

This monument of early Christian art is found on a tomb near Naples in South Italy, and represents the Baptism of the King and Queen of the Longobardi who occupied that part of Italy in the sixth century.

I must reserve the testimony of S. Augustine, S. Chrysostom and others for the next paper.

Presentation to the Rev. J. T. Bryan, Charlottetown.

The Rev. J. T. Bryan was most pleasantly surprised on Easter Eve by being called upon and presented with the following address in the name of the whole congregation both old and young:

To the Rev. J. T. Bryan,

Rector of St. Paul's Church.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in acquainting you that a set of "The Warner Library of the World's best literature" (consisting of 30 volumes) has been ordered from Montreal and is expected to arrive immediately.

On behalf of the members of the congregation, both old and young, we beg your acceptance of the same, in recognition of our respect and esteem for your personal character, and as a mark of our high appreciation of your earnest and devoted work amongst us for Christ and His Church.

Wishing you all blessings spiritual and temporal,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Church Wardens. { H. J. Cundall,
 { F. L. Haszard.

On Easter morning Mr. Bryan appropriately acknowledged the address and thanked the congregation for the magnificent gift, which will of course be much appreciated by

one of so literary a turn of mind, several of whose poems have appeared in newspaper and magazine.

The Church and Rectory of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, are among the finest and most beautiful of the Maritime Provinces. Both are of red stone and the church is exquisitely finished in wood. Its rector is one of the youngest in Canada to rule the destinies of so large and influential a congregation, being not yet 30 years of age; but the crowded congregations that attend St Paul's Sunday after Sunday show that the Rector has learned the secret of giving the church, both in service and sermon, her proper place in the lives of the people. The seats are free and the rector will have no one asked for what he does not, after his duty is shown from the pulpit, voluntarily offer as a gift to God, so that the money for the support of the congregation is given directly, bazars and theatricals being left to those who live by them. The social life of the congregation is provided for by frequent "At Homes," to which all, old and young, rich and poor are invited. The people are taught the meaning of prayer and work and the church never wants for support. On Easter Sunday the Rector asked for \$240 to pay off a small debt on the painting and the sum of \$284 was placed in the offertory. A congregation run on such scriptural lines, will, of course live the missionary life. The contributions to that object this year were \$1,284, being nearly \$200 more than the year before and the largest of any parish in the diocese except one. The Rector of St. Paul's is to be congratulated in having the confidence of his people and on the great blessing that has attended his two years work in Charlottetown.—*C. Examiner.*

Early Communion.

Its value is thus beautifully expressed by the late Canon Liddon: "A Christian of the first or second century would not have understood a Sunday in which, whatever else might be done, the Holy Communion was omitted; and this great duty is best complied with as early in the day as possible, when the natural powers of the mind have been lately refreshed by sleep, when as yet the world has not taken the bloom of the soul's first self dedication to God. when thought and feeling and purpose are still bright and fresh and unembarrassed; then is the time for those who would reap the full harvest of grace, to approach the altar. It is quite a different thing in the middle of the day; even when serious efforts are made to communicate reverently. Those who begin their Sunday with the Holy Communion know one of the deepest meanings of that promise, "They that seek me early shall find me."

Alabaster Boxes

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled. and be made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send to their coffins send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which they