

important of our Church Schemes. That enough to know about him; he will not be. Granted that special reasons may have existed for the remissness, such as church buildings, or an embarrassing debt, will not suit." The fourth instance, it is remarked, he knew in which the Stated Clergy had destroyed all chance to secure the pulpit, by a similar deficient report concerning the proposed supply. The query is raised, would it not be well for our ministers, especially the younger class, to know that when one is named for another, the record is consulted to learn how much of his labours, to call into exercise the benevolence of the Church; and that the story it tells, has much to do in deciding whether he is the man for the place; and thus, what was then spoken in regard to him, is now proclaimed upon the house-
 the course pursued by the ministry, very largely determines the amount contributed to the Churches, to carry on our Synodical work. It is in their power to cultivate among the people the habit of liberal giving, so that they shall "abound in this grace," or by their neglect greatly to diminish it. Every year increases the importance of their fidelity to the Master in this thing. Now, the time has come when he who is called, wisely and zealously do all in his power to develop the benevolence of the Church, is not fit to be a minister, and to be entrusted with the care of a congregation. Twenty years ago he might have done, now he cannot do. Never before did the cause of the Church so imperatively demand money, to be raised at home and abroad, her great need of holy love. How is she to get it? Teachers do not inculcate the duty of liberal, generous giving; if her leaders do not set the example?
 Next, a minister will sometimes be placed in a position as to what course he should pursue. A timid, or politic, or stingy ruling elder, manager, or trustee, or Committee-man, insists that it will not do to take up frequent collections; it will surely offend the congregation, and cripple the Church's ability to support the Gospel of themselves. It may be that the

session will concur in this view. What now can the minister do? Tell them of the fact above stated. That an opportunity *must* be given to the Church to fill all the blanks, if for no other reason, for the minister's sake. Because, when he ceases to be their minister, his brethren will not help him to another charge, unless he can show that his labors were not in vain among them, in behalf of the benevolent work of the Church. Peradventure they who would be willing to deny their Lord, will not insist upon also sacrificing their pastor.

ONE OF THE THREE.

Conversions and Revival.

Of the great awakening at Lovedale, the missionary institution of the Free Church in the South of Africa, very interesting details have reached this country. The Rev. W. J. B. Moir says that the Christians have been quickened; they are warmer in love, wider in sympathy, more full of faith, more studious of the Bible. And many have passed from death to life.

"One evening we were ready almost to weep for gladness over four young faces, they were so changed. Night after night the tear had trembled in their eyes, and with sad, quiet voice they had said that still all was darkness, there was no light. But one by one, a sense of Christ's pardoning love had come to them; and that evening they sat together talking, we fancy of the gracious Saviour and His love to them, with the calm and the light of heaven on their faces. And these were only four out of many. The exact number we think it better to reserve for the present, till the fruits be apparent; but a large number, both European and native, profess to have given themselves to God."

The resemblance has been in many ways marked between the work at Lovedale and the work in Scotland. Denominational differences have been forgotten. The bread cast on the waters has been found after many days. The converts are mostly in the families of church-going people, and for the most part young. There has not been any excitement. Prayer has been abundant, and often has been conspicuously answered. Mr. Moir thinks that more prayer has been offered for Lovedale, than for any other place, and that this is to be connected with the larger blessing.

The *Church Missionary Record* contains a letter from the Rev. Dr. Sargent, giving an account of the conversion of an old man, who only a few months before had protest-