

Bishop of Peterborough's Charge, or the comprehensive and generous Pastoral of the Bishop of Rochester, or the Charge of the Bishop of Winchester, with its rare combination of positive statement and practical wisdom with gentleness and patience and transparent sincerity, without feeling that, in spite of much time lost, the reins are being gathered up, now, into strong, and at the same time, tender hands, to guide the future of the Mother Church.

The Bishop thinks that never was there so much power in the Church in England in any part of her history as there is to-day; or as the Bishop of Winchester expresses it "so much doing for God and godliness." And he has come back, he says, "envying no single one of all the dignities, or prerogatives of English Prelates, no single one of their magnificent Ministers or parish Churches, no single one of their glorious and impressive services. For the spiritual dignity and prerogative of the Episcopate are their chief honour, as they are ours; and our Cathedral buildings will come, and our parish churches will increase in number and grow up to the grandeur that befits the purpose of their building, and our worship will go on towards the "perfect beauty of holiness." But I do long and pray for the tide to reach these shores, of that reality of religious interest and energy in work and worship, which seems at the flood now, to so great a degree in England, till it shall break down and bear away the shame-facedness and self-consciousness which make American Churchmen whisper their responses, with bated breath in Church; and make them afraid out of Church, to speak of their religion or to confess their Master before men."

In illustration of this statement he says he counted one hundred and fifty organized charitable houses, chiefly administered by sisters, and one hundred and eighty-two guilds and organizations for active Church work. Although we are accustomed to think that the English Church depends on endowments and invested funds, yet it is a fact that more than five million dollars are annually given for building and repairing churches. The Propagation Society, the Colonial Bishops Fund, the Church Missionary Society, the Bishop of London's Trust, with other Foreign Missionary Societies expended last year five and a half million dollars more, for the noble objects they have in view. The Bishop also refers to the use now made of the cathedrals in England, and says:—Our first Sunday in England was spent in Exeter Cathedral, whose noble Norman towers and massive walls are among the monuments of English history, from the days of the Conqueror down; and which is beautiful inside now with the newer memorials in glass and stone, of the great names of Freeman and Sir John Coleridge and Bishop Patteson. The morning service was what one looks for, the great choir filled with an attentive congregation. In the afternoon the greater nave was thronged to the door with a congregation of listeners and worshippers. The sermon was, what English sermons are in my experience, simple and direct as men would write who are well-educated, and in earnest; not so rhetorical, perhaps, as our American preaching, but, if I may venture to say it, more real. And the singing was what it is only in England, where the whole congregation take up the choral responses and the hymns; where the anthems recall what Gregory said to Augustine about the Anglo-Saxon boys thirteen hundred years ago, "*Non Angli sed Angeli*;" where the Psalter is sung with the ease of the most accurate reading, as if each boy were the "chief singer upon the stringed instrument," to whom so many

of the Psalms are inscribed. The anthem that afternoon, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day," not only made me feel as if the words were true of all of us that were there, but made it almost possible to imagine what the Holy Seer felt at Patmos, when he "heard behind him a great voice." Our last Sunday in England was in York, and there too the choir, larger than many a parish Church, serves for the morning congregation, while the afternoon and evening congregation throng the vast nave. And of St. Paul's Cathedral, what can one say to give an adequate impression of its life and power? I saw it in every aspect, from the pulpit twice, from the choir and from the nave. Its Sunday congregations vary from twenty-five hundred to four thousand. The combination of spiritual, intellectual and practical forces, in the Chapter is unequalled. Dr. Stainer certainly is first among few equals as an ecclesiastical musician; and at the daily worship the music is as exquisite in its way, as at the greater Sunday services. And the Cathedral is utilized and used. A country rector told me of his meeting there six or eight farmers from his neighborhood, who told him that on the days they brought their produce to the city market, they almost always found time to come in after it was sold, to the Cathedral Evensong before they went home. There is a daily celebration of the Holy Communion, and in Lent not only a short added midday service for business men, who come to it in throngs; but special sermons and even a Bible class for the critical study of the New Testament in the original. And among the throngs of wandering sight-seers on the week days, it is no uncommon thing to see poor men and women, reading and praying, as they could not do in the crowd and confusion of their own own homes.

We must defer to a future issue the Bishop's sentiments discussed at the Lambeth conference.

THE OFFER OF "FRATRES."

