

shouted: "Well, here is one." "Come up here," said the evangelist. "I want all these people to see a man whose mother died like a dog, and that was the end of her." "You are a liar," shouted the man, "she was one of the best women that ever lived, and *she's in heaven to-day!*" The fellow was fairly caught in his own trap. He quite forgot for the moment his own creed!

THE CHURCH ROLL-CALL.—Once a year some churches have a roll-call. The whole afternoon is spent together; a recess for *tea* coming in the middle of it. Those who are there answer to their names—adding a verse of Scripture, or a word of cheer. Those who have removed, send letters, telling what the Lord is doing for them, and *by* them. Those who have gone home during the year, are answered for by others; as in the old Guard, a comrade answered when a dead hero's name was called, "Died upon the field of battle!" The roll-call may be made a good use of.

FAMILY PRAYER.—A German church, scarce twenty months old, has grown from a membership of sixteen at the beginning to one hundred and thirty. In its membership are but two families who do not have family worship daily. Yet most of its members are toiling daily in factories and must be early at work. Said the pastor, "I knew if I could get them all to reading the Bible and praying at home, we could have peace." The result shows that he was right. How many of us know how many in our church have family worship and can make so good a showing; and yet some of us doubt whether we can reach Germans."

THE GENERAL ELECTION.—A Christian must subordinate his politics to his Christianity; in other words, make his politics a part of his Christian life. By a sudden veering of the political wind it seems that both are now agreed that we must have more trade with the United States. And we want a great deal less trade with Alcohol! We judge of others, and others judge of us, by the past. Our Christian readers must judge what political leaders they can best trust, judged by the fair and equal standard of the past. Let us have good government, political morality, honesty and economy, prohibition of rum, and the best men in power.

THE Old Testament is truth in motion. The New Testament is truth at rest. In the one the mind is constantly moving forward toward higher truth, throwing out gleams of light on every side which brighten but do not shine; in the other the mind has centered itself in the goal of its endeavors, and light not merely brightens but shines. The Old Testament is truth in the plural number. The New Testament is truth in the singular. The former brings its gifts to the Altar—and rich gifts they have proved themselves to be. In the latter the Altar stands complete, and its ministers, from its abounding treasures, bear away gifts to the nations of the earth.—*Old and New Test. Student.*

WEAK CHURCHES.—What is to be done with a number of the weak churches? We know several of them that as soon as a minister is starved out, or a temporary "supply" leaves, sit down and fold their hands in despair, and wonder "what the Home Missionary Society is going to do for them?" Let the nearest church—anywhere within a radius of ten or fifteen miles—say to them, "We will send you a preacher once in two weeks, *on condition* that you provide a preacher among yourselves for the other Sunday!" This condition persistently maintained, develops *two* sets of workers, and solve a number of difficulties now existing.

Is there anything for the Christian to learn from the incident told of Stanley's black boy Saleh? He started for a certain Boston theatre set for "the elevation of the drama," but returned at nine o'clock. His disgust at what he had seen was very manifest in his countenance. The *decoletté* costumes and the tights did the business for one so fresh as to suppose modesty was to be met among the performers. "I go t'ater," he said. "It make me sick my stomach. Take me ten years to learn Mohammedan religion. No want to lose all in one night, so come away."—*Congregationalist.*

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS.—The *Congregationalist* has a late editorial on this subject, in answer to questions reaching them, whether a pastor presides at such meetings by virtue of his office as pastor? Their opinion is that he does not; and that at all business-meetings, strictly such, the meeting has a