

"ABOLISH THE PUBLICAN."—That is what Rev. Dr. Parker proposes to do. And when fiercely demanded, "How is that to be done?" he promptly answered, "By abstaining from the drink!" Between 1855 and 1860, there were hundreds of manufactories of hoop skirts, and thousands of people making their living by that trade. The Hoop-Skirt Maker has been completely "abolished!" How? Why, people ceased buying them. Nothing could be simpler! Does it need any argument, that the ceasing to buy an article, extinguishes the making of it?

THE FINANCIAL YEAR is almost ended; and a largely increased liberality is needed, and at once, if the Missionary Society and College are to present clean balance sheets. We have but one life to live on earth; and some are consciously near the end of it; and what needs to be done should be done to-day. Let the gifts come in! It is recorded of Reynolds, the Quaker, that another told him he intended to leave certain sums of money to religious uses. "Friend," said the Quaker, "thou shouldst remember, thou wilt be judged for the deeds done IN the body, whereas thou wilt be out of the body when such money is used according to thy bequests." David, inspiration tells us, "served his own generation."

DR. T. L. CUYLER, in refuting the idea that a clergyman reaches the "dead-line" of usefulness at fifty years of age, says: "Mr. Spurgeon is 55, Dr. Joseph Parker 59, Newman Hall 72, Dr. Farrar 58, Dr. Storrs 68, Dr. John Hall and Dr. W. M. Taylor each in his 60th year, Dr. Alexander Maclaren 63, Dr. Talmage 56, Dr. Phillips Brooks 54, Dr. Kittredge 55, and Mr. Moody 52. We have few enough ministers of the Gospel in our country already; but if this inexorable dead-line of fifty is going to shelve a large portion of those now in the field, we shall soon have a famine of the Gospel that will make a jubilee in hell."

DR. PENTECOST AND BUSINESS MEN—These meetings in Glasgow have now entered on their third week. Last week the attendances were larger than ever. On several of the days questions were sent in, and Dr. Pentecost has answered them with great clearness and tact. The subjects of address have been "Christ died for our sins," "The new birth,"

"A vain faith and a true faith." "The Resurrection," "Benefits springing out of the Resurrection." The addresses have been searching, eloquent, and powerful, and the large gatherings of men have listened with great attention. There have been inquirers; one gentleman on going out last week to'd a friend that "he saw it quite clearly now; it was 'trusting,' not 'trying.'"—*Christian*.

"WHERE there's a will, there's a way." So somebody said, because the alliteration made it sound well; but more particularly because here was a *fact* discovered, and it needed a short statement to set it forth. Now, there are people who have no faith in Missionary Societies—at least they act as if they thought so, for they don't help them to any extent—and yet they want to "do something." They could equip and manage a private, domestic "Missionary Society" of their own! Here is how some Scotch women did it:—There were three sisters in Edinburgh not long ago, planning how they could do most for the missionary cause. One of them was a teacher, one a milliner; and they two banded together and sent the third as a missionary into the foreign field, paying all her expenses, and there she lives and labors to-day, supported by the devoted sisters at home.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE.—Many Church members are weak because they never learned to say a word about the religion which they profess. The best time to learn this lesson is at the start. The hour of conversion is the favorite hour to begin religious conversation and testimony. Many are weak because they have nothing to do. But what can young Christians do? Nothing, if left to themselves; or if they undertake Christian work, they will blunder and fall. Let them be taught to begin in a small way, to pray in young people's meetings, to read the Scriptures, and speak for Christ among those of their own age. . . . They should learn that it is essential to their own development, that they abound in the work of the Lord. *N. Y. Christian Advocate*.

IS IT "WORSHIP," OR PERFORMANCE?"—One of our exchanges has the following:

"The writer worshiped, on the last Sunday, with a church which rather prides itself upon its manner of conducting the service of song in the house of the