DR. CLIFFORD'S REPLY TO PESSIMISTS.

THE NEW SPIRIT IN NATION AND RELIGION.

OPTIMISTIC ADDRESS AT TARPORLEY.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

Rev. Dr. John Clifford, the veteran leader of Nonconformity, preached at Tarporley Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon, and twice on the Sabbath, and on Sunday evening the Public Hall pressed to the hanging of the doors, and an audience of the inhabitants of a Baptist Church of the Sunday, the beautiful grounds of the Parsonage, charge.

Much of the sermon conveyed to take part in the Great Commission, Crown, Nantwich, and from all the adjacent villages. A Congregation based Dr. Clifford's sermon on the afternoon, and an audience filling the Public Hall listened to his inspiring address in the evening. Between the sermons a public one was held in the Public Hall, at which the Rev. Dr. Clifford was the principal speaker. Mr. Bennett Dodds presided, and the Rev. J. Hutchinson, Mr. H. Walley, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. John Jones, J. V. Jones, T. Jones, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hughes, Mr. John Bromfield (Nottingham), Mr. John Bromfield (Nottingham).

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Dr. Clifford, who addressed, spoke of the Nonconformist and endeared to the people of Tarporley, said he was glad to see that the enthusiasm of religion is not dead. (Applause.) It was a pleasure to him to be present at Tarporley—with whom Congregationalists and Baptists had worshipped for years. (Applause.) All his life he had a great admiration for the Church of England, and he was glad that the good cause was not been associated, and he rejoiced that the Church of England was not two years he had resided in Tarporley, and he was glad to be there.

There was a moment in every life when it was necessary to take stock of themselves, examine, and see what they were doing, and what they were fighting, which was the Christian Ideal of the present time. The Ideal was Christ, and they had to be Christ-like. It was not enough to be Christ-like, it was necessary to be Christ-like in prayer and in practice. The Church was not a society of saints, it was a society of sinners, and there is a difference between a saint and a sinner. Dr. Clifford continued, "The Church of Christ is a society of sinners, and I should say profanities should be made to the Church of Christ." In the present course. It is not the Church of Christ, and it is not the Church of God, and it is not the Church of Christ, and it is not the Church of God, and it is not the Church of Christ, and it is not the Church of God, and it