

years ago an impossibility. In those days when parties were on the warpath, a Mission would have been an impossibility. Indeed, it would have been next to an impossibility ten or even five years ago. But times change, and when winter begins to break up, things rapidly go forwards. The Advent Mission had, in fact, all the effect of sunny skies and a warm south wind. It was the ushering in of a new season. In an important sense, it was a turning-point, an era in the Church's history, and, henceforth, all parties may hope to work with far greater unanimity and with more assured and certain results.

BRITISH BUDGET.

The statement which we copied from an English paper, that Bishop Titcomb, Bishop of Northern and Central Europe, has resigned his appointment was incorrect. Bishop Titcomb intended taking such a step, but at the special request of the Bishop of London his lordship has consented to retain his post, abstaining, under strict medical advice, from work of any kind for several weeks.

The health of Canon Knox Little is stated to have broken down, and it is reported that arrangements have been made for releasing him from a month's residence in Worcester at the beginning of the year.

The Rev. J. Miller Darling, M.A., formerly minister of St. Andrew's (Liverpool) Church of Scotland, has joined the Church of England, and is now a member and a communicant in St. Saviour's Church (Archdeacon Bardsley's). Mr. Darling, it is expected, will apply for holy orders in due course.

Dean Howson's last work, the final proof of which he corrected only a day or two before his death, was the volume just published by Mr. Elliot Stock, entitled, "Thoughts for Saints' Days; or, Short Readings arranged for Festivals of the Church's Year."

In the diocese of Manchester during the past year nine churches have been built and opened, the aggregate cost being £55,000. A similar report is presented from the diocese of Liverpool, and in a few days Dr. Ryle will open the new church of St. Philip, Southport.

Mrs. Fraser has placed a memorial brass in the pavement at the centre of the new chancel at Manchester Cathedral, with this inscription:—"In loving memory of James Fraser, D.D., fifteen years Lord Bishop of Manchester, this pavement, suggested by him four days before his death, is placed by his widow. Obiit Oct. 22, 1885."

The Dean and Chapter of Lincoln have just opened the magnificent Minster for Sunday evening services, which in future are to be held from Advent till Easter, and possibly it may be decided to hold them on every Sunday throughout the year.

COMMUNION WITH THE BLESSED DEAD.—Shall we not recollect the blessed dead, above all, in Holy Communion, and give thanks for them there at that Holy Table at which the Church triumphant and the Church militant meet in the Communion of Saints? Where Christ is they are; and therefore if Christ be there, may they not be there likewise? May they not be near us, though unseen, like us claiming their share in the Eternal Sacrifice, like us partaking of that Spiritual Body and Blood which is as much the life of Saints in heaven as it is of penitent sinners on earth? May it not be so? It is a mystery into which we will not look too far. But this at least is true, that they are with Him where He is.—*Kingsley.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWLY CONFIRMED, AND FOR CHURCH PEOPLE.

1. Upon entering church for worship kneel in silent prayer for God's blessing on the services, and when they are concluded remain on your knees to return thanks for the privilege you have enjoyed.

2. Be careful to observe the proper postures prescribed by the Church. Do not form the careless habit of sitting when you ought to stand, in praise; or only bowing the head in prayer when you should kneel. Do not be ashamed to prostrate yourselves on your knees. It is the only reverent position for prayer, except when the congregation is occasionally enjoined to stand in the act of devotion.

3. Make it a rule to join in the services of the Church. Find your places in the Prayer Book and respond. A Churchman should never be idly looking about while others are engaged in worship.

4. Resolve from the first to come to Holy Communion at least once a month and as much oftener as you can do so, and when you come forward to receive the elements remove your gloves, and when you return to your pews engage in prayer and reading meditation, as your "Manuals" direct, until the services are concluded. Never leave the church until the Communion service is finished and the elements that remain reverently consumed. As well might a guest at a friend's table leave it before all had finished, because he happened to have satisfied his own appetite first, as for a guest at the Lord's Table to leave God's House before all have communed, because he chanced to partake first.

5. Attend week-day services as regularly as you can, and be found in your place in Church both morning and evening on the Lord's Day.

6. If you are heads of families, institute family prayer. Have grace at meals, be careful not to omit your private devotions, and be systematic in reading the Bible.

