

hope, to inform the public that the Society has no intention, and never had, of seeking to introduce liturgical services into the Church.

### THE GRACE OF GIVING.

The grace of contributing of our substance to the various enterprises of the Church is a standard by which the piety of any individual Church may be as accurately graduated as by any other one of the infallible proofs which Christ has given us of a true Church. The observing the sacrament of the supper is not more binding on us as a part of the outward means by which we worship God, and show our faith in Christ, than is giving. And the Church which will give nothing has just as signally failed in producing the proper evidence of being Christian as the Church which will refuse to celebrate the Supper. They bear a like relation in the public worship of the Church. This prepares us for answering two questions which we so often hear presented. The first is: "When will this thing stop? Are we to be always giving?" We answer, surely, yes! As God shall prosper you, you are to give, and give cheerfully, and you shall no more think of ceasing to give than to think of ceasing to worship God in any other one of the constituent elements of that worship. The second question is: "Are not a large number of our Churches feeble—should they give?" We answer, yes. What Church, so feeble or so few in numbers, that it would consider itself excused thereby from celebrating the Lord's Supper? As long as it is our blessed privilege to enjoy the one, it is our solemn duty to do the other.

### PASTORAL VISITING.

Pastoral visiting is a very efficient means of building up a church, properly regulated. But of this we have long felt sure: members of the church are too exacting on this subject. A sedulous minister does not find time to visit a great deal. The minister who keeps up with the times must read, must keep up with the advanced ideas of the age. To do this he must spend much time in his study, and he cannot find time for extensive visiting. A new sermon must be prepared for every Sabbath. And if the

pastor goes gossiping all through the week he will be found lacking on Sunday, and his congregation will go away from the service unprofitably.

Reader, do not complain of your pastor, if you know him to be an earnest, industrious working man. Complain of him only if you know him to be lazy. A lazy preacher is not fit for anything, and you had better let him pass on, or wait until he changes his habits.

Accept the visits of your pastor when he comes. Believe he is at work for the Master, in some way, if he does not drop in to see you. Pray for him, bear with him, pity him—S. W. Presbyterian.

### PREACHING ADVERTISEMENTS.

Can you tell how it is that some ministers are continually advertising the sermons preached in their churches, both by themselves and those whom they bring to their help? The habit is spreading, and the ministers of some congregations whose former pastors did not find it necessary to resort to such questionable expedients, are now adopting it. Is it because they cannot induce their own people who sit under them in the morning to come back at night? Or is it because they have such a low opinion of the spiritual nutriment supplied in the neighbouring congregations that they must attract their members to come and get something better from them? Are they satisfied in their consciences that it is good for the people, and especially for the young, to desert their own churches, and keep continually on the trot after novelties and sensations? Would a larger collection be an adequate compensation if "itching ears" are produced? Is it an unmingled satisfaction to a man fond of popularity to see his pews crowded, if thereby those of his brethren are emptied of their proper occupants? If families are broken up on Sabbath evenings by their members running hither and thither, are they not likely to follow a similar practice on the week evenings? Is it an unmixed good to take children away from under their parents' eye and care on the Sabbath evenings, as is done when the old people keep, as they generally do, by their own church, and the young ones wander? —*Delfast Witness.*

### BURIAL OF MOSES.

By Nebo's lonely mountain,

On this side Jordan's wave,

In a vale in the land of Moab,

There lies a lonely grave:

But no man dug that sepulchre,

And no man saw it e'er,

For the angels of God upturned the sod,

And laid the dead man there.

That was the grandest funeral

That ever passed on earth;

But no man heard the tramping

Or saw the train go forth;