

"That is true; and on the principle of the old adage that 'the proof of a pudding is in the eating,' the success of Methodism as a system seems to vindicate its special peculiarity of the itinerancy."

"Yes; and besides, these frequent changes afford the opportunity for new talent to come to the front, which might otherwise long remain latent or linger in obscurity for want of the opportunity and stimulus for its development."

"Well, but you are wandering from your text, to speak in clerical phrase. You were about to say how Mr. A—— received the announcement of his appointment."

"Oh, I forgot. Well, I couldn't help looking at him when his name was called. He listened eagerly, and when the place was read, just dropped his head upon the back of the seat in front. I saw his lip quiver a little. I knew he was lifting up his heart in prayer to God, and when he raised his head there was a glad light in his eyes that told that he had received strength from on high."

"Well, I am sure it is better than going so far away in the 'Great Lone Land.'"

"He confessed to me that he would rather face a tribe of angry Blackfeet Indians than the fashionable congregation at X——. But when he gave himself to the Church, he said, he surrendered his right of choice as to where he would go. Yet, bashful as he is, he magnifies the privileges and dignity of his office."

"Well, that of making a fortune is certainly not one of its privileges."

"No, but he glories in the thought that he is free from all sordid and earthly cares, and able to give himself fully to its spiritual functions. He hasn't time, he says, to make money, and wouldn't want to do so if he had. Then another of the compensations of ministerial life is that he will be continually associated with the very best people for the noblest work in the world,—the elevation of society and the welfare of mankind. And although, of course, he must frequently go among strangers, he says they are not strangers, but friends, whose love and confidence is bespoken beforehand. The minister and his family are received at once to the homes and hearts of his people, and in a month