

Religion dwelling in the heart, rooted in the feelings and affections, is a living, active, and real existence. It purifies the fountain of moral life and health. It animates, inspires, controls, and gives a new impulse to our active powers. It imbues the soul with divine life and plants the incorrutable seed of a glorious immortality in man.—*Millennial Harbinger*.

DOING GOOD.—How often do we sigh for opportunities for doing good, whilst we neglect the opening of Providence in little things which would lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness! Dr. Johnston used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any." Good is done by degrees.—However small in proportion to benefits which follow individual attempts to do good, a great deal may be accomplished by perseverance even in the midst of discouragements and disappointments.—*Channing*.

HOW TO HEAR THE GOSPEL.—Rowland Hill paid a visit to an old friend a few years before his death, who said to him, "Mr. Hill, it is just sixty-five years since I first heard you preach, and I remember your text and a part of your sermon. You told us, that some people were very squeamish about the delivery of different ministers who preached the same gospel. You said, 'suppose you were attending to hear a will read, where you expected a legacy to be left you, would you employ the time when it was reading in criticising the manner in which the lawyer read it? No, you would not; you would be giving all ear to hear if anything was left to you, and how much it was. That is the way I would advise you to hear the gospel.'" This was excellent advice, well worth remembering *sixty five* years! Multitudes, because they have not learned the lesson taught by Rowland Hill, lose much of the benefit and enjoyment they might derive from hearing the gospel preached.

SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.—We have lately received a letter from a brother who was 'led' to put his name to a document got up to minister opposition to us. He disavows the sentiments of those who instigate him to do as he has done. The letter is intended for publication, but on looking gravely into its face and reflecting on the chances of evil and good which might grow out of its revelations, we conclude, for the sake of that christian grace called forbearance, to keep it under lock and key. To those who take occasion to lay a foundation for much bitterness, contention, and alienation, we simply have this to say,—that instead of building upon such a foundation, we shall endeavor to engage still more heartily in the temple of the Lord which is holy, lest such examples and temptations to sin should divert our labours according to a rule which would be unprofitable. Those therefore who "exercise themselves unto godliness" by opposing us will please excuse us for not paying more attention to them, as we have more important concerns on hand. For their own sake, we shall trust that they will not pay us too much attention either now or hereafter, as the Supreme Judge takes notes of these things. D. O.