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CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

the "Saint" class, the names so far selected are St. Augustine, St. Agatha, St. Ambrose, St. Andrew, St. Bartholomew, St. Bernard, St. Benedict, and St. Cecilia.

Recently the Archbishop of Dublin consecrated a new but small church in the parish of Dunganstown. It takes the place of a schoolhouse licensed for worship which was burnt down on Easter Day last. It is of Gothic style, and has a small chancel. It is floored with ornamental tesselated tiles and marble steps; the windows are glazed with cathedral glass, and the roof is of red tiles. The dedication is to St. Baethen, who flourished about the beginning of the seventh century, and built a church in the parish of Dunganstown, the ruins of which are still extant.

A "Children's Church," designed to take the place of all the existing services for boys and girls of Christ Church parish, Blackburn, has been established by the vicar, the Rev. G. Denver. Services are to be held each Sunday morning and evening in the parish-room for children under twelve, and expenses are to be met by a halfpenny collection on the last Sunday in each month. Church officers will be elected from among the boys, and a choir from among the girls, who are to be trained by the vicar's wife. The choir will be allowed to remain until they are fourteen, but all others will be transferred to the parent church on reaching the The experiment is age of twelve. The experiment is locally regarded with interest as a possible solution of the difficulty connected with the presence of young children at the ordinary church services.

"Seven Lean Years."-The horrible phrase, "The historicity of the will be again in every mouth. Bible. We do not like it, but we are interested, as all must be, in what it con-The latest archæological disvevs. covery is vastly attractive. Brugsch Bey, the great Egyptologist, has

come upon a monumental inscription, telling how the Nile failed to rise for seven years in succession about 1700 years before the Christian era, and a long and terrible famine was the consequence. Now, B.C. 1700 is the date recognized as the beginning of the "seven lean years" suffered by the land of Pharaoh after the king had dreamt of them, and Joseph had expounded his dream. Nothing in romance-romance as understood in the story books-is so astonishing and thrilling as the confirmation, bit by bit. of the Bible stories through the enterprise of the explorers and excavators and the perseverance of the scholars .- Evening Standard and St. lames's Gazette.

Mr. James Storey Wright, Spalding, claims to be the oldest bell-ringer in England, having been sixty-six years at the ropes at Spalding parish church. He was born on February 2nd, 1827, and commenced bell-ringing at fourteen years of age, shortly afterwards being made a member of the Spalding Company. For over thirty years he has been captain of the ringers at Spalding parish church, and has raised the treble for fifty years. Mr. Wright has rung bells in various parts of the eastern counties, and has received several tokens of regard and respect, his services being officially recognized by his fellows eleven years ago, when, on his seventieth birthday, at a meeting of the Eastern Counties Guild of Change Ringers, at Lynn, he was made a free member of the Guild. In his eighty-first year, he is still hale and hearty, and has walked some thousands of miles in pursuit of his hobby. A photograph has been specially taken by Mr. S. Jepson, of 49 Cross Street, Spalding. In the parish of Dunganstown,

County Wicklow, there is an outlying

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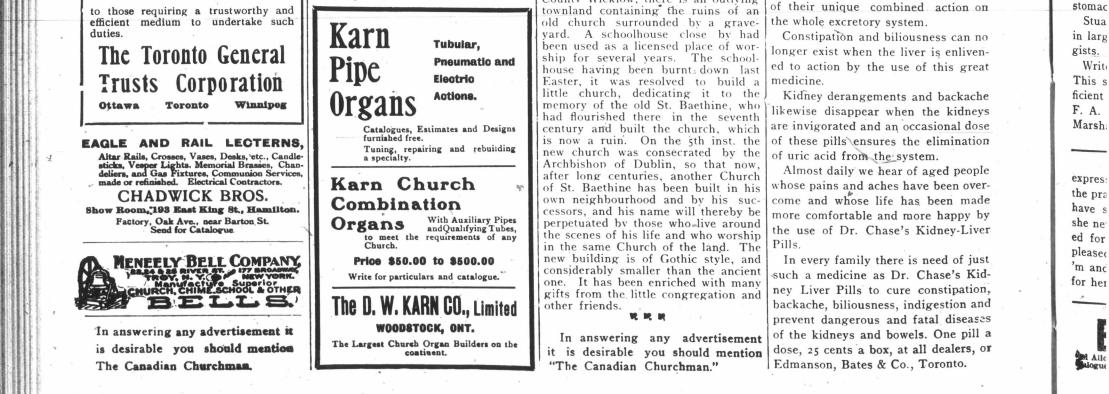
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