

THE PAY OF CLERGYMEN.

A CLAIM THAT THEIR SALARIES ARE COMPARATIVELY SMALL.

Some Interesting Statistics Containing the Sums Received by Several Noted Men. Some Few Ministers Get Large Salaries, but They Are Exceptions.

No man who adopts a ministerial career can be justly charged with mercenary motives, for in no other profession is monetary reward so small. There are, to be sure, a few instances of preachers who are paid large salaries for their services. Among them, however, are many who receive hardly enough to maintain themselves respectably. The average salary paid to ministers in Protestant churches is less than \$1,000 per annum. Even in the large metropolitan parishes, where men of marked ability officiate, the income awarded them is altogether incomparable with that of others.

President Lincoln, Dr. Joseph H. Choate, Robert G. Ingersoll and Benjamin F. Butler make all the way from \$5,000 to \$12,500 each year. Among physicians, Dr. Loomis earns from \$9,000 to \$90,000, Dr. Polk from \$9,000 to \$50,000, Dr. Sayre about \$50,000, and a dozen more might be named who earn over \$25,000. The salary and the manager of large financial institutions, the rewards of the greatest preachers in the land seem paltry. The president of the Mutual Life Insurance company receives \$50,000; Mr. Dewey, as president of the New York Central railroad, gets \$50,000, and there are a considerable number of highly compensated men that pay their children salaries from \$5,000 to \$70,000 for a year's services. The highest salary paid a clergyman in New York is \$20,000, and Dr. John Hall is the fortunate individual, some wealthy "plants."

There are perhaps a half dozen other preachers who receive salaries so large, but it should be remembered that they represent the wealthiest parishes in the city, and that they assume as much responsibility as that devolving upon the heads of great moneyed institutions.

This will be apparent when we regard the churches under their direction from a purely financial point of view. Trinity Church, for example, owns millions in real estate. Its annual income is nearly \$100,000. The bulk of this vast sum is paid out in church work each year, and Dr. Morgan Dix, the rector, presides over its distribution. Dr. Hall's church has a plan—and this term may be allowed—valued at \$2,000,000, and the annual contributions and contributions amounts to nearly \$30,000 per annum. Most of this is spent in missionary work. In 1889 the congregational expenses, including the pastor's salary, the music, and all incidental items, footed up \$35,000. The balance of over \$200,000 was applied to domestic and foreign missions, the relief fund of the Foreign Missions Society, and various benevolent charities. In view of this remarkable showing it cannot be doubted that Dr. Hall earns his salary.

Grace church has an endowment of \$20,000. Its property is worth close to \$2,000,000, and its annual income from pews, rents, and contributions averages \$20,000. The pastor's salary is \$1,000. A nearby church, Fifth Avenue and Tenth street, represents an investment of \$350,000. Its revenue is about \$50,000 each year. St. Thomas' church and property is valued at \$75,000. Its pews alone rent for \$50,000 each year, and the contributions amount to from \$8,000 to \$10,000. St. George's church, which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. All the pews are free. Dr. Bainbridge, the rector, gets a nominal salary of \$100 per annum. He is possessed of private means, however, and returns his salary to the treasury of his church. The property is valued at over \$50,000 and the vestry revenue is \$1,000. The total sum will arise as to the probable action of the measure.

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The Federal election bill.

Indiana Pines are known by moisture, perspiration causing intense irritation when warm. This form, as well as the dry, is the most frequent and the disease is also known as "dry pine" or "damp pine." The disease is usually found in the summer, and severely overfalls below 20 degrees in winter. The very average being about 15 and the extreme, 10. The disease is usually found in the state of California, with the favor of a higher altitude. This section possesses all the elements of nature that favor the disease. Pines are abundant, water is plentiful, and climate is favorable.

What is the best pine?

The Federal election bill.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean's Washington correspondent, referring to the passage of the election bill, says:

"The question will arise as to the probable action of the measure.

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The United States' enormous question is, whether the proposed bill will be voted down.

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