

In other words, of living men, we have thirty-four actively with us out of eighty-eight ; seventeen doing good service in the United States.

THERE is a cause, and Mr. Hall's letter, in our last, has some hints on the matter ; the remedy is in the hands of our churches. There are many men to-day ready to suffer the loss of all things for Christ's sake. Whether they are called upon to do so for a denomination's sake becomes at times a very different question.

As was to be expected, the conservative element in the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has gained a great victory in the late annual meeting at Springfield. It will be remembered that the Prudential or Executive Committee refused to receive as missionaries any who held dogmatically the theory of a probation after death. This decision has been strenuously opposed by an influential minority, and the death of the late president, Dr. Mark Hopkins, gave a further opportunity of testing the strength of the parties. The result has been that the nominee of the orthodox party, Rev. Dr. Storrs, of New York, was elected president by the largest vote ever cast in the history of the board ; the Home Secretary, Dr. Alden, who had been the mainspring of the Prudential Committee's action with regard to the New Theology, was re-elected, as were also all the members of the committee. In short, the stamp of approval was placed upon the administration of the board, and the doctrine of possible probation after death was finally rejected.

It is to be regretted that this *odium theologicum* has been flung into the hitherto harmonious work of the board. The question should never have been raised—a little more mutual forbearance, and less appeal to passion and prejudice would have been very helpful. But then we are all men, and we are only *striving* for that perfect peace which is found by a staying upon Jehovah. We trust that the victors will not raise a shout of triumph which will exasperate, and that they who are defeated will find a more profitable means of expending energy than in fighting with brethren for a theory.

In the Springfield debate on the New Theology,

by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Dr. E. P. Parker told a capital story *re* probation after death :

Two drunken men outside the hall were overheard condemning the board. "They've jewed us out of our drinks on Sunday, and they have jewed us out of our drinks on week-days ; they've crowded the restaurants, and now they are talking about prohibition after death."

THE shooting over one of the smallest counties of Scotland brought the owners of the land this season more than \$500,000 ; the sale of the right of fishing on the little River Dee last year netted \$105,000. The managers of the Boston Base Ball Association paid \$10,000 a little while ago to secure a single player as a member of its nine, exclusive of the sum—\$4,000, or more, a year—to be paid him as his salary. It is now very common for a professional player to receive a salary of from \$2,500 to \$4,000 or \$4,500 a year. As much as \$30,000 is often paid for the construction of a first-class yacht, not to speak of the necessary subsequent expenditure of from a small sum up to \$30,000 a season. All common sports become more costly as the years roll by and civilization (?) advances ; but mission boards go begging, and churches are paralyzed beneath burdens of debt. Who owns the world—the devil or God ?

LONDON, England, is to have its next Lord Mayor of the Roman Catholic faith. No Roman Catholic since the Reformation has sat in that chair. This is the declaration made by the Lord Mayor-elect as to his position thereon : "In my official capacity I recognize but one religion—the Established Church of the country—and in the cause of charity, philanthropy and education, you will find me recognizing all religions in which God reigns supreme. Beyond that, you, who have always been in the van in the great cause of civil and religious liberty, will not permit me to say one word ; the rest is my property, as yours is yours." The Lord Mayor-elect is a Belgian by birth, and is proprietor of the Royal Hotel, near Blackfriars Bridge. He is a freeman of the Spectacle-Makers', Loriners', Butchers', Innholders', Poulterers', and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies. Unlike Roman Catholics in general, Mr. De Keyser is a Freemason.