

grade their service, have found themselves suffering in numbers, and consequently in popular prestige, by the indefensible conduct of their unscrupulous competitors.

The worst sinners in this matter are, as is well known, the theological seminaries. In these, with but few exceptions, we have the policy of assisted education run mad. Free tuition, free room-rent, free text-books, and some spending money are among the inducements regularly and unblushingly held out to young men whose ultimate business in life is to lead the religious thought and work of the community. To call such misplaced charity "pauperization," as has been done, is to use a term none too strong. It would not be difficult to show that such wholesale distribution of money, or money's worth, has had a positively debilitating effect upon the ministry, and has robbed the profession of much of the independence and manly vigour which it ought by all means to exhibit.

Current Events.

GEOLOGIC CHANGES IN NORTH AMERICA.—Recent investigations by geologists show that some important, though slow, changes are going on in the land in the lake region and on the Atlantic coast. It is said there is a movement of the lake basin that is destined eventually to turn the waters of the great lakes through the Illinois river into the Mississippi. This is because, according to a long series of observations, the east end of the basin is being lifted and the west end lowered at the rate of about forty-two hundredths of a foot per hundred miles per century.

Another great movement is going on on the Atlantic coast and the shores of Hudson Bay. South of Connecticut the land is subsiding at the rate of about two feet every one hundred years, while the land around Hudson and James Bays has actually risen seven feet during the present century. Bays and inlets in which the Hudson Bay Company's ships wintered about a century ago, will now scarcely float a row boat, and rivers whose mouths were navigable for ships for several miles are now no longer so, but enter the bay by a rapid or fall.—*Our Times*.

—**SABLE** Island, ninety miles from the nearest coast of Nova Scotia, is slowly sinking. It has been aptly named the "Ocean Grave-yard," owing to the number of vessels