

ministry, learning to *preach*? We don't mean learning to write and read essays!

REV. W. P. WASTELL.—Mr. Wastell was a warm admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and when returning home from service in the Christian commission in the Army of the Potomac he stopped at Washington to call on the President. Greeting Mr. Lincoln, he said; "Mr. President, I pray for you every day; if agreeable, I would like to pray with you to-day." The President consented, and they knelt down together. It was the most impressive prayer Mr. Lincoln ever heard.

M. PAPINEAU, son of the Lower Canada politician who precipitated the Rebellion in 1837, and himself a large landholder, irritated at a demand for money to build a new church, when the old one was in every way sufficient, (only not elegant enough), revolved the whole subject in his mind; and at the age of about 70, has declared himself a Protestant; and was received last month as a member in a Presbyterian Church.

Now that the High Church theology has ceased to be the shibboleth of a party, and has become the almost universally accepted teaching of the Church of England everyone who regards that system with dislike and distrust, is well within his rights as a citizen in protesting against the State, of which he is necessarily a member, being any longer connected, by even the slenderest tie, with a Church whose plainly asserted authority he repudiates, and whose well defined and specific teaching he abhors.—*Augustine Birrell, M.P.*

WE do not meet the requirements of the case, nor discharge the responsibility which rests upon us, when we say to young men: "Here are great universities, richly endowed; if you want education, come to them!" You might just as well stand upon the shore of the Atlantic and proclaim the gospel to the men and women of the Pacific Slope. The small college planted in every neighborhood where the constituency warrants it, is to be the great agency for educating those who are to serve the church in the next generation.—*N. W. Congregationalist.*

THE NEGROES.—One writer makes the reasonable suggestion, that if an educational

qualification had been demanded of the negroes, when they were granted the franchise, a great deal of the recent complications would have been avoided. Of course, Congress must needs have made the same proviso in the case of the whites. But a million of illiterate black men knocking at their door for the franchise, would have been a good reason for making a law, that, thenceforth, "no man could vote, till he could read in the New Testament, and write his own name."

THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.—"This meeting is calculated to wake up the politicians! As was well remarked, it is of more practical importance to have a Prohibitory law well enforced, than to get it on the statute book. The attitude of any Government in power must be taken into consideration; and if the Government is not right, *make* it right, by putting the proper men in Parliament. And so the Provincial Government seemed to awake to the importance of assuring the convention of their determination to grant Prohibition, as soon as they had power to do so.

At the meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Church Congress, held in this city last November, a few members opposed missionary efforts in Roman Catholic countries on the ground of "the similarity of the Roman Catholic Church to the Episcopal, and the hope that there may ultimately be union of the two churches!" This is Christian union with a vengeance. Think of the apostle Paul *refusing to preach the Gospel to the Jews* because of the similarity or points of contact between the old and the new dispensations and his hope of bringing about a close union between the Sanhedrim and the "church in the house!"—*Converted Catholic.*

SUNDAY NOTICES—In most cities and towns, the local papers are always ready to insert, weekly, notices of church-services on the Sabbath. Moody strongly advises ministers to "advertise their churches and their services." And it is good advice. In Chicago itself, the "notices" appear in the *Sunday* papers. The ministers asked the papers to put them in on Saturday instead; but the proprietors insist on using their Sunday editions. The notices help to sell the paper. And the ministers seem to lack the resolution to do without "advertising," rather than figure in a Sabbath-breaking publication.