

TRINITY.

I have been asked for information re the death of the children of Rev. Benjamin and Emily Smith at Trinity, and I give the following: Five of their children died at Trinity and one at Trinity East.

1861, Dec. 2nd, Arthur Herbert, aged 8 years and 9 months.

1861, Dec. 16th, Warwick Alfred Ernest, aged 4 years and 2 months.

1862, Mary Kate, aged 14 years and 6 months.

1862, Feb. 15th, Charles Edward, aged 17 years and 8 months.

1862, Feb. 16th, Annie Moorhouse, aged 24 years and 5 months.

The first of these children was buried by Rev. W. Netton of Catalina, who was visiting at Trinity when the little boy died. The next four were buried by their father. Personally I do not remember anything very definite about either the illness or the burial of the first three children. They died either of Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria. I was ten years of age, however, when Charles Edward and Annie died. They died of diphtheria, which was then known as "black diphtheria," because the bodies of those who died of it, turned black immediately after death. Charles Edward and Annie were teachers in our Sunday School at the time of their death; and I stood beside their father as he read the burial service at the grave, over the two bodies that were laid side by side in a square wooden case. The summer before this Annie died, she bought three hundred copies of a penny edition of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, and she gave a copy to every child in the Sunday School, and to every member of her Bible Reference Class. I have my copy to-day; and no doubt a goodly number of other copies are in possession of those who like myself, valued them for their real worth, and for the love they had for her who gave them. Miss Annie was one of the most beautiful and lady-like characters that God ever gave to Trinity, and I doubt if ever we shall see her like again. R.E.P. The last child of the family who died here was Tolson. His father, and his brother, Rev. Walter Smith, were priests in charge of Trinity East at the time when Mr. Tolson came to Trinity East on a visit. He was ill when he came here, and he died at the Parsonage, Trinity East, in 1876, and his body lies side by side with that of his mother, in the churchyard there. (His mother died in 1879.) I always visit their graves and say a prayer there, when I go into the churchyard, and it pains me to see their graves unmarked. Rev. Benjamin Smith died in England.

While I was preparing these notes, a visitor to Trinity handed me some copies of photographs of several of the old people of the past generation in Trinity, including one of each of the following persons:—Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Smith, G. H. Cole and Robert Early, Esquires, and Mrs. (Doctor) Skelton, together with one of old St. Paul's. One has but to see those of Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Smith to realize what fine people they were, and so superior in many respects, to us and ours of the present generation. In a group of some twelve or thirteen people who were standing in front of St. Paul's when it was photographed, I can identify only two, viz: Mr. George Christian and Mr. Frank Knight. I should be glad to know who the others are. They bring back pleasant recollections of nearly fifty years ago, when we all worked together in the old "Christian" house, with but little knowledge of where, or what we as individuals, should be fifty years to come. God has called all but myself to their eternal rest, and though my work in life has been different from what I was then interested in, yet the practical lessons

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in human nature that I learnt then, have been invaluable to me since, and I always lift my hat as I pass the old workshop, where I learnt submission and obedience, in the state of life, to which for a while, God was pleased to call me.

MARRIED.

1765.—John Fling and Mary Jeans.

1768.—John Mills of Bermingstone, Dorset, to Elizabeth Spragg, daughter of Matthew and Mary Spragg, in Fox Island, Salmon Cove.

1770.—John Pishorn and Mary Barnes, S.W. Arm, Trinity.

1772.—James Gooby and Mary Pike, at Old Perlican.

1794.—Martin Peckham and Ann Cook.

1797.—Edward Rowe of Heart's Content and Martha Pishorn of Trinity.

1802.—John Facey of Devon, and Rachel Sa.ory of Old Perlican.

1804.—Captain James Colles of Poole and Jane Warren of New Perlican.

1808.—Captain Thomas Lander and Sarah, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Taverner.

JIM NOGGIN'S AND THE PUPPY.—One of the old men from Dorset, fifty years ago, used to tell me funny stories of the village life in which he was brought up. One of the village celebrities was Jim Noggin; and if any person in the village did a very foolish thing, and the people wished to express what they thought of him, they said: "He's a bigger fool than Jim Noggin." Strangers, hearing this remark were naturally curious to know just what Jim Noggin had done to establish a standard record for foolishness; and upon inquiry, they would be told: "Well, Jim Noggin had a puppy, and the puppy got his head into a pitcher and could not get it out. So Jim cut off the puppy's head to save the pitcher, and then broke the pitcher to get the puppy's head out."

