

without cause, and without seeing first that he is provided for. Do not pour your discontent into your fellow-creature's ear. Think of all the good he has done, in the past. Cheer him up, help him by your prayers, plead with God for him. You believe in prayer ; try its power in his behalf. Get together as a church and cry to God for a revival. Be like Aaron and Hur, to hold up the hands of your pastor, and God will answer you. Let your Deacons and members take their station at the door to welcome strangers, and the young, to God's house. Help him thus and when he sees *your* zeal, it will fire his.

Above all be united, let every member work for Jesus, and the church will increase. One word more : should not *every church* make some provision for their pastor and his family, if in no other way, by subscribing to the fund for aged ministers. By so doing there would soon be ample provision for their comfort in declining years. At least let us not turn away our old pastors like worn-out servants, but let them, like the apostles die in the harness. Get co-pastors if necessary ; revivals depend more on the members than on the pastors—unitedly work and pray for an increase, and God will bless.

GOLDEN RULE.

## WHAT IS REPENTANCE ?

A SERMON BY MR. MOODY.

"But now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Because he hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained ; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts xvii, 30-31.

I want just now to call your attention to the word "repent." The best definition I can give of this word repentance is, changing our course. True Bible repentance is not only turning from sin, but turning toward God. The fact is, man is born with his back toward God. Now, an unrepentant sinner and God cannot dwell in the same heaven. There is a great deal said in the Scripture about repenting. When John the Baptist came, he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." When Christ sent out the twelve, He told them to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And when He was going up on high He told them to preach "repentance and remission of sins." Then we find the apostle Paul down among those Greeks, told them they must repent. But let us bear in mind that repentance is not merely feeling sorry for sin. There are a great many things you may feel sorry about, but that is not true repentance. And it is not doing penance. That is not repentance. You might go down and stand in the cold water up to your eyes all night—would that make you more acceptable to God ? A great many think it is fear, and are criticising this movement because, they say, we are trying to frighten men into repentance. Well, my friends, I have no confidence at all in that idea of scaring men into the kingdom of God. How many men there are, who, when Death comes and takes a good look at them,

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but when they get well they are just as bad as before, and worse. Repentance is not being frightened. A great many people can't pray, but let there come some accident to them and they will pray like saints. I have been told by sailors, that when they thought the ship was going down, the worst and most blasphemous of the crew would get down on their knees and pray, just as if they were all saints. That is not repentance. As soon as the storm was passed, those very men would be swearing again as bad as ever. A great many who think they are going to repent in the dying hour will be deceived. Now, we have not got to repent with our feelings, but with our whole heart. Turning to Him with our whole heart and lives—that is true repentance. Another class of people think that because