

because the minister announces his topics. In a year or so a minister comes to hold a fixed place in the community. The people who do not like his preaching are not going to be drawn to his church, no matter what he preaches about; and the people who honor and love him are coming to hear him anyway. The really effective advertisement of the Sunday services is not any notice in any paper, no matter how seductively it may be worded; the effective advertisement is the public estimate of the minister's sincerity, good sense, learning, devotion to spiritual things, and power of presenting his ideas with power and charm.

We do not animadvert upon this matter because we think that ministers as a class believe in this practice. We have no doubt that the majority of them believe that our position is to oratorically correct; but they are a little too ready to let some "hustling" brother in the church persuade them that the advertisement of bright, catchy topics is the way to build up a congregation. Let them have the courage of their convictions. The "hustler" in church matters never knows as much as he thinks he does. He is the last man whose advice should be implicitly followed. If a minister cannot command a congregation by faithful and sympathetic pastoral work, and sensible, clear-cut preaching, he will not build up a congregation by any of these patent devices. He will find that a series of crowded congregations gathered by sensational advertising, or a Sunday evening stereopticon lecture, is the prelude to a resignation.

Notes.

OUR DESTINY.—We will find at last that no allotment of God is arbitrary. We go to our own place. The law of moral gravitation is as certain as that of physical gravitation. Bring one hundred young men from the country to the city and let them go on some corner. Some of them go at once to a saloon, some to church according as they have been true or false to their moral nature. They are under this law. So at death some will be banished from God; some will go directly to God. God is not arbitrary in his eternal allotments.

A ROME CORRESPONDENT of the *Chretien Français* gives some startling figures bearing on the moral condition of the Italian clergy. He says that since the accession of the young King, Victor Emmanuel II., no less than 176 priests of the Roman Church have been punished by the Italian tribunals. One-third of the offences were murders, forgeries, rapes and public approbation of King Humbert's assassination. The remaining two-thirds were offences of different kinds against public morals. In many parts of Italy the priest is coming to be regarded as a kind of comic personage. The Italian press, which used to keep silence on the subject of priestly misdemeanours, is now beginning to expose them with merciless severity.

SAID A PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR to the editor of his denominational paper: "I see the greatest difference in the efficiency of those families in my church which read a religious paper from those which do not."

Pastors of all denominations say the same. The wise pastor endeavours to have the paper go into every family.

A HINDOO, Subadar Hahmed Beg, of the 1st Madras Lancers, has just published a book of reminiscences, under the title, "My Jubilee Visit to London," and here are some of his observations upon English manners and customs: "Men wear black suits in London. I believe they are bound to, under some old rule; but women are free to please their fancy in matters of dress, and they do it with a vengeance! That is why men are so wary about marrying. I believe, generally, the dress of the English ladies is a frightfully costly item to the husbands. The men are eager in the pursuit and accumulation of wealth, and are even careful in spending it when acquired, but the women squander it often in the most useless and extravagant of ways. Men are reservoirs of wealth, women are the sluices emptying the reservoirs. Men are for earning, but women

are for spending. But, poor fellows, the husbands all bear it quietly. I believe, for Englishmen are women worshippers, and they are not, on the whole, the worse for it; rather, immensely, immeasurably better than the women rulers in the East. But English women should exercise a little more pity on their husbands and save them a big bill."

The above will apply to America and Canada also.—The London Baptist.

DESERVED GOOD CLOTHES.—A gentleman was once walking behind a very handsomely dressed girl and thought: "I wonder if she takes half as much pains with her hair as she does with her clothes?"

A poor old man was coming up the road with a loaded wheelbarrow and just before he reached the girl he made two attempts to go into the yard but the gate was heavy and would swing back upon him before he could get through.

"Wait," said the young girl, springing lightly forward, "I'll hold the gate open." She did so, and received his thanks with a pleasant smile.

"She deserved to have beautiful clothes," thought the gentleman, "for she has a beautiful spirit."

A VETERAN from the National Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee called at the office of the Associated Charities in that city and asked for the superintendent. He was directed to Sergeant Frelson, who, judging from the veteran's appearance that he had called to get assistance of some kind, said, "Well, what can we do for you?" The old soldier did not reply, but after a few minutes of fumbling in various pockets laid several rolls of bills on the table. Frelson counted them and told his visitor that there were \$625 in all. "I have been reading in the papers," said the old man, "about the prevailing destitution, and the pension money which I have saved I want you to use to relieve suffering among the destitute people of the city."

ACCOUNTING for the low state of spiritual life in many churches, which is apparent in lack of aggressiveness, Joseph Cook says a principal cause is "ambushed Universalism." Is it true of churches in this part of the world? What do the ministers think? They might do well to think of this. Perhaps the preaching of the time needs amending.

