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6. Encyclopedia Britannica.  
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#### Sermon Briefs: The Award.

A YEAR since (February HOMILETIC REVIEW, p. 183) we offered the following premiums:

"For the best sermon-skeleton or brief of each of the following classes: (1) Revival sermons; (2) Funeral; (3) Miscellaneous, that will be sent us before May 1, the publishers of this REVIEW will forward to the author \$15.00 worth of such of their publications as he may select.

"CONDITIONS: (1) The sermon-brief or skeleton must be original. (2) It must not contain more than two hundred words. (3) A pseudonym must be signed to each brief, and the real name and pseudonym must be sent in a sealed envelope. (4) The brief may be sent at any time before May 1.

"The editors will not open the sealed envelopes until the final award is made.

"In determining which are the best three sermon-briefs the following course will be pursued:

"The editors of the REVIEW will print, from month to month, those briefs which they may deem worthy of publication in the 'Hints' department signed with the pseudonym and a \*. After all the selected briefs are published, we shall request a vote of our clergymen subscribers as to the best three. This vote to be final."

In response to our request for a vote our subscribers have sent in their decisions, and the following are the results:

1. The largest vote for briefs under the class of Revivals was in favor of the one entitled "The Imperative Now," by "Evangel."
2. The largest vote for briefs under the class of "Funeral" was in favor of the one entitled "Sunset at Noonday," by "Laus Deo." It is but just, however, to add that the brief entitled "The Days of Our Years," by

"Pilgrim," received but one vote less than "Sunset at Noonday."

3. We regret to add that for "Miscellaneous" the vote was a tie, several briefs receiving the same number.

We have to request our subscribers therefore who have not yet voted to vote on this class of briefs, and thereby help us to settle the matter satisfactorily.

According to promise the authors of the two briefs which have received the largest vote, namely, "The Imperative Now" and "Sunset at Noonday," are each entitled to \$15.00 worth of such publications of Funk & Wagnalls as he may select.

#### Gossippy.

W. S. RAINSFORD, D.D., rector of St. George's Church, New York, stands at the foot of the center aisle prior to each service and welcomes the entering worshippers.

John R. Paxton, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, New York, does not read the pulpit notices. This is done by the clerk of the session; and Rev. Dr. Meredith of Brooklyn has the notices printed and placed in the pews.

James M. King, D.D., of the M. E. Church, notwithstanding his aversion to Roman Catholics, recently expressed his desire of meeting F. W. Faber in heaven.

Wm. M. Taylor, D.D., recently used extracts from Charles Darwin's biography with telling effect in a missionary meeting. He cited that portion of the biography in which Darwin's attitude toward the South American Missionary Society is explained.

Chaplain McCabe, the "Apostle of Giving" in the Methodist Episcopal Church, if an occupant of the pulpit during a church service, does not allow this to prevent him from giving. He descends from the pulpit and places his offering in the plate.

It is well to teach a child to sing "I want to be an angel," but it is something better to teach him to sing "I want to be a man."

*Correction.*—In the December HOMILETIC REVIEW, page 525, under Suggestive Themes—"The Young Man Armed"—the Scripture reference given was 2 Kings iv. 20. This was an error. The true reference is Judges iv. 20. We make the correction because several have written to know the text for such a theme.