

Church Bells, London :

Our great daily contemporaries, which lately made the announcement about the Lord Chancellor's 'startling' discovery that the rubric which says 'that banns of marriage shall be published after the reading of the second lesson is contrary to statute,' were singularly behind the times. The question at what time in morning service the banns should be published has for many years been an open one. Lord Halsbury made no discovery. The original rubric in the sealed Prayer-book says that the proper time is immediately before the sentences for the offertory. The rubric now printed says 'during the time of morning service, or of evening service (if there be no morning service, immediately after the second lesson.' The disagreement of the two has long been notorious, and in 1856 Baron Alderson, in the case of *Regina v. Benson*, gave it as his opinion that the banns ought to be published at the morning service, as the original rubric directs, and only in the evening after the second lesson. We believe that Bishop Wilberforce, in his Charge at Oxford in 1866, also referred to the matter. So much for Lord Halsbury and the dailies' 'startling' discovery!

The Church Review, London, commenting on the opposition to the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill in the House of Commons, says:

It is idle to pretend that the people of this country are anxious to see permission granted to a man to marry his sister in law. The vast majority do not care two straws about it, and were the Bill dropped altogether they would forget its very existence. The remaining minority is divided into two parties—the Churchpeople, and others with them, who believe that these marriages are forbidden by God's Word and the law of the Church; and the heterogeneous body of partisans of the Bill, composed of those who have broken the law, those who want to do so, and those whose occupation is that of professional agitators.

HELLMUTH COLLEGE, LONDON, ONT.

We have just received the Calendar for the twenty-third year of this well known College. Founded in 1869 by Bishop Hellmuth, with the object of providing a thorough liberal and useful education for young ladies, it has grown in importance and capabilities, and now possesses a large and efficient staff of teachers, and most beautiful buildings and ground. The former contains spacious class rooms, studies, laboratory, library, sanatorium, baths, elevator, &c. The bedrooms are large, airy and well ventilated, with a complete set of single furniture for each student: and the whole premises have been expressly planned and arranged to meet every possible educational and domestic requirement of the students. Everything is done to make the College an attractive Christian Home. Such institutions, if carried on on distinct and true Church lines, cannot fail to be of the highest benefit in extending her influence and power. We see by notice in another column that conducted parties will leave Montreal and other parts for the college in September, and doubtless many parents will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered.

God gives His unity to be the extent of our inheritance; His eternity, to be the date of our happiness; His unchangeableness, to be the rock of our rest; His wisdom, to direct us; His power, to protect us; His holiness to sanctify us; His justice, to absolve us; His goodness, to reward us in the way of grace, not of debt; His truth, to secure us in the accomplishment of all His promises.—*James Fisher.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

A STORM WRECKED CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian :

SIR,—A serious and sad disaster befell our log Church at Rutherford, Mattawa Mission, on the evening of Thursday, July 30th. A cyclone struck it on the south side, and shattered it so badly that what remains has to be taken down and the whole Church rebuilt.

We were all filled with dismay at this misfortune. Arrangements had been made for sheeting and neatly finishing the interior, and erecting a vestry and porch, for which the people had worked hard for two years, gathering together, by dint of much self denial, sufficient money for the purpose. They were eagerly looking forward to the improvement of their Church and the approval of the Bishop when he should visit them in the Fall, when this misfortune fell upon them. Now we have to face the rebuilding of the Church.

I am sure there are many warm hearted Churchmen among your readers who will sympathize with us, and, I trust, be moved to help us to repair the mischief which has left my people at Rutherford without spiritual 'house and home.'

The Church was built 5 or 6 years ago by my predecessor.

It is hard in a Mission of this kind, where the wants are so numerous, the people so poor, and saddled with a heavy debt on the Mattawa property, to have to do work twice over; but in this instance it cannot be helped. The disaster was beyond our power to avert. We therefore now view the situation cheerfully, and shall put forth every effort to get the Church re-erected in time for the Bishop's visit in October.

We need at least \$100 to repair the damage. I shall be most grateful to anyone who will come to the rescue with a donation, and thus stretch out a helping hand to us in our misfortune.

ROBERT W. SAMWELL.

