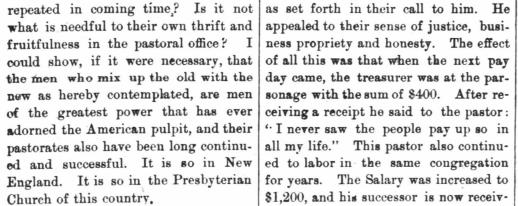
as we find by reference to the New lieve, he never again, had to wait a day Testament. for his salary after it was due.

But some will object to this disposi-No. 2 is also a large country congretion on the subject as ill-suited to an gation. This church was organized age of progress ! Very well. I affirm, about 145 years ago. All through its then, that occasion exists (after a cerhistory, until a few years ago, its pastain lapse of time) for repeating a ser- tors were paid as discribed in case No mon from the pulpit. It may, for- 1. It owes a debt of gratitude to the sooth, have been delivered on the out- predecessor of the present pastor for set, when few were present to hear it; teaching it promptness and honesty. or it now fits precisely to an exigence At the close of his first year, the treawhich occurs in the Church, and would surer called to see the pastor, thinking be better appreciated. I say nothing that he might be in need of some money. of sickness disabling a minister from "What is this?" said the pastor, after study for days or weeks together, and counting over the cash to him. "It is the relief hereby afforded him in his part of the salary now due." replied the labours. I will suppose him to be in his man. "Part of the salary!" responded usual health, and qualified for duty. the minister. "Did not the church But in this age of the world, when solemnly promise the Presbytery, before ministers are taxed every way, and God to pay me the sum of \$800 per anoften crushed to the earth by overnum, in half yearly payments? Have I production in their profession, why not served you faithfully for six months should they be debarred the further and am I not entitled this day to \$400? use of their preparations in public? I have been making arrangements de-How is it in the revivals of religion?

pending on the promptness of the Dr. Griffin preached the same sermons church to enable me to meet them. By over again in almost every revival in this failure to meet me, the church not his charge; for the same topics requironly destroys its reputation, but mine After lecturing the church ed to be discussed and applied therein. also." And if a man has cast up wisely anythrough its financial representative the thing adapted to such a season, and pastor concluded by saying :--- "I accept used it with effect hitherto, he should what you offer this time, but let it be thank God for the chance of bringing understood hereafter, that I must be out of his treasure in this line, things paid promptly the sum of \$400, on the really old. He will have enough to do in the way of production at such a time paid the balance," said the treasurer. if he favors himself in this sort. And "before the next becomes due. I will we all know that in the excited state of pay it to you as soon as it comes in." mind produced by revivals of religion So he did, and when the last \$5 was the old things often come home to the paid over, another half year had almost same people with all the charm and expired. On the Sabbath following the final payment, the pastor/after sermon,

It may be added, withal, that here is drew from his pocket a slip of paper, an incentive to careful sermonising. and, holding it up, said: "On this Hasty preparation for the pulpit is ex- | little piece of paper are the payments ceedingly to be deplored. And yet it is of the pastor of ----- church for fostered by frequent calls made upon the six months ending ----, ----." elergymen for preaching, and the multi- He then read the different dates and plication of their engagements. And amounts paid; after which he stated what is a wholesome check upon it, if | to the people, with great plainess and not being armed with a message from earnestness, his views of their mode of God to their people every Sabbath doing business. He reminded them of which, to say the least, will bear to be their solema promises and obligations





But enough has been said on this ing \$1,500 all of which is still properly paid.-New York Observer. topic to lead to serious reflection .--

PRAYER'S WORTH TO THE SOUL.

ADVICE TO PENNILESS PASTORS.

My Dear Brother:--

London Christian Union.

force of novelty itself.

At the close of my last, I spoke of several churches in this region, which have been entirely cured of the miserable evil of delinquency in the payment of their pastor's salary. For the benefit of yourself and brethren similarly imposed upon, let me give the mode of treatment in two cases

No. 1 is a large country congregation, fire after the singer is dust; of all the which, by the way, is now vacant, and great battles that tear out to the sun the has on hand a long list of some fifty rank growth of oppression and wrong, applicants. Its promise to its former and give humanity a new start; of the minister was that he would receive so reforms that never go backward, and of much salary, in half yearly payments. the revivals that take a millenium in For more than a hundred years, it is | their span, and then out of their ashes likely that its pastors, instead of receivstart another and a better. Down in the heart of all these things you find prayer, ing the amount promised, at the end of not for the sake of harp and crown, but each half year, received only part of the same, and the balance along through for truth and freedom and a new life, the next half year. The good old church though the man himself be lost in the started upon the same plan with its last | winning which has devoured his whole nature; as when Clarkson said he had pastor, who, after a time, feeling that been so entirely taken up with the salthe practice was dishonest on the part vation of the slave, as never for a moof the Church as well as embarrasing to ment to have thought of his own. I do himself, determined to break it up. not seem to care for these new specula-On a certain day the treasurer came as tions about prayer when I think of these usual, with the money he had in his wonderful old verities. These settle possession, which was, of course, only the question to me as to whether prayer part of the amount due. The minister spoke very kindly to the treasurer of is of any use, when once you are sure it this moral weakness of the church, giv- is prayer, and not that poor semblance ing the moncy man to understand that of it I have mentioned. For from the he did not blame him, in the least, and lowest conditions I have touched to the finally declined to receive the cash offer- highest, for a man praying Almighty ed, stating that the whole salary ought | God that he may be free from whisky and blasphemy and live a clean life, to to be paid promptly, that now and hereafter, he preferred to wait till the the man who is stirred to set a nation amount due was ready to be paid down free, it is the same great blessed thing, in full, if not on the day due, as soon as the sun is the same when he flashes as it might be convenient. For years from a dew-drop and when he glasses

that brother continued to serve the same himself across a whole varallel in the congregation very acceptably, and, I be- Pacific Ocean.-Robert Collyer.

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