

of its punishment for its insolent interference at the ballot-box and in our legislative halls. This defeat was large-

ly due to the influence of the clergy—an influence which, wisely wielded, will always prove well-nigh irresistible.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

"H. C. L."—What is the best work on meekness? A.: We refer this query to our readers.

"R. H. J."—A most excellent history of Christianity is, "White's Eighteen Christian Centuries." Price, \$2.

"L. S."—A.: We regard as among "the best works on the Sermon on the Mount," Tholuck's, price \$3, and Trench's, price \$4.

"MONTESQUIEU."—A.: The Spirit of Laws, translated from the French by Thos. Nugent, new edition, 2 vols., 8vo, \$6.00. Clarke & Co., Cincinnati.

"C. W. T."—Can you inform me if there is published a concordance of Shakespeare? A.: Clarke's (London) 8vo new edition: Little & Co., Boston.

"A YOUNG PASTOR."—A.: "The best topical sermons" published on Phil. ii: 5-11, that we know of, are in *National Preacher*, Vol. X., May No., and in Vol. XXXV., March No.

"A. U."—Who is the author of the quotation: "There are men who are as irresistibly attracted to error as the needle to the pole?" A.: Referred to our readers for answer.

"S. S. R."—Is there a Concordance of the Septuagint published since that of Fromius in 1718, and where can that be had? A.: None since, and we doubt if it can be purchased in this country.

"W. J. A."—A.: The identity of the mummy said to have been found in Egypt with the Pharaoh drowned in the Red Sea, according to the Bible record, has not been established. The wish is widely expressed that the sea, where it is supposed the Israelites crossed, might be dredged. There is little reason to doubt, if this were done, that sufficient mementoes of the catastrophe would be found to confirm the inspired account.

"J. L. ALGER."—What causes the discrepancy between 2 Kings viii: 26 and 2 Chron. xxii: 2, in reference to Abaziah's age when he began to reign?

A.: The former fixes his age correctly at 22, and the latter, making it 42, is evidently an error, either of the copyist or proof-reader. It is remarkable that it should not have been corrected; and it is to be hoped that this and other manifest errors will be corrected in the revised version we are soon to have.

"Rock."—What is the best work on the history of Mormonism? That church claims that our encyclopædias are not correct in their accounts of Joseph Smith, Solomon Paulding, Sidney Rigdon, etc. Their Elder Page claims truth in his tract refuting the current statements. Why can't we have in some form a full history of this movement? A.: We refer to article in Schaff-Herzog for much reliable information in reference to the whole literature of the subject.

"A. H. S."—What is the best course to pursue when the church is in arrears with the pastor, simply for want of proper management? (2) What is a reasonable time to wait for the repentance of a backslidden member before resorting to discipline? (3) What should be done with a member (a Sunday-school teacher) who is habitually absent from Sunday morning service on the pretext of preparing the lesson? A.: No specific rules can be laid down in any of the cases mentioned. (1) Stir them up by a plain statement of the facts of the case. The obligation to pay the pastor's salary promptly is quite as sacred as any other business obligation. If they take no heed, tender your resignation. (2) Much depends on the flagrancy of the case. First earnest "labor"; if that fail, after due admonition, "tell it to the church"; and if scandal is caused by the offence, institute discipline. (3) Remonstrance and faithful admonition. It is questionable if it be a disciplinary offence, especially if he is conscientious in his course.