WE are happy to learn that, since our last publication, and up to Tuesday afternoon, \$165 additional have been subscribed towards the \$3,000 needed; making a total of \$2,355—leaving only \$645 required. Those who have not responded to our appeal of last week, will have the goodness to send in their names to W. P. Atkinson, Esq., Sec-Treasurer of Synod, Toronto. More strongly than last week, it may be said, "He gives twice who gives quickly."

BOOK NOTICE.

PHYSICS.—By J. D. Steele, Ph.D., F.G.S., [New York, A. S. Barnes, & Co., 1879] 8 vo.: cloth, pp. 305, \$1.25. BOTANY.—By Alphonso Wood, A.M., & J. D. Steele, Ph.D. [New York, A. S. Barnes & Co., 1879] 8 vo.: cloth's pp.: 318, \$1.25.

These volumes just published are additions to the "Fourteen Weeks' Course in Science," which also embraces treatises on Chemistry, Physiology, Astronomy, Geology and Zoology.

The work on Physics has been the outcome of lectures delivered by Dr. Steele to his classes, and very pleasantly has he presented his scientific facts. The chapters have the great merit of not being too long, and are preceded by analyses.

The initial words of each sub-division call attention to the contents by the use of larger type, practical questions, and summary, with historical sketch from parts of every chapter. The engravings, illustrating the text, are of an unusually high order, whilst the twenty-six plates of "Black-board Drawings" will be found most useful. An extensive list of standard works is furnished for the pupil's further assistance in his studies.

When we compare the books of the past with those of the present, truly may we say that "the lines" of the student of to-day "have fallen in pleasant places."

The authors of the work on Botany very modestly claim that it is "merely an introduction, conducting the pupil across the gateway only." We think that we can safely predict that it will have to perform the office of *cicerone* to many students in one of the most delightful of all studies, the pursuit of which is accessible to almost every one. Some doubtless have hitherto been deterred at the outset by the somewhat needless array of learned terms, derivations, &c., but here by description, analysis, and classification, the learner is at once presented with the plant itself, and though it may be only the familiar little *polytrichum commune*, yet by it he has become acquainted with some of the special and most important principles of Botany.

The scientific names are accented to guide the learner as to their proper pronunciation, and a glossarial index gives, in addition to the letter-press explanation, the further assistance of drawings of the distinguishing plant structures.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PUGWASH.—At the Church on 31st ult., a large number of parishioners being present, Rev. R. F. Brine, A.B., was unanimously elected Rector of the Parish of St. George.

ALBION MINES.—This Parish has been visited by the newly-appointed agent of the Board of Home Missions—eloquent to a degree seldom attained by our clergy. Mr. Wainwright pleaded both in New Glasgow and in the Parish Church; first for "their own selves," and so for their "layings by" for God and His Church. The results were in a pecuniary sense creditable, while the blessing from such large and unpartizan Christian teaching cannot be estimated. In spite of a cold storm of snow, &c., and bad roads, the congregations were far from poor in numbers. Mr. Wainwright went on to Pictou on the 5th.

PICTOU.—The truckmen of the town have given up their labour towards the building of our new church by gratuitously hauling stone and lumber to the site. An example to many elsewhere who are better able to afford the expenditure.

An immense gathering took place in St. James' Churchyard on Friday, 4th inst., the occasion being the funeral of Dr. W. E. Cooke, the talented and ever kind Inspecting Physician of the Port, and Superintendent of the Marine Hospital. The ever beautiful Burial service was said by the Rector (Rev. J. Edgecumbe), while the solemn ceremonies of the Masonic fraternity were performed by R. W. Grand Chaplain D. C. Woods, R. A. Both Blue Lodges and the R. A. Chapter attended in full regalia.

HALIFAX.—A Confirmation service was held at St. Luke's Cathedral at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by his Lordship the Bishop. The church was filled, and about sixty candidates were Confirmed. A similar service was held at St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon, where over one hundred candidates were Confirmed. His Lordship the Bishop stated that this was the largest number of candidates that he had Confirmed at one time since he has been in the Diocese.

"Viator," in the *Chignecto Post* says:—In no place in the Dominion do I find so many changes in the same length of time, as here. Death has made sad inroads, and there is scarcely a family that has not been visited by the grim messenger within the last two years. The family of the Rev. R. F. Brine have been sadly afflicted with illness this winter. The second daughter is just recovering (under the skillful treatment of Dr. Creed) from a very severe attack of diphtheria. A donation of upwards of \$30 was presented to Mr. Brine last week, in consideration of the extra expense he had been subjected to.