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WEDNESDAY, October 26, 1897.

VARIETY NOTES

On Sabbath morning, Oct. 16, we went to hear Dr. Moxom at the First Baptist church, Commonwealth Avenue.

As is well known, Dr. Moxom has been of a leaning toward the new theology than is found in any one of a hundred of our ministers.

Having heard of the work being attempted at Bowdoin square, in the old church made notorious by Dowse, we attended there in the afternoon.

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We have written at such length that there is little space for reference to an interesting evening service at the church.

The house was packed, the attention earnest, and the impression, so far as we could judge, deep and wholesome.

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difficult question. Matters seem to be in a state of complete flux. A motion to make the University independent and christians led to prolonged discussion.

The clinging to the idea of federation with the provincial university seems strange to us who have been nurtured in other ideas, especially as it is an experiment which has never been tried by Baptists, so far as we are aware.

THE WEEK

The event of the week in England has been the Liberal Convention in Nottingham. Gladstone received an ovation at all the stations on the way to Nottingham.

Some years ago, a Mr. Barrow, the treasurer of a bank in Dexter, Maine, was found dead in the bank.

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THE CASE OF THE MAIN STREET CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

At the Western Baptist Association at Centerville, a charge was brought against the Main Street Baptist Church, Woodstock, of having adopted erroneous views in the doctrine of sanctification.

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this, we would be in constant danger of being made responsible for beliefs we esteem erroneous and mischievous.

We believe our Association has reason for grief over the access of this error of instantaneity and entire sanctification into the Main Street Church, Woodstock; but there is reason for still deeper sorrow that brethren who have departed from the faith of the body should still seek to occupy a false position, which fits them to spread disruptive doctrines more effectually.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the brethren of the Main Street Church who have accepted this error, be exhorted to acknowledge and forsake it.

C. GOODPASTER, D. J. HIGGINS, JAMES H. TUPPER, Committee.

It was also resolved that the moderator and the clerk of the association be a committee to advise the church of the action of the association, and receive any reply which might be made.

We cannot but express our deep regret that this action has been found necessary. If the members of this church, however, hold their views conscientiously, we cannot find fault with them for remaining loyal to them, and should part from them, as they take their place outside our body, with kindly feelings.

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This conference was convened at Pagswash, Oct. 11th, 1897, at 10 a. m. The forenoon session was occupied by a very interesting social meeting.

The afternoon session was occupied in hearing verbal reports from the various fields. We found Bro. Burgess comfortably settled in the new parsonage, and just bubbling over with happiness and contentment.

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