

a position to congratulate himself on that anomalous condition of the regulations of the Methodist body, which precludes any person, other than a Methodist, bringing a delinquent member of the body before a Church Court. To pass swiftly in one's comments, from the stock-exchange to the pulpit, must necessarily appear incongruous, but it will at least have the sanction afforded by the example of an enterprising "D.D." The service would have disturbed one's gravity, at times, had there been a kindred spirit sitting by, who was equally informed as to certain operations on the stock exchange. "The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, thou hast given us a goodly heritage;" the foregoing was one of the earliest utterances of the reverend gentleman, which was soon followed by the acknowledgment, "we have turned aside from the path of rectitude, &c." A negative description of religion (suggested probably by this "afflicted" divine's recent trip to Winnipeg in search of health) a negative description of religion was said to be this—that "it is not a trip across this continent in spiritual Pulman-cars;" perhaps it will be illustrated by a trip across the Atlantic in the Allan Line Steamers, with a view to further the interest of the Temperance Colonization Society. The Apostle Paul was said to have exhibited such mental characteristics, that had he entered the lists as "a warrior, he might have flung abroad banners which would have eclipsed those of Cæsar, Napoleon, and Wellington." "The highest attainment of success in business" was said to be "compatible with a variety of pursuits"; and yet we soon learned that "a man cannot be a merchant and an artist; cannot be

a doctor and a lawyer, and excel in both; this "instruction," to quote the reverend gentleman's opinion of it, culminated in our being informed that "a man might be a first-rate speculator if he were a Christian." How far the reverend gentleman might speak from his own (and others') experience as "a Christian speculator," we cannot pretend to aver. Although it seems to derogate from the dignity of scripture, to mention it, in connexion with this manipulator of stock, yet when one finds that he has the assurance to read such passages as "no man who warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;" and "study to show thyself approved to God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed"; and "let every one who nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity"; 2 Tim. ii, 4, 15, 19; when one finds that he has arrived at this pass, one is apt to wonder why he did not continue the chapter, and read of the "great house" in which "there are vessels, some to honor, and some to dishonor." and further "that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will," vs, 20, 26.

Of the froth which characterized what was intended to be an elaborately ornate essay, and yet was described by the essayist as "this poor discourse of mine"—of this froth, the subjoined *globules* may be regarded as specimens; "pleasure smiled on Paul in wondrous beauty," "the earth shook at his tread as when a giant goes on a pilgrimage," and "troops of shining angels accompanied him to the skies," when "the giant" of Queen Street Methodist Church goes on his pilgrimage, in quest of stockholders and health, there is a region on the other side