Greenwich Hospital.—I notice that in the Baptismal entries of a hundred years ago, in the column in which the

father of the child is given—my grandfather—James Lockyer, is always entered as "Collector of Greenwich Hospital Dues." This hospital is to-day a part of greater London, and was then, as it is to-day, a home for Naval Pensioners; and in those days, all English sea captains, coming from the old country to Trinity, paid so much a year towards its funds, for the privilege of admission to it in their declining years.

Gin Pills.—I was in the shop, (a few days ago), where I often sit and study the funny side of human nature. A customer came in and asked for Gin Pills. They were promptly produced by the shopkeeper; but when he told the customer that they were 75 cents a box, the man expressed great surprise at the advanced price since he bought them before; and asked, why they had "gone up." The shopkeeper—never at a loss to supply timely information, and with no great lore for Prohibition said: "That's one result of Prohibition: the Gin has gone up in price." The man said: "Yes, I suppose that's so. I hadn't thought of that, of course there must be considerable Gin in 'em, or else they wouldn't be called Gin Pills." Surely it was a case of: "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise." I presume, however, that he will have to indulge in a good many boxes of Gin Pills, before he will get any "forrader" on the Gin they contain!

1856. Buried.—Thomas Barber, age 38; George Barber age 12, father and son who died of suffocation in the cuddy of a boat in Catalina Harbour.

1865. Married.—Richard Woolridge and Ann Burnell. Witnesses: Jane Burnell, John Burnell, Elizabeth Pishorn, John Pishorn.

Tempus fugit.—I saw an old eight day clock a few days ago, that is still giving good satisfaction, and striking out the hours as it did seventy years ago. My grandfather had one of the same kind, long years ago, and on the glass door of it were the Latin words, Tempus fugit. They are the first Latin words that I can remember being interested in. Some one had told me the meaning of them in English; and when there were strangers around I would call their attention to the words and inform them that they were Latin words, and that in English they meant, time flies. This often raised me considerably in their estimation. Old Thomas Northcote at Robin Hood, had the first striking clock in the Bight, and people used to come to his house to hear it strike the hours. It was then as great a wonder to them as the aeroplane was to us in the next generation. Re the words Tempus fugit (and their meaning) they were on the glass door of all the clocks made by the same company. A man who owned one of those clocks, and was familiar with the Latin words on it (without knowing their meaning) saw another clock of the same make in a distant farm house. Looking at it, he smiled, and said, "Tempus fugit! why that's the same man who made our old clock at home."

Mr. Lodge, the Inspector of Methodist schools, was in Trinity on Empire Day.

Mr. William Bugden of Knowling's, St. John's, spent a few days in Trinity on a business trip. He found time to visit some of the scenes of his boyhood days, and we were all glad to see him. He is one of the Trinity boys who has made good in St. John's, and we are proud of him.

Mr. Gilbert Christian, and Mr. Fullerton registered at Garland Hotel on Empire Day.

Mrs. E. Grant and the Misses Grant

returned from St. John's last week, looking all the better for their visit.

Mr. Grandier and Mr. Hussey are slowly recovering.

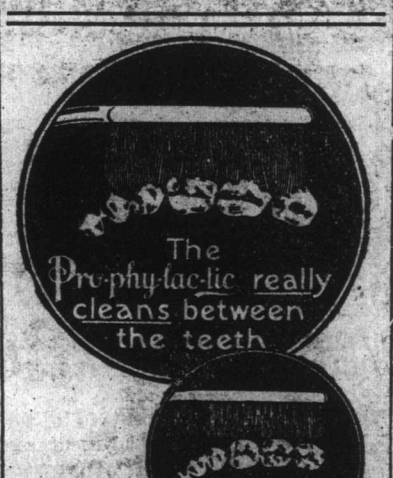
Several cases of larceny have been reported lately, and some persons are going to get into trouble some fine day.

Rev. F. P. Law of Trinity East spent last Sunday with his friend Rev. Geo. Hall at Brooklyn B.B.

Mrs. William Geo. Hodder of Ireland's Eye passed through Trinity last week to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Randall, at Port Rexton.

Mr. M. Smith has resigned as principal of the school at Trinity, and has accepted a like position at his old home in Chance Cove, T.B.

