-designate of Didsbury Wesleyan College, returned from Canada last week to find himself the central figure In a dispute which threatens to have serious consequences. His first act on landing was to telegraph a repudiation of the report published in the Toronto Globe, and reprinted by the British Weekly, of an address delivered by him on "Genesis." On Saturday our precial commissioner made a journey down into Devonshire to interview Mr Jackson. The account of his visit appeared on the front page of this issue and embodies a review of the main issue involved.

#### Refused to Discuss.

Not unreasonably, we think, Mr. Jackson felt himself unable to discuss the question with our representative, and made it clear that he preferred to hold no communication with the press, denominational or extra-denomina-Clenal, until the conference of the Wesleyan Church has met. From his personal point of view, Mr. Jackson is doubtless well advised in holding himself apart from the discussion which is now certain to follow, since the question has also been raised at several of the Wesleyan synods.

#### More Than Personal.

But the matter was more than personal significance. It involves no only the right of one teacher or preach. in Methodism to deal fearlessly frankly, and fully with the findings of modern Biblical criticism and c scientific research, but the right of all teachers and preachers in the Methodist Church. This is the justification of our representative's visi to Mr. Jackson, and for the publicity we have given to the whole affair. We called attention months ago to the movement set on foot by the reactionarie to get the conference to reconsider Mr. Jackson's appointment to Didsbury College. The Methodist Recorder said last week that it had not hitherto allowed the matter to be discussed in its columns because it "did not wish to assist in the introduction natter into the synods that w

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