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A COMPLAINT AND ITS REMEDY.

THERE is no class of people so soundly rated concerning the performance of their public duties, as ministers of the Gospel. Sometimes we are told that our tones in reading and speaking, belong to the order of the blind mendicants, and at other times we are informed, that if we were addressing a large public meeting instead of a church congregation, we would not be tolerated five minutes. Indeed, so common, and so general, and so sweeping are the complaints, that one often wonders, are we ministers competent to discharge the duties of our office, or are we only tolerated by a long-suffering people, because we are ministers?

It has been my habit from time to time, to make a note of such complaints, at least when made by a person or persons whom the world thinks competent to express an opinion on this subject, and it may not be unprofitable to place some of these expressions of opinion, before the young men entering the field, that they may, if possible, avoid the charges brought against those of us already in it.

The Hon. W. E. Dodge, in a public address, said that he had