

hint comes from a Methodist exchange, but is quite as good as if it were home-grown.

WISH for it, and keep on wishing. "The poor exiled shrub dreams by a native longing of a splendid blossom which it has never seen, but is dimly conscious that it ought somehow to produce. That is the way in which the ideal life, the life of full completion, haunts us all. We feel the thing we ought to be, beating beneath the thing we are."—*Phillips Brooks*.

THE Bristol Theological Institute is amalgamating with the Western College, Plymouth, of which latter institution, Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., formerly pastor of Zion church, Montreal, is Principal. For three years the College will remain at Plymouth, after that, if the Board so decide, it may be removed to Bristol.

THE only way to reach some parents is through the children. In Boston, recently, there was a blatant infidel who refused to allow his wife to attend any church, but did not want to deny his boy the privilege of going with the other boys to Sunday school. Result: the boy becomes a Christian; the father notices the change in the home; concludes that religion is not so very bad to have in the house, and both parents begin to attend church.—*Ex.*

SOME advice for the Minneapolis Endeavorers, but good for all conventions: 1. Bring as much enthusiasm and as little baggage as possible. 2. Come prepared for any kind of weather. 3. Register as soon as possible. 4. Don't miss the early morning prayer meetings. 5. If you are moved to take part in any of the open meetings, speak loud. 6. Sit with your delegation. 7. Be cheerful, helpful, songful, prayerful.

SLEEPING IN CHURCH.—The best way to cure the tendency towards sleepiness is to stand on one's feet. I know of a good old deacon, a farmer, who was wont to stand during the whole sermon. Thus he kept himself awake. Professor Park tells, I think, of a carpenter who not only stood, but also took shavings with him to chew, but then he went to sleep, still standing, still chewing. Of such there is no hope. A pin, applied by a faithful wife, is also a very excellent preventive. But

it must be used with discretion. Possibly some parishioner might say that in my church the best way to cure folks of their sleepiness is better sermons; but he is never awake when I preach the best part of my sermons, and is not therefore a fair judge.—*Advance*.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.—The Committee have invited delegates from the Evangelical Union of Scotland, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Presbyterian Church of England. These have appointed their delegates. The Committee have also invited the following to send each two visiting members for whom seats will be found on the floor of the house: the Free and U. P. Churches of Scotland, the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales, and all the various Methodist bodies in England.

THE TRUE IDEAL.—Still men are making their individual salvation the end of their Christian life, and not, as it should be, the social regeneration of the world. Still it is held, if not acknowledged by some, that the culture of the individual soul is so important a concern that all the relationships of life may be set aside, all its duties to family and kindred ignored, and all man's powers and life's opportunities may be spent in making sure of heaven. Let us recognize that such religion is veiled selfishness, such surrender to God is masking self-will. Christ's law of life is—only through life with and for others can each life be made in itself complete.—*Scottish Cong.*

THE UNION OF 1891.—The following is a correct list of changes in the membership of the Union this year:—

*Received*—Revs. J. T. Daley, W. H. Pulsford, M.A., B. B. Williams, Alex. McCormack, J. W. Goffin, T. Hodgkinson, M. S. Gray, I. J. Swanson, W. H. Watson, Magee Pratt.

*Applications received, and recommended to come up next year as per rule 1.*—Revs. W. A. Dunnett, J. C. Madill, Albert Margrett, J. A. C. McCuaig.

*Dropped*—Rev. J. F. Stevenson, D.D., (deceased), Rev. A. P. Solandt, B. D., (transferred.) Revs. T. W. Bowen and R. J. Stillwell (left for other denominations).

How much readier are we to be earnest in seeking than to be earnest in acknowledging