

GENERAL NOTICES

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The question immediately follows:—What shall be the standard of payment? Shall we take the income of the artisan or the farmer, or the lawyer, or the doctor, or the high school master, as the standard by which to determine the minister's stipend? The discussion of the matter after this scale-pan and yard-stick fashion would obviously lead to nothing but inventories of household goods, and the enumeration and analysis of the contents of the card-receiver. Any attempt to fix the stipend by a comparison of the minister's position with that of other men, would, we see, immediately introduce the question of what are necessities and comforts in a household—a question which no arithmetic could settle, and respecting which there would be the most absurd and antagonistic conclusions. The question of what is the just recompense of such services as a faithful pastor renders to his congregation ought to be settled without reference to other callings, and with such generosity as would meet the scriptural principle, that he that preaches the gospel should live of the gospel. Our Church demands an educated minister.

But, once more Is there to be no consideration for talent consecrated to the Lord's work? If men who possess great gifts freely offer them to the Church of Christ, will there be no recognition of the value of these gifts to the Church? We have many men in the ranks of the ministry in this country who, with God's blessing, would have taken the very highest places in the other learned professions, and whose abilities would easily have secured them a golden harvest, had they not turned their backs upon the world's allurements. Are we to think that men of such character and ability will be hurt by the most generous support the Church can offer them? Rather let us think they will be enabled to be examples to their flocks, as we know they are, both in the way of spending their income upon their family wants, and in giving to the cause of God. We are reminded here that one of our correspondents questioned whether the ministers of our Church are as liberal in giving as we suggested. We are quite prepared to make good

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THE following from the *Christian At Work*, New York, will be read on this side of the lines with much interest. We repeat the hope expressed by a contributor in these columns lately, that Mr. Junor's will not be lost to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.—"Among the graduates in medicine last week from the medical department of the University of New York was Rev. K. F. Junor, a frequent contributor to our columns. He is a Canadian, was educated in Toronto University and Knox College, and graduated from Union Theological Seminary in this city in 1873, whence he was called to the city of Hamilton, Bermuda, where he established a flourishing congregation after five years' successful labours. He left that congregation to go at the appointment of the Canadian Presbyterian Church as their missionary to Formosa, China, as colleague to Rev. Dr. McKay. After being a little more than a year there, and therefore not fully in command of the language, he was left in

THE churches in the United States are beginning to wake up to the enormity of the Sunday newspaper evil, and vigorous efforts are now being made to suppress it. In Minneapolis, for instance, a few days ago the Ministers' Association, composed of representatives of each church in the city, passed resolutions to withdraw their patronage from all Sunday papers published in or out of the city. They maintain that work done on any newspaper that is not published on Sunday morning can be accomplished during secular hours. They propose to refuse information to Sunday papers, and will preach against the papers and establish a ministerial boycott. And we hope they will be successful not only for the sake of the United States, but for Canada. There is no sort of evil in any foreign country, that scores of mercenary publishers are not eager to introduce and develop here, if only there is money in it. If the pulpit does not put down the Sunday newspaper, the Sunday newspaper will put down the pulpit.

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* *Annals of the Disruption*, by Rev. Thos. Brown, F.R.S.E.
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