

emly, as if he did not he "was occupying the seat of some one who would do so." A "free" church is, in effect, the last place where we may hope to find the water of life given out without money and without price. — *Philadelphia Press*.

ANOTHER paper complains that many persons who attend religious services in our churches "feel no responsibility in paying the expenses." The singing must be artistic, the preaching pleasing and instructive, the temperature of the house of worship delightful, or those who are responsible will be made to feel their neglect of duty." This is probably exactly so, and then it is intimated that, "when the collectors come round," the majority of hearers "insult the service by dropping in a cent piece." The inference drawn from this state of things is that, "though we believe in the gospel to the poor, we do not believe in a religious service for several hundred people paid for by a few." Perhaps the introduction of season tickets to "free churches" might be an improvement satisfactory to the complainant, or the method adopted some time ago, and perhaps in use now, at the cathedral, of requiring payments from attendants, might answer the purpose. But how is it about the poor having the gospel preached to them?

SETTLEMENT STRIFES — "Many years ago, when as yet there was but one church in the old town of Lyme, Connecticut, the people were without a pastor. They had been for a long time destitute, and were now on the point of making a unanimous call for a very respectable preacher, when a cross-grained man, by the name of Dorr, began a violent opposition to the candidate, rallied a party, and threatened to defeat the settlement. At a parish meeting, while the matter was under discussion, a half-witted fellow rose in the house, and said he wanted to tell a dream he had last night. He thought he died, and went away where the wicked people go, and as Satan saw him, he asked, where I came from. From Lyme, in Connecticut, I told him right out."

"And what are they doing in Lyme?" he asked.

"They are trying to settle a minister," I said.

"Settle a minister!" he cried out, "I must put a stop to that! Bring me my boots; I must go to Lyme this very night!"

"I then told him, as he was drawing on his boots, that Mr. Dorr was opposing the settlement, and very likely he would prevent it altogether."

"My sarvent Dorr!" exclaimed his majesty. "My sarvent Dorr! Here, take my boots; if my sarvent Dorr is at work, there is no need of my going at all!"

"This speech did the business. Mr. Dorr made no further opposition; the minister was settled, but his opponent carried the title, 'my sarvent Dorr' with him to the grave."

REPUBLICAN DANGERS.—General Sheridan warns the United States of grave dangers ahead. The nation, he says, is growing so rapidly that there are signs of other troubles which probably will not come upon us if capital and labour will only be conservative. It should be remembered that destructive explosives are easily made, and banks, United States sub-treasuries, public buildings and large mercantile houses can be readily demolished and the commerce of entire cities destroyed by an infuriated people with means carried with perfect safety to themselves in their pockets. He reports the discipline of the army excellent, and says further, "If the improvement in guns should continue as rapidly as during the past fifteen or twenty years and magazine rifles be finally attained, a good battle will become so destructive to human life that neither side will be able to stand before the other. Both sides will cover themselves by entrenchments, and any troops daring to make an exposed attack will be annihilated."

POETIC GEMS for YOUNG and OLD.

TRUST IN JESUS.
 Cling to the Mighty One;
 Cling in thy grief;
 Cling to the Holy One;
 He gives relief;
 Cling to the Gracious One;
 Cling in thy pain;
 Cling to the Faithful One;
 He will sustain.
 Cling to the Living One;
 Cling in thy woe;
 Cling to the Loving One,
 Through all below.