

fourth, to shape the auditorium to a half-circle, which has proved to be the only form producing perfect acoustic effects, with proportions harmonizing.

GOOD ADVICE.—If you are away from your own church but for a few months, take your letter and identify yourself in the fellowship of the church where your lot is cast.—*Religious Herald.*

AN ILLUSTRATION.—You have seen the children of some family walking to church, all clothed in a different colour. Yet are they all children of one parent, all brothers and sisters. So the various denominations of God's believing people.

NOTHING stands written in holy Scripture from beginning to end harder than this, "They shall go away into everlasting punishment." Will it really be so? Is it possible? To this I have only to answer, it stands thus written, I can and dare preach nothing else than what is written.—*Uthorn.*

A GENTLEMAN who has visited among the Sunday-schools in the British American Provinces within the past year writes to a friend:

"At a school in Halifax I saw a very nice plan. Some of the teachers and children brought bouquets of flowers with them, which were put in vases on the superintendent's table, where they remained until the close of the day's exercises; and the pretty nosegays were sent as remembrances to any of the children who had been detained at home by illness. This idea so commended itself to our teachers that we have adopted the same plan in the school with which I am connected. *N. Y. Independent.*

A LITTLE INCIDENT at Montreal will serve to illustrate how easily stories and traditions of miracles may have been started. A cross of moisture has been noticed to appear at night and disappear in the morning. Many devout souls were convinced that a saint was

buried there, and eager crowds came to carry away the holy soil. The saint that lay beneath proved to be the intersecting water-pipes, which had a defective joint that supplied the moisture for the miracle.

A CERTAIN FEARFUL LOOKING FOR OF JUDGMENT.—Two soldiers once entered the valley of Jehoshaphat, when one of them said in a profane jest: "Here will be the general judgment of the world, and I will now take my place where I shall then sit." So he chose out his spot and, sitting down, raised his eyes to heaven as if to receive his sentence. Instantly God flashed into his soul such a sense of his sinful life, such a dread of coming before the bar of God that he fell upon the earth in agony. Ever after he lived with the thought of the last account ever present to his mind.

IF there is some little thing I can do for Christ, though my minister will not know about it, though the deacons and elders will not know, and nobody will know, and if I leave it undone nobody will suffer any calamity because of it; but if I do it, it will please my Lord, and I shall enjoy the sense of having done it to Him, therefore will I attend to it, for it is no slight work if it be for Him.—*Spurgeon.*

PROPORTIONATE GIVING:—A Bible collector, in giving his views upon this subject, sends the following illustration:

When I was in Caledonia, Racine County, this summer, I called upon a man for his contribution to the Bible cause. He is not a wealthy man. He does his own work on the farm. He looked over his book and said his contribution would be seventy dollars. I asked him, "Why this remarkable benevolence?" He said, "Six years ago I felt I was not giving enough to the Lord, so I resolved to give in proportion to his blessings, and I hit upon this plan: I will give five cents for every bushel of wheat I raise, three cents for every bushel of oats, barley, etc., ten per cent. for the wool, butter, etc., that I