

interests of the body and those of the soul. He must be careful not to undo the work of the physician by an unwise awakening of fear, and he must also be careful not to jeopardize the salvation of an immortal soul by an unfaithful failure to point it to the Great Physician. A little book, containing three lectures delivered to the students of Princeton Seminary by one of the trustees of that institution, the Rev. J. D. Wells, D. D., a Brooklyn pastor of large experience, has lately come into our hands, and it is a pleasure to commend its practical suggestions to those in the pastoral office, especially those who have just entered upon its responsibilities. Questions touching the wisest way of dealing with those who are passing out of time into eternity will be found plainly answered in it. Wrong methods are also discussed and plainly criticised from the standpoint of a long experience.

Moving Sermons.

"MANY a clergyman," writes Mr. Gladstone, "will think that, if he has embodied in his sermon a piece of good divinity, the deed is done, the end of preaching is attained. But the business of a sermon is to move as well as to teach; and if he teaches only without moving, may it not almost be said that he sows by the wayside?" It is in a comprehensive sense, doubtless, that he uses the word "moving." We have come to restrict it very generally to that which takes effect upon the feelings only. A "moving" discourse is understood to be one that touches the emotions, that "moves to tears;" but to draw tears is an easy trick to him who knows how to play upon the heart, one that is thoroughly understood by every elocutionist and by every writer of fiction. That is a truly moving sermon which moves the whole man to consecrated activity; which startles sleepers from their somnolence and gives them an impetus to devoted service; which sets

the idler thinking. "Why stand I here all the day idle?" Truth apart from life is useless. Dogma that does not end in *pragma* is a delusion. Let the fountain be stirred by the angel, by all means, but let its healing influences be known by the diseased, or the stirring ends in vanity. "If thou do know better than I what is good and right," wrote Carlyle in "Past and Present," "I conjure thee in the name of God, force me to do it."

The Prize Contest.

As our readers will recall, we announced last December that we would offer for the year 1893 a number of prizes for the best twenty illustrations of texts or truths of Scripture from recent scientific discoveries or historic developments. The request has come to us that, in view of certain considerations which affect all contestants alike, the time limit be extended. As those who have already sent in their contributions are more nearly interested in the matter than any one else, we are willing to submit the question to their judgment, and with their consent we will extend the time to the first of June.

Queries and Answers.

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.

1. What is the best book touching upon the subject of the death of little children?

A. One that has perhaps given as much comfort as any is Dr. Cuyler's "The Empty Crib," published by the Baker & Taylor Co., New York.

2. I want information on the general subject of Faith Cures, Christian Science, etc. Can you tell me where to look for such?

A. There is no single volume with which we are acquainted that can compare with that of Dr. Buckley, the accomplished editor of the *Christian Advocate*.

3. What is the best work on the men of the Old Testament? of the New Testament? on the mountains of the Bible? on the night events of the Bible? on the diseases of the Bible?

A. In reply to the first two questions, see the last volume of "Thirty Thousand Thoughts." Dr. Daniel Marsh, we believe, wrote a book on "The Night Scenes of the Bible." Some standard Biblical cyclopædia would probably be the best work to consult as to the other questions.