

NEW JERSEY.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

67 West Thirty-eighth street.

Messrs. Editors: Enclosed please find copy of the Minute adopted at a late meeting of an Association of Clergy in this city and vicinity, with reference to the death of Dr. Samuel Clark. On behalf of the Association, I would respectfully ask its insertion in your columns. Yours truly, R. HENR NEWTON, Sec.

New York, Feb. 16, 1875.

DEAR MADAME: The undersigned representatives of an Association of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which your late husband was a member, desire to express their sincere and respectful sympathy with you and your family in your bereavement.

In the character and labors of the Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Clark, they, in common with a wider circle of the clergy than that embracing their immediate Association, have uniformly recognized the union of an intelligent, manly, and Christian faith, with untiring devotion of purpose and life to the service of the Redeemer.

The deep sorrow of a parish, under God indebted in a great measure for its stability and large influence, to the wise judgment, the hearty zeal, and the practical efficiency of Dr. Clark; the affectionate regard in which, as a Christian man and a faithful pastor, he was held by those within and without the limits of our own Church; the universal expression of grief on the part of his townsmen of every class, on the occasion of his decease; the loving remembrance of his cheerful presence and his many virtues, cherished by those associated with him in varied clerical relations; are abundant and grateful testimonies to the public estimate of one for whose good example we bless God's Holy Name.

With the renewed assurance of our united and heartfelt sympathies with you and yours in your affliction, and the earnest prayer that your heart and mind may be kept in "the peace of God," we are, Dear Madame, very faithfully,
YOUR FRIENDS.

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It has been said by one who has had much to do on Blackwell's Island, that no more effective missionary work could be done than that which men and women with good voices, and loving and devoted hearts, might do, by singing anthems, hymns, and sacred songs, suited to the Church seasons, in the various halls and chapels. The poorest of our poor are to be found by thousands there, as each year rolls on its weary days, and many of these are in the highest sense our own brethren. If we could gather up the echoes of those grand organ and choral symphonies, which resound from Sunday to Sunday through the churches of the great city, and pour it down through the "vale of misery," it would be to many sad, suffering, wretched, desponding hearts, as the songs of the angels; rekindle their faith; revive their hope; uplift their hearts; and pour the sunshine of heaven upon the darkness which wraps them round. But that we cannot send to them.

And if this truly missionary work could have its counterpart in some little matter of earthly comfort, such as the sick and the old so much need, this work would find its reward in many souls comforted and saved, who now will not believe in the existence of Christian love. Our Christian love, shown in "little deeds of kindness," not only makes the soul feel the beauty of Jesus' character and religion, but it will "assure our hearts before Him," in the "day of His coming." Friends and relatives of the sick and the old are constantly bringing to the Island their proofs of love. But I am pleading for our Christian brethren, who are sick and old and infirm, and have no friends or relations in the world.

The Commissioners of Charity and Correction cannot provide for all these cases, without larger appropriations; and if they could, and if they did, such things administered by hired officials, who in many cases are not sympathizing Christians, do not draw the soul to God, the Great and Good "Giver of all good things."

A steady supply of tea and sugar, milk crackers, jollies, &c., or of the means to buy them, would be a blessing which would bring a steady return of blessings upon the givers. Words cannot express the gratitude that such ministries would foster, nor the immensity of the good that a single year would effect.

Why cannot this most desirable of all charities be grafted upon the Christian's visitation, recently made to two of the Institutions? A few Christian ladies have continued to direct their gifts to that quarter; but it needs a larger amount, and a steady supply. Indeed a small amount devoted constantly, is better than an occasional abundance.

It is to be hoped that this Lenten season may be fruitful in this good, to the poorest of our poor.

With the approval of the Bishop, it is proposed to begin a Parochial Mission at St. Ann's church, New York, on Sunday, March 7th, at 8 P. M. It will be under the direction of the evangelist, the Rev. P. B. Morgan. It will probably be continued ten days. The Rev. Mr. Morgan will preach every evening, services to begin at 8 o'clock. At the noon services there will be short addresses by different clergy of the city. We ask the prayers, the sympathy, and the co-operation of our brethren of other parishes, that the Mission may be instrumental in leading many to take up the Cross

and follow Christ. The Mission will certainly be considered as in harmony with the special services of the Lenten season.

