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The affection of congregations has been shewing its warmth this winter in the usual way in fur coats and caps to the minister. Many a long drive will be made more comfortable, but this is only a trifling benefit of such gifts. Many a minister's heart will be warmed far more than his body as he thinks that his work is appreciated, that amid much to discourage, he has that which the true minister prizes next to the "well-done" of his master, and without which his work can neither be pleasant nor profitable, the affection and sympathy of the congregation.

There is a false and a true Socialism. Both of these and their character was well illustrated by the statement of a converted working man in a Glasgow mission. Said he "My motto used to be. "Down with every thing that's up" Now it is, "up with every thing that's down." True Christian socialism aims at levelling just as well as does the socialism and nihilism of Russia but its aim is not to level down but to level up.

The vacant pastorate of Richmond Congregation, Carleton Co., N. B. was happily filled in the 28th of January by the induction of Rev. Joseph Barker.

The congregation of Oxford, Cumberland Co., has asked to be separated from Pugwash, and organized as a separate congrega-

tion, offering to raise toward pastoral support, \$500 per annum and a manse. The Presbytery approves of the step if it can be effected. Pugwash is to be consulted and to report to the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Wallace on the 5th of March, at 11, a. m.

Dr Cuyler, the pastor for thirty years of Lafayette Avenue Church, New York and whose name is a household word throughout the Protestant christian world, has intimated his intention to resign his charge. Few men have had more talents entrusted to them and few have improved them more faithfully. As a preacher of the gospel and a writer of the gospel he has had few equals. Plain, picturesque, pungent, have been his utterances and many a doubting, discouraged soul has been cheered on its way by his apples of gold in baskets of silver. As a worker in social and temperance reform he has ever been among the foremost, his mission being the glory of God and the greatest good of humanity. While owing to advancing years he has seen fit to resign the charge of a large and loved congregation it will be the earnest prayer of his many friends and acquaintances through the press that he may be long spared to help by his pen in every good word and work.

The religious liberty that would be enjoyed if Rome had the power, is illustrated by the recent riot in the town of Hull, near Ottawa. A Miss Wright with a band of assistants undertook to conduct religious services there in a little mission house a few days since, but were driven out by the mob. A few days later the same band renewed its efforts and the result was worse. Hundreds of rioters crowded the streets and then assail-