

CARMAN CALLED WORKMAN CASE

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mony in Several Points.

METHODIST THEOLOGY.

ctrine of Original Sin and
the New Birth.

Belief in the Corporeal Resurrection
and the Divinity of Christ as Es-
sential to the Church's Existence—
Power of Dismissal.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Montreal, May 11.—Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, took the witness stand in the Workman libel case to-day and gave evidence on points of Methodist belief involved in the alleged assertions of Dr. Workman. Dr. Carman claimed that from his position his testimony could be regarded as the voice of the Methodist Church. His statements on points of Methodist belief, he declared, were the interpretations of the Methodist Church courts. His testimony on many points was directly opposed to that of Dr. Workman, who in testifying yesterday refused to admit that the beliefs which he held were not in accord with the standards of Methodism.

On the question of the corporeal resurrection of Christ he differed from Dr. Workman, who thought the Gospel allegorical in this particular, while Dr. Carman held that it could be literally interpreted. Dr. Carman also declared that, according to the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church, Christ was truly God, and that this point was not open to investigation. Without the doctrine of Christ being Deity the Church could not exist. Contrary to Dr. Workman's testimony, Dr. Carman declared that the Sacrifice of Calvary in the eyes of the Methodist Church was both a propitiatory and expiatory act, and that the atonement had its effects not only manwards but Godwards. Original sin, he said, lay not in the fall of Adam, but in the corruption of human nature whereby man is inclined to sin. Pressed for an answer as to whether a new-born babe is sinful, he answered in the affirmative: "Because it must be born again." This, he said, was the view of his Church. Dr. Workman held, on the other hand, that man was born in innocence.

Dr. Carman also declared that the Methodist Church held the historic accuracy of the Gospel as beyond a doubt, and could never countenance an investigation on this point. "The scriptures contain all that is necessary for salvation," he said.

As to Dr. Workman's dismissal, he declared that it was quite within the jurisdiction of the Wesleyan College and that there was no necessity to appeal to the Conference of the Methodist Church, he declared that it was not dogmatic in its attitude toward its members.