

it at once. And yet, any one with his eyes open can, from any position, see that the sphere is a sphere, and that there is a side which he does see. Having apprehended *that*, he has fully and fairly apprehended truth as the truth. There is no condemnation to him who cannot see all around the sphere; the condemnation is to him who simply shuts his eyes or turns his back upon the sphere of truth as the truth.—*S. S. Times*.

A NEW departure is to be made by a church in one of the large towns in England. They have decided to build rooms behind the church which will be used for purposes of amusement and recreation. The most novel feature will be a smoking and billiard room, with a bar for the sale of non-intoxicants. The whole control will be in the hands of the minister and deacons of the church. We shall be sorry to hear of its "success." Such a mixing of iron and clay we have never seen. But if there were no folly in the world, wisdom would have no comparison by which to have itself measured.

THE Year Book for 1889-90 is out in good time. Our relations with Messrs. Dudley & Burns have been most pleasant, and we shall give their printing house a "free advertisement," enough to say, that if any of our friends want a book or pamphlet printed, they will, in dealing with Dudley & Burns, find an honorable firm, very reasonable rates, and good faithful work.

The two "Addresses from the chair"—that of Dr. Wild in Brantford, and that of Mr. Hall in Brooklyn, N. S., will be read with much interest. The tables are very full and very suggestive, and the "Reports from the Churches" will be read with absorbing interest.

DR. HANNAY, in answer to a question addressed to him in Adelaide, said, that in England the doctrine of "eternal torment" is practically dead, and that the younger Congregational ministers generally hold the "larger hope." Dr. Hannay's statement has attracted much attention in England, and the *British Weekly* has undertaken to test its accuracy by a circular addressed to a great number of Congregational ministers. "From the whole answers," says our contemporary, "we derive a very satisfactory and reassuring

impression. We gather that there is a decided reaction against dogmatic Universalism within recent years; that the number of Universalists, properly so called, is small; that the doctrine of the Larger Hope is not *preached* to any extent; and, above all, that there is a general willingness to submit to the authority of Scripture. On the other hand, it is not to be denied that there is great dissatisfaction with the orthodox form of doctrine on the subject, and that many are so perplexed that they have no theory at all, and leave the theme out of their sermons.—*Australian Independent*.

MINISTERS FOR THE COLONIES.—The maintenance of a continuous supply of competent ministers is a matter of grave concern to the Australian churches. There was no more frequent topic of conversation with leading and representative laymen. I received several messages, I might say instructions, on this subject, for which I am bound to find expression in some form. Here are some specimens:—"To ministers who are proposing to leave England for Australia *on speculation*, say emphatically 'don't.'" "No minister should come here who is nearer fifty than forty years of age, unless he have the genius which never grows old." "Urge the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society, the heads of colleges, and distinguished brethren on whom the burden of certifying ministers falls, not to frank to the colonies men who have failed at home." "Do not be a party to send to us 'ministerial sticks.'" I do not know whether there is any accepted definition of the phrase "ministerial sticks," but in Australia they seem to be regarded as instruments formed for the chastisement of the churches; and, as no chastening for the present is joyous, "ministerial sticks" are not popular.—Dr. Hannay in *Christian World*.

SOME people say "There is *something in seven*!" Yes, when it is not some other number! If anyone is on the watch for coincidences and unaccountable things, he will be sure to find them: people generally get what they *look for*! Here is an odd thing about the Bowmanville church, which some one there—on the look for coincidences—discovered.

It was 7 years built, when it was destroyed by fire.