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EANNESS.—A unique form of this vice is reported by a probationer. It seems that certain congregations up and down our fair Dominion prefer doing without pastors, because probationers are more than onehalf cheaper than settled ministers ! The discoverer of this secret says: "Get the General Assembly to pass a law compelling every vacant congregation to pay the probationer at the same rate that it was paying its late pastor with board. I am sure if this were done there would be fewer vacancies, and hardly a perambulating minister." We can scarcely agree with our informant. Mere law will not cure or kill parsimony. We would say expose the evil to those under its power. Ply them with the gospel in the hope that "the grace bestowed on the churches of Macedonia" may descend upon them. Let probationers be properly treated and paid by all means but let the truth be told in honest Saxon terms to people who think that godliness is a way of gain, or who try, with no small show of piety, to "serve God and mammon."

**DERSONAL EXPERIENCE.** — A correspondent writes: "I do not see that 'Liberal Theology' as it is taught by some, can make headway for good anywhere. After trying it for years I have quite fallen out with it; it cripples religious energy, and lets spirituality die a natural death. I have passed through a wonderful analytical crisis, and find my feet on the rock. I have read and thought intensely. I am through the fog, and find myself bowing before the grand old truths of the gospel in their own clear bright light. A process of reproduction has set in, and it seems that I am only now learning the alphabet of preaching."

## Don't Read This

VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-AND BE SORRY FOR IT.

The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft aglee, &c. Here's an illustration of it: Notwithstanding our fondly cherished hopes and high expectations of a grand Alma Mater gathering in our new hall at the close of this session, we have seen fit, in our wisdom as an executive committee, to decree, in consideration of our back-door entrance, and general topsey-turvey condition of the old building, that *there will not be any banquet* at the close of the session. The usual business meeting will be held, to which a full attendance is invited, as business of great importance and arrangements for the coming session are to be considered.

## Monday Lectures.

I. ON Monday, 6th February, the Rev. Jas. McCaul, B.A., of Stanley Street Church, and Classical Tutor in the Presbyterian College, read an exceedingly appropriate and instructive paper on the subject of "Some Secrets of Ministerial Success." We regret that want of space prevents our giving the address more fully. He said his remarks might, perhaps, circle better around this other cent.e—"Some results of ministerial failure." Let not failure be named among you, seek success, the highest, the holiest, the best, be that your goal !

Some things that make it, he took for granted :

- 1st. A sound mind in a sound body.
- 21.... A soul set on fire from Heaven.
- 3rd. A thorough, full, sufficient collegiate course.
- 4th. A conscientious call to the work, and

5th. The church's authoritative sanction for entering upon it. Consider some things following these and without which your ministry may be shorn of success. The first qualification is, that your *one aim* be to win souls, at any cost. To accomplish anything you must have a definite aim. It must be your *one* aim not to study and preach, and win souls, but to do all in order to win souls. This must be your one, only and sole aim. In working out this take the following suggestions:

(1). Draw out and develop the working capacity of others. It is a great mistake to imagine that everything must be done by yourselves. The church is not a machine to be run by one man, but a hive in which the minister is the prime mover. Utilize the ability of every one, and you have a double gain, for the workers will become trainers of others.

(2). Be a careful and constant student of human nature. The study of mankind is man. Respect men, or rather have respect *unto* men, who have prejudices. Every man is manageable if you know how to manage him. Most men have a "kink" in them somewhere, and these are often the best men when you get it out.

(3). Always and everywhere do your level best. In