

ADVANTAGES OF A TWO-FOLD CALLING.

A local preacher whose secular vocation consisted in vending organs, etc., until "a fatter thing" turned up, was wont to charge exorbitantly for his organs; this circumstance was naturally promotive of discordant notes, on the part of the purchasers, but all was speedily reduced to harmony by the undertaking, on the part of *the local*, to preach the opening sermon. The same gifted individual has now had the distinction of being chief promoter of a North-West swindle—a swindle floated on a moral craft; in advertising said swindle, it is not remarkable that he should remember *his religious privileges*; he therefore demands a reduction in the advertising rates, on account of his connection with the pulpit.

WEALTH *versus* POVERTY.

On the subject of the Rev. Dr. Hunter's estimate of "filthy lucre," it were needless to expatiate; on the rev. gentleman's appreciation of the privileges attaching to the *lack* of lucre, it would seem that he seeks an illustration. We will therefore suppose a case of an affluent plaintiff in a libel suit, seeking "damages" on the score of imaginary injury to character; we will also suppose a non-affluent defendant pleading that there is no character to damage; our imagination, when once in exercise, can easily depict "a weeping prophet" bemoaning the loss of costs in said suit, and easy will it be to realize a pitiless defendant laughing till his sides ache, at the little incident.

DR. WILD'S PORTRAIT.

A portrait of the Rev. Dr. Wild has lately appeared, which looks as if it had been taken after the subject of it had been hung; we trust that the portrait is not to be regarded in a *prophetic aspect*; at the foot thereof figures the reverend gentleman's signature, preceded by the phrase "Yours kindly;" as Dr. W. aspires to something out of the common order, perhaps he may look kindly on an alternative phrase; we would therefore suggest "Yours craftily," lest the rev. gentleman's right hand should "forget its cunning." In quoting Ps. cxxxvii. we would not perpetuate an unauthorized interpolation, but will substitute for it, the words "forget me."

EMPTY CHURCHES.

Can a church be said to be empty; and at the same time be full of the piety which has been "left till called for," from the previous week?

ROYAL WAYS, AND WAYS MINISTERIAL.

Her Majesty, the Queen of Oude, when, some years ago, she visited London, was not permitted to be seen by ordinary mortals; on alighting from her carriage, therefore, servants were posted on either side the pathway to the royal residence, who were provided with the required length of linen to screen Her Majesty from the gaze of ordinary mortals; this was extended from one to the other, in such a fashion that no one who was unfortunate enough to be shorter than six feet six inches, could see over it; Her Majesty was philosophic enough to be aware that "distance is apt to lend enchantment" to certain objects, and she acted accordingly; ordinary royalty acts on the same principle, for obviously if the *Empress of India* were to be seen trudging down Regent Street, beneath a cotton umbrella, instead of being attended by "the Guards," even Her Imperial Majesty would soon lose caste.

In like manner, for many centuries, public functionaries of various orders have endeavoured to support their *status* by external display. We will hope therefore