

weeks by severe illness, from which it is said, he never fully recovered. Our brother can be ill spared from among us just now, but "the Lord buries his servants and carries on His work."

Mr. Nighswander leaves an infant child, for whom, however, provision has been happily made by a policy of life assurance, and a claim on our Orphans' Fund. Well may each of us pray,— "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

THE REV. F. H. MARLING.—The N. Y. *Examiner* says: "The Rev. Mr. Marling is making a success of his new ministry in the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian Church, New York. The congregation was at one time very fashionable, and was presided over by Dr. A. D. Smith, now of Dartmouth College. New York changes, which spare no church, and no ancient thing, drove out the church-going population, and surrounded the edifice with a class of people who have little regard for the Christian Sabbath. The fine congregation scattered, the church dwindled, and it

was feared that the society would be dissolved. After various attempts to revive matters, Rev. Mr. Marling, of Toronto, was invited to the pastoral charge. He is a man about fifty, although he does not look over thirty-five. He has a great deal of executive force, preaches without notes, usually in a familiar; expository style. The mission schools are in a very successful condition, and the whole outlook of the church work indicates success."

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## Correspondence.

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### RETIRING PASTORS' FUND.

DEAR SIR,—In view of the approaching Union meetings in Montreal, I think it desirable to present a summary of the results of the movement inaugurated some four years ago to secure a fund for the purpose of providing an allowance for

the benefit of retired or aged and infirm pastors. No active steps were taken till the fall of 1873, when the Rev. Mr. Clarke offered his services, and was engaged for the purpose of visiting the churches in Ontario and the liberal friends of the denomination by personal application, and he succeeded in securing