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MINISTERIAL, CONTRASTED WITH LAY, BENEVOLENCE.

An intelligent and religious gentleman once remarked in our hearing that he invariably passed by all newspaper articles on "giving." The practice surely does not prevail to any extent. It is certainly not creditable to either the heart or judgment.

Mr. Moody's "Fearful Mistake." In an article on correspondence between Lord Shaftesbury and Mr. Moody, to which we made reference in our last, the North British Mail severely condemns the latter for recommending a book which he had never read.

The above is from the English Christian World. The charge is a very serious one. Mr. Moody's position to-day is one of such influence that a word from him will send any book through a large edition. We are very sorry, to know that a book is in circulation in these Provinces through Mr. Moody's endorsement, which is calculated to do not a little mischief.

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to our membership the names of individuals in our congregations who hold to us no other relation than that of supporters, it will easily be seen that the aggregate of property lying behind our church's missionary benevolence, is increased to an extent that shows our missionary income to be actually less than one quarter per cent. upon the whole.

PASTORAL VISITATION seems to yield in many places to the numerous and severe duties which modern christianity requires of Christian Ministers. In American cities it is not unusual to find that pastors of heavy charges are never seen by the families of their congregations.

THE COLLEGE QUESTION.—The Presbyterian Witness last week strongly urged that no countenance should be given by the legislature to any further grant for denominational colleges. Its arguments are thus met by the Morning Herald of this city.

Referring to the claims of Dalhousie to being considered a Provincial University, the Herald proceeds:— "On what basis will you settle the claims of the College to be so sustained? Shall you take the number of students as a test? If so, Acadia College (Baptists) will claim precedence.

It strikes us that our Lord is specially preparing for our meetings of Annual Conference. Great mercy, truly, will they have to report what shall come from the numerous centres of revival power. And, mark you, the places for Conference sessions are being wonderfully consecrated!

The venerable Dr. Ryerson is retiring on a good supernumerary allowance, from a country he has well and faithfully served. His enemies declare he has faults. We do not doubt it; but for a reformer—a man of powerful influence and special gifts—who has borne his entire strength for a half a century against selfish and sectional principles, which never fail to find able champions, Dr. Ryerson seems to us a marvel in this—that he has so many friends and so few enemies.

TRADE refuses to revive. In fact, there are serious mercantile failures occurring all round us even yet. In the autumn we fully hoped the bottom had been reached; but now it is difficult even to conjecture when business will be restored to a safe, healthful basis.

Is the power of religion declining? Do Ministers experience the blessings they recommend to others? Can Christianity take away the sting of death? The following description of the last hours of Rev. B. Frankland will answer.

The deceased was first seriously affected six weeks ago, when officiating in the pulpit of Biggleswale Chapel. He returned home as quickly as possible, and since then has been confined to his home and to his bed.

It is almost useless to talk, or write, as if it were only a possibility that a system might be fastened on the Province, which the Province has already accepted, which for years has been in successful operation and about which he interests and affection of at least four large denominations are wound.

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THE REVIVAL INTEREST is evidently increasing throughout the country. In many of our churches, the revivals are most powerful, reminding us of those enjoyed in the early days of Methodism. In Newburgh, New York the work has been most wonderful. In the St. John's Methodist, under the pastorate of Rev. L. H. King, about 500 have been received.

The Editor of the Nashville Advocate had an opportunity recently of listening to the eloquent blind preacher—Rev. W. H. Milburn. Here is what he says of him:

We had not seen Brother Milburn for a score of years. He is no longer the lithe and slender man that he was when he resided in Mobile; he is stout and hearty; his voice is rich and down the gamut running with ease up and down the gamut of oratory "in perfect diapason."

FOR fickleness and contradiction of natural laws, this American winter exceeds every thing. Coming in with a "snap" which terrified half the country, the weather has since so shaped, that we seem to be, more than half the time, in the north of England.

At intervals the reading world is shocked by evidences of glaring hypocrisy practiced by Christians. Last week we had two instances of this kind—both American Methodists, and one having long been recognized as a minister of Christ.

