

he, 'it wasn't the sermon at all; *it was the text!*'" The Spirit honors His own word.

SOME ministers are wise in the pulpit, and useless out of it. Some are efficient everywhere. The Presbyterian brother in Ohio, part of whose "farewell" (?) sermon we quote below, scarcely had good sense enough, we fear, either for the pulpit or out of it. Here is his parting shot:—"I am willing to relinquish my charge to my unknown successor, but may God have mercy on his soul. If he stays long enough the Philistines are sure to get him."

A TEMPERANCE GENERATION. — The boys and girls now in our schools are likely to be a better Temperance generation than the one before them. They have the evils to the human body and mind clearly before them in their text-books; and are not likely to forget the lesson. Some of us were educated in the day when the judicious and "moderate" use of liquors was supposed to be safe and good; and had to unlearn all that. Our children begin life under better conditions.

REVOLVERS.—Our devout wish is that every revolver were at the bottom of the ocean; and every inventor and maker of them were on some lonely island in the middle of the same ocean, honestly cultivating the soil, each with a pair of oxen before him. But when these manufacturers, (as a few days ago,) send us circulars offering to give us a revolver for certain advertising of other revolvers, we want to know what they think we are? Surely assurance could no farther go!

SINCE the American Board Almanac for 1894 was issued, our missionaries in West Africa have found occasion to change their postoffice address. Instead of naming their particular stations, they wish all letters to be addressed to them as follows: "American Mission, Benguela, Africa, care of Casa Hollandeza, via Lisbon." If addressed otherwise, their letters are liable to be carried to the Portuguese forts near the several stations, and so be much delayed.—*Missionary Herald*, March.

THE London Missionary Society reaches its Centenary in 1895. The year 1894 is to be used as a year of preparation, special efforts

being made to bring the great missionary theme before all the churches. A committee has been appointed in London to arrange for "systematically visiting every church and school, etc., in order to deepen interest in the extension of Christ's kingdom abroad, and especially to aim at pointedly requesting every minister to carefully explain to his people the position and needs of the missionary work."

"BE COURTEOUS."—At the evening service of one of our churches in this city a little cripple is a frequent attendant. A young man who had been of slight service to his unfortunate brother happened into this church last Sunday night and, seeing the man in whom he felt an interest, asked an usher about him. "We don't know," said the usher; "he comes here often, and has for a long time, but nobody seems to know anything about him." Is it strange that the evening services at that church are not very largely attended?—*Boston Paper*.

THERE is as much difference between a mere total abstainer and a temperance worker as there is between the man who merely abstains from profanity and a Christian worker. Lady Henry Somerset has well said: "Men and women are not temperance reformers simply because they cease to drink intoxicating liquors, but because they have gauged the evil, have seen the misery, and have heard the cry of captive millions, and have determined to see enacted laws that shall put rich and poor upon one level, and shall consider the welfare of the people before the pocket of the publican."—*Citizen and Home Guard*.

"THERE is a little church out in Nebraska, with hardly half a hundred members, which pays its minister regularly every Monday morning. And there are not a few churches of considerably larger membership, east and west, which make the minister wait for his salary a good many days after it is due. The Monday morning plan is preferable." So we read in an exchange. Where the "Weekly Offering" is in use, there is no good reason for doing otherwise with the pastor than paying him every week. It is his right; enables him to keep out of debt; and to give a good example to all around him. We are glad many of our Canadian churches do it. We can testify to its success and comfort.