

ties opposed to Tammany, which is now in power, and the people of all parties and no party, have joined hands and put forth a People's ticket that is worthy of hearty support. And we rejoice to note that the clergy of the city, with few exceptions, have taken hold of the work in real earnest. At the meeting of the ministers on September 22d, Dr. Howard Crosby presented an address that was like a bugle blast, and aroused enthusiasm to a high pitch. New York has now an opportunity to redeem herself from misrule, and the tyranny and curse of a power that derives its main force from the saloon and the ignorant and debauched masses which centre in such a great city. How grave the responsibility! What vast interests and far-reaching issues hang on the result! Let every good citizen do his duty, and the victory will be won. And other cities will take courage and follow New York's example.

#### Preachers Exchanging Views.

WE call the attention of our readers once more to this department of the REVIEW. We have not of late made much of it, and for two reasons. First, because nine out of ten of all the communications sent us are purely *critical*—finding fault with what somebody has written and setting forth their own views in opposition. Aside from the fact that it is not very courteous to allow our contributors to be criticised in our pages—often severely and not unfrequently unjustly or on very slight grounds—

it is not very profitable to our readers. There are manifold other lines than the critical, in which an interchange of views on the part of our twenty thousand ministerial readers might be made highly conducive to edification and practical wisdom. We know of no other way, in the same space, in which greater good might be got, by the close contact of mind with mind in the way of inquiry, incident, experience and suggestion. Try it, brethren, and see.

Secondly, the *length* of the great majority of these "Exchanging Views" shuts them out by an inexorable law. We have no room for a thesis, critical essay, an exegetical theory, a sermon outline, or a rounded-out argument, in this department. What we want—what our readers look for and care for—is just a point, a question, a fact, a personal experience, a suggestion, a pastoral difficulty met, how and by what means success was won, or why I failed, and a hundred other things in which all preachers and pastors have a common interest and a fellow feeling and craving. And these things should be written in the fewest words to be intelligible, the point clearly stated, and the reason for writing made apparent.

Now we invite such a sort of "Exchanging Views" as this. We throw open our pages to our brethren for this kind of close, friendly, confidential Christian talk, one with another. It will, we are confident, be pleasant, profitable, helpful to us all in our work.

### BRIEF NOTES ON BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO CLERGYMEN.

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*United Brethren Publishing House, Dayton, O.* "Christian Doctrine. A Comprehensive View of Doctrinal and Practical Theology." By Thirty-seven different writers. Edited by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, D. D. 8vo, pp. 611. This work is not intended to be a system of Theology, or a complete discussion of Christian Theology, but rather a series of papers covering

a large number of the important phases of both doctrinal and practical Christianity. It includes such topics as the following: Theology, The Existence of God, The Divinity of Christ, The Atonement, Faith, The Resurrection, Future Life, The Church, The Sabbath, Duty to Parents and Children, The Sunday-school, Missions, Education, etc. The writers are among the