

**POINTERS.**

What about that vacant pew at Church service?

Every finger-board pointing towards heaven says "Start now."

The *Methodist Recorder* says: "If men would attend to Church business as they attend to their own individual business, church work would be better performed and churches would be more successful," and the *Southern Advocate* replied, "Yes, and if men attended to their own affairs as many of them attend to the business of the Lord, they would be bankrupt in six months."

Economy and liberality are as nearly related as cause and effect. If you too diligently practice the former, and neglect the latter, you will soon become niggardly, and happiness cannot find room in your narrow soul.

**ALMSDEEDS.**

Almsdeeds comprise every kind of service rendered to our neighbor who needs such assistance. He who supports a lame man bestows an alms on him with his feet; he who guides a blind man does him a charity with his eyes; he who carries an invalid or an old man upon his shoulders imparts to him an alms of his strength. Hence none are so poor but they may bestow an alms on the wealthiest man in the world.—ST. AUGUSTINE.

**THE BIBLE.**

Who has this Book and reads it not,  
Doth God himself despise;  
Who reads, but understandeth not,  
His soul in darkness lies.

Who understands, but savors not,  
He finds no rest in trouble;  
Who savors, but obeyeth not,  
He hath his judgment double.

Who reads this book—who understands—  
Doth savor and obey—  
His soul shall stand at God's right hand  
In the great Judgment Day.

—Old Hymn.

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