

those who say "no matter what Church;" for one may be in the Church with no adequate conception of what membership in Christ means. Such are they who say, "Do not preach the Church, but preach the Gospel;" "Do not preach Episcopacy, but preach salvation;" "Do not preach the Sacraments, but preach by holy living." If the Church, and the ministry, and the sacraments, were the comparatively indifferent things that these people would make them then there were force in their objections; if there be anything more important than these as means of salvation, then preach that. But as Christ "preached the Gospel of the kingdom;" as He commanded the Apostles, to "preach the gospel of the kingdom," we judge that the subject, rightly understood, means a great deal; that it in fact covers the whole ground; and that the substituting of certain secondary things; that hold the relation of effect to cause, for the great Apostolic order is not the true gospel of the kingdom; and further, that they whose interpretations of the matter are such as to make these great themes a stone of stumbling, are in spirit, if not in fact, unattached Christians, struggling along the way of salvation by not the best aids. If we are to have a compact, intelligent, well-organized, and growing Church bishops, priests, and people must have clearly defined ideas of what the Church is, and with the truth on our side embodied in the formularies of the Church, and administered through the divinely appointed channels of grace, we need have no fears for the result.

BRITISH BUDGET.

Earl Nelson is now reported convalescent, to the great relief and joy of his many friends.

The Bishop of Melanesia was married at St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, to Miss Catharine Mort, a New South Wales lady.

The Bishop of Durham has given £25 to the new training institution of the Church Army, which is to be opened in London, England, in October. He is also an annual subscriber to the Army.

The Rev. Robert Linklater, M.A., has been instituted to the vicarage of Holy Trinity, Stroud Green, by the Bishop of London, and inducted thereto by the Archdeacon of Middlesex.

The Rev. Cecil Moore, son of Prebendary Daniel Moore, died lately, in his thirty-third year. He had served as curate of St. Marks, Hamilton Terrace, and St. John's, Paddington. In the latter parish he was much valued for his devoted work among the poor.

Two incumbents in the neighborhood of Canterbury—the Rev. J. G. Brine, of Lower Hardres, and the Rev. F. Metcalf, of Upper Hardres—have announced their intention of foregoing the extraordinary tithe rent-charge on hops this year, owing to the bad times and the depression in the agricultural districts.

The Rev. Coker Adams, of Saham Toney, recently "excommunicated" one of his parishioners, Mr. Joseph Payne, for non-attendance on Divine Worship. On Sunday, Mr. Adams, after the Nicene Creed, released the excommunication against Mr. Payne, at the admonition of the Bishop of Norwich. The Rector preached in the evening on excommunication, justifying its use.

The Bishop of Carlisle has strongly condemned the outrageous address of one Rev. H. M. Kennedy, Vicar of Plumptre, near Penrith, to the electors of Cumberland. He protests against its "monstrous utterances," in the name of himself and the whole clergy of the diocese; and

no wonder, for this is one of the passages of the address, horrible indeed from anyone, but specially so from one holding office in the Church:—"Be not befooled. Sons of toil, do not in politics trust a Tory. No, not if he came to you in an archangel's garb, and on bended knee before God's high altar swore by the sign of man's redemption that he only meant you well. If you have any cause to fear him, use deception. I advise you in plain terms, of two evils choose the least. If he must have an answer, tell your master a lie with your tongue in preference to marking with your pencil a terrible lie against yourself your family, your class, your country, and your God."

Speaking at Bristol recently, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach referred to the proposals for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England in the following terms:—"Some of us may be even old-fashioned enough to think to-day that of all the wants of our common humanity, there is nothing more important than some provision for religious instruction. And yet, although Mr. Chamberlain suggested that the State should provide almost everything for its members, he coupled that proposal with the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England. The poorest classes throughout our land, in our great cities, country towns, and rural villages, are to lose the spiritual and temporal help by which they have profited for so many generations, and all this on the ground of some fancied inequality between the Church of England and other religious congregations. But I think it will be some time before our great and grand Church is destroyed. Let her continue to do her duty and spread herself as she is now spreading herself throughout the length and breadth of the land, and she will sustain safely and without harm those attacks of the Birmingham caucus. Those attacks would, in fact, rally her defenders."