Mrs. W. Sexton, who spent the winter with her daughter at Bon-



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vista has returned to her home in Trinity.

Correction.—In an item last week re Mrs. Bullard, I wrote Oakland California instead of Oakland, Maryland. Pardon.

Mr. K. W. Pittman lectured in the Fishermen's Lodge Room on Wednesday evening, subject:—"The Frontiers of the Universe."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"William S."—Brown's Hill of your boyhood days, is at the top of the road that leads up from the water-side between Henry Hunt's garden and his barn. It was called Brown's Hill because an old Mr. and Mrs. Brown lived there some sixty or seventy years ago. Since the level road was opened by Doctor White, on the upper side of Mr. Hunt's property, we have almost forgotten that there is a hill there. The old Brown house was just above where Mr. Hunt's barn is now.

"J.C."—Your great grandfather was born in Yeovil, Dorset, England, and probably came out as a youngster.

"Rev. H."—Yes, there are, at least, two clergymen to fold St. Paul's buried in the old churchyard at Trinity, viz: Rev. John Clinch, who died in 1819, and Rev. Joseph Baggis who died in 1862. Mr. Baggis' grave is not marked.

"S.P."—William George Parrot Lockyer died on December 22nd, 1867. Whilst the people were in Church on a Sunday evening, some boys dug a hole in the snow in the Church Road. On his way home from Church, Mr. Lockyer (my uncle) fell into the hole, and he died a few days afterwards from internal injuries received by the fall. He was 40 years of age, and the agent for Brooking at the time of his death.

"Clericus."—The Chaplain who came to Newfoundland with the Bishop of Nova Scotia, in 1828, and whose name was omitted in my article of May 13th, was Rev. E. Wix, better known in Newfoundland as Archdeacon Wix.

"H. F. Shortis."—Thank you for your kindest of letters and good wishes, and also for your valuable contribution of facts and figures of two hundred years ago, which I shall gladly make use of. W.J.L. Trinity, June 3rd.

A Notable American.

On June 3, 1808 was born in Kentucky, Jefferson Davis, the leader of the greatest civil war of modern times. While yet a boy, his father, who was a planter, removed with his family to Mississippi; but the later civil studies of young Davis were conducted at Transylvania College, Kentucky. In 1824 he entered the United States Military College at West Point, and four years later became second lieutenant. In 1831-2 he served on the North West Frontier in the Indian War against Black Hawk, and in 1833 was employed as a first lieutenant of Dragoons against the Comanches and Pawnee Indians. On retiring from the Army in 1838, he settled as a cotton planter in Mississippi, but was again in the field during the Mexican War, when he was elected colonel of the 1st Mississippi Volunteers, and distinguished himself by gallant conduct at Monterey and Buena Vista. He had previously attracted some notice in Congress as an energetic supporter of democratic principles and measures, and had assisted in bringing about the election of Mr. Polk for the Presidency. As a reward Mr. Polk, in 1847, offered him the post of Brigadier General of Volunteers; but he declined it, on the ground that Volunteer commands ought to be vested in the States, and did not come within the prerogatives of the Federal Government. Having been elected to the Senate, at the conclusion of the Mexican War he was chosen President of the Military Committee in 1850—an office which he resigned in 1851, that he might stand as candidate for the Governorship of Mississippi, but in this he was unsuccessful. Under the Presidency of Mr. Pierce (1853-57) the Davis family moved to the White Sulphur Springs, where he held the office of Secretary for War, but during the Administration of Mr. Buchanan, he remained a private member of the Senate. Davis had long championed State rights and slave holding interests and gradually drew to himself a number of followers, who acknowledged his supremacy, and at length led to the secession of 1861, when he was chosen President of the Confederate States for six years. In 1863 the American Civil War broke out, but after the collapse of the South, Davis was taken prisoner at Irwinville Georgia, on May 10, 1865, and detained in Fortress Monroe for two years, but was included in the amnesty of 1868. He subsequently followed business pursuits, achieving politics, and wrote a history of the war in which he played so conspicuous a part. He died in 1890.

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tom of the tank, as evenly spaced as if put there by their keepers, and affect a young black bass in quite a different way. They stay poised somewhere above the bottom, but crowded close together. Fifty or more will often gather in a compact mass, all facing in the same direction. The aquarium has several tanks of young black bass, all groups of which show the same curious habit.—Washington Star.

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