

**Front Seats.**

One peculiarity we have often noticed among Christian people. If a concert or a lecture is to be given front seats are at a premium. Nobody, on such an occasion, wants to be poked off in a corner by the door. But let it be a social meeting instead of a concert, and it is astonishing how modest everybody becomes at once. The further back a seat, the more desirable it is, and if there is a bench within two feet of the door it is the first one filled. Why this should be is one of those profound problems of human nature that we never succeed in solving.

A Pennsylvania pastor—he is a Presbyterian—has hit upon a device for overcoming this tendency that may be worth imitating. A neat pocket-list of prayer-meeting topics for the year has been printed and placed in the hands of every member of the church, and at frequent intervals in the list, in conspicuous type, are the words, "Take a front seat." This, though possibly quite as effectual, is a milder method than one that was tried a few years ago in a certain Baptist church. The pastor had ropes tied across the entrance to the pews, except those in front, and the people had to take front seats or climb over. A temporary reformation was effected, but when the ropes were removed there was a great backsliding in that congregation.—*Examiner.*

**The Story of a Great Discovery.**

There appeared not long since, in the Chicago Weekly *Inter-Ocean*, the remarkable article with the above title, occupying nearly five columns of that able journal. It describes very clearly, and with great particularity the inception, development, and successful result of an effort by a thoroughly educated and intelligent American physician to discover an element, or combination of elements in nature which would, without a resort to drug-medication, cure diseases through a restoration of weakened or exhausted nerve and life-forces to their normal condition. The scientific aspect of the discovery is so clearly explained in the article that both the learned and unlearned can see the basis of facts and legitimate deduction upon which to rest. Many of the practical results already obtained through the use of this new vitalizing substance, and in cases of the most desperate character, where all remedies had failed and the most skillful physicians found themselves at fault, are given in the article, and its high value as a health restorer testified to by individuals well and honorably known throughout the country, who have in their own persons proved its wonderful healing power.

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