

preachers should be convened, he answered—'No, by no means; let all things remain as concluded at the last Conference.' [At Bristol, in 1790. It did not alter the decision of the Conference held in the preceding year. See No. 27.] Soon after he was observed to change for death. . . . His lips being again wet, he repeated his usual grace: 'We thank Thee, O Lord, for these and all Thy mercies; Bless the Church and King, and grant us truth and peace through Christ our Lord.' [These were almost the last connected words he was able to utter; he died on the following day, March 2, 1791.]—HAMPSON'S *Life of Wesley*, vol. iii. pp. 216-18.

NOTE.—These twenty-eight passages, to which many more might be added, express the opinions and feelings of the Rev. John Wesley during the most vigorous period of his life, namely, from 1743 to 1791.

PRAYER IN THE FAMILY.—I shall never forget the impression made upon me, during the first year of my ministry, by a mechanic I had visited, and on whom I urged the paramount duty of family prayer. One day he entered my study, bursting into tears, as he said, "You remember that girl, sir? She was my only child. She died suddenly this morning. She has gone, I hope, to God. But if so, she can tell Him—what breaks my heart—that she never heard a prayer in her father's house or from her father's lips! Oh, that she were with me but for one day again!"—*Selected*.

CONFIRMATION BY AN ENGLISH BISHOP.—Bishop Piers Claughton, on Sunday, May 7th, held a confirmation at Bonn, having confirmed a class the day before at Darmstadt.

## DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

EVERY Canadian Diocese should have a Diocesan School for Girls under the supervision of the Bishops and prominent persons of the Diocese, where, at a reasonable cost, a sound religious and secular education might be obtained. The influence of such a school can hardly be over-estimated. St. Mary's School, Burlington, N. J., and St. Agnes' School, Albany, with many others, have had a powerful influence for good in the American Church. One of the first things that a Missionary Bishop in a new Diocese does is to lay the foundation of Educational institutions. The wisdom of such a course is apparent. The religious training, the churchly habits, the chapel services, the intelligent knowledge of the Church that is gained, all have a powerful effect on the after life. And whenever a former student's lot is cast, you may be reasonably sure that the Church in that place will have a devoted servant, zealous in good works. We fear that Canadian Churchmen are not sufficiently alive to the importance of this subject.

## THE OFFERTORY.

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THE usefulness of the offertory and its Divine authority are rapidly becoming acknowledged on all sides. How inexpressibly superior it is to pew-rents is seen at a moment's glance. The pew system is being looked upon increasingly with disfavor by Church people; for it seems abhorrent to those who study the Epistle of St. James that the rich man should take the best place