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PENSIONS FOR PREACHERS.

The Protestant denominations of the United States have raised a pension fund of \$20,000,000, and are seeking to add to that amount another \$20,000,000, for the provision for the last years of those who have spent their

lives in the service of the Church, and for the care of the widows and children of ministers who are not able to provide for them with a suitable inheritance.

It is fitting and right that there should be this recognition of the sacrifice made by the pastor of the small church, whose salary is barely sufficient for the daily needs of his family and the demands which charity makes upon him. No other class of workers does so much for nothing and receives such inadequate compensation for the work which is required. No other class has so many outside demands, has the same sort of social position to uphold, has to keep an open door, with hospitality, to everybody who happens to wish to enter his home. No other class of citizens enters a profession with less reason to expect to be comfortably provided for with this world's goods than the ministers.

These are some of the reasons that there are so many men in the ministry who are not equipped with anything but zeal to do the work which they elect to follow. They account, too, for the retention of men who have passed their days of usefulness in the less important charges of the conference. They account, in some measure, for the declining interest which the small community takes in the Church life and in the work which the religious bodies should be doing. The character of the men in the pulpit of the Church which can afford to pay only a small salary declines as the educational opportunities of the congregation increase. Just when the demand comes for the better grade of spiritual and doctrinal food, the supply becomes inferior, because men who have the ability to make good pastors do not feel that they can sacrifice themselves and their families to a precarious income during their working years and be cast out with nothing when their usefulness ends.

The provision of adequate pensions and the assurance which they give of provision for age ought to attract men into the ministry who would do good work there but cannot undertake it without that assurance.—News-Index, Evanston, Ill.

SEIZING A SITUATION, OR D. L. MOODY IN BARNUM'S TENT.

The story is told that when D. L. Moody rented Barnum's show tents in Chicago to carry his evangelistic efforts into the West Side, people laughed at him. The tents accommodated ten thousand persons, and worldly people ridiculed the idea of bringing out an audience of that size for a Sunday morning evangelistic service. Barnum, with an eye to business, advertised "Moody in the morning; Barnum's Show afternoon and night." The reputation of evangelism was at stake. Could it compete in drawing power with "Barnum's Show?"

It did—even in Chicago, a generation ago. The first Sunday morning found the tents filled. Moody preached a great sermon and was about to give the invitation when someone called out that a child was lost. For a moment it looked as if the effect of the sermon was destroyed. The "lost child" was produced and was led to the platform, where its father hastened to embrace it.

Whereupon Moody, with the inspiration not merely of genius, but of the Holy Spirit, as we believe, utilized the incident to speak of the lost children of this earth and the loving Father in heaven waiting with open arms to receive them. The effect was great, and hundreds were saved.

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MINISTERIAL PENSIONS.

Jewish rabbis are the latest to enter pleas for pensions. They ask for \$1,000,000. Their appeal with others lately made carry the total sum now asked by all ministers, either directly for relief or to put a pension system upon a sound basis, to an even \$60,000,000. This sum does not include pensions from the Carnegie Foundation. The foundation is for teachers, but some teachers are ministers.

The Episcopal Church effort to get \$5,000,000 had secured \$3,000,000 up to the July recess. Methodists are after \$15,000,000, Presbyterians \$10,000,000, with more than half of it in hand, and Baptists \$3,000,000 for a relief that shall lead up to a scientific pension system later. In all, the American people are asked for \$60,000,000, and if reports of the promoters are to be trusted, they are likely to give the entire sum within the coming twelve months. Jewish rabbis express the belief that they will get their \$1,000,000.

Dr. Paul de Schweinitz, treasurer of the Moravian Church at its national headquarters, Bethlehem, Pa., hearing of the project of the Presbyterian Church to pension its ministers in old age under its Sustentation Fund, writes good naturedly to say that Presbyterians ought not to believe that they are thus doing anything strikingly new. He observes that the Mo-

ravian Church, when first planted in America, in 1742, immediately set up a regular pension system which is still in operation, and which has from that time to this provided for the support of every retired or disabled minister of the denomination, as well as for every deceased minister's widow and his orphaned children up to the age of sixteen.—Times-Herald, Waco, Tex.

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