

tree and the distribution of prizes to the successful children for lessons, attendance and conduct for the past half year.

The Magic Lantern exhibition occupied about one hour, and then followed the uncovering of the tree (which was very beautifully illuminated with wax tapers) and the distribution of the presents; the children who had gained the most marks were presented with their reward cards, and the best boy and girl in each class also received from the superintendent a beautiful book. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Mr. Wood.

As this brought the tea and entertainment to a close, Rev. Mr. Wood said that before he dismissed them he wished to make a few observations. He was pleased to be there and to see such a gathering and spoke strongly and feelingly with reference to the work which had been done by the Lay Reader in charge, Mr. W. R. Sterling, and he closed by saying that there was no better proof of the esteem and regard and good will which the congregation had for the Lay Reader than the fact that they had requested him to present that official with a small souvenir, as a slight token of their esteem, and their appreciation of his services, and reiterate what he had already said, and it did indeed give him unbounded pleasure to be the medium of conveying such a token to him. The Lay Reader was taken by surprise at this unexpected gift, and could hardly find words to thank them for their kind remembrance and their appreciation of his imperfect services. He hoped that kindly feeling now existing between them would be increased a hundred fold during the present year. After singing the Doxology the proceedings were brought to a close.

All concerned are to be congratulated on the Church's work in this village, and the manner in which the children conducted themselves was a subject of remark, for their behaviour at this time could well be imitated by the children of the larger schools.

It is some years since such an entertainment was giving at Quidi Vidi, and its success should be an encouragement to continue it in coming years.

SOME SUNDAYS ABROAD.

A SUNDAY AT LINCOLN.

(Continued)

The Precentory meeting most pleasantly one of those social gatherings of cathedral dignitaries and other notables from the neighborhood which can be found nowhere else in their combination of the intellectual, the social and the religious elements.

The day of rest in a Cathedral town is no day of idleness so far as the cathedral Clergy are concerned. The services were quite the same as at the Davenport cathedral: beginning with the early sacrament at which there was a very large number of communicants, followed by the choral matins and sermon at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon there was a plain service and sermon at an early hour for such as preferred this style of service, and at four o'clock there was a magnificent choral service with an anthem most charmingly sung. In the evening the nave of the Minster was filled to overflowing and the Bishop of Iowa preached to a most attentive congregation, largely composed of young men. This was the fifth large congregation assembled in the cathedral on this single Sunday and these congregations were gathered in a city where there were in a score of churches of the Establishment similar services going on from early morn till late at night. It may be said that all this was but the natural result of the union of Church and State, and that the

church was thus flourishing because supported by the state. There could be no greater mistake. The Church in Lincoln, as elsewhere in England, receives nothing from the State save the protection which was promised to "holy Church" in Magna Charta. The Church in England is older than the State, so far as Lincoln is concerned, and the same is true elsewhere as well. The churches were founded, built, endowed, and supported by the gifts of individuals who, learning Christ's law that the possession of property is a stewardship, and involves duties and obligations, regarded it as among the first of their dues to erect and provide for the support of the Church of Christ. Not one of the churches of Lincoln was built or endowed by the state. The first words of Magna Charta recognized the Church of England as the greatest and most important factor in the national life, for the church was living and a power long before, in the political world, order had succeeded chaos and government had begun to exist on any firm foundation. These words of the great declaration of the rights of Englishmen—and of American descendants of English ancestors as well—are "The Church of England," not the Church of Rome in England, or the Holy Roman Church, but "The Church of England,"—a national church possessing an organization, an independence, and an identity of its own—"shall be free, and shall have all her rights and her liberties inviolable." It is because the "English establishment" is the church of the English-speaking people that she has in these days of ours attained such rapid development and gained such marvelous successes all over the world. And the hold she has secured in the hearts of the people is in no way more clearly proved than in the crowds attending her services and in the vast offerings made for every good word or work laid willingly upon her altars.

The busy happy day was at length over, and we fell asleep in the midst of crowding memories and associations rarely granted even to pilgrims like ourselves seeking at the shrines and pulpchres of old lessons for practical use in the living present, with its pressing duties and its many unsolved problems. We trust our Lincoln Sunday was not lost in good gained and given. God grant it may have been blessed, indeed.—*From the Iowa Churchman.*

CONSECRATION.