That these instances occur so rarely, is owing to the restraints of religion upon all that is selfish and acquisitive in human nature. That they are heartily denounced is a proud proof of the genuineness of religion in others.

We are much grieved to hear that Rev. James Edgland, of Pugwash, N.S., continues ill. His life has been a most honorable and laborious one, and we hope may still be continued in answer to the numerous prayers which are offered in his behalf.

LETTER FROM THE U. STATES Messrs. Moody and Sankey have commenced their revival labors in New York City. Perhaps, nowhere have they met with greater success, judging from the immediate fruit of their labors than in Philadelphia. The ministers and churches co-operated with them to a great extent, and this contributed largely to their success.

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for the past hundred years, has been great, and is very clearly and ably presented in the last number of the North American Review, by Prof. Dimon, of Brown University. One hundred years ago, the more important religious bodies were reckoned in the following order:—Congregationalists, Baptists, Church of England, Presbyterians, Lutherans, German Reformers, Dutch Reformed

and Roman Catholics. The Methodists were so small then that they were not named among the religious denominations. An hundred years pass and what a change? The following is the order of the denominations now: Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Congregationalists, and Protestant Episcopal. The Methodists stand first, having made the greatest progress, and exceeding any one of the other Churches in numbers and wealth. In 1777, the number of churches was less than 950; by the census of 1870, the number was 72,000. Churches have multiplied nearly thirty seven fold, and in population eleven fold. The number of the Review referred to, issued by Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., is of great value for its statistical and other information, and is called, the Centennial number.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, of the Methodist E. Church, will hold its next session in Baltimore, Maryland, commencing the first day of May next. Several subjects which will probably come before that body for consideration, are now being discussed in our church papers, and among them, and perhaps I should say, the leading one among them, is the Presiding Elder question. This has given more or less dissatisfaction from the first, though it has been regarded as an important element in the economy of the Church.

Our publishers are quite busy in preparing for the spring trade. Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., have issued the "Lite, Letters and Journals of George Ticknor," in two octavo volumes. The first is embellished with a portrait of Mr. Ticknor in his early manhood, and a half length of his library; the second contains a superb steel portrait, which represents him vividly in his later years.

Mr. Philip Gilbert Hamerton, has contributed a charming work, entitled, "Round the House," consisting of notes of rural life in France in peace and war, and is from the press of Roberts Brothers. The author's style is such as to give a peculiar charm to everything he writes. Those who wish to have a view of rural life in France, should not fail to read the present work.

Nothing has appeared recently in the department of autobiography so interesting as the "Memoirs of Rev. Charles G. Finney, written by himself," and published by A. S. Barnes & Co. Mr. Finney has long been known in this country and in England, as a most distinguished revivalist, and his Memoirs contain an account of his vangelistic work, giving many interesting scenes and events connected with that work.

"The thrones and palaces of Babylon and Ninevah from sea to sea," by Dr. John P. Newman, and from the press of Messrs. Harpers, is perhaps the most interesting book of travels issued by the American press. It consists of 155 pages, and of about eighty illustrations and several maps of great value. The reader will not only be charmed with the book, but will be instructed. Its descriptions are vivid and thrilling, often presenting to the reader striking illustrations of Bible scenes. Its mechanical execution is superb.

Dr. Jas. Porter has written a "Comprehensive History of Methodism," embracing in one volume its origin, progress, and present spiritual, educational and benevolent status in all lands. The volume consists of about 600 pages, and is divided into two parts, the first giving the history of Methodism in Europe, and the second that of America.

has the advantage of Methodism in extending to author notices of the church. M. E. Church, that is essential. Its value. The full and interesting religious and wonderful success. In the period to call attention Home, an illustrious literary reading for the ting in its tone odical of its class so low a price.

LETTER Mr. EDITOR: in this sunny weather ever seen any time, since I Just enough sunshine desirable; just grass green and tomatoes grow; way between heat and comfort are full breezes which raising the dust, hair, or sattering cast. There is security and ease the warfare man. The very element favour.

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