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THE sad news of the death of Mrs. Forrester reached us the other day just as we were going to press, and we merely had time to insert a brief notice of the sad event. Painful as it was, the news of the death of this estimable Christian woman did not take us altogether by surprise. For some weeks her condition had been regarded as critical, still our hopes were sustained as long as life lingered. Mrs. Forrester leaves a wide circle of friends in several States to mourn her loss. She was a daughter of the late Dr. J. O. B. Dargan of South Carolina, and sister of Prof. Dargan of Evergreen, in this State, and of Rev. Ed. C. Dargan of Petersburg, Va. But he who feels keenest, the severe loss is the devoted husband. May the God of all grace comfort him in this season of profound bereavement, and may the broad shield of Providence be over the two little girls left to cheer him in his loneliness.

JOHN Wesley's advice to business men with respect to money was, "Make all you can; save all you can; give all you can." Solid advice this, when the trio of injunctions are equally acted upon. Idleness and slothfulness are criminal before God, as are avarice and miserliness. "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

How many there are who endorse, with all their heart, the first two of Mr. Wesley's injunctions, while they are studiously careful to avoid the last.

MINISTERS who wish become broadened in usefulness ought to write for the press. There is no mental exercise that will pay them better than this. While it trains to accuracy of statement, it broadens one's field of vision. Under its influence the mind becomes warmed by the friction of its own thought.

Dr. Palmer of New Orleans, the leading Presbyterian Divine of the South, was heard to say only a short time ago that when he drove himself to the preparation of a Review article, he felt the beneficial influence of it afterwards in his pulpit ministrations. Very few of our brethren in this State ever write for the press.

SELF-SACRIFICE is essential to success in any department of human endeavor. Farming, the most independent vocation among men, requires repeated and recurring sacrifices of ease, of comfort. To be successful farmers must deny themselves many enjoyments and privileges. They must rise early, work hard and study economy. The physician must deny himself the pleasure of regular habits and sacrifice himself and devote his time, talents and energies to his profession, if he succeeds. The teacher must spend his days at hard work, confined to the room, at tempting to overcome the bad training of many homes and in directing the untutored minds committed to his care. And frequently he must rob himself of restful sleep in doing what is required. The lawyer is not exempt from trials and struggles and efforts that call for self-denial on every hand. The merchant must give money, time and thought to the management of his business that deprive him of many pleasures within his reach and allure him to self-indulgence. Every vocation and profession has its peculiar difficulties and claims and duties calling for self-restraint and self-denial. So much so that each thinks that his is the hardest, the most exacting. Each thinks that no other has so many calls, so many vexations, so many trials and so many denials of self-indulgence. Above the remainder of the alphabet, must endure most and enjoy least in pursuit of his chosen profession. The pastor, the evangelist, must be a most self-sacrificing man if he would succeed.

The Christian, following the highest calling among men, is not called to make heavier sacrifices of time, of energy, and of comfort in order to achieve success than he who succeeds in the various vocations of life. He must curb his lusts, restrain his passions, endure hardships, struggle and devote himself soul and body to his profession, undergo se-

vere self-discipline and practice continuous self-sacrifice if he would establish his character as a disciple of Christ and succeed in making himself a blessing to his fellow-men.

He who achieves the highest success in any department of labor, must do just these things.

The demands of the Christian religion in this respect are not peculiar or severe. Our constitution is such, and such are our surroundings that we must take up our cross and endure hardships as good soldiers if we would achieve success in any of the pursuits of men.

He who becomes discouraged when difficulties arise, or desponds when obstacles prevent, and disappointments come, fails of success in the ordinary business of life and in the Christian life as well.

The disciple of Christ has the promised support and strength of God. "As thy day so shall thy strength be." Discouragement, despondency, failure, on the part of the Christian, come from his failure to use the means within his reach, and the exertion of the strength promised him. His God is a present help in every trouble. He shall not be tried above what he can bear if he will escape by the ways which God always makes.

The Christian religion, affording the greatest pleasures, the keenest enjoyments, and the highest happiness, calls for the curbing of the lower lusts, the restraining of the depraved passions, and the evil inclinations, and the development and cultivation of all that is best and pure in human nature. Men must always and everywhere sacrifice the lower in order to attain the higher, and develop the magnificent capacities with which they are endowed.

"If ministers ever come to find that they have lost the respect of the community, it will be because they voluntarily adopt this hiring idea of the ministry. If they reduce their work to professional services, for every one of which they expect a return in cash, it is hard to see why a minister is to be more respected than any other man who gives an honest day's work for a fair day's wages."

The paragraph above concludes a very sensible editorial in the *Examiner* on the subject "False ideas of the ministry."

We have observed the tendency to regard ministers as mere "hiringlings," servants employed to perform certain duties, for which they are to receive the wages agreed upon. Among preachers and people it is becoming too common to regard the ministry as a mere profession, by which men are to make a living for themselves and families. I will do so much work if you will pay me so much money, just so much and no more. This idea comes from the opposite extreme, obtaining in the not far distant past, when ministers declined to receive stipulated amounts for services rendered, and when churches were content to "give" their pastors what they felt inclined, after the work had been done. The not infrequent failure on the part of churches to provide any thing like an adequate support for their pastors, has compelled ministers to speak of their pay, and to demand their salaries. This has given rise to the charge of "money-hunters," preaching the gospel for filthy lucre.

