

accent: "Brothers and sisters of this church, and brothers and sisters of this congregation, I am to give you a charge; I shall give you a good charge—a charge you will all of you always remember. *"Be of one mind; live in peace with one another. Amen."* The result and thrill which ran through the audience as the speaker sat down, proclaimed that his words were like much light concentrated into a flash, and that the shortest speech, if it answers its end, is long enough.

PROTESTANTISM NOT DECLINING.—Do any tell you that evangelical Protestantism is on the decline? How strange their error! Every school that tells the story of Luther and the Reformation—every unmuzzled press—every tract that speaks of Christ's blood as the only atonement for and cancelment of sin—every sermon that proclaims him God and man, the one and the sufficient, and the only Mediator—every Protestant Bible sent on its glad errand, is a new triumph of that gospel, the seed and seal and warrant of yet other and future triumphs—is a new protest of a living Protestantism against the presumptuous edict that calls her *dead*, in the murderous hope of *burying her alive!*

REV. DR. WILLIAMS.

GOOD REASONS.—Our esteemed brother Eaton, with whom we labor in the Lord, has not employed his pen, as the reader has already realized, for a length of time past. Absence from home for a number of weeks, indisposition and consequent attention to medical treatment; together with recent labors in a new field, even while still in part a patient, will fully explain why he has not lately accompanied us with his pen. Ere long he hopes to fill his wonted place, though still out of health. During the entire summer he has been far from robust. It is our desire and prayer that the heavenly Father may hasten his recovery.

D. O.

DR. DWIGHT'S OPINION.—An anecdote, affording a good hint to young ministers is told of Dr. Dwight to this effect:

A young clergyman called on him for advice as to the best method of treating a very difficult and abstruse point of mental philosophy, upon preparing a sermon. "I cannot give you any information on the subject," the doctor replied, "I am not familiar with such topics, I leave them for young men."

Brother Alexander Anderson has lately visited many of the Churches for the purpose of Collecting in behalf of the enterprise for evangelizing, and obtaining farther pledges. His labours have been blessed.

D. O.

For "appeals have been made to them in vain." No. 9, page 231: tenth line from top, read *appeals have not &c.* In No. 10, page 282: the present occupant of the imaginary St. Peter's Chair is made to read Pius IV, when all know that he is the IX of that name.