

He and not they who will satisfy the longing soul, and fill the hungry soul with goodness.

Ministerial Mysteries.

THE minister to whom the quotations of the stock exchange are more familiar than quotations from his Bible.

The minister whose interest in real estate is larger than his interest in the lost estate of his fellows.

The minister who endeavors to kindle a flame of holy zeal in his soul by giving his body to be burned on the altar of Gambrinus.

The minister who expects to save souls while coming no nearer to the bodies wherein such souls reside than the distance between the pulpit that holds him and the pews that hold them.

The minister who thinks to get at hearts without going to homes.

The Voice.

In the January *Harper's* the editor declares that "in this country we treat the ear barbarously. The ear gets the minimum of pleasure, and it retorts by aggravating the nerves. . . The human voice ought to be a delight; it was meant to give pleasure." The hint is a good one for preachers. One may so use his voice as to win his hearers to heed his message, or so as to prejudice them in advance against it. Though men have ears to hear, they will not be inclined to listen if hearing be at the cost of "aggravated nerves." It will well repay the preacher to cultivate a musical voice. It is one of his most helpful instrumentalities in fulfilling the functions of his sacred office. It is true men will not hear without a preacher, but neither will they hear with one if he herald the Gospel of Peace with the raucous and strident voice of a man of war. Farmers sometimes are heard to declare that thunder has a disastrous effect on their dairies. There are some voices that seem to have a similar effect on the milk of the

Word, rendering it sour and unpalatable. Word of life though it is, its acceptableness and effectiveness depend very much upon the earthen vessels by which it is communicated. Though all of them "earthen" that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of men, at the same time those can be used best that are best for use. He who would give the cup of cold water in the name of a disciple ought not to choose one with chipped edges. A cracked voice, like a cracked cup, interferes with the pleasure, and measurably, perhaps, with the profitableness, of the gift offered.

The Editor's Letter-Box.

Questions of general interest to clergymen will be printed in this department. The questions sent to us should be put in as brief forms as possible. Answers from our readers are requested. They must be (1) brief; (2) preceded by the number of the question to which they reply; (3) the name and address of the writer must accompany each answer. The name of a writer will not be published if we are requested to withhold it.

A STUDENT.—I have been for some time in the ministry; am thirty-five years old, have a country charge, and can generally get six hours a day for study; have a fair knowledge of Greek, and read Latin a little, but know nothing of Hebrew. Is it worth my while to learn that language, or would the time be better employed in the study of Scripture and associated subjects, such as history, sociology, etc.?

A. By all means acquaint yourself with the Hebrew. Your age and your opportunities alike render it possible for you to get a working acquaintance with that language. Your knowledge of it will help you immensely in doing that which is the distinctive function of your office, preaching the Word. Communicate with President W. R. Harper, of the Chicago University, on the subject.

MINISTER'S WIFE.—When and where were the advantages of a theological education first afforded in this country to women candidates for the ministry?

A. In 1883, at the Meadville Theological School.