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The pulpit of this Church was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Wild, on the 22nd of January. It may be premised that the first manuscript comment on Dr. W.'s deliverances found its way to that purgatory styled the Post Office, and in spite of every effort on the part of the officials of Toronto to recover it, the London office has proved to be a bourn whence that travelling M.S. has not returned. Demetrius the silversmith, the craftsmen of like occupation, and the Ephesians at large were doubtless agreed as to the impregnability of the town clerk's argument when he said "What man is there who knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, even of the image which fell down from Jupiter?" (Acts xix. 35). The image was probably as well acquainted with *their* claims to reverence, as they were with the claims of the image. It may be safely affirmed that they had myriads of predecessors in their line of argument, and are unlikely to lack successors in the same; the Tom Thumbs of society will ever be ready to exercise their lungs, and cry, even for "the space of two hours," "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

Men will necessarily differ in their estimate of greatness, in proportion to their individual measuring power. With regard to the occupant of the pulpit above named, he might safely advertise himself as a novel kind of pectoral remedy, so effectually does he suppress that chronic disorder which results in coughing. He occupies the minds of his hearers with many subjects in the course of a service, as his practice is, very properly, to comment on the portions which he reads from the Old and New Testaments respectively, prior to delivering his discourse. Inasmuch as he, Janus-like, presents himself in a different aspect in the evening, to that which he presents in the morning, the writer found his way to the church on each occasion. The lower end of a kaleidoscope, since it exhibits a circle on the one hand, and disordered fragments (of glass) on the other, may serve as a symbol of that eternity which may be presumed to be the essential

theme of the minister's discourses. and of the confused manner in which Divine truths are treated by the reverend gentleman; he appears to have ransacked literary curiosity shops to a certain extent, and to make all his researches converge on a favorite crotchet, and yet to be as remote from the attainment of the prophetic truth to which he aspires, as he is from the discovery of the philosopher's stone. In the cursory remarks which Dr. W. made on reading the narrative contained in 2 Kings v., he informed us that so near us as Nova Scotia, there is a lazar-house, containing one hundred and thirteen lepers. He startled *one* of his audience at least, by observing in the same connection, that the lowering of the standard of height in the army was traceable to the military authorities preferring little men, owing to their greater activity, and the diminished chances of their being shot. The deterioration of the race which results in decreased stature had not been dreamt of in the philosophy of the Dr., neither had the fact that soldiers in action take their aim from the ground upwards. We were told that "it didn't hurt people to be Christians now-a-days;" a statement the veracity of which *they* will know most who are most whole-hearted in their attempt to realize it. We gathered incidentally that this teacher, in common with many others, does not apprehend that it was "*when the Sabbath was past,*" (Mark xvi. 1) that "the Lords day" (Rev. i. 10) was introduced. and that these are institutions of a widely different character. the one being the seventh day of the week (Ex. xx. 10) and the other, the first. Inasmuch as he repeatedly prayed for the pardon of sin, it was equally evident that he does not understand the force, the weight, and value of the words "it is accomplished," as uttered on the cross. The Apostle John (1 Ep. i. 9) states that "if we (believers) *confess,* &c." there is one who "is faithful and just to forgive."

Another of the Dr.'s statements, relating to the alleged removal of children from this sublunary sphere. as if by the arbitrary decree of the Almighty, cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged, in view of the fact that when they are taken, it is as the penal consequence of disobedience to law, on