

of these short lists in each issue of the magazine. *Only one responded.*

Now, this is rather discouraging. Was there anything foolish in these requests? None know better than the officers of all our Societies, how hard it is to know whom to write to when a church is "vacant."

Dear reader, ask YOUR minister and church-secretary, what was *their* objection to furnishing the above information? Was it pure laziness? or was there some solid, strong, immovable objection, which they would not hurt the editor's feelings by stating—but nevertheless acted on?

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### Editorial Articles.

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#### "WANT TO BE SAVED."

How many people—especially young people—if asked whether they want to be saved, will answer readily, "Yes; I want to be saved!" Some one, speaking on this subject, says it is like a person looking in at a shop-window. There is some article there that the person *wants*; and he has buying it. Why? Because, though he wants looking at it for a time, he goes off without money in his pocket to buy it; and yet, after the article, he has not made up his mind to pay the price for it. In other words, he does not want it bad enough to give money for it. Everyone who is a Sunday hearer—and many who are not—would like to go to Heaven when they leave this world. That is all. Their secret thought is that they wish it were not quite so holy a place—if it were only just a little like this world; that is, this world in its best conditions—they would really feel more at home in it. But as it is—and with the only alternative as it is—they would like to go to Heaven. And when they say they "would like to be *saved*," they only mean they would like to avoid perdition.

But as soon as they are ready to do what needs to be done, in order to be saved, the matter is perfectly clear and easy. As soon as they are willing to be made holy, to hate sin, and to follow step by step as Christ leads them, giving up their own will for His divine will, the difficulty is all past. They have "bought the Truth," with the only *price* that will be accepted for it—which is *themselves*; and now they not only "want to be saved," but

are willing at all times to testify that they "are saved!" Before, they were unconscious hypocrites.

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#### AMONG THE JEWS.

Just as hitherto there has been little done among the Mahomedans, so there has been extremely little done among the Jews—that is, where they are chiefly found, in Austria and Russia, and the Orient. Dr. Delitzsch, who for more than a quarter of a century, had been the heart and soul of the Central Missionary Society for work among the Jews, located in Leipzig, is dead. As often happens, the work which one man did, all by himself, is better afterwards done by a number of men, so the Leipzig Society is now waking up to the fact that Dr. Delitzsch is not there to do their work, and they must do it themselves; and it will be better done than ever, for more men will be at work. So they are organizing work in Southern Russia and in the East, using Delitzsch's Hebrew New Testament as their great means of reaching the minds of the Jews. The Jews in Christian and evangelical lands, should, they think, be the special care of the Christian churches in those lands, and they will attack Judaism and Rabbinism in its strongholds. The prospects seem good, and the missionaries are much encouraged. The directors of the British and Foreign Bible Society knew not the great work they were beginning, when they induced Dr. Delitzsch, twenty or thirty years ago, to translate the Greek Testament into Hebrew.

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#### HISTORY OF THE INDEPENDENT.

Somewhat early in the history of the Congregational churches in Canada, a desire arose for a denominational organ. The Nonconfirmists in England had their papers and magazines: and ours is a reading and book-loving, as well as a liberty-loving set of people.

The venerable Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, Maine, then pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Montreal, began the publication in 1842 of "The Harbinger," a religious monthly. Dr. (then Mr.) Carruthers, had just come out from Britain the year before and was full of youthful fire and vigor. The magazine went on for two years;