

of its realization seems far enough away in the future; but the resources of the God who holds the king's heart and controls the nations are not limited. Already the United States, Great Britain, and France are engaged in negotiations along these lines. The results sought would naturally flow from a great and overwhelming wave of Christian influence sweeping over Christendom and annihilating at once the ambition for conquest, the Machiavellian diplomacy, and the crushing militarism, that are now cursing the nations.

#### The Validity of the Church of England Orders.

The Church of England—especially the High-Church element in it—has met with a great disappointment, in the decision of the Pope that the pretensions to apostolic succession—through what it has claimed to be a valid ordination at the beginning of its history—are utterly without foundation. It was especially a rebuff to Mr. Gladstone, who was prominent in the negotiations for the recognition of the validity of English orders. The Pope proposes to leave no alternatives but, either in Rome or not in the Church, either ordained by the authority of Rome or not a minister at all.

Perhaps it may occur to some who are not High Church—as it often occurs to the masses of Protestant Christendom outside of the Church of England—that when Christ is able to raise up and send forth to the world such ministers as Chalmers and Spurgeon and Newman Hall, and willing to give them such grand indorsement, the laying on of papal hands is not of over-much importance.

#### How to Reach the Non-Churchgoers.

Mr. D. L. Moody, the evangelist, in his recent conference with Christian ministers and workers in New York city, proposed a simple and common-sense method of accomplishing this

work, that deserves most earnest and prayerful consideration. His first suggestion was that Sunday night he devoted in all the churches to preaching the simple Gospel, instead of giving it up to all kinds of subjects and to entertainments and sensational shows. He said "Sunday night is the best night in the week to preach the Gospel; in fact it is worth any other three nights." After the regular service he would hold a wisely conducted after-service.

He also proposed that the theaters should be secured for Sunday-night preaching; since multitudes would go to them who could not be induced to enter the churches.

There is a good deal of common-sense in this advice. Pastors might add a system of cottage-meetings by which to reach all the homes in a particular region or community.

#### A Proof-Reader's Blunder: A Correction.

Many of our readers have read with interest Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield's article in our October number on "The Resurrection of Christ a Fundamental Doctrine." The doctor writes with a free hand that is sometimes not entirely legible to the average proof-reader, who is not supposed to be familiar with the mysteries of theology. It would be hard to find a richer specimen of blunder of its kind than the one of which he writes as follows:

"Only one error makes me blush—the flowing rhetoric which occurs on the last page, where I am made to say, 'The aroma of Christ's holy life shines through all the rust of the ages.' This is much too figurative language for me! Of course, what I said was that the 'luster of His holy life shines through all the mist of the ages.' I am not proud of this 'blossom;' but surely the printed one is a 'double' blossom with a vengeance."

Perhaps Dr. Warfield is guilty of cherishing some pride in Scotch-Irish blood, but we know that he is not given to indulging either in mixed metaphors or in Irish bulls.