

CURRENT NOTES.

The citation in England in favor of old-age pensions for workmen, and the existence of a limit for compulsory retirement in the army and navy, seem to have acted upon the liberal professions. From them all comes the cry, "The old men must go." A letter appeared in the *Lancet*, not long since advocating the withdrawal of successful physicians from their practice at 65, so as to give their younger brothers in the profession a chance. The curates suggest in the *Guardian* the application of the army and navy limit of age to incumbents of benefices as a proper means of relieving the pressure in the Church. A law journal, perhaps not seriously, has proposed the retirement of the leaders of the bar, and, after the application last spring by Lord Rosebery's Government of the rule for age to an Irish college President and a number of Irish professors, the colleges of Oxford are preparing statutes putting an end to life tenures and establishing age limits, with compulsory retirement for heads of houses, professors, and tutors. Exeter College leads the way. Its new statutes are now before Parliament. Provision for small pensions is made in the plan, and some analogous provision is intended by those who advocate the retirement of clergymen; but in both cases there is no disguising of the theory that at sixty or sixty-five a man has outlived his usefulness as a pastor or a teacher, and should be put, decently if possible, but firmly and definitely, on the shelf.

At the same time the increased demands of modern science have put off in all professions the time at which a man can enter upon his work. The doctor, the lawyer, the minister, and the teacher must give a longer time to preparation before beginning active practice; and the tendency is growing so that thirty is not an unusual age for the real start in life. With the proposed cutting short of professional careers at sixty or thereabout, a man's career, his opportunities for success, his ability to attain independence and provide for his family, are restricted to the thirty-three years which measure a generation.

A theory based on the assumption that a sixty man's mental and physical powers are so enfeebled as to debar him from active life needs no refutation; it simply neglects the actual facts in human experience. With Chevreul working in his laboratory at 100; with Ranke beginning at 84 to write a voluminous University History and substantially completing it; with Leo XIII. at 85 dictating his encyclicals and acting as his own Prime Minister; with Gladstone and Bismarck as ready of pen and sharp of tongue as ever; with the long list of septuagenarian Judges, commanders, diplomats, editors, educators, clergymen, scientific and business men, who show us what ripeness of intellect means, the physiological fact seems well established that with ordinary health, man's mind when kept active, will keep unimpaired practically as long as the body lasts. As for the men between sixty and seventy, it might prove dangerous to a young man to suggest to any one of them to his face that he was no longer of any use.

It is a curious sign of the changed attitude of modern times toward things religious that within the Church of England men should be found willing to place their calling on the same footing as other professions. The abuses of the patronage system and the difficulty of obtaining a sufficiency of this world's goods makes them ask for the application of the army and navy rule to the Church. The idea of special consecration, the theoretic unworldliness of the priesthood, the thought of the Church apart from her servants, are put aside till a more even distribution of the loaves and fishes is obtained. The strength of the Church has always been in her old men. In no other calling is age by itself so important an element. No amount of theological learning or parochial activity can compare for the influence it has on mankind with the long life of a good priest, even of moderate ability, spent in the simple performance of this duty.

The analogy with the army and navy is a false one. The limit of age is accepted there as a necessary evil in a profession in which, in time of peace, advancement is only possible by seniority. It is an evil less serious than that of cutting off all reasonable hope from young men entering the service. The profession must be kept crowded in time of peace that the country may be ready in case of war. No one can assert truthfully that at 62 an officer becomes incompetent. The rule would have cut off Moltke and MacMahon before the war of 1870. It is as a sacrifice to the anomalous crowding of the profession that the older officers are retired. In the church, as in the other professions, where crowding exists is due to natural causes and will regulate itself.

Littleless Often Rules.

Mrs. Minks—Isn't it queer that such a little bit of a country as England can rule such a vast amount of territory?
Mr. Minks—Well, I don't know. You're not very big yourself, my dear.

RHEUMATISM CONQUERED.

A Great Advance in Medical Science.

A Discovery Which This Painful Disease Cannot Resist—Mr. B. Blasdell, of Paris, Ont., Relates His Experience With the Cure.

Paris, Ont., Review.

Rheumatism has long baffled the medical profession. Medicine for external and internal use has been produced, plasters tried, electricity experimented with, hot and cold baths and a thousand other things tried, but without avail. Rheumatism still held the fort, making the life of its victims one of misery and pain. The first real step toward conquering rheumatism was made when the preparation known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People was discovered, and since that time thousands have testified to their wonderful efficacy in this, as well as in other troubles, the origin of which may be traced to the blood.

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