

him as your own, treat him well. Let the fact that he is the man of your choice act like a garment to cover up his frailties. When a Presbyterian congregation exposes the failings of its pastor, it at the same time makes manifest its own incapability to choose a minister. Be therefore the very last to find fault with him. And, seeing that he is your pastor, whose duty it is to work for you, it is yours to give him adequate support. This stands to common sense, and the Word of God, which is, to a great extent, common sense inspired, also makes it plain. Since he is your minister, wait upon his ministrations. You have asked him to come and preach for your benefit, and this implies that you will, when the Sabbath comes round, be in your pews to listen to him. There is nothing so discouraging to an earnest minister as empty pews, and it is not possible for a minister, no matter what his talents may be, to benefit by his preaching those whom it does not reach. A man may be a first-class marksman, but he cannot bring down the game that is not within range of his rifle. Let no excuse keep you away from church, but such as would justify your minister for being absent too; for it is as much your duty as his to be present every Sabbath. Having chosen him to be your minister, assist him in every good work which he undertakes. He has come to this neighborhood to preach and superintend the work of God amongst you, and if you would see that work prosper, each one of you must also work. It is not enough for the general to lay plans: each soldier in the army must fight, else no victories will be won. As a congregation, you are but an army of the Great King; and while your minister, like Moses, points the way with the rod of God's strength, the command to each one is, "Go forward." And see that there be no divisions in the camp, for more battles have been lost through want of union in the ranks than through want of strength or generalship. In the name of the Lord set up your banners, and, with united hearts and hands, ever seek to advance them. Lastly, pray earnestly for the success of your minister. A prayerless people makes a powerless minister. On the contrary, when a minister is the subject of many prayers, he cannot but succeed, for verily there is a God that heareth and answereth prayer. If congregations would pray more for their ministers, in the family and in the closet, the number of successful ministers would be largely increased, and converts would be seen springing up to Jesus as among the grass and as the willows by the water courses. I trust that the union now consummated will be a lasting and happy one, and that you will never need to be ashamed of your minister, nor he of you.

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Notices of Publications.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW, April 1872.—If the present number be a fair sample of what the Presbyterian Quarterly is to be we can safely say that the union of the American Presbyterian Reviews has been very beneficial. It is a pity that a better beginning had not been made with the January number. The first article is on Dr. Cooke and Arrianism in the Irish Church, by Professor Leabody of Magee College, Londonderry. The Irish Church element in the *Princeton Review* is doubtless owing to the presence of Drs. McCosh and Hall and other famous members of that Church in the American Presbyterian Communion. The same writer had an article on "The Theory of Evolution and its Relation to Religious Thought"