

and it was one that Lyman Beecher was not long in deciding. He felt that he had a duty to perform, and he had no right to refuse to do it because only one man could reap the benefit of it; and accordingly he actually went through all the service, praying, singing, preaching and benediction, with only ONE hearer. And when all was over, he hastened down from the desk to speak to his "congregation," but he had departed.

A circumstance so rare was referred to occasionally, but twenty years after, it was brought to the doctor's mind quite strangely. Traveling somewhere in Ohio, the doctor alighted from the stage one day in a pleasant village, when a gentleman stepped up and spoke to him familiarly, calling him by name. "I do not remember you," said the Doctor. "I suppose not," said the stranger; "but we spent two hours together in a house alone, once, in a storm." "I do not recollect it, sir," added the old man, "pray when was it?" "Do you remember preaching, twenty years ago, in such a place, to a single person?" "I do, indeed; and if you are the man, I have been wishing to see you ever since." "I am the man, sir; and that sermon saved my soul, made a minister of me, and yonder is my church!—The converts of that sermon, sir, are all over Ohio!"

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## RELIGIOUS MUSEUM.

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1. A professor of religion, praying with great fervor that God would convert the world, yet never giving a cent for missions.
2. A man getting shouting-happy and telling how much he loves the cause of God, and how much he is willing to deny self, yet fretting and scolding if any one asks for a little money.
3. A professor, too poor to take a religious newspaper, yet taken three or four political ones.
4. A *Christian* brother, very much hurt in his feelings, to hear his master refer to *politics* on the Sabbath, yet spending the whole Sabbath noon conversing on doings in Congress, and the probability of Taylor or Calhoun being the next President.
5. Another one, who thinks it very wrong to desecrate the Sabbath by holding temperance meetings on the evening of the Lord's day, yet spends the same in visiting his neighbors, or going to see his hired man about the work for Monday morning.
6. A *Christian* brother, very much opposed to anything like ornamenting our churches, such as furnishing them with blinds, carpeting