

and I move that he be expelled at once." "Second the motion," said twenty voices, anxious the contumacious parson should receive condign and speedy punishment. Then a grave divine, older than the rest arose, with much of the milk of human kindness in his bosom, or a little more of the grace of forbearance, or a little more consideration, and said—"Mr. Chair, I move an amendment to that resolution." Let us hear it, said the superintendent as some of them called him. "I move, said he, "that we strike out the word expel, and substitute the word exclude." The mover of the resolution asked him to explain the difference between the words expel and exclude. "With pleasure," he said: "Expel means cut him off; it sounds too harsh, severe; in excluding him, you don't cut him off, you remove him gently from us. It is a softer and easier way of getting rid of him." The amendment prevailed; so the brother was not expelled, but merely excluded. Was this as original?

I DON'T LIKE MY BUSINESS.—There is no greater fallacy in the world than that entertained by many young men that some pursuit in life can be found wholly suited to their tastes, whims and fancies. This philosopher's stone can never be discovered; and every one who makes his life a search for it will be ruined. Much truth is contained in the Irishman's remark: "It is never aisy to work hard." "Let therefore the fact be always remembered by the young, that no life-work can be found entirely agreeable to a man. Success always lies at the top of a hill; if we would reach it, we can do so only by hard-preserving effort, while beset with difficulties of every kind. Genius counts nothing in the battle of life! determined, obstinate, perseverance in one single channel, is everything. Hence should any one of our young readers be debating in his mind a change of business, imagining he has a genius for some other, let him at once dismiss the thought as he would a temptation to do evil. If you think you made a mistake by choosing the pursuit or profession you did, don't make another by leaving it. Spend all your energies in working for, and clinging

to it, as you would to the life-boat that sustained you in the midst of the ocean. If you leave it, it is almost certain that you will go down; but if you cling to it, informing yourself about it until you are its master, bending your every energy to the work, success is certain. Good, hard, honest effort, steadily persevered in, will make your love for your business or profession grow; since no one should expect to reach a period when he can feel that his life-work is just the one he could have done best and would have liked best. We are allowed to see and feel the roughness in our own pathway, but not in others; yet all have them.—*Hunt's Merchant's Magazine.*

THE COTTON PLANT.—The finest "long-stapled" cotton, the only kind for which Lancashire is really crying in its distress, grew originally in the Antilles, where Columbus found it on his arrival, and settled a supply of it as a tribute on the natives. The district of San Francois of Bailly, and old settlements of Guadaloupe and the neighboring islands, furnished for a long time the whole of Europe with the best kind of cotton. In 1808, the export of the material from the Antilles amounted to near a million and a half of pounds; but the culture was as suddenly interrupted by the wars of the first empire, as recently again in the internecine struggle of America. Flying from the scene of strife, some French emigrants carried a small quantity of cotton seed from Gaudaloupe to South Carolina, and thus established the element of commercial importance in the American Republic. This was the origin of the famous sea-island cotton. For many years past, the French Government has tried hard to revive the culture of the plant in the Antilles, but without any appreciable success. The millions spent to encourage the industry have had no other effect hitherto but to destroy it more and more, by introducing the artificial element. The same has been the case in other countries, wherever governments or commercial associations have attempted to carry the matter with a high hand. King Cotton evidently disdains restraint, and will rule only by the