

PREACHERS EXCHANGING VIEWS.

Conference, Not Criticism—Not a Review Section—Not Discussions, but Experiences and Suggestions.

The Second Advent.

"A READER, Santa Barbara, Cal.," will find brief and satisfactory answers to his queries in relation to the Second Advent (*HOMILETIC REVIEW*, July, 1892, p. 94) in a small reprint of various articles published in the *British Weekly* in 1887, by James Pott & Co., 14 and 16 Astor Place, New York—a small book in paper covers entitled "The Second Advent, will it be Before the Millennium?" and in a little volume by Rev. John C. Rankin, D.D., published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York, entitled "The Coming of the Lord." In the former the question is discussed *affirmatively* by Rev. Canon Fausset, D.D., Rev. Professor Godet, D.D., and others, and *negatively* by Rev. Professor J. Agar Beet, Rev. Principal T. C. Edwards, D.D., and Rev. Principal Brown, D.D. The latter book is an able presentation of the post-millennial view. J. B. K.

The Lost Savor of Salt.

ON several occasions lately I have been asked as to the meaning of our Lord's words concerning salt losing its savor. Such a thing, my questioners assert, is unknown in our own country as that the saltiness of salt should be lost. Can any of the readers of the *HOMILETIC* state whether such is also true of Eastern countries? If so, was

the Master putting a hypothetical case, virtually saying, "Should salt lose its savor, wherewith could it be salted"? Or did He rather refer to the well-known aptitude of salt to absorb the qualities of other substances and so to become tainted? E. E. S.

City or Country.

I HAVE recently been graduated from the theological seminary. As yet I have not known pastoral work. There lie before me on my desk two calls, one from a church in the city, the other from one in the country. Friends whom I have consulted advise me differently. Some present the advantages of a city pastorate, others the corresponding advantages of a country pastorate. Of course I recognize the fact that there are diversities of gifts fitting men to varying positions. But what I desire is to know whether it is generally understood to be the case that a man does well in submitting himself to the sacrifices of a country pastorate in his early ministry as a discipline for larger and more important services in his more advanced ministry? If such be the case, I shall be glad to do what I can in the country charge. As a young man, it will be a matter for gratitude if some of my elders will give me a word of help through the pages of this *REVIEW*. A. T. R.

EDITORIAL SECTION.

LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.

National Perils.

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Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen.

—Isa. iii. 8.

PALESTINE was once a magnificent country. It lay under an Oriental sky, with form and domain much resembling

New Hampshire, but far superior in richness of soil and salubrity of climate to the noble State that was fifth in ratifying the Federal Constitution. The Mediterranean Sea laved its western shore. Along its mountain slopes were herds and flocks. Its valleys were golden with harvests. Olives, pome-