

direct to Joppa, Japho, or Jaffa as it is variously called. The Jordan branch of the new railway will run eastward from Jerusalem to Bethany, which Christ made the starting point of most of his journeys, and thence along the Jericho road, now, as of old, frequented by thieves, to the ancient city. This branch will not be built at present, but there is a very indefinite prospect of building eastward across Jordan to the site of Babylon, and thence down the Euphrates to the head of navigation. This is a part of the project to restore Palestine to its ancient prosperity, and make it once more the national headquarters of the Hebrews scattered throughout the world.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

#### A METHODIST'S TESTIMONY TO THE PRAYER BOOK.

In his sermon on a late Sunday Rev. W. W. Carson, Pastor of the Kingston, Ont., Methodist Church, is reported to have said: "Who would take from the hands of those who use it that *incomparable* volume, the Book of Common Prayer? I do not say that it is perfect, nor that it could be improved by a judicious revision. But I do say that, take it for all in all, as a book of devotion and instruction it stands *without an equal in human language*. Its arrangement of Scripture readings is such that he who follows it practically reads his Bible through once a year. Then look at its Collects and Confessions, its Litany and its Te Deum, its prayers and its praises, in which every mood of worship finds such chaste and adequate expression. Take it from them who use it? The rather would I put a copy in the

hands of *each worshipper and urge a daily use of it.*" Many of the Wesleyan churches in England use the Liturgy regularly.

#### HOW TO HELP YOUR PASTOR.

- 1.—Hear him, never let him preach to your empty pew.
- 2.—Recommend him. Don't dig his grave with your tongue.
- 3.—Pray for him. The Master's blessing made the few loaves and fishes feed multitudes. Prayer will make what a pastor says and does, feed many.
- 4.—Pay him. That is honest, A half fed preacher needs food, and one that don't pay his grocery bills can do no good.
- 5.—Give him sympathy, real sympathy. Enter into actual fellowship with him in all his toils and cares. Jesus yearned for it in Gethsemane and so does your pastor.

The reason some people do not go to church and prayer-meeting more is not because the services are same and the people unsocial, but because the religious atmosphere of their souls, in its temperature, is away below zero.

The knell of the Reformed Episcopal body is being rung. In Toronto they have shut up one of their two places of worship, and with their minister, the Rev. A. Bilkey, now serving as a deacon in the parish of the Ascension, have come over to the Church. Their other community is in great difficulties. In Hamilton the same tale is told, and in Montreal they are struggling for a bare existence.

A hasty man never wanted woe.