



CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

WHY IS IT?

Why is it that good Churchmen find it so easy to give from three to five hours to an entertainment or social gathering for their personal gratification, and are in such a hurry when asked to attend meetings of the vestry or committees, occasionally, to transact the important work of the Lord?

Why does ten dollars seem so large when asked for church purposes, and so small when it is to be expended on personal indulgence?

Why is time so very scarce when the church bell calls to worship, but so plenty when the world calls for pleasure?

Why are Sundays and other church days colder and hotter and wetter than all other days?

Why do people who seldom or never respond to special calls for money, find most fault because the calls are made?

Why is Sunday sickness the sickest kind of sickness?

Why are excuses that will keep people from church not considered sufficient for "regrets" when the usual social requisitions are made?

Why is not the salvation of the soul

made the first consideration with professing Christians at all times?

DR. JESSUP, of Beirut, writes that "the Sultan of Turkey has set his seal of Imperial approbation upon 32 editions of Arabic Scriptures, allowing them to be sold, distributed and shipped without let or hindrance." Of the books issued by the Beirut press, 290 have passed under examination in Damascus by the Government officials, and have received authorization.

It is said that in Kischeneff, Russia, 50,000 Jews have become Christians. The converts have not joined the Russian Orthodox Church, but have constituted themselves into a Judæo-Christian community, and call their places of worship by the old familiar name of synagogue. The Russian Ministry of Worship has conceded State acknowledgment to these new and flourishing Christian congregations. Delitzsch's Hebrew translation of the New Testament is being eagerly read and studied by the Siberian Jews.