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By mistake our leading editorial last week was not credited to the Junior Editor as it should have been. No harm, we hope.

Brethren, make arrangements for your protracted meetings. Some have written already with the view of securing colaborers for an onward movement. Let others do so. Let every community in this State know that there are some defenders of the faith. On! right on.

There are sixty Methodist churches in New York city.

In the United States there is one regularly ordained minister to every 700 inhabitants, while in India, China, Japan, and Africa, there is only one missionary to every 2,000,000 people.

More than 36,000 converts have been gathered by Moravian mission work in their foreign fields within the last fifty years.

I rest the happiness of my soul on no one book, except the Holy Scriptures.—Sedden.

A German minister, in speaking of the security of God's people and the precious promises of the Bible, said: "How often the words 'Fear not' occur in the sacred volume! I have counted up into the seventies, and I thought that was enough. I need not look for any more."

It makes a great difference in what frame of mind a sermon is heard. If the heart is not right, the sermon seems dry and uninteresting, while if a proper spirit is possessed, it will be drunk in eagerly. Many a pastor is considered a poor preacher, when the fault is not his, but that of the listener.—Ex.

The man who will not pay his pastor after he has received his services, no matter what his excuse may be, would not pay any one if he could help it. If there is any debt of honor, it is the debt which a man owes to his church, and the same sense of honor that demands its payment, requires you to pay it promptly, cheerfully.—Methodist Advance.

Vice President Henry Wilson, when very feeble, just before his death, addressed these words to the young people of the "Brooklyn Tabernacle" congregation:

"I hear men sometimes say, when a man writes his name upon the records of a visible church, that he had better let other things alone, especially public affairs. I am not a believer in that Christianity which hides itself away. I believe in that robust Christianity that goes right out in God's world and works. If there ever was a time in our country, that time is now, when young men of this country should reflect and act according to the teachings of God's holy Word, and attempt to purify, lift up and carry our country forward, so that it shall be in practice what it is in theory,—the great leading Christian nation of the globe.—You will be disappointed in many of your hopes and aspirations. The friends near and dear

to you will turn sometimes coldly from you: your high hopes may be blasted; but, gentlemen, when you lay your dear ones away, when disappointment comes to you on the right hand and on the left, there is one source for a true and brave heart, and that is an abiding faith in God, and a trust in Jesus Christ."—Ex.

A poor, converted woman of India said: "I have no money to give to missions, but I am able to speak of my Savior to my neighbors." Could a volume tell more of the duty of the people of this country who live in so much light? Said a young man in a prayer-meeting recently: "I worked for M—, a well known Christian, for eight years, and he never spoke to me of religion." The woman in India had learned what was better than money—the power of personal influence—and eleven persons have been brought to Christ through her "speaking to her neighbors."—Ex.

Hand-shaking is a power. The politician employs it with effect to win votes. The Devil's recruiting officers make free and constant use of it. The church only is chary in its employment. In the heartiness of their greetings, the saloons try to make it appear that the churches are cold, and have no cordial welcome for those who drop into their meetings. The result is that the saloons have gained, and the churches lost, many a promising, warm-hearted, socially inclined young man. A warm grasp of the hand might have retained them. The cordial feeling is in the churches. There is more real warmth in them than in the saloons, but the members have not been trained to show it. Let it be manifested. Organize a hand-shaking brigade, if necessary, of every member of the church. Stop after the prayer-meeting a little, for practice. Don't shoot for the door as if you were glad to get out of such a place. But don't shake hands as a mere formality—put your heart into it.—S. S. Times.

THE BATTLE.—Life is often spoken of as a battle. From birth to death it is one prolonged struggle for existence. We are in the main conscious of this most fully when disease attacks us and suffering ensues. Most of the physical ills of life are due to our thoughtlessness. We do not sufficiently appreciate the strength of the enemy. We somehow think that we shall escape the penalties of wrongdoing. So, too, of the business ventures we undertake. We can not ignore the difficulties, but we are prone to think them chained, like the lions in the way of Bunyan's pilgrim. It is not right that we should over-rate possible difficulties in the way of success. To do this would, perhaps, paralyze all efforts. Nor should we under-rate them. To do this is to insure defeat, sooner or later. Rather, measure the full strength of the enemy. Measure, too, your own strength, then in the name and strength of the Lord, go bravely forward, and win every time in the battle for life.—Good Work.

It is not by constraint or by painful effort that we make real progress. On the contrary, it is simply a question of yielding our will, or going from day to day discouraged by nothing, satisfied with the present moment, thankful to let him do all who has made all, and to leave our will immovable within his will. How happy it is to abide in this condition! How satisfied is the heart, even though it may lack all else.—Ex.

"As thy days, thy strength shall be." It is first the promise for strength according to our need. There are days of darkness, and it is the promise for light in them. There are days of weakness, and it is the promise for strength. There are days of what we call prosperity, and we need a strong hand to hold us calm and steady and true. For oftentimes the most dangerous trial is when we seem not to be tried at all. But in them all the anchor of the promise still holds—"As thy days, thy strength shall be."—Ex.