THE BEST FAMILIES, the most useful families, and the happiest families, says the United Presbyterian, are those in which family worship is regularly maintained, the church paper taken and carefully read, and the work of the church often talked about.

EVANGELIST "SAM" JONES, the eccentric and effective Southern preacher, gives this advice to members of churches:

"If you want a revival in your church get a piece of chalk, and make a circle on the floor, and get inside it and then say, O Lord, revive thy work, and begin with everything inside the circle." It is good advice. Try following it.

THE BAPTISTS have had their churches in Sweden for fifty years, under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union, and have now 364 churches and 49,759 members, or one member in every 124 of the population. The churches are, however, poor, and the pastors usually have some other means of support than their ministry. The largest church is the First, of Stockholm, and has 1,456 members. The seminary at Stockholm is described as being a institution of high rank, but its forty students under four professors, hardly promise such an amount of training as to supply the need for ministers of 50,000 members.

A Girl's Hair.

THE care of a girl's hair during her childhood has much to do with its later beauty. In one of the current novels written by an Englishwoman, the beautiful hair of the heroine was referred to as never having been coarsened or deadened by scissors or heat. The old idea that if a girl's head is kept shingled until the age of ten or

twelve, her hair will be the better for it, is not now entertained. With the exception of an occasional clipping or singeing of the ends, where a tendency to split is noticeable, the growth of the hair should not be interfered with. It is unwise to trust the daily combing of a little girl's hair entirely to the nurse, certainly not without frequent overlooking. Hasty combing by an impatient or hurried caretaker injures the hair by breaking it. It should be carefully brushed out, the hair being separated into strand if it shows a tendency to mat. If the comb at the end of the operation, has gathered a considerable amount of knots and snarls and long hairs, the operation has not been proper. It is possible to brush out a tangle of locks and scarcely lose a hair, but it takes care and patience. It is also unwise to wash the hair too often, as it makes it dry and brittle. Profuse perspiration is bad for the hair, for which reason light and well ventilated hats should be selected for little girls' wear during summer weather. While luxuriant hair or the reverse is largely a matter of heredity and physical temperament, it is also true that proper care of hair will do much to enhance a naturally good growth or improve a poor one.

Eviler in His Home.

SIR Redvers Buller is not a person who will allow any ordinary consideration to swerve him from what he thinks is his duty. At a dinner in his house not long ago a certain well-known man was present, and told an anecdote which was so "off color" that the ladies were excessively distressed.

When dinner was over Sir Redvers rang the bell. "Mr. A.'s carriage," he ordered, when the butler appeared. "I do not expect my brougham so early," said Mr. A., and there was a gleam of defiance in his eyes.

Sir Redvers did not reply, but he took Mr. A. by the arm and led him gently into the hall. "It is time for you to go," he said, quietly, and his guest went.—*San Francisco Wave*.

Died.

BABBITT.—At Burton, N. B., on 24th inst, after a lingering illness, John T. Babbitt, in the 84th year of his age, leaving four sons and one daughter. Bro. Babbitt has been for many years an honored member of Upper Gazetteown church and his removal, following so many others, will be keenly felt both in the church and community. He was one to whom all looked for counsel and sympathy, nor did they look in vain. The pastors of the church ever found in him a true friend and supporter and his presence will be greatly missed in the public services which it was his practice to attend. May God raise up others to fill the vacancies and maintain his cause in this community.

SIMPSON.—At Bayside, Charlotte Co., August 27th of cholera infantum, Guy, aged five months, youngest son of Robert and Laura Simpson.

CADY.—At Chipman, N. B., on the 20th inst, Larkin youngest child of Melvin and Cassie Cady, aged one month.

Married.

GRAVES-COREY.—At Upper Newcastle, on the 22nd inst, by Rev. W. J. Bleakney, William Graves of Ironbound Cove, Queens Co., to Pearl Cor. of New Zion.

V. J. GHAN-DAVIES.—At the Baptist church, St. Martins, N. B., on July 30th, by pastor H. C. Cornwall, Ernest Vaughan to Jennie V. Davies, both of that place.

BREWSTER BLAKE.—At the Baptist parsonage, Sisseton, Aug. 29th, by Rev. W. Camp, E. M. Brewster, Editor and Publisher, of "The County News" to Minnie A., youngest daughter of Robert L. Blak, Esq., all of Hillsboro, Albert Co.

TOMS DUFFIELD.—On the 23rd of August at the home of the bride, Long Settlement, by the Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, William A. Duffield of Montana, U. S., to Sarah H. Toms.

DUMPHY-DAVIDSON.—At Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 21, by Rev. J. H. MacDonald, Harry Ernest Dumphy to Margaret May Davidson, both of Fredericton.

FAULKNER-TINGLEY.—At Sisson Ridge, Victoria county, on Aug. 18th, by Rev. W. S. Martin and Pastor Stirling, Wm. Faulkner and Isadora Tingley, both of Sisson Ridge.