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#### He Learned Something.

The late Bishop Walsham How kept a notebook in which he recorded some of his amusing experiences. On one occasion a workingman refused to go to church on the ground that he would hear nothing in a sermon that he did not know before. A friend persuaded him to go, and asked him afterward if he had learned nothing new. "Well, sir," he said, "I did learn one thing, I learnt as Sodom and Gomorrah was two places. I always thought they was man and wife."

#### A Fixture.

At the close of an interesting service, commemorative of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the pastor's settlement over one of our churches in Greater New York, the pastor was receiving the congratulations of his people, when one of his oldest members thus addressed him, "Well, dominie, there will be no trouble finding you in heaven." To the pastor's inquiry for an explanation, she replied: "Because you stay so long in one place." All present joined in the merriment occasioned by the old lady's wit. of the pastor's settlement over one of our

#### The Professor Scored.

Some years ago there was a professor in Toronto University whose countenance bore a rather striking resemblance to a stuffed monkey in the museum of that institution. The students determined to have a joke at the old man's expense, and one day managed to get hold of the monkey and duly installed him in the professor's clair. They all took their seats and gravely waited for the old man's arrival. He came, and opened fire at once. Looking first at the chair and its strange occupant, and then at the class, he exclaimed: "Well gentiemen, I am very glad to see that you have secured a teacher suited to your canacties. Good mornine. The students determined to have a joke at suited to your capacities. Good morning, gentlemen." The boys felt that they had come out second best.

#### "Too Many Cousin."

- S.F. There are about 500 Chinamen in Toronto but very few of them remain for any length of time. This city is a kind of headquarters for those coming from Montreal, and British Columbia, and from here they scatter to different points in Ontario. Some of them find it necessary to leave Toronto because they have too many visitors. The Chinaman is a very hospitable fellow, and when a friend comes to see him, never charges any-Irrent comes to see him, never cnarges any-thing for board, no matter how long the visit may be prolonged. They seem to be nearly all "cousins," and that expression is frequently used among them. One Chinaman, the other day, said, "Too many cousin, eat up full, no pay, no work, very hard. I go away, small town."

The Christian Work says: "That negro cyclist, Taylor, who refused \$7,000 rather than cycle on Sunday, ought to be immortalized in Carrara marble. His reason was, in his own words : 'It's against my bringing up, and I will not go back on the teachings of my mother.' The power of a mother's teaching and life—what a graphic illustration this incident is!"

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