

much, but not everything. The last fault discovered is, he is *dead*. Only think of it—a *dead minister*; but dead only from some other people's point of view. From his own, he is lively, if not comfortable, and forbids sepulture.

What is proposed to be done with him? The Presbytery ought to visit the congregation, look into the matter, and give due and prompt relief. And for the future, professors should anticipate abnormal developments and suppress intending ministers who do not give reasonable promise of proving successful.

But, in all seriousness, has any good ever come from parading matters of this kind in the press? Is not the enemy comforted, and a lot of actual or only profile faults of ministers held up before the evil-minded and troublesome, which only help them in their evil work? If there are such cases, known to be such, by all means deal with them. But this throwing of mud and stones "at large," tends to awaken suspicion of a widespread evil and to promote a spirit of criticism and fault finding. But there are such cases in Ireland "frequently," and elsewhere. Then let the churches in Ireland and elsewhere deal with them; and let us keep up the fences and require that examination of all incomers be made, whether from Presbyterian churches or other.

#### SOME THINGS THAT I HAVE OBSERVED.

1. That the student of whom failure in the ministry would naturally be predicted by the Professor, judging from his point of view, is quite as often a successful pastor as the student who, as such, raised high expectations is found to realize the expectations of which he gave promise.

2. The young man who had the greatest difficulty of any of my acquaintances, in securing the favorable judgment of his Presbytery required for his licensure, proved generally acceptable among the congregations and, during his short career on the field of his choice, was highly esteemed and eminently useful.

3. The qualifications required for a successful pastorate are so varied, and the compensating power of the more active and popular kind is so great, that the case must be patent and serious that will warrant professors and Presbyteries to stay further progress.