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ONCE again we urge upon our readers the necessity of energetically endeavouring to add to our subscription list. We must make ourselves felt as a whole,—one powerful means to this end is an earnest support of the denominational paper. Let each subscriber find another Try, and try again.

WE want news. Tell us what you are doing in brief pointed words. You like to read "News of Churches" and "Personals;" what is your church doing? Be true Congregationalists by doing your part in making this paper instructive and interesting.

WHEN you have done all you can to help us in this enterprise you can find fault. "You find fault now"—no doubt, but without any right to do so. Help us and then grumble away. It may do you good, that is, the helping.

REMEMBER this is no money-making enterprise, we are working for the cause, for you: stand by and lend a hand, we shall all be happier thereby.

## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

THE goodly city of Charleston, S. C., has been sadly shaken by an earthquake. Terrible must have been the experience of those who felt the foundations shake and earth's strong pillars bend. When the only world we know gives way, whither can we flee? Yet this earth will give way, from us it will depart, we and it must be rent asunder, ten thousand voices say "this earth is no abiding place," and through the valley of the shadow each must go:—

"Ah! the cloud is dark, and day by day I am moving  
thither,

"I must pass beneath it on my way—God pity me!  
whither?"

Yes, gentle reader, whither? In the Father's house are many mansions, one has gone thither to prepare a place—for you? That depends on your relation to Him now. Have you found the rock beneath?

"BABES IN CHRIST" blessed are they, when first born into the kingdom, with all the beauty, simplicity and love associated with the thoughts of little children. But babes they

must not remain, there is a law of growth in the spiritual as in the natural world, and not to obey that law produces abortions in either state. The new born babe surrounded by loving ones and pressed to its mother's breast with unutterable gladness is indeed a thing of joy, but let it continue a babe puny and dwarfed, as the year pass on, then the gladness it brought is turned to anxiety and sorrow, the joy of the mother to inexpressible fear. But babes in Christ appear sometimes to think it a good thing so to remain, they would be fed with infant food to the end of life, they forget that the apostle Paul speaks of that as a "carnal" in contrast to a spiritual state and it often brings the same results, "envying, strife, divisions." Men and women, old believers, who ought to look for the meat of the gospel cry for its milk; when they should be walking on the heights of Christian experience, taking the life of Jesus for their study and model, with all the duties and grand possibilities of their calling constantly in view, want first principles constantly set before them, and complain that their Pastor is not preaching the gospel if he does not give these. Arise, friends, be men and women in Christ Jesus, leave milk for