

order may not be understood is no excuse for disobedience any more than it is for violation of civil law when the reason for the enactment is not understood. Just as the state must enforce its laws, so must the Church enforce such rules as are essential for the welfare of souls." He also said "that to belong to these orders made Roman Catholics more tolerant of Freemasonry, which had long been declared inimical to the Church. Another was that in the case of the Knights of Pythias a pagan is selected to be treated as a saint."

**Dissatisfied** Says the *Cumberland Presbyterian* :—

**Pastors** "The number of letters which overwhelm any session or congregational committee that advertises for a pastor shows that many ministers are dissatisfied with their present charges, waiting an opportunity to make a change. Now it is not wrong for a preacher to aspire to even wider usefulness; or even to be on the lookout for a better place, especially if his present labors are hampered and crippled by limitations and difficulties that seem insurmountable. But it is nevertheless true that a majority of our pastors will best increase their usefulness as well as promote their own material and spiritual welfare, by sticking to their task, working with new energy in the places where they find themselves standing."

**Evangelistic Successes and Hard Times.** In times of business depression, it has been observed and chronicled, that people turn their thoughts more readily and earnestly to spiritual things. Statistics show that after great waves of depression there have been, evangelistic successes on a marked scale, and this winter there have been noted seasons of revival along side the pinch of hard times. In Canada there has been quiet, effective work in many of the congregations, and Mr. Moody's visit to Toronto was, it is believed, followed by the best results. In the United States, at many of the industrial centres, there have been large meetings, solid congregational work with special arrangements to meet the demands made on the regular agencies; and at several places such as Pittsburg and Chicago, the reports lead to the belief that the harvest of souls has been abundant. "Sweet are the uses of adversity."

**An Editor's Equipment.** The *Independent* gives a report of Mr. Charles A. Dana's lecture to the Cornell students, on newspaper making. When it comes to editing a paper, Mr. Dana says that the first consideration should be whether a person wishes to provide for intelligent people or for fools. He would not discredit the important duty of providing papers for fools but declares that for himself he finds it more interesting to work for the other class. A journalist cannot know too much. Mr. Dana thoroughly believes in the widest classical education; that a good editor ought to read Latin and Greek easily, and know the contents of the literature of those languages, and then know English thoroughly; he ought to know practical sciences, especially chemistry and electricity; he should know history, and especially the history of his own country, the constitution and constitutional law. As to political economy, the trouble is that people who know it may know a good many things that are not so. . . . It is of supreme importance for the chief editor to decide whether he will follow his party or whether he will be independent. The following maxims, the editor of *The Sun* lays down as of great importance: I. Never

be in a hurry. II. Hold fast to the Constitution. III. Stand by the flag. Above all, stand for Liberty, whatever happens. IV. A word that is not spoken never does any mischief. V. All the goodness of a good egg cannot make up for the badness of a bad one. VI. If you find you have been wrong, don't fear to say so.

**Religion in the Public Schools.** Dealing with the school question as it affects the United States, the *Christian Statesman* states with evident fairness the position of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to be as follows: Rome holds steadfastly to the absolute necessity of morals and religion in her educational system. A large number of Protestants commit themselves to the secular or godless theory of public education. The argument as between these two views is overwhelmingly with the Romanists. They have the whole philosophy of education on their side. The way to meet them is not by adopting the secular or godless theory, but by determining just what the true connection of religion and education is, and by showing Rome's idea of religion as connected with the education of our youth to be the uniting of the Papacy itself with our public schools. This does not present the bare alternative between what Romanists call moral and religious training and the practically atheistic instruction of secularism. It presents a third view which is the true solution of the vexed problem; and that is, the education of the youth in the knowledge of the divine law, as given in the Bible, in all that pertains directly to the duties of good citizenship. In this way we shall cultivate in our rising generation the righteousness that exalteth a nation, and avoid the sins which are a reproach to any people.

**Her Memory Will be Cherished.** A contemporary pays a graceful and well-deserved tribute to the memory of Mrs. Isabella McKay MacVicar, wife of Rev. Malcolm MacVicar, LL.D., (brother of Rev. Principal MacVicar). Mrs. MacVicar was well-known in Canada and her recent death been much lamented. The eulogist who writes from Lima, N. Y. states: "Dr. MacVicar's work as an educator brought her as well as himself into intimate relations with a multitude of students both in the United States and in Canada, so that she was a kind of mother to them all. No one knew better how to cheer the heart of a home-sick boy or girl, and none was quicker to find out those who were struggling with poverty and devise ways of help. It must be a very large company, counting the living and the dead, who hold her in grateful remembrance for cheering words and helpful deeds in times of bitter need. As a friend she was true as steel and as constant as the sun. Her manner at first was a little reserved toward strangers. But with her friends she was very free and genial and often overflowing with merriment. Her Christian experience began early. Her charity grew great by exercise, and her piety was greatly mellowed and sweetened by the bodily infirmities and trials of the last few years. A very large circle of widely-scattered friends will unite with the bereaved husband and children in cherishing her memory among their precious things."

In the current issue of the "REVIEW" there appears the annual statement of the North American Life Assurance Company, which in spite of the hard times, shows a very handsome increase in business results, which must be alike satisfactory to share-holders and policy-holders and gratifying to the President, Mr. J. L. Blaikie, the Managing Director, Mr. Wm. McCabe and the Secretary, Mr. L. Goldman, to whose untiring efforts, the success must, of course, be attributed.