

Hoping that the Commutation Fund may be distributed at some future time on a more equitable plan than that which at present prevails, I am yours, &c., T.
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

MY DEAR SIR,—I wish through your paper, to draw the attention of some of my brethren in the ministry, to a course of preparation for confirmation, which I have found exceedingly useful. There are a number of tracts on confirmation, many of them excellent and furnishing most profitable reading for our candidates. But I have always felt that there was a want of a series of lessons which the confirmation classes might study out. This want is fully met by sixteen confirmation leaflets, which may be obtained from Rowsell's, Toronto. There are from twelve to sixteen questions on each paper without answers, texts being sometimes referred to, to help the candidates in preparing their answers. I may mention that my way of using these papers was, after having divided my candidates into three classes, consisting respectively of married people, young men, and young women, to have each candidate write out at home the answers, leaving a blank space after each answer for necessary corrections, and then read them in class. I then briefly pointed out any mistakes which were made, and enforced the meaning of the questions. The papers are very systematic in their arrangement, and form a complete course of instruction. The first leaflet is on Confirmation; its scriptural authority and double aspect. The next three are on God's side of the Christian Covenant, the adoption of sons, Membership with Christ, and the promised inheritance. The six following take up the three vows. Then come two admirable papers.—Confirmation a time of reckoning; and Confirmation, a time of renewal; the former bidding them review the past, and the latter to resolve, God helping them, to lead a new and better life. The last four papers are on the Lord's Supper—The duty of communicating—The Lord's Supper, a memorial service—The Lord's Supper, a means of grace, and due preparation. No one after going through these papers can say that they were confirmed without understanding what they were doing. My candidates have been so much interested in them, that they have asked me to give them similar papers now that the confirmation is over, and I have promised to prepare questions for them to work out in the weeks before communion Sundays, and thus to meet the candidates at least once a month, until another confirmation takes place. I trust in this way to deepen and strengthen the serious impressions which I believe the prayerful study of the confirmation leaflets has made, and to help those who have been confirmed to be regular earnest and consistent communicants. I may add that these leaflets have been the means under God's blessing of bringing to confirmation some who were prejudiced against the Church, and that eight of the adult baptisms here during the past Lent, may be attributed to the same instrumentality. But perhaps the best way in which I can recommend these leaflets, is by giving specimens of them, I therefore copy nine and twelve.

NO. IX.—CONFIRMATION.—MAN'S SIDE OF THE CHRISTIAN COVENANT.—HIS DUTY TOWARDS GOD.

1. Why must you strive to keep your third vow? Rom. viii. 17. St. Matt. vii. 21.
2. Who has shown you how to keep God's will? St. John vi. 88.
3. What recorded summary of his will has God given to man?

4. In what words did the Saviour teach that the Ten Commandments should continue to be binding on all Christians? St. Matt. v. 17-19.

5. What does the First Commandment enjoin? Prov. xxiii. 26.

6. How are its requirements summed up in "your duty towards God?"

7. In what words did the Saviour declare that he kept this commandment?

8. What does the Second Commandment enjoin? Dan. vi. 10. Acts vii. 60.

9. Prove that the Saviour kept this commandment? St. Luke xxii. 41.

10. Mention examples of holy men who kept it?

11. What does the Third Commandment enjoin? Eph. v. 19.

12. What great gift does it teach us to use aright for God?

13. What does the Fourth Commandment deal with?

14. How are its requirements summed up in "your duty towards God?"

15. Whom must you seek earnestly to copy in order to carry out this, your third vow?

16. What are the four heads of your duty towards God? To worship God, (1) with the heart, (2) with the body, (3) with the tongue, (4) all the days of my life.

NO. XII.—CONFIRMATION.—A TIME OF RENEWAL.

1. What miraculous gifts were conveyed in the Confirmations recorded in the Acts? Acts viii. 16: xix. 6.

2. Of what were these gifts the outward and visible proofs? Acts viii. 17, xix. 6.

3. Why, probably, did the conveyance of miraculous gifts cease after the days of the early Church?

4. What assurance have we from St. Paul, that God will continue to make the ordinance of confirmation a means of grace now as at the first? Rom. xi. 29.

