

The perusal of these questions suggests some practical observations.—“The children of this world,” lawyers, judges, all in “Caesar’s employ” are promptly and liberally paid. Many of them accumulate riches, and close their days surrounded by every comfort this world can afford. The merchant, the lawyer, the physician, has laboured diligently and has a right to his reward. Let him enjoy and be grateful to the bountiful ONE who has blessed his efforts.

Those who are appointed to the Gospel ministry are taught not to look for their reward in this life. They labour for a magnificent inheritance beyond the grave, and can well afford to encounter poverty and want in the glorious cause to which they have consecrated themselves. But is the Christian community justified in forsaking God’s ministers to penury and a cold, dreary struggle with the hardships of life? It is a scandal in the face of an ungodly world; it is a sin in the face of high Heaven, this starving of the Gospel Ministry. God forbid that our Church should be guilty of it! If we have transgressed—and that we have admits, alas! of no doubt or concealment—let us confess our fault and hasten to amend our ways.

Perhaps the foregoing questions may serve to suggest to some congregations new methods of raising funds to support their Pastors. It must not be forgotten, however, that the secret of efficient support is a liberal spirit, a due sense of the importance of the Gospel and the obligations of incalculable weight under which we lie to give of our substance for the service of God. Whoever stints and starves Christ’s ambassadors, would mete the same miserable measure to Christ himself, were he a sojourner among us.

In looking over the Statistical Tables issued by the Synod in August last, some strange facts stare upon us from the column headed, “*Stipend paid during past year.*” Only twenty of our ministers received £150 and upwards; while twenty actually received less than £100. Some were even under £50; while not a few ranged between £100 and £120.

Those of our ministers for whom the amplest and most liberal provision is made, who are paid promptly as the quarter-day comes round, have still enough to do in making “both ends meet.” What then must be the condition of those who have to struggle from year’s end to year’s end on a hundred pounds or less! Christian brethren, ministers and people, think of these things; and pray that as a Church we may speedily rise far above this deplorable and disgraceful condition!

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

SELF SACRIFICE, or the pioneers of Fuegia, compiled for the Board of Publication, by Sarah A. Myers. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Publication. Small 12 mo., pp. 300.

This is an intensely interesting, though painfully affecting narrative. It records the life, labours, suffering, and death of a most devoted band of Christian labourers. Much of the work is taken up with an account of Captain’s Gardener’s labours in South Africa and South America, and no person can read it without being filled with admiration of his devoted zeal, astonishing energy and indomitable perseverance. The wisdom of some of his undertakings may be doubted by Christians who stay at home at ease, and gain