Any man devoting his life to the duties of the pastorate has a right to demand a support from those for whom he works. This should be definitely settled in the beginning, and the deacons should relieve the pastor of any further concern about the matter.

It is the duty of churches to provide for the temporal wants of their pastors. The head of the church has placed this solemn duty upon them. It is a duty they cannot ignore without incurring the Divine displeasure, one they cannot neglect without proving recreant to their obligations as Christians. The teachings of the Scriptures are too plain to be misunderstood and too pointed to be avoided with impunity. It would not be difficult to multiply quotations in proof of these assertions. This support should be so rendered that the pastor will not be compelled to sacrifice his self-respect, and lose the respect of those around him by being compelled to plead for pay or to beg for support. He is not a "hiringling" who may sue at the law for his wages. He is a servant of God laboring for the salvation of sinners and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, in season and out of season as he has opportunity. He does not limit his labor by the amount of money he receives. He must do many things, endure many things, and suffer many things, for which no amount of money can furnish an adequate recompense. The truly consecrated minister limits his labors of love by the extent of his abilities, and the comprehension of his opportunities. He is the servant of the church for Christ's sake and for the sake of souls. His highest reward consists in the consciousness of having done his duty toward his Master, and for the salvation of men. The work of the faithful pastor cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. He occupies the most delicate, the most sensitive, the most responsible, the highest position among men. He who fills

this position well, deserves the highest esteem and respect, and the tender affections of those to whom he stands in the relationship of counselor, adviser, instructor, and sympathizing friend. The true minister of Christ is no mere "hiringling" to be paid so many dollars for the performance of certain work prescribed in a contract, in a perfunctory style, he is no hiringling, always careful to render service just enough to secure the pay. He is an ambassador from heaven, commissioned of God to stand and labor among men as a servant of Christ. No conscientious Christian man ever enters the ministry except from serious, irresistible convictions of duty, feeling solemnly impressed that the work of the ministry is the sphere in which God has called him to labor. He cannot be content to work anywhere else and is willing to dedicate himself, soul body, and interests to the service of his Master, as a minister of his word. He is willing to serve the churches with all the energies of his life. And while his necessities compel him to demand a support, he is influenced by higher, holier and more Christian motives, ever ready to do, to endure and to sacrifice any thing that the necessities of his flock require. A man laboring for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, from love of money, is a nondescript, no servant of Christ and deserves to lose the respect of all right thinking people. A man devoting his life and energies and talents to the spiritual well being of any community deserves the highest respect and the cordial, prompt support of those for whom he lives. He is not a beggar, asking alms, not a hiringling pleading for pay, not a servant doing drudgery; he is a man called of God to preach the gospel, commissioned of heaven to bear glad tidings to ruined men, ever communicating more than he receives, or can receive of men. Preachers and people should be careful not to change the relationship that God has established between the pastor and his flock.

NOTWITHSTANDING the backsets which the temperance cause has met with in some quarters, in connection with prohibition, we are firmly convinced that the cause never occupied higher or firmer vantage ground than at the present time. The best men, statesmen as well as Christian philanthropists, are warmly advocating judicious measures to secure the suppression of the evil of intemperance by suppressing the fountains. Let intemperate men everywhere take courage and continue to fight the monster, which we are sure is not immortal, even if it has as many heads as the Hydra.—N. Y. Observer.

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FIELD NOTES.

An officer went out to Gen. Grant to know what to do in a certain emergency. The reply was, "Push things." We live in an age of activity. In our churches let us "push things." Sincerity is to speak what we think and be what we seem to be. The International Sunday-school Convention meets at Louisville, Ky., in June, 1884. The motto will be "Organization for Evangelization." Dr. Hidden recently supplied the Hanson Place Baptist church, Brooklyn, with a new educational work. Dr. Edward Johnson has been called to the Marcy Avenue church, Brooklyn. Speaking on the "Coming Ministry," in the Boston Autumnal Conference, Dr. Hidden said: "The preparation of the coming ministry should be of the best. A liberal education brings men nearer to the people." The *Examiner*, in speaking of Dr. Winkler, says: "His death will be lamented so long as any persons live who knew his worth as a man, Christian and minister." Mortality said—Rev. B. W. Bussey, late pastor at American, some days ago on route to New Orleans. He has recently been called to Shelby, North Carolina. It is unassuming to ride with as live pastor and earnest Christian brother as Bussey. Prof. A. D. Mallory, late of Rome, Georgia, has a flourishing female school at Shelby, N. C. He is a son-in-law of Dr. Dargan. With persistent hermit Dr. Langrum is steadily building up Baptist interests in New Orleans. Never was a man better suited to a field than is Dr. Langrum to New Orleans. "I believe that a man ought to be purely sincere in his paper," B. W. Bussey. So do we.—We are pleased to learn of the death of Dr. M. B. Hardin, of La Grange, Ga. Only two weeks ago and the wife was buried. They leave five little children. Rev. W. E. Battle, of Tuskegee, who was pastor at Columbus, Mississippi, and later at Bennettsville, S. C., has accepted the call to Wadesboro.

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