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Confirmations by the Bishop: Clinton, 7; Goldsboro, 8; Wilson, 11; Rocky Mount, 4; Ringwood, Halifax county, 5.

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In the House of Correction, Philadelphia, (under the religious care of the Rev. I. Martin, presbyter of the Church,) there are 1200 inmates, the majority of whom can read, and who would gladly thank the readers of THE CHURCH JOURNAL for any reading forwarded to them, especially pertaining to a knowledge of the Episcopal Church.

I ask that they be remembered by spare books and papers being sent for them to No. 51 North 6th street, second story, or to the House of Correction, Holmsburg, 23d Ward, to my care. ISAAC MARTIN, Moral Instructor.

ORDINATION IN ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.—The Bishop of the Diocese visited this parish on Feb. 20th, Ember Saturday, for the purpose of admitting Mr. Nalbro Frazier Robinson, A.B. (Univ. Pa.), to the Order of Deacons.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. E. Terry, rector in charge, from the text "Let a man so account of us as the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." (1 Cor. iv. 1.)

It is to be regretted that, owing to the great inclemency of the weather, there was not a larger congregation present to hear the able discourse of Mr. Terry upon the nature of the stewardship exercised by the minister of Christ. His charge to the candidate was singularly appropriate and affecting.

The candidate was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. Mr. Terry, upon which the ordination service proper was said. The impressive services were concluded by the administration of the Holy Eucharist, which was celebrated by the Bishop. The Rev. Mr. Robinson will continue his duties in the Episcopal Academy until the close of the Academic year. EBOR.

PITTSBURGH.

We insert below, from *The Independent* of Emporium, Pa., a notice of the worthy conduct of one of our clergy during a disastrous fire which threatened the destruction of the town. The Rev. Mr. Clark is recommended by *The Independent* as head of the Emporium Fire Department. Such a fact is significant beside the opinion that preachers are a helpless, effeminate class.

The coolest-headed, most systematic, and thorough-going person at the great conflagration here on Monday morning, and the one above any other that our people are mostly indebted for the preservation of the buildings on the north side of Fourth street, opposite the burning buildings, was the Rev. Joel Clark, pastor of the Episcopal church here. To him belongs the credit of getting the fire-engine to work after nearly every one else had abandoned it, and without the use of which the fire would certainly have crossed Fourth street, when the entire business part of up-town would have been destroyed. We would not be understood as saying that there are not others deserving of credit for their efforts to stay the fiery element, for there were quite a number who were very active, among whom we noticed J. W. Kriner, A. Haupt, Dr. Bryan, Wm. France, J. W. Cochran, J. F. Parsons, Frank J. Thomson, J. P. Felt, J. L. Beers, besides many others that might be mentioned; but this we will say, that from our own observation, we think Mr. Clark has all the elements to fit him for a captain—energy, coolness under excitement, good judgment, and a pleasant but firm temperament, and therefore we recommend him as a person admirably fitted for the head of the fire department of our borough.

VERMONT.

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The Bishop's annual order for visitation of the Diocese begins with Luke's church, St. Albans, on Sunday, March 21st, and ends with the Vermont Episcopal Institute, on Wednesday, June 16th. When the visitation comes on Sunday or a holy day, he wishes a celebration of the Holy Communion; and in every parish he wishes to meet the children for catechising.

CASTLETON.—At St. James' Mission the rector (the Rev. W. G. Davenport) is delivering a series of Lenten sermons, preceded by the Litany, on Church topics, assisted by neighboring clergy.

ARLINGTON.—The rector has a course of lectures on the Morning and Evening Prayer, besides lectures and readings on practical subjects. Also, the full Litany on Friday mornings. Services also at Bethesda church, West Arlington.