Priest in charge of the Mattawa Mission. The Mission House, Mattawa, Ont. Aug. 1, 1891.

[A misfortune such as this should call forth the ready help of brother Churchmen, and we trust that it will begin without delay.—ED.]

MAGAZINES.

The Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the year 1890 is just to hand. It sets forth somewhat of the great and noble work done by this Society in all parts of the world; and we hope to make reference more fully to it hereafter. It bears on its title page an indication of its field of work, commencing in 1701, with the continent of Europe, followed in 1702 with the American Colonies and then in every quarter of the world, the list closing with *Mashonaland* in 1890. We wish this report could be in the hands of every subscriber to our paper.

The Spirit of Missions, N. Y., gives an idea monthly of the work carried on by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S. within the Republic and in Missionary fields proper. It is always fresh and interesting.

The Mission Field, London, is the monthly record of the work of the S. P. G., and the July number has much of interest in it from the various quarters of the globe.

The Church Eclectic, Utica, N. Y., for August reaches us early and is full of admirable selections from the various Church magazines and papers. The Rev. Mr. Williams finishes in this number his discussion of the question, 'Is Protestantism to be the great Apostasy.' Though many may not agree with his argument, the perils he points out, to which Prot-

estantism is exposed, are by no means fanciful, nor is his position,—that in effect its strongest protest is against the unity in Christ,—easily shaken. The Rev. Reg. H. Starr, D. D., contributes a thoughtful paper under the heading, *The Raison d'Etre of Lux Mundi.*

The Quarterly Register of Current History, published by the Evening News Association, Detroit, at the low price of \$1 per annum, comes to our table for the first time, and proves itself a welcome visitor. It contains a fund of information in regard to the current events of the day, and will be found a valuable aid for busy people in this busy age. It is illustrated with cuts of the principal persons referred to; and it is somewhat gratifying to find that Canada is not wholly ignored. The position of affairs anterior to and the result of the late election are referred to at some length; cuts, of Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, and of the central Parliament building at Ottawa embellishing this part of its contents.

Littell's Living Age for July 25th, contains: Archbishop Magee, *Fortnightly*; A Diligence Journey in Spain, *National*; The Simian Tongue, *New Review*; The Rise of British Dominion in India, by Sir Alfred Lyall, and Extracts from Unpublished Letters of Charlotte Bronte, *Macmillan*; The Inns of Court, *Gentleman's*; Statesmen of Europe, Austria, *Leisure Hour*. And that for August 1st, amongst others, *The Ghurkas, New Review*; Prince Napoleon, *Westminster*; *Influenza*, by Sir M. Macdonald, *Fortnightly*; *The Locust Plague in Algeria, Contemporary*.

The Westminster Review—Leonard Scott Publishing Co., N. Y., for July is full of solid and yet interesting reading. Amongst other articles of this character are the following:—The New Darwinian by J. T. Cunningham; London, Past and Present, by F. R. C. I.; is Imperial Federation a chimera, by William Lobban; The Jews and the Bible, by Julian Cohen. We would not be understood as endorsing the views of these writers: far from it, especially as to the last; but there is much material for food thought.

The Homiletic Magazine for July; E. B. Treat, N. Y., contains several beautiful sermons and outlines. We would specially note that for *Children's* service (but suitable for all), on 'The Lessons of the Flowers,' by Rev. R. Brown; that entitled 'Our Voice in the Morning,' by Rev. D. Clarkson; and the leading sermon by Rev. James Vaughan, 'The Vision of Dothan.' The magazine is one which we think would be found specially useful to our Church clergy.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Arrangements are in progress for holding a Dairyman's convention at St. John, N. B., during this exhibition, and it is expected that several experts will be present and will give some lectures on dairy interests. Arrangements are also being made for showing several varieties of cream separators and other dairy apparatus in operation. It is also proposed to offer some special prizes for dairy products, and that the competition may be open to all the Provinces. Prof. Robertson of the Dominion Experimental farm, who is now visiting the Creameries and Cheese Factories throughout the Maritime Provinces, is taking quite an active interest in this matter. The exhibition opens on Sept. 23rd and continues until October 3rd.

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