

Toronto and Montreal are trying to push things."

WE go to the world in the power of the Holy Ghost, not as debaters, but witnesses and preachers. We preach rather than prove the Gospel. We do not apologize, but we "open and allege." We expect to save men by grace rather than taste, and we are oracles rather than artists. We are to use "beseeching" power. God never intended the Gospel to be preached "in cold blood."—*E. P. Marvin, Lockport.*

ARCHDEACON FARRAR, at the Church Congress, in England, spoke warmly in favor of "Brotherhoods," with vows of celibacy and obedience, in the English Church. The feeling seemed to be against these; though many supported Dr. Farrar's side. It seems to us that the only reason these monks are not already established is, that the matter would be "illegal." But does any one for a moment imagine the House of Commons would ever make it "legal?"

GENERAL BOOTH's book, "In Darkest England, and the Way out of It," is creating a great deal of interest in the English-speaking world. He will undoubtedly do much good to many persons by his self-aid schemes of "colonies." But in a country where the chief part of the soil is possessed by nobles, who never paid for it, and where thousands upon thousands of acres are kept for "sport," instead of raising food for the people, there always will be pauperism and want. England needs a new reformation—this time about land.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We are not going to speak of bad and careless penmanship, though sufficiently troubled with those who have not yet learned to write—but of another matter. The editor always sends two or more copies to everyone contributing to that particular number of the magazine. When articles or items of church news are *signed*, the writer is sure to get his extra copies. Where there is no name to the item, the editor does not charge himself with neglect, when he fails to remember *who* sent that item two or three weeks before. The moral is on the surface. If you want complimentary copies with your article in, *sign* your article!

CHURCH AND STATE.—It is melancholy sign of the time, though perhaps of no great moment, that what figured as the discussion in the Church Congress of 'the subject of Church and State, was so pitifully inadequate to the occasion. Fallacies that have been a thousand times refuted were once more brought forward as if they were self-evident truths. Champion after champion of Establishment talked complacently about the impossibility of Church discipline being enforced without the power of the State, in sheer perverse defiance of the obvious fact that this would prove Church discipline to have been impossible in the days of the Apostles. As if the free churches of England, Scotland and America, which can believe and worship and regulate their membership in accordance solely with the law of Christ, were enslaved as that State-Church, which cannot, except by permission of Parliament, change one syllable of its formularies or modify the smallest of its rites.—*Ex.*

COUNTRY FUNERALS.—A subscriber in Quebec Province asks about funerals: "Is the minister responsible for the arrangements? We take it in this case: The minister who is called to officiate, has the same control over the speaking, singing and prayer, that he has in his own pulpit. The editor was once sandwiched in between some parts of a "society" ritual at a funeral; but he will never allow himself to be in such a position again. But those parts of the arrangements, which, in cities are seen after by the undertaker, belong to the family; and are performed—not by the head of the house, but a relative in his place. In Quebec, they have a very good fashion; a friendly neighbor, often not a relative at all acts as "conductor." And as in this, as in everything else, "practice makes perfect," such men become skilful in carrying through "the arrangements," much to the comfort of the bereaved family, and the removing of all responsibility from the minister.

A LETTER from Mr. S. P. Leet, Montreal, as well as some others, we are obliged to leave over till next month. The attentive editors of the "College Column" are not responsible for the delay in the College items appearing. They were mostly in type for December, but at the last moment were crowded out.