

the favor that it seeks. The declaration of the apostle in his first letter to the Thessalonians is one that may well express the sentiment of every true minister of Jesus Christ: "As we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak: not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

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#### Hints to Contributors.

1. If a legible chirography is not beyond the limits of your capability, by all means let it appear in your contribution. It will prove a means of grace, or a preventive of the depletion of it, to editor, compositor, and proof-reader. Write on but one side of each sheet.

2. Do your own "boiling down." The editor has better use for his fire.

3. Don't roll your mss. The best disposition to make of a "roll" of manuscript is to be found in Ezek. iii. 1.

4. Always affix your name and address to the mss. themselves, not sending them on independent sheets. If your contribution is a sermon—and in this line the preference is for out-

lines—be sure to give your denomination.

5. Unavailable contributions not accompanied with return postage are consigned to the waste-basket. We cannot afford to pay storage for them.

6. In case of delay in the decision of the editors as to the availability of your contribution, remember that these are days when most ministers have the pens of ready writers, and know it. Of making many articles there is no end. Our contributors are legion, and the examination of their productions requires time. Be patient, and do not pester or prod.

7. Remember that the rejection of an article does not imply its worthlessness. Silver may be as good a circulating medium as gold in some quarters.

8. Keep in mind that we do not pay for sermonic material, except by special arrangement.

9. The editorial and business departments of the REVIEW are separate and distinct. Don't ask the privilege of paying your subscription obligations in articles. Pay promptly in cash. If your articles are used by us, we will do likewise.

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#### BLUE MONDAY.

A NEGRO preacher at the South, who secured the eloquent Bishop Simpson to preach to his colored congregation, thus grandiloquently introduced him: "Breddern, you are to hab de privilege, dis mornin', ob hearin' de great Bishop Simpson, from de Noff, a man whose repootation is all over dis land like a soundin' brass or like a tinklin' cymbal!"

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REV. H. L. HASTINGS, of Boston, tells a good story, which has a moral. After preaching one of his own characteristic sermons in defence of Christianity, a cavilling and critical hearer, also a preacher, said, "Hastings, I

heard you preach that same sermon thirty years ago, and I remember it all—argument, illustration, and everything, the same." Hastings dryly answered, "I heard you preach, too, thirty years ago, and I can't remember a word you said!"

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#### "Tapering Off Gradually."

AN amusing incident occurred during a recent revival in Minneapolis. A brother minister called attention to the evil of Christians smoking, and expatiated largely upon the subject. One of his auditors, being a great smoker, felt convicted; went home and at once