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—A SUGGESTION. A writer in the N. Y. *Evangelist* makes a suggestion concerning funeral sermons. He says that "in most cases another time than the funeral, and when space has been given for due preparation," may be availed of with advantage to pay solemn tribute to those who have fallen asleep. It is a fair question whether pastors habitually gather up, as they might, the lessons scattered often as the leaves of autumn by the great Destroyer, within the limits of their own parishes. A special Sabbath might well be set apart each year in

The Conference.

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They looked, indeed, for a glorious future for their nation, but it was a future that would minister to their earthly comfort and enjoyment. The Messiah they expected, but he was not one who would establish, not a spiritual but a temporal kingdom. Thus their miseries, instead of making them more humble, and bringing them nearer to God had the opposite effect. Believing themselves to be the special favorites of God, since they were the seed of Abraham, and "heirs of the promise," they became proud, self-righteous, intolerant. The Messianic

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possible every thought of the future—of obligation—of duty—of right and wrong. Let us eat and drink for to-morrow we die. But not even the boldest Infidel will maintain that he can prove there is no God, or that he can demonstrate the falsity of Christianity. John Stuart Mill admitted the possibility of the divine existence. He admitted also in a memorable passage that if you grant the existence of God you have no ground of quarrel left as to the supernatural element in Christianity. Even Spencer admits

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FROM REV. R. FRENCH.—It has been a long time since the INTELLIGENCER's readers have heard from me. I wish to say a few words now to let my friends know I am still trying to live. I have travelled more miles this year than any other year of my life that I remember. In March I left St. John for Nova Scotia; I arrived safely and remained three Sabbaths. The first Sabbath I spent in Yarmouth with Rev. E. Crowell. He is an excellent man, and a good preacher. I talked for him on the Sabbath. There

at all now. Jehovah has never changed, and christianity is the same. Some times the Lord lets Israel have their way, and then there will be leanness among them. Sometimes we look for popularity. How well it is not to seek for popularity. Things, but to condescend to men of low estate, and not God taken weak things to confound the mighty, and things that are not to bring things that are. How timely is the caution of the Apostle "if any would be wise let him become a fool, that he may be wise." There is no reason for any real christian to be discouraged, their labour will not be in vain in the Lord. Some won't do as they ought to do, some minister even won't do as they ought. Some churches are not exactly in the light yet taking a view of the whole, there is ground for encouragement. There are some, that labor well and good, and some, that are doing well, there are some, that are doing well, churches; the work goes forward, and all stand in their places, ministers, and churches of all denominations, the work will go on; the heaven is in the meal. In the days of these Kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, diverse from all others kingdoms, shall be given to the saints of the Most High, they shall possess it forever, even forever and ever. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands will smite the image and shall grind it to powder, and shall fill the whole earth. I feel anxious for all my brethren to show them selves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I do not think it is the best way for you to preach that believe they are called of God to preach the gospel to fall too much in the practise of using manuscripts in the pulpit, as it tends to weaken the memory and cramp the mind, and is somewhat exposed to become formal, to lose the light. I tried it once and it cramped me so when I came to speak, that I wanted to say something I had not written; so I threw it all away and have never practised it since. I hope these remarks will not give offence, any, as I have learned something in half a century. Sometimes I fall in with that are very well learned, and they all seem to agree that the middle course is the best. There is something so suitable in christianity that we can be entirely at home in talking about the blessings of salvation. I shall say no more brethren, lest I should weary you, as I do not believe in long speaking or long praying. Jonah's sermon was a short one at Ninevah, but the people believed it and it did them good. Elijah's prayer was a short one; Paul's explanation of what pure and undefiled religion is short, only to visit the fatherless in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

The time of our yearly meeting is drawing near and I hope and pray we may have harmony and good feeling there. I am very thankful to the author and giver of all my mercies for what I feel in my heart.

R. FRENCH.

FAREWELL.—On Tuesday evening of last week the friends of Rev. J. E. Reud in Marysville held a meeting of Farewell. There was a large attendance. Mr. Rowley presided. There was good singing, and speeches were made by Rev. J. McLeod, Wm. Wilson M. P. P. and Rev. C. T. Phillips. A present of \$48.00 was made Bro. Reud. The Sunday evening before his friends in Keswick gave him \$32.00. There is general regret that he is leaving the circuit.

ARTHURETTE, V. Co.—Rev. J. H. Erb spent about ten days in Arthurette last month. He held some meetings, and there was good done. He baptized two converts.