

Bishop Whittle (of Va.) says :

"With few exceptions they will compare most favorably, for piety, ability, learning and general usefulness, not only with the other clergy of this diocese, but with the clergy of any diocese."

Bishop Clarkson (of Neb.) says :

"As good men as we have in the West for zeal, piety, efficiency and usefulness."

Bishop Vail (of Kan.) writes :

"Capital, excellent, faithful and true. Above the average."

Bishop Perry (of Iowa) testifies :

"They are men not to be ashamed of as to scholarship, intellectual ability, pastoral success and peculiar adaptation to the work."

Bishop Whittaker (then of Nevada now of Pa.) wrote :

"I am certain that the average ability, fidelity and fitness for usefulness of these men is higher than the average of the same qualities in any diocese in which I am acquainted. I only wish that the whole body of the clergy could become as good."

Such testimony might be greatly extended, but the foregoing is, we think, sufficient to show the results in the Episcopal Church.

We have also at hand a most striking summary of results obtained from a recent investigation in the Presbyterian Church (of the North).

"Of the present roll of 5,789 ministers, 2,356 were aided by the Board and are reported in the minutes of the General Assembly as follows: Pastors, 1,098; stated supplies, 556 (550 of this total are Home Missionaries); Foreign Missionaries, 93; Church and Sunday-school Missionaries, 23; Presbyterian Missionaries, 3; Synodical Missionaries, 2; District Missionaries, 1; Licentiates, 54; Presidents of Theological and other institutions, 21; Professors, 41; Principals of Academies, 12; Secretaries, 9; Editors, 3; Chaplain, 1; Colporteur, 1; Treasurer, 1; Librarian, 1; Agents, 4; Honorably retired, 141; Without Charge, 245.

"Ninety-seven per cent. of the average amount expended each year in aiding students since 1870, has been invested in men who have entered the ministry."

"Do not the fruits of this Board justify its support?"

Correspondence and personal interviews with those who have enjoyed the most intimate knowledge of the results attained by beneficiary education warrant the assertion that money is wisely expended in aiding those who are called to the work of the ministry. A recent letter from the Rev. D. W. Poor, D.D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education, says "it would be a delicate thing for me to be specific" (concerning the living). "We have, however, the names of many illustrious dead."

The fact that substantially all the churches of Christendom have adopted the plan of beneficiary education ought to carry its due weight with all those who "have a decent respect for the opinions of mankind," and especially if those opinions are entertained by those who profess and call themselves Christians."

Did space permit, testimony from other leading denominations of the United States, going to set forth the expediency of beneficiary ed-