

for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory!" (2 Cor. 4: 17).

Queen Victoria's crown-diamond (the Koh-i-noor) took two years of constant cutting! What other stone was worth the toil? What other jewel could endure the process?

"Behold we count them happy that endure," like Job. A great sufferer was complaining that God had forsaken her; but she dreamed she saw an angel grinding a jewel continually, till she cried out, "Oh, when will you stop? Will you wear it all away to dust?" Then the angel showed her the jewel, and she saw a small ugly spot on it; and the angel said with tearful tenderness, "This jewel is for the king's crown, and I must grind out the flaw, or it will never suit!" Then she awoke in tears, and said, "Oh, I understand it now! God is grinding out my ugly temper! I will endure!" Oh that we could all endure to have our ugly passions and pride and lust and self-will and tyranny ground clean away from us! How blessed and how blissful would we thus become for time and for eternity! "We must be converted and become as little children or we shall in no case enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"With patience, then, thy path of duty run, God never does, nor suffers to be done, But what the best would wish, if they could see The end of all events, as well as He."

Your brother in Him,

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#### DIED :—DOUBTING.

**S**AYING, "There is no hope," he stepped  
A little from our side and passed  
To Hope Eternal. At the last,  
Crying, "There is no rest," he slept.

A sweeter spirit ne'er drew breath;  
Strange grew the chill upon the air.  
But as he murmured "This is death,"  
Lo, Life itself did meet him there.

He loved the Will; he did the deed.

Such love shall live. Such doubt is dust.

He served the truth; he missed the creed.

Trust him to God. Dear is the trust.

Andover, Mass.

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PROTESTANTISM quite recently was introduced into Turkey by the missionaries first spreading tracts amongst the people, but the authorities at Constantinople immediately ordered these to be destroyed. Many of the people, however, held fast to them, and, through the influence of the British ambassador, the Sultan at length acknowledged the converts as an independent Protestant church, and at the present time there are 120 churches organized with a membership of 125,000 converts.

#### PROPOSED PLAN OF UNION BETWEEN PRESBYTERIANS AND METHODISTS.



CORRESPONDENT of a sanguine disposition offers the following plan for consideration :—

1. That the distinctive names of the two bodies shall be dropped, and that the united church shall be known by the title of the Millennial Church.

Churches have hitherto been named after the circumstances of their birth. It is now time to name them from their future destiny.

2. That the present symbols of both churches shall be preserved for their historical and doctrinal value, but that a committee shall be formed to draw up a Confession of Faith, which shall embody all the fundamental truths of the gospel held in common by the two churches, and all that it is essential a Christian man should believe. The Westminster Confession is polemical, and is meant to combat the heresies of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the Wesleyan Book of Discipline is local and temporary in its character and in need of deepening and broadening.

The new Confession can draw upon them both and supersede them.

3. That the details of a scheme of church government embodying the best elements in both politics, shall be prepared by the best legal minds in the church, leaving the largest liberty to congregations compatible with good order, preserving the due representation of the lay element in the church courts.

4. That the order of public service be left to the ministers and people except in so far as such variety might be found bringing in false doctrine or endangering the spirituality and simplicity of worship.

5. That the College Question be remitted to the Professors with instructions to bring in a plan securing the best educational advantages the church requires while economizing the funds of the church.

6. That the mission schemes be strengthened by the amalgamation of weak charges at home, and the sending forth of those ministers set free from the home field to the various fields abroad.

7. That the minimum stipend in the united church be \$1,000 and a manse, and that congregations choose for themselves, whether they adopt the three years term in calling a minister, or call, as in the Presbyterian Church, for life.

PRUDENS.

HAVE not the cloak to make when it begins to rain.