

that intelligent persons can deceive themselves into relying on such a teacher ; had they been adequately grounded in the subject of the evidences of Christianity, it would appear to be impossible that they could accept such drivelling as this, as the offspring of a sound mind. Evidence of ignorance of the truth of God appeared to the writer to be redundant throughout the service ; this congregation has failed to learn a lesson from the history of the Israelites, as recorded in Ex. xxiv, 7, hence they echo the pledge given to the Almighty, by the people of Israel in that passage, and they have thought it worth while to substitute the word "hear" for "be obedient ;" one of their responses is as follows :—"All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do. *and hear ;*" the second portion of scripture read during the service, was from verse 19 of Matt. vi, to the end of the chapter ; in this instance the huge blunder of translation. (on which we have commented before) occurring in v. 27, was passed without notice, and we were left to suppose that the Lord taught that it would be impossible "by taking thought to add eighteen inches to our stature." The passage from Is. lii, commencing "How beautiful on the mountains" was chanted, but "inner senses" notwithstanding, we did not learn that the passage ought to be translated "How *opportune* on the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings, etc." As we have remarked before, the Lord will arrive when all the distressing confusion which obtains at the present time, shall have culminated in active hostility to the people of God : he will come most opportunely. The harangue on this occasion was based on Matt. vi, 22 : The light of the body is the eye : if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full

of light." The prevailing idea which characterized it was, that every literal thing in the world has something spiritual to correspond with it ; the spiritual body was stated to be equivalent to the character which we have formed ; among other statements made with regard to this imaginary body, it was said to be the fossilisation of all our loves ; for our own part, we are not disposed to waste more time in recording these ravings ; we think that the proper way to treat all persons who deceive themselves or others, in regard to any revelation they may represent themselves to have received, is to apply the test provided by the Almighty himself in Deut. xiii and xviii, and 2 Cor. xii, 12, respectively, as referred to in the criticism on "the Catholic Apostolic Church," in No. 13 of these papers. The childishness of this whole "philosophy" may perhaps be regarded as condensed in the subjoined verse which was sung in the "temple," as descriptive of the abodes of bliss :—

Sweet fields and bright arcadian bowers,
Stand dressed in living green :
And groves and gardens, fruits and flowers,
Adorn the angelic scene.

GENEROSITY IN TIME OF NEED.

The members and congregation of the Queen Street Methodist Church, in view, no doubt, of the manifold "afflictions" of the esteemed stock-jobber, under whom they sit, have (we understand) recently presented him with two purses ; one of the two, we may presume, was the empty one belonging to one of the dupes who have been fleeced by this spiritual shepherd. The incident of the presentation of the purses by these unsophisticated dupes has recalled to the writer's mind a project for enumerating the institutions at