BRATTLEBORO.—Since the advent of the present rector of St. Michael's church, the parish has given new evidence of vigorous life. He has also lately preached to a

large audience, comprising the inmates of the Vermont Insane Asylum, located here. We clip the following notice of the rector's lecture before the Brattleboro people, delivered before Lent began, from the Brattleboro *Phoenix* of Feb. 12th:

The Rev. W. H. Collins delivered the second lecture in the Harmony Hall course on Tuesday evening, his subject being "Queen Elizabeth." The view taken of this remarkable historical personage by the lecturer was the one which we believe is now usually accepted, namely, that while she exhibited some faults and weaknesses in the conduct of her long and eventful reign—partly, however, occasioned by the sentiment of the times in which she lived—she was still a woman of remarkable natural endowments, of powerful intellect, of good judgment, of great courage, and of sterling virtues—in short, a worthy ruler of a mighty nation, and one of the best that England or any other country ever had. Some of the more noteworthy incidents of her life were portrayed by the speaker, and the matters of chief importance occurring during her reign were touched upon in a manner that held the attention and interest of the audience to the close.

WESTERN NEW YORK.

The call extended by the vestry of Christ church, Rochester, with unhesitating unanimity, to the Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, late of Columbus, Mississippi, chief helper to the Rev. Dr. Twining in the domestic missionary work, has been met by a prompt acceptance, and the probability of instant entrance on the duties so much needing a rector's hand, and head, and heart.

The sober enthusiasm, if we may use the phrase, with which this acceptance has been wished by the whole congregation, and is now hailed, reminds an old soldier of nothing so much as of a regiment asking only a leader, and eager to be led where there is the most work to do. All the incidents and circumstances of the call and negotiations augur for the new relation, and for our city, a solid and fruitful accession to Church life and its interests.—*Rochester Union*.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cox has signified his intention to deliver a course of sermons on the successive evenings of Holy Week, at Christ church, Rochester. Subject: The Seven Sayings of the Cross.

Communications.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Editors are not responsible for the views of correspondents. No attention is paid to anonymous communications. Under no circumstances can we undertake to preserve or return unused manuscripts.

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TWO BISHOPS-ELECT—WHAT SHALL BE DONE?

Messrs. Editors: I think you have made it clear enough that the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Dioceses have something more than a mere recording responsibility resting upon them in the matter of Episcopal elections. Assuming here at any rate that they have something more, and that the responsibility of a wrong choice is properly divided among all whom the law of the Church makes parties to it, I think it ought to be said that now is the time, and that the Episcopal nominations respectively of the Dioceses of Southern Ohio and Illinois constitute emphatically the occasion and the opportunity to speak. Such a conjunction has never before occurred in this Church, and it is to be supposed and hoped will never occur again. Speak the Church at large must the one way or the other in both these cases, and the question is whether we will give the rest of the Church's sanction and approval to either of the two extremes which these two men represent. Let it be remembered, and let it be squarely put before these ratifying and confirming bodies, that one of these men has openly avowed his sympathy with, and his undiminished confidence in a clergyman of the Church whose resistance to her laws and his own Bishop, amounted at the time to contumacy. If this nominee had been a Northern man before the outbreak of our Civil War, and had written a letter of sympathy and encouragement to a South Carolina secessionist, in the stand assumed by that State at the time, he would have been just as loyal to the constitution and laws of the United States as he was to those of the Church when he signed the Cheney sympathizing letter. And his deploring the subsequent act of secession, would have placed him just where the Philadelphia letter against the Cummins movement places this nominee for Bishop; in no worse a position and no better. Disloyalty is one step, secession is another and a further in the same direction, and that is the least that can be said about it. Tolerate such men we may, and it need not be added that we do. All our instincts of love and loyalty cry out against crowning them with the honors of this Church.

And the other nominee, who now stands waiting for his crown at the opposite extreme, has done more to shake the faith of the mass of Churchmen throughout the country in the soundness and safety of this Church, I may say even to shock them, than any other man in it, by more openly than any other, avowing and advocating, not practices, but the strange doctrine on which all the practices rest, which have received the repeated condemnation of the Bishops who are now asked to stultify themselves by making him a Bishop. Tolerate him too, perhaps, we may—crown him we cannot, with any regard whatever