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tion," as Sir Harry Parkes informed me in his official
letter as chairman of the meeting, "of my long and
gratuitous services as their minister." It has been
very gratifying to me to observe the kindly feelings
felt towards me by the people generally. The sum is
a very large one, considering that there are only about
10 families left to attend the church now.

We shall have a very pretty church, I think, when
it is finished. It will be of red brick faced with stone,
and marked out with black bricks. Mr. de Boinsville,
the architect, is giving the font, and some other naval
officers are giving a memorial window.

The *Birmingham Daily Gazette* says:—"The Rev.
W. J. Knapton, who four years ago was assistant
minister with the late Mr. George Dawson, of the
Church of the Saviour in this town, and who has sub-
sequently been Unitarian minister of Bradford, York-
shire, has resigned his office, his convictions about re-
ligious truth having undergone so vital a change that
he can no longer conscientiously occupy a Unitarian
pulpit. 'I have been brought,' he says, 'in the good
providence of God, to see the truth of the principles
of Evangelical Christianity, which has been borne in
upon my mind with convincing force and saving
power.' Mr. Knapton's secession is a serious loss to
the cause of Unitarianism in the North, as he is a
young minister of distinguished intelligence and
ability."

On the 9th ult., the Bishop of Tuam, the Hon. and
Right Rev. Dr. Bernard, assisted by the Bishop of
Cork, concentrated the new Cathedral of St. Mary's,
Tuam. The foundation-stone was laid in 1862 by the
then Bishop, Lord Plunkett, and the Dean, the very
Rev. Charles H. Seymour. For sixteen years the
Dean and Chapter of Tuam laboured zealously to carry
out their purpose to its full completion. The build-
ing, which is a very handsome one, has cost over £16,-
000, exclusive of many munificent gifts.

UNITED STATES.

NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. R. N. Merritt, D.D.,
Rector of St. Peter's, Morristown, N. J., has lately
been presented with a very valuable testimonial of a
silver set of five pieces, on the completion of his 25
years service in that parish.

The Rev. Dr. Merritt, above mentioned, was for-
merly of the Diocese of Toronto, and held the parish
of Barton and Glanford, until September, 1853. His
Canadian friends deeply regretted his leaving the
Church here, but congratulated the Diocese of New
Jersey in obtaining his active and wise services. We
of the Diocese of Niagara (formerly of the Diocese of
Toronto) more particularly notice every mention of
Dr. Merritt's name, for with us he has always been
held in highest estimation. We are therefore greatly
delighted at this renewed mark of affection towards
him from his present parishioners.

Strange effeminacy and degeneracy of Christian en-
terprise, zeal and heroism, to be cowering back and
paling while men for love of money press eagerly and
gladly to the forefront. No wonder we lose our grasp
on these bold, hearty natures, and become despised in
the midst of our luxury and ease. No wonder we
cannot lay our delicate hands on their brawny arms
and challenge them with heroic confidence to the
strong body and substance of our faith. They know
too well that luxury—personal, congregational, deno-
minational, or ecclesiastical—will not give nerve and
steadiness to our ranks, and make them press with
more determined tread, bolder daring and loftier he-
roism, on beyond their own world-formed, money-
urged lines. "If salt loses its savor, men will trample
it under their feet," and the more manly they are,
the more they will spurn its helpless, savorless body.
Surely, the duty of every Christian is to love Jesus,
and make the world know he loves Him. Yes, make
it know not simply say it; but hardening sentiment
into principle, and vitalizing principle into action—
hardened, nerved, determined—press home upon
them the great truth of our loyalty and the reality of
our love and hope. Showing our faith by our works;
fighting that good fight of faith which made St. Paul
so invincible. No life of compromise or self-indul-
gence can do this work, nor form a character heroic
and grand enough to march with the Lamb in that
a. my which "is faithful, and tried, and true."

We believe that every one who has heard and
heeded the Divine call is under obligations to bring
his brother to Jesus; that it is the duty of the saved
to save others; that the saving of the world depends,
under God, on the prayers and offerings and activity
of the Church in her parishes and individuals. Mind-
ful of the sweet memories of Christ's first Advent, and
ful of solemn expectations of His coming again to judge
our work; hearing the ringing cry of the great Ad-
vent preacher, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord,"
and knowing that we must have some part in the
work of that preparation, or Christ's coming will be
our fearful condemnation, we express our opinion
very earnestly that every Rector and Missionary is

bound, by the law of Christianity, to afford his people
an opportunity to give to the Domestic and Foreign
Missionary work of the Church. It is according to
God's plan that Missions should have prominence
among the charities of the Church, and every soldier
of the Lord may safely trust in his Divine command-
er's knowledge and power, and ought to have courage
to follow where He leads. Nor is this all. We point
to the fact that God's Word affirms the blessedness of
giving, and declares that as a rule the means of being
liberal will increase in proportion to the increase of
individual liberality. And we add our testimony to
what we regard as the teaching of all Christian experi-
ence, viz.: that about in the proportion that a parish
limits its charities, its financial ability, or at least its
benevolence, becomes limited; that the surest way
for a parish to grow weak is to cease its contributions
to objects beyond its borders, to hinder expansive
charity and to use all its money for itself; and that
the only way for a parish to grow really strong is to
grow in the grace of giving something, even if it be only
a little, to each of the departments of Missionary work
in the Church.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We must remind our correspondents that all
letters containing personal allusions, and especially those con-
taining attacks on Diocesan Committees, must be accompanied
with the names of the writers, expressly for the purpose of
publication.

We are not responsible for opinions expressed by cor-
respondents.

ALGOMA.

