

in regard to the choice of their family periodicals. In the selection of a teacher for their congregation or their school, they are most scrupulously cautious. He *must* be a man of good temper, of cultivated heart. It certainly cannot be less important that those silent instructors, lying constantly before us and always in the hands of our children, should be of like character.

If a paper is filled with intellectual combat, always *discussion*, *discussion*, and nothing of the virtues of christianity, I should distrust its ability to make men better.

But really, brother Oliphant, I like the temper of your sheet exceedingly. 'I hope to see the Editor before long. If you visit Buffalo, you will receive a most hearty welcome at my residence, 349, Washington street. This invitation I would extend to any brother from Canada who may visit this city.

Yours fraternally,

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MR. NOEL AND HIS REVILERS.

The scribe of the *Church* newspaper, in late numbers of that rampant advocate of State religion, referring to the late meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in Glasgow, at one of whose conventions Mr. Noel presided, could not restrain the swellings of his indignation against that noble champion of truth, but poured it forth in the following elegant "*platitudes*:"—

"That notorious theological *democrat*, the Honourable (can we still call him the *reverend*) Baptist Wriothsley Noel."

For what is Mr. Noel notorious? For his eminent virtues and Christian philanthropy—for his zeal in behalf of truth—for his fearless exposure of error—for his having left the State Church, and published to the world the anti-Christian enormities of that hierarchy, and the evil of all State religion. But Mr. Noel is "a theological *democrat*." What meaning does this convey? Democracy implies the government of the people under fixed and immutable laws, in contrast with *Priestocracy*, or the government of *Priests*, under laws of their own creation, for their own special aggrandizement and interest. Which of these is most in unison with the laws and genius of Christianity, the most simple-minded reader of the New Testament can readily determine. But Mr. Noel is also termed a "*reckless and unscrupulous Schismatic*." Now this is simply nonsense. Had he