

The writer of these lectures on Esther has succeeded well in the work he has undertaken. His lectures are instructive and evangelical. The illustrations are striking, and the style perspicuous and vigorous. He acknowledges his obligations to Dr. McCrie, whose lectures on the same portions of scripture are well known. The volume is an interesting and attractive one. We trust it will not be the last from the pen of Mr. Lowrie.

**THE HIGHER CHRISTIAN LIFE.** By W. S. Boardman. Boston: Hoyt, and sold at Tract Depository, Toronto.

This is a volume much needed, and calculated to be highly useful. Its object is to lead Christians to live according to their privileges, and to enjoy in its fulness the free salvation of the Gospel. In these busy and exciting times there is a danger even of Christians allowing their zeal about the external relations of religion to engross their minds, to the exclusion of earnest desires after personal holiness. Various sketches of Christian character are interspersed and altogether the work is well calculated to promote the great object of the writer.

We may add, that the Publisher, Mr. Hoyt of Boston, publishes a number of interesting and attractive religious works, several of which may be found at the Tract Depository, Yonge Street, Toronto.

**SUNDAY LAWF, OR, SHALL THE SABBATH BE PROTECTED? THE LORD'S DAY AND THE LABOURERS' RIGHT TO ITS REST.**—By the Rev. W. M. Blackburn, Erie, Pa. Philadelphia. Presbyterian Board of Publication. Sold by Rev. A. Kennedy, London.

These are two admirable tracts on the Sabbath question which should be widely circulated. The first is the re-publication of an able article which appeared lately in the *Princeton Review*. The other views the subject in a different aspect, but is also a sound and able defence of the Sabbath. These two small publications, which may be got for a few cents, should be exclusively read.

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## NOTICE—WIDOWS' FUND.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of Committee on the Widows Fund, held at Toronto on the 26th ult., it was agreed to propose the following alterations in the existing regulations, with reference to the admission of ministers to the privileges of the scheme.

### PRESENT REGULATIONS.

The Regulations, as adopted by the Synod, are as follows, viz:

1. Ministers shall forward their annual rate of £2 to the Treasurer, on or before the first of November. Ministers falling into arrears, shall pay in addition to the regular rate, 10s. for the first year, 20s. for the second year, and 30s. for the third year; but failing for four years, they shall be cut off from the Fund. Notice of failure to pay in every case, to be previously given.

2. Entrants into the ministry, shall pay their first rate on the first November next, following their ordination or induction.

3. In the event of any minister ceasing to labor as such in the capacity of Pastor, Professor, or Missionary of this Church, he shall no longer (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) have any interest in, or right to, the benefits of the Fund; always providing, that the amount paid by him into the Fund, shall be returned with legal interest.

### PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

1. Ministers shall be admitted to an interest in the fund on the following terms, viz:—those under the age of 35, shall pay annually \$8; those who are 35, and under 40, \$10, 40, and under 50, \$12; 50, and under 60, \$24.

No minister whose age is 60 or over shall be admitted.

Ministers falling into arrears shall pay in addition to the regular rate \$2 for the first year, \$4 for the second year, and \$6 for the third year, but failing for four years, they shall forfeit all claims in connexion with the fund.

2. The 1st November in each year shall be the period for the payment of the annual rate. In the case of entrants into the ministry, who may desire to secure an interest in the fund previous to the 1st November, immediately following their ordination and induction, they may be admitted on the following terms, viz: if their ordination or induction has been within six months of the 1st of November, they shall pay a full rate for that year. In no case shall any have an interest in the Fund until payment has been made. Ministers, who shall not avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme within four years of their ordination, cannot be admitted afterwards.

3. In the event of any minister ceasing to labor as such in the capacity of Pastor, Professor, or Missionary of this Church, he shall no longer, (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) have an interest in or right to the benefits of the fund; always providing that one-half of the amount paid by him into the fund, shall be returned.

4. Any minister, who may have according to the provision of the foregoing regulation, ceased to have an interest in the fund, and have received back one-half of the amount paid by him into the fund, and who may again, on resuming his connexion with the Church as a Pastor, Professor, or Missionary, desire to have an interest in the fund, may be admitted on repayment of the amount withdrawn, together with the amount of rates from the time he ceased to have an interest in the fund until again connected with it; or he may re-admitted at an advanced rate, on payment of the sum withdrawn only.

The sixth of the existing regulations, it is proposed to cancel as being now embodied in the second of the proposed Regulations.

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