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Will Want Him Back.—Bishop McCabe says every church should give its pastor at least three months of hearty, united backing before asking for a change. Then they will want him back.

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Facts About Young Men.—*Association Men*, the organ of the Y.M.C.A. in America, furnishes the following information about the young men of the United States, gleaned from a house-to-house canvass in certain representative city and country localities: "Fifty-five per cent. of the young men live at home, while forty-five per cent. are in boarding houses. Fifteen per cent. are in business for themselves, and eighty-five per cent. are employed by others. Twenty-two per cent. belong to fraternal orders. In the country, one in two young men go to church regularly; one in three occasionally, and one in fourteen not at all. In the city, one in four regularly, one in two occasionally, and one in seven not at all."

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Achievements of Science.—The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says: "A few years ago a frost, such as living men had not known, swept away the orange groves of Florida. To many this was a calamity without remedy. They could see nothing to do but to replace the blasted trees and hope that such a frost would not soon occur again. But the scientific experts said: 'Let us find or make an orange tree that will resist frost.' Over in Japan they found the tree, but its fruit was of little value. So they set to work to combine this Japanese tree with the Florida sweet orange. They have produced the hardest orange tree known, and are confident that in a few years they will have a fruit both resistant to frost and of good quality."

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Religious Building at World's Fair.—The movement to secure a Religious building at the St. Louis World's Fair, in 1903, is being vigorously prosecuted by the representatives of the various churches in St. Louis. Addressing President Francis of the World's Fair, a few days ago, in favor of a separate building for the religious exhibits, one of the reverend gentlemen on the special committee of the General Committee of Church Workers which has the matter in hand, said: "Religion has done as much for the advancement of civilization within the Louisiana Territory during the past one hundred years as education has done. You have arranged for the educational exhibit by providing at least two large buildings, the religious workers want one building." The application of the committee is for a building to be not less than 380 by 460 feet, of an estimated cost of \$400,000.

Seek the Unconverted.—Rev. Dr. Cuyler hits the nail on the head when he says: "There is a common theory now that in order to awaken sinners, ministers must preach first to awaken Christians; and this process is often kept up until the members of the church are rather hardened under constant hammering. On the other hand, nothing stirs up comatose Christians like the sight of awakened persons going into an inquiry room with their pastor. If a worldly-minded church member sees his own son or daughter come home from church or the Sabbath-school under conviction and with a melted heart, it is a live coal on his own conscience. The sight of awakened inquiries wakes up many whose eyelids are grown heavy. God pity our churches if the chief business of our ministers is to Christianize Christians!"

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Wanted Solid Reading.—In a recent sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral, at a Sunday afternoon service, the Bishop of Stepney told a story of his vacation, which is reported in *The Interior*. He said that a month before he had been in the Highlands of Scotland, where his sympathies were drawn out toward the lonely life of the isolated people. He was especially interested in an intelligent and elderly deerstalker, who lived fifteen miles from human intercourse through all the long winter months. The Bishop asked if he might send him some magazines with which to while away the tedious hours. What was his surprise to hear: "I have no time for sich licht stuff as that, sir; but gin you could send me a copy o' the sermons o' Jonathan Edwards, I'd tak' it kindly. He gies sich a gran' account o' the plan o' redemption."

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Good Advice to Fathers.—A Methodist layman said to Rev. G. Campbell Morgan: "Will you tell me, Mr. Morgan, how it is that I have lost my hold upon my boys? They still live in my house; they respect me; they reverence me; but they never ask my advice about a single thing; they never make me their confidante." Mr. Morgan replied: "My dear friend, when your boys were seven years old, did you ever play marbles with them?" "Oh, no," he said; "certainly not." I said, "That is why you have lost your boy's confidence when they are seventeen years' old." I hold this to be one of the most important things I know, that the godly men of the country should make their boys feel that they are their best chums. A boy wants a chum, and if you will allow the budding experience of a very young father—I have left my three boys behind me just for a little, as I often have to do—but whenever I am in my own home, no day, whatever

pressure of work, passes that I do not give an hour to play with them. I want them to feel, as the years go on, that I am their friend, to whom presently, when the interests grow away from the playthings—as, alas, they do all too soon—they will still come with their problems and their cares."

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Workers Wanted.—The Central Congregational Church, of Topeka, Kan., whose pastor is the famous author, Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, D.D., does not propose to allow idlers in its ranks. Dr. Sheldon has recently sent out to his church members and to the members of his congregation a printed invitation, asking each of them, if he is not already identified with some branch of the church activities, to indicate upon a list that appears on the card what particular line of work he would like to undertake. The list includes the various divisions of the Sunday-school and of the Christian Endeavor Societies, the city mission work in Tennesseetown among the colored people, other missionary work, the prayer services, including voluntary music, visiting strangers and newcomers, special temperance work, and music for church services, with a blank for the name of any special work which the person may desire to undertake.

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Singing Hymns Through.—Prof. Amos R. Wells, in a bright little book entitled, "Christian Endeavor Grace Notes," has the following on the singing which exactly expresses our own ideas: "We get as far as the introduction of most of our hymns, and there we stop. We do not seem to care what conclusion the writer reaches. 'Please sing the first two verses of No. 9'—how common a request that is! Why not go on to the burst of triumphant praise or trust or certainty of hope that leaps from the closing stanzas? Is it because it takes too long? Then we would better sing fewer songs, and get the good of what we sing. But, really, it would not take too long. Few people realize how short a time is occupied in the singing of our hymns. I have just sung through all five stanzas of 'In the cross of Christ I glory,' pausing the proper time between the stanzas and drawing it out beyond the patience of most audiences of young people, and it took me just two minutes. That may fairly be set down as the average time for a hymn when all the stanzas are sung. And surely it is not too long a time for a branch of the service so helpful as this should be. The music committee may effect a reform in this regard by calling for the singing of all the stanzas of whatever hymns it selects, and by asking the leaders to do the same."