THE CONSECRATION of the Rev. Dr. J. M. Kendrick as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona, the "Cactus" Jurisdiction, took place on Friday, Jan. 18th, at Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio. The officiating Bishops were Tuttle, of Missouri, Ralison, of Central Pennsylvania, Dudley, of Kentucky, and Knickerbocker, of Indiana. There were 26 clergymen present. The new Bishop is a graduate of Marietta College and Gambier. He has been a lawyer, and served on Gen. Nelson's staff during the war. He has been the efficient General Missionary of the Diocese of Southern Ohio during Bishop Jagger's infirmity. His speech at the last Convention of the Diocese of Michigan will be remembered by all who were present. The Rev. R. W. Clark, of Detroit, is an old friend, and called him to Columbus in 1874 as his assistant minister.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 9th, some printer's errors, owing probably to the indistinctness of your Lachine correspondent's writing. The pulpit banneret, referred to, bears the inscription, not "We preach it," but "We preach Christ." Will you kindly insert this correction, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

H. J. WINTERBOURN.

NEW BOOKS.

THE COUNTESS EVE. By J. H. Shorthouse. New York: Macmillan & Co.; Chicago: S. A. Maxwell & Co. Price \$1.

We have read this book with much interest and like other books from the pen of the author of John Inglesant and Sir Percival, its objects and tone are good. A reviewer says of it:—

The sentence in the Litany, "That it may please Thee . . . to beat down Satan under our feet," is the key note to this fascinating sketch. For brevity, intensity, and completeness, it is a master-piece. It is the record of a great temptation, in which are mingled the evil influences of the living and the dead, natural and supernatural, at last overcome by the revelation of the hideousness of sin and the power of the Divine Presence." Throughout there is portrayed a conflict between good and evil intense and terrible in reality, the good ultimately triumphing.

FAMOUS WOMEN of the Old Testament.—By the Rev. M. B. Wharton, D.D., Late United States Consul to Germany, Author of "European Notes," &c., &c.

Its contents include: Eve, the Mother of the Human Family; Sarah, the Mother of the Faithful in every age; Rebekah, the Beautiful but Deceptive Wife; Rachel, The Lovely Wife of Jacob; Miriam, the grand, patriotic Old Maid. Ruth, the lovely, young and honored widow; Deborah, the strong-minded woman; Jephthah's Daughter, the consecrated maiden; Delilah, the fair but deceitful wife; The Witch of Endor, enchantress of Samuel's Ghost; Hannah, the praying and devoted mother; Abigail, the wife of the Shepherd King; The Queen of Sheba, Solomon's Royal guest; Jezebel, the Bloody Mary of Scripture, The Woman of Shunem, Elisha's friend; Esther, the deliverer of her people.

The varied qualities, work and offices of women are well described in this book. The beauty, intellect, power and influence of the sex in the role of maidens, wives and mothers, are depicted by one who is a keen observer of human nature, who has enjoyed special opportunities, by travel and position, to see society in all its phases, and who wields a facile pen in portraying what he has seen and learned. The book abounds in startling incidents and rich illustrations, and will be found an interesting portraiture of the women of Biblical times. In one square 12mo volume, illustrated, 318 pages, \$1.75; E. B. Treat, publisher, 771 Broadway, New York.

BRYAN MAURICE.—By the Rev. Walter Mitchell; Thos Whittaker, N.Y.; 12mo, p. 280; paper 50c; cloth \$1.

The story contained in this book of deeply fascinating interest appeared many years ago in the Boston Church Monthly, and is now published in book form by this well known New York House.

"It is a most admirable picture of the workings of New England Congregationalism and its resultant Unitarian Rationalism on a young, ardent and cultured mind, and the gradual opening of the hero's eyes to the emptiness of such "religion," and the need and possibility of something better." It is a book which ought to be read by churchmen and churchwomen; is not too deep for hours of relaxation and yet is deep enough to convey great Churchly truths. "A reviewer of it says: "It has been said, and truly, that "Bryan Maurice" is a good antidote to "Robert Elsmere;" but it is a great deal more than that; for there is more food for thought in it thrice over, and as a mere story it is better worth reading." We heartily recommend it to our readers.