

PREACHERS AND THEIR REWARD.

A journal published in the city of Boston is responsible for the following. Let the reader pause after perusing it and ask himself the question, What is *my* duty?—

“The complaint is general; it comes up from the seminaries of every sect; that no young men will enter the ministry—that the benches of the theological schools are empty, while the law schools and the colleges of medicine are full to overflowing. But, in return, the young men asked: ‘Why should we enter a profession where the average pay is less than that of a good day labourer? We will do good where we can. Perhaps it may be in our power to do much good elsewhere; but how can we live? How can we marry—how support a family—how pay off the debt of education with such a stipend?’—True, a minister of the word of God should be content to suffer and bear all things, confident of the All Hail hereafter; but why to the necessary trials, and the inevitable sorrows, and the too sure sacrifices, of a self-immolating and devoted life—why to all this should be added the harassings of poverty, the pinching of debt, and the continual anxiety for daily bread? It is an insane and suicidal policy which brings about this state of things, and the Church of America should profit by the lessons of the past.”

TESTIMONY FROM AFAR.

A chief brother in Alabama, writing to us last month, among other items of encouragement, thus witnesses—

“I am pleased with the manner and matter of the Christian Banner, because it keeps close to the ancient landmarks, and breathes a proper spirit; and will continue to take it, and try to get others to do so.”

Because of the stern rebuffs of opposers, and not altogether for variety's sake, we must occasionally allow some of our friends to speak a word in our favor.

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☞ Religion elevates the intellect, ennobles ambition, and refines the affections.