7. Resolve to give conscientiously and proportionately of your means towards the support of the Church. "If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence, gladly to give of that little."—*Selected.*

BOOK NOTICES, &C.

SUNDAY IN THE WOODS.—Special services prepared for lumber and other camps. Montreal; Gazette Printing Company, 1885.

This little manual, which is "printed by authority of the Bishop" of Montreal appears to be admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is set forth. It might also be used, with a very few changes, for school-house and cottage services.

POCKET LESSON NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FOR 1886, by Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Crafts, 12mo. (trimmed for pocket). Illustrated with blackboard designs. Introductory price 15 cts., scholars' edition 5 cts. Funk & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey St., New York.

This is in many respects a new departure in Sabbath-school helps. It contains references at length to Jamieson, Fausset and Brown's commentary, besides having both the Common and Revised Versions (with all notes) side by side, and marginal references, such as are found in Teachers' Bibles, only more of them. Home readings and daily memory verses are also put into the margin in such a way as to show the exact point in the lesson on which they throw Bible light. The questions are also arranged on a novel plan that cultivates the art of making original questions. The Teachers' Edition includes besides all the features of the Scholars' Edition, "The Lesson Taught to Children," by Mrs. W. F. Crafts, and "Illustration for Classes

of all Grades," by Rev. W. F. Crafts, both of these departments being illustrated with numerous pictures for blackboard and teachers' slate. Each month's work is reviewed by a "Monthly Review Sermon to Children," and a "Pictorial Quarterly Review" closes each quarter.

SAVING FAITH.—James Morison, D.D. Ninth edition. S. R. Briggs, Willard Tract Depository, Toronto.

The first edition of this little work was published in 1842, and in succeeding editions the greater part of the work has been re-written, according as the author had more time and leisure, but upon the old model. Saving faith, says the author, is believing, there being only one word in the original of the New Testament for both *faith* and *believing*; and in a number of short chapters, and in plain and simple terms, he explains the nature of faith, its object, mediate and ultimate, its degrees, its author and its effect.

WATCHWORDS FOR BARRACK ROOM AND CAMP-FIRE.—Griffith, Farran & Co., St. Paul's Churchyard, London, England.

This is a charming little text-book for daily use for one month, intended primarily for soldiers in the Army of the Queen, but equally suitable for use by the "Soldiers of the Cross" in all stations of life. It bears the *imprimatur* of the Rev. J. C. Edgehill, Chaplain-General, &c. A copy has been graciously accepted by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Connaught and Princess Beatrice. Its compiler is the grand-daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Nova Scotia, who was well known throughout Canada. His friends will welcome this work by one of his family. The selections throughout are excellent.

THE PULPIT TREASURY.—Yearly, \$2.50; to clergymen, \$2. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 771 Broadway, New York.

The February number is promptly on our table. Its contents display impartiality to the Evangelical denominations. This magazine affords, by its excellent articles from many practised pens, the very aid many pastors and Christian workers need in their different fields and in their multifarious forms of labor. The United Brethren are given the first place in the February number. Other full sermons are by Drs. Breed and Van Dyke and the English "Missioner," Rev. W. H. Aitken. There is a Children's Service, by Rev. W. V. Robinson; and Leading Thoughts of Sermons by Drs. Day, Barrows, Pison, Van Dyke, Jr., Wray, Brown, Meyer and Henson.

THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE, of London.—\$3.

An American edition is now published at the office of *The Pulpit Treasury*. Both are sent to one address for \$4.

OUTLINES OF PSYCHOLOGY.—By Hermann Lotze. Translation edited by George T. Ladd, Professor of Philosophy, Yale College. Ginn & Co., New York and Chicago. Ready about Dec. 1, 1885.

This is the fourth volume in the series of "Outlines" following the *Metaphysic, Philosophy of Religion* and *Practical Philosophy*. The *Outlines of Psychology* treats of Simple Sensations, the Course of Representative Ideas, of Attention and Inference, of Intuitions of Objects in Space, of the Apprehension of the External World by the Senses, of Errors of the Senses, of Feelings, and of Bodily Motions. Its second part is "theoretical," and discusses the nature, position, and changeable states of the Soul, its relations to time, and the reciprocal action of Soul and Body. It closes with a chapter on the "Kingdom of Souls." Lotze is peculiarly rich and suggestive in the discussion of Psychology.