5. By what miracle is this view of confirmation, as a time of renewal, strikingly illustrated? St. Mark iii. 1-5.

6. What did the bodily affliction of the man whose hand was withered represent?

7. How does St. Paul describe the state of him in whose soul the disease of sin has the upper hand? Rom. vii. 19.

8. What did the Saviour call upon the man with a withered hand to do?

9. What shall you be called upon to do, in like manner, at the time of your confirmation?

10. What thought must at first have been uppermost in the mind of this afflicted man, on receiving Christ's command?

11. What must he have believed, which led him to try to obey nevertheless that command?

12. What thought is likely to be uppermost in your mind because you are called upon at your confirmation to renew your Baptismal vows?

13. What must you believe, which should move you to renew them notwithstanding? 2 Cor. xii. 6.

14. What declaration, in the account of the Confirmations recorded in the Acts, should enable you to attain to that belief?

15. What declaration of St. Paul, to the Thessalonian Church ought to convince you of the necessity of renewing your Baptismal vows? 1 Thes. iv. 7.

16. What promise of the Apostle, in writing to the same Church, assures you that you may count on God's help in keeping them? 1 Thes. v. 24.

I will only add that they are very cheap, five cents for the sixteen leaflets. I hope I have not trespassed too much on your space; but the subject seems to me of vital importance to the well-being of the Church, that we may, if possible, secure a thorough preparation on the part of all

who come to receive the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands. I am, yours truly,
JOHN GRIBBLE.

THE LATE MRS. TOWNLEY.

The mortal remains of this deeply respected lady, late wife of the Rev. Adam Townley, D.D., Canon of Huron Cathedral, and Incumbent of St. James' Church in this town, who departed this life on Monday evening 8th April, surrounded by her husband, her son, and his wife, and several other friends—were deposited (until the Church of England cemetery is secured and prepared) close by the chancel of St. James' Church, on the Thursday following. The coffin, which was covered with purple velvet, had a large floriated oak cross fastened on the lid, and with its beautiful cross and wreath of flowers also, which were all put in the grave, spoke of those bright hopes which were more than comforting to the sorrows of the survivors. The mourners were—the whole parish!—but especially her bereaved husband, her son, the Rev. C. E. Thompson, two of her grandsons; her brother-in-law, Mr. A. B. Townley, and her nephew, Mr. H. C. Thompson; Dean Boomer, Archdeacon Marsh, Canon Nelles, Revs. W. S. Darling, Rural Dean Holland, E. E. Newman, W. H. Clarke, and A. Anthony.

The service was read by the Revs. Dean Boomer, H. Holland, and W. S. Darling—the last of whom also delivered a touching address, as being the oldest clerical friend of the deceased, who was present. The choir also rendered their affectionate aid. Very many old friends sent their deep expressions of regret at being unable to be present, from a mistake regarding the time and place of burial, or from previous engagements. Among these were the Bishops of Huron, Niagara, and Toronto, and a letter from Mrs. Fauquier, the Bishop of Algoma being absent.

In our deceased friend we lose another of those ancient Canadian landmarks that link the present with the past. Mrs. Elizabeth Townley, was the only daughter of the late Wm. Ruttan, Esq., of the Bay of Quinte, an officer in the British army of the United States during the Revolutionary War, who, at its close, came with his young wife, his elder brother, Captain Ruttan, and other United Empire Loyalists, to Canada, settling at once on the Bay of Quinte, where he and his wife died in ripe old age. Their daughter our late deceased friend was born Oct. 27th, 1800. She was married at a very early age, to Hugh C. Thompson Esq., of Kingston, Member of the Provincial Parliament for Frontenac, the father of her remaining son, the Rev. C. E. Thompson M.A., Rector of Elora, diocese of Niagara, and Rural Dean. Mrs. Thompson was left a widow in the prime of life, and was married to her now sorrowing husband, the Rev. Dr. Townley, the 20th of April, 1837. For energy of character, strong conscientiousness and an earnest effort to walk Godly in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Townley was highly distinguished. And, notwithstanding that she was spared to so ripe an age (upwards of 75 years) and departed so calmly and with such bright prospects beyond, yet we cannot withhold our sincere sympathies from her bereaved husband and son, and other deeply attached friends in this their irreparable loss—*Paris Star*.

At Jaffa, which may be styled the port of Jerusalem, a most interesting and useful school has been founded, and carried on with much success, by Miss Arnot, daughter of the late Professor of Botany at Glasgow.