AMERICAN BUDGET.

CALIFORNIA.—The parish record of St. John's Church, San Francisco, for 1855, shows an increase of Communicants in four years from 75 to 256.

COLORADO.—A lady from the East recently attended divine service at St. John's Cathedral, Denver, and afterward as a mark of her appreciation of the service, and of the sermon she heard, sent a check for five hundred dollars for Church work in Colorado.

The Rev. J. Hill Tait, of Edinburgh, Scotland, a chaplain of the S.P.G., spent Sunday, Aug. 9th, in Denver, preaching in the morning at the Cathedral. He and his wife have been on a long tour, visiting China and India, and are now "doing" the United States and Canada.

NORTHERN DAKOTA.—Bishop Walker advocates the erection of churches where they are needed, before the erection of a cathedral for the Diocese.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—The Rev. A. L. Parker has been appointed in accordance with a resolution of Convocation, for the purchase of Sunday School supplies and books for parish purposes.

INDIANA.—In Indianapolis the Church has six church buildings, with property valued at \$140,000; 900 communicants; 985 Sunday School children, and ministers to several public institutions, the Insane Asylum, the Poor-house, the Reformatory, &c., besides holding service in several adjacent towns.

IOWA.—Bishop Perry is to read a historical paper on the mission work of the Church, dom-

estic and foreign, during the fifty years just expired, at the Missionary Conference to be held in Philadelphia on November 18th and 19th next, commemorative of the reorganization of the society in 1835 on the basis of the membership of the Church, and of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Kemper.

The Church population of the Diocese of Iowa numbers 12,345; communicants, 4,646; Sunday School officers and scholars, 4,545.

KANSAS.—The Bishop has been on a visit to Los Vegas Hot Springs, recruiting for the autumn work of his exclusive diocese.

NEW YORK.—The University of the South conferred upon Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector of Trinity Church, the degree of D.C.L.

The Italian Mission contemplates purchasing St. Philip's Church, Mulberry street, at a cost of \$60,000.

The new Church of the Reformation, N.Y., has been commenced. It will cost \$50,000.

CONNECTICUT.—Missions to the Germans and Scandinavians are in active operation in Fairfield Co., where there are numbers of these nationalities. The Rev. A. M. Lewish is in charge of the work.

Several of the American Bishops have in their late addresses called attention to the importance of circulating Church literature, books, tracts, papers, &c.

BOOK NOTICES, &c.

We are in receipt of the following Magazines for September:

The English Illustrated Magazine.—Macmillan & Co., 112 Fourth avenue, N.Y., \$1.75 per annum.

The Church Eclectic.—E. & J. B. Young & Co., Cooper Union, and James Pott & Co., Astor Place, N.Y.; always good, but particularly interesting this month.

The Sidereal Messenger.—Carlton College observatory, Northfield, Minn., \$2.

The Homiletic Review.—Funk & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey street, N.Y., and Wm. Briggs, Toronto; \$3 per annum. It contains amongst many good things an article by Prof. Stickenburg on the question: "Is the pulpit declining in Power? If so, what is the Remedy?" and another on "Common Sense in Preaching," by Dr. Wheeler, of Alleghany College.

The Library Magazine.—John B. Alden, 393 Pearl street, N.Y.; \$1.50 per annum.

Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society for the year 1884.—Wm. Macnab, printer, 12 Prince street, Halifax: This volume (No. 4) contains a long and interesting sketch by Rev. Geo. Patterson, D.D., of New Glasgow, of the Hon. Samuel Vetch, first English Governor of Nova Scotia; the Journal of Col. John Winslow, of the Provincial troops, while engaged in the siege of Fort Beausejour in 1755, and an article on the Province Building, by the Hon. Sir A. Archibald, K.C.M.G.

TOIL AND REST.—Remember always toil is the condition of our being. Our sentence is to labour from the cradle to the grave. But there are Sabbaths allowed for the mind as well as the body, when the intellect is stilled and the emotions alone perform their gentle and involuntary functions.

It is not learning, but life, that is wanted for the Messiah's kingdom: and life begins by birth.—Alford.

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