

other places when he should have been visiting round among the people. Had he spent less time on these letters and given more attention to tea-meetings and socials and the sewing circle, the Church would be in a different position to-day. Many of the sewing circles had gone down for want of somebody to read to the members. There were many other things he might urge but he thought he had made it sufficiently clear that the Doctor's influence was gone.

Mr. Legal Remedy said Dr. Paul was not sound on Prohibition. He does not support the Scott Act as he should do. Other ministers had gone on the platform and wrestled manfully with King Dodds for \$5 a night, while Dodds got perhaps \$50; but Dr. Paul refused to meet Dodds at any figure. Other ministers spoke at Scott Act meetings on Sunday, but Dr. Paul refused to do so. His notions about the Sabbath were Puritanical. He went so far as to tell Timothy to use wine as a medicine, and any man who could do that is not fit for the pulpit in this country. In all his writings he had not said one word against the use of tobacco and snuff, evils that must be put down immediately by law. The very fact that Dr. Paul went around preaching and holding prayer meetings when he should have been canvassing for the Scott Act showed what kind of a man he was. The speaker wound up by declaring with great vehemence that if Dr. Paul was not at once removed he and all his relations would leave the Church.

Mr. Frigid Propriety next spoke. His chief objection to Dr. Paul was that he was too enthusiastic, indeed, he might say fanatical. On one occasion he conducted himself in such a manner as to make Festus say he was mad. He preached so long at Troas that a young man who went asleep, fell out of the window and broke his neck. He displayed too much feeling at Athens. He should have been calm and dignified before these learned Athenian people. Repose was the proper attitude before philosophers. On many occasions the Doctor had been moved to tears and had displayed an amount of emotion that was undignified. He quoted from Phelps on the "Art of Preaching" to show that such displays of feeling were unprofessional and undignified. He might give many more instances of Dr. Paul's fanaticism; but, as the dinner hour was near and these proceedings should not be allowed to interfere with the comfort of members of the Court in dining, he would forbear. He hoped the Presbytery would remove Dr. Paul and allow them to call a minister that had no fanaticism. The Presbytery then adjourned.

Moral: Complaints can be made against any minister—even against an Apostle.

PERHAPS one of the most notable factors in the unification of the Kingdom of Italy lies in its recognition of the potency of the press. It publishes to-day 1,378 newspapers and periodicals, 210 of which are in the Province of Rome.

## Correspondence.

### MR. HALL'S LETTER.

MR. EDITOR,—I have remained in the East longer than I intended, and as the time of our next Executive meeting is so near, I deem it best to labour in these parts till then. I shall proceed immediately after to the West, and hope to overtake the remainder of the work there before the Union meetings.

I have been much hindered and I was going to say discouraged, only I have discarded that word from my vocabulary—by the severe storms of late, rendering travel not only difficult, but in some instances impossible. However, like all other unpleasant things, this will come to an end, and we will have warm, calm and beautiful weather, making us almost forget the cold and the storm of our long winter. So shall it be with other unpleasant experiences, when we reach the summer of immortality.

#### GRANBY.

We had good congregations here. The Rev. R. K. Black had just returned from his visit to the Church at Economy, N.S., where he spent a month. He gives a very encouraging report of the work there. The congregation is united and earnest, and if a pastor is secured at once, the prospect is that the good work will not only continue but greatly extend. His own work in Granby is progressing quietly—Sabbath School good, Ladies' Missionary Society more efficient than last year. But I am still strong in the opinion that the arrangement with the

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is not the best for either place, and certainly not good for the pastor. There should be morning and evening services in Granby instead of afternoon and evening, as at present. South Ridge should have an afternoon service, or better still, be united with another field. There is abundance of work for a pastor in Granby alone, and they are well able to support him. I am persuaded that the work is retarded by the existing arrangement.

#### MELBOURNE.

It was a pleasure to find myself again in old Melbourne, where I commenced my missionary work, nearly three years ago. But the hand of time has wrought sweeping changes; friends McIntosh and Watson are toiling in a distant part of the harvest field; the cheerful and zealous Secretary of the Ladies' Missionary Society, Miss McPherson, has been called to higher service in the Church triumphant, and several others, both here and in other parts of this wide field, are not, for God has taken them. So it will be in other fields. "Friend after friend departs," and our turn will come too; oh, may we live to the glory of God, and to bless our fellows, that we too