

"Pulpit Notices" Again.

PERMIT me to speak of my own experience on the subject.

Notices concerning our own church work were somewhat numerous, and requests, presented on Sunday morning, to publish outside matters were becoming frequent and annoying. Moreover, in our congregation there are several who, by reason of deafness, fail to catch the bearing of the notice when it is read from the desk. To put the notices into every one's hands, save time, and get rid of that break in the continuity of worship caused by reading them; and also, to be free from the presentation of notices at a late hour, I have the calendar for the week printed, as per sample, and these are distributed before the services. We find this to be a very satisfactory solution of the problem and well worth the expense. Of course, it is now necessary sometimes to add a notice by reading.

Other churches in this State deal with the matter in a similar way.

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[Please take home for reference.]

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

ORANGE, MASS.

Calendar for the Week,

September 30-October 6, 1888.

SUNDAY.

10.45 A.M.—Preaching Service. Sermon by the Pastor.

12.00 M.—Sunday-school. Classes for Children and Adults. All are invited.

3.30 P.M.—Prayer Service and Sunday-school at Chestnut Hill.

7.00 P.M.—Praise and Prayer-meeting. Subject: Jer. viii: 6.

Is it your case?

TUESDAY.

7.30 P.M.—Missionary Prayer-meeting.

WEDNESDAY.

3.00 P.M.—Ladies' Missionary Meeting in the Church Parlor. Bring in Missionary Boxes.

THURSDAY.

7.30 P.M.—Covenant Meeting. Election of Deacons.

☞ Notices for insertion in this Calendar should be sent to Rev. Geo. D. Reid, 27 Mechanic street, previous to Friday evening.

EDITORIAL SECTION.

HINTS AT THE MEANING OF TEXTS.

Christian Culture.

Behold Your Calling.

For behold your calling, brethren, (R. V.).—1 Cor. i: 26.

A CONCRETE fact of faith. Our vague and vagrant life is attracted by a magnetism and swayed by a will superior to itself and supremely wise and good—the Spirit of God. A conception of discipleship too often ignored. Christianity binds us back to God in glad submission and definite service. The love of Christ *constraineth, i. e.*, gathers us up—lifts us above the secular—beat us forward to the supreme object of life.

I. Behold your calling is of God. Supreme, authoritative, irreversible. The call of wisdom and love. Of one who knows what is in man, and how to make the most and the best of him. "Faithful is he that calleth you."

II. Behold its glorious, compre-

hensive blessings. Called out of darkness into marvelous light—"unto liberty," "to peace," to eternal life, "to holiness," to "His kingdom and glory." It is "a heavenly calling," "a holy calling."

III. This calling is:

(a) To special, distinctive mode of living.

(b) Intensely personal.

(c) Includes the whole man in all his relations in life.

Fair Lilies Growing in a Foul Pool.

All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Cæsar's household.—Phil. iv: 22.

THE palace of Nero (the Cæsar referred to), a harbor of all forms of pagan impiety and corruption. Royalty here but a name for riotous infamy and cruelty, especially to Christians. Yet in that household Paul discovered "saints," jewels in the head of the slimy frog; white