SIR.—Is there any possibility of interesting
Toronto Churchmen a little more in the work
here? It seems specially necessary to do so
when we remember that it is a great Romanist
centre, as well as the Muskoka centre for Presby-
terians and Methodists, (Bishop, Chairman and
Moderator all in residence). Perhaps some of
your readers would like to express their sympathy
by forwarding articles for our Christmas tree,
which would help in building up the "nursery of
the Church" in these parts.

I am sir, yours truly,
E. W. DUNFORD KING,
Supd't of Bracebridge Sunday School.

CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS.

DEAR SIR.—A selection of some 30 carols for
Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter, has been made
from Chope, Goodrich, Hutchins' Parish Choir
and others, for the use of church choirs and Sun-
day schools. We are now printing an edition of
3,000 copies in book form (about 36 pages), and
orders can be supplied at once. The price will be
at the rate \$1.50 per 100, or in stiff paper cover,
\$2.00. As we have ventured upon this little pub-
lication in the hope of meeting a widely felt want,
we shall be glad to receive orders, accompanied
by the price, stating number and whether with or
without cover. Apply to H. G. Collins, Esq.,
427 Yonge St., or to

J. D. CAYLEY.

TEXTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

DEAR SIR.—If any of your numerous readers
have any Texts for Christmas which they can
spare, I heartily wish they would let this poor
Mission have them.

R. S. RADCLIFFE, Catechist,
Amaranth and Luther Mission, Waldemar P.O.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, N.S.

SIR.—Will you again grant me space in which
to bring before the readers of your paper in the
Diocese, the cause of our Foreign Mission Fund.
St. Andrew's Day will soon be here, and the sea-
son for special intercession with the Lord of the
harvest, and I desire as strongly as I can to urge
upon every clergyman and layman the positive
need of a great effort—if we are to do anything at
all ourselves.

It is true we gather a few hundred dollars, and
send a portion of it to Algoma, to help in that
most important part of our duty; but, after all,
these heathen are our own fellow-subjects of the
Dominion of Canada. We have talked of sending
one of ourselves to help in the great work now
going on in the East Indies; but that we may
not end with talk, a much larger amount of
money must be paid to our worthy treasurer, Mr.
Gossip; and that the money may flow, the hearts

must be touched, and a much larger amount of
earnest thought and earnest prayer must be
offered before the Throne of the Lord of the har-
vest, and then "He will send laborers into the
harvest. Yours most sincerely,

DAVID MOORE,
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To CORRESPONDENTS.—A considerable amount
of correspondence has to be left over from want
of space. Our friends will much oblige by being
as brief as possible in the communications with
which they kindly favor us.

Family Reading.

RAYMOND.

CHAPTER XX.

Kathleen was standing beside a trailing rose-
bush, which had been beaten down by the rain in
the night tenderly lifting up the long branches,
clad in their first fresh green, and twining them
round a stick, which Tracy Harcourt was fixing
for her firmly in the earth. She looked radiant
as the morning, with her pretty spring dress and
waving sunlit hair; while her new lover seemed
well-fitted to be her cavalier, for the supercilious
expression habitual to his undeniably handsome
face had given place to a look of perfect content-
ment; and anyone who did not know Kathleen's
past history, might well have said that there would
not have been a better-matched or happier-looking
couple. But as Estelle Lingard stood motionless
for a moment to take in all the details of the pic-
ture before her, the hot indignation which was
throbbing in every pulse, and filling her eyes with
angry burning tears, swelled in her heart, till she
felt as if she could have had strength to wrench
that man away from the side of Raymond's young
betrothed, even with the feeble grasp of her own
small hands; but if such a thought were folly, she
would at least do what she could, and that instant-
ly. With a swift step, and set resolute face, she
went quickly up to Kathleen, and took her by the
arm. Kathleen turned round and with some mut-
tered words of greeting, kissed her hastily in evi-
dent embarrassment; but Harcourt came a step or
two nearer to shake hands with her, wearing a look
of triumphant composure which almost exasperat-
ed her. She bowed to him haughtily, ignored his
offered hand, and tightening her hold on Kathleen,
she said to her earnestly, "Come with me, Kathie
to some place where we can be undisturbed; I
must speak to you alone."

"Dear Estelle, not now, I am busy with Mr.
Harcourt," stammered the girl, growing red and
white by turns.

"And I do not think you will care to hear any
secrets henceforward which I am not to share, my
Kathleen," said Harcourt with insolent pride.

"Kathleen," I tell you I must and will speak to
you, and I will not do so in Mr. Harcourt's pres-
ence. I shall not leave you till you have heard me
though I have to wait all day and all night too."

Kathleen cast an appealing glance out of her
startled blue eyes at Harcourt, and he put his hand
caressingly on her shoulder, with an obvious dis-
play of the familiar terms on which he stood
with her.

"This is very disagreeable, and very uncalled
for, my darling, but I do not think you will easily
escape it altogether, so perhaps you had better
have it over at once, and then there will be an end
to it. Let me say one word to you before you are
carried off by this imperious lady," and, bending
down he whispered into Kathleen's ear some sent-
ence which made her smile and blush, and then
kissing his hand to her complacently, he turned
away and walked towards the house, leaving her
alone with her friend.

"Come," said Estelle, hoarsely, "let us go
where we can be quiet and alone." And still hold-
ing her lightly by the hand, she drew her down
through the flower-garden to the shrubberies below
at so swift a pace that soon they were almost
running. There was a little rustic summer-house
in a retired part of the grounds, and thither Es-
telle brought the half-trembling girl, and made her
sit down by her side on a seat within the enclosure,
and then grasping both her hands in a feverish