

fering would fall on many negroes. We should like Mr. Barrows, or you, Mr. Editor, to buy a farm here (they are for sale at from \$5 to \$20 an acre) and try your hand at running it with that class of negroes. You would soon change your elegant English concerning the "travesty on justice," to the inquiry, Why do not those Southern people expel such a population? If you or any of your readers will come South, the Southern people will treat you right. Our great want is reliable labor.

C. W. HUMPHREYS.

LANCASTER, S. C.

[We are glad, in the interests of justice, to publish the protest of our correspondent, and can readily see, in the light of his presentation of the case, the difficulty attending the adjustment of the matter in question. At the same time, we maintain that a careful reading of the editorial referred to will show the writer that it contains no reflection upon Southerner more than upon Northerner, and most strenuously deny that we share in any measure the feeling of enmity, if any such exists, to which he alludes. In the thoughts of Christian men, and especially of Christian ministers, there should be no suspicion of each other's motives or sentiments. The Master said, "All ye are brethren," and His apostle enjoined that we "love as brethren;" and it will be not only our first endeavor, but our first impulse to obey the injunction, if the Master's spirit be ours. We regret that our correspondent, after declaring that the class of negroes described by him as the real occasion of the trouble touched upon by us are "most worthless," "most unreliable," whose "crime is that of the absconding debtor," has no better wish for us than that we

should "buy a farm and try our hand at running it with that class of negroes." Does he desire our bankruptcy? But what an argument his letter presents for the moral and spiritual uplifting of the negroes of the South, which may God stimulate His living Church to accomplish!—Eds.]

Queries and Answers.

Questions of general interest to clergymen will be printed in this department. The questions sent to us should be put in as brief forms as possible. Answers from our readers are requested. They must be (1) brief; (2) preceded by the number of the question to which they reply; (3) the name and the address of the writer must accompany each answer. The name of a writer will not be published if we are requested to withhold it.

1. What is the custom in regard to the holding of Masonic funeral services in church? Should permission be granted or refused? A. F. M.

2. Is there any organization whose aim is to secure greater simplicity and economy in the management of funerals? If so, what and where is it? H. A. N.

3. When and where did the custom of wearing "canonicals" arise?

4. Please recommend some highly successful Club or League which has for its object the benefit of its members in the direction of literature, music and art, science, history and philosophy. Would like a copy of its constitution. M. H. W.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES IN JULY NUMBER.

1. There is a successful literary society at Cooperstown, N. Y., though we believe that "music and art" are not among the objects of its organization.

4. G. W. R. will find a helpful book for his purpose in "Moses and his Critics," edited by T. W. Chambers, D.D., LL.D., and published by Funk & Wagnalls.

BLUE MONDAY.

The Best Parishioner.

WHILE preaching in a little country church near I—, I had one of the best parishioners I ever knew. He was the only male member in the church who would do anything toward keeping it up. Hence he filled all the offices from elder to janitor. He would never allow his pas-

tor to go away unpaid. Though a man in moderate circumstances, he supplied the church with fuel and light, and often paid, as pastor's salary, \$115 per year. His benevolent contributions were liberal. In his donation to the pastor, the latter's wants and needs were always well considered. Knowing that he had a large family to provide for, he was often asked how he could afford to give so