

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH  
OPINION.

*The Church Messenger* says:—

Easter should be no contrast to the preceding season.

It is but the holy joy which springs out of sorrow, the accomplishment of the work which in its former stages was exhibited under the phases of death and decay. The contrast between Easter and Good Friday is only apparent—it is a contrast to our dull human apprehension. Easter exhibits the triumph of life, divine life, over death; and Good Friday exhibited the triumph—but only apparent, not real—of death over life. But always and everywhere the life of God is triumphant, whatever may be the appearance. The special joy of Easter is that it displays to our dull spirits the true and unchanging power of God to man. It enables us to bear all things because it shows that the life of God, shared by all His children, is never overcome, but that in its period of deepest depression it is but preparing for most certain and most signal victory.

Our Easter can never be here. Here annual festivals commemorate our Lord's triumph, but the day of our open and visible deliverance from the last enemy is in the future. There is laid up for us a crown, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give us "at that day." But each Easter to the heart of the Christian brings joy and thanksgiving because it teaches him that his real Easter is now, here, present, always!

The open tomb and the attendant angels only published abroad the true nature of Him who died on Calvary. The day of final Resurrection shall only manifest to men and angels the inner life by which each Christian now lives and works: "Christ in me, the hope of glory!"

*The Ecclesiastical Gazette* advises its evangelical friends, if they desire to see the rubrics of the Prayer Book observed all round, should be careful to observe them on their own behalf. It is quite contrary to the letter and spirit of the Prayer Book to take the unconsumed consecrated wine out of the church and pour it back into the black bottle in the vestry, even for the next celebration, yet this is a use which has prevailed for years in one of the Dublin non-parochial churches. The consecrated wine is "the sign or sacrament of so great a thing" as the Blood of Christ, as the Article tells us, and it is directed to be "reverently" consumed as such by the celebrant and other communicants immediately after the holy rite has concluded.

[We have heard of some terrible things being done by individuals of the ultra Evangelical school in Canada, such e. g., as taking book-markers bearing a worked or beaded cross and trampling it under foot; but we don't think any such violation of the Rubric as is referred to above occurs here.]

*Church Bells*, referring to a lecture given by Rev. C. R. Taylor on "Church Reading and Intoning" in the Mission Room of All Saint's, Margaret street, London, England, in which Mr. Taylor pointed out some particulars which required careful practice with a living instructor for the amelioration of this state of things; and he referred especially to such matters as the proper production of the voice, taking of breath, articulation of vowels and enunciation of consonants, and the emphatic rendering of what is said as though really felt by the reader. He said of intoning that it is musical reading, and that, therefore, no one can intone well who is not first able to read well, as all the good and bad qualities of reading are magnified in intoning. And church bells adds wisely—but all too truly. It is much to be wished that there were less of the unseemly gabble and indistinctness in the rendering of our Church services. Many of the clergy, of all schools, would do well to place themselves under the care of some competent teacher for a course of instruction.

## MAGAZINES.

*Our Little Ones and the Nursery.*

—The Russell Publishing Company, 36 Broomfield street, Boston. The April number of this very attractive child's magazine is filled with appropriate and timely matter. Not only are the illustrations good, but also the stories contained in it are such as may be safely placed in the hands of children, each one as a rule containing some good moral.

*The Pansy*—Messrs. D. Lothrop & Company, Boston. We never take up the *Pansy* without finding something in it which is pleasing and instructive, and the April numbers form no exception; indeed, they seem to be ahead of previous issues. One of the instructive stories is entitled "Selma's Lesson."

*The Dorcas*—22 Vesey street, New York. The April number of this illustrated monthly of women's handy work will be found to contain much that will be interesting to the ladies, furnishing patterns, and directions not only for fancy work, but also for the more substantial and necessary dressmaking. The publication price is only 50 cents per annum.

*The Grammar School*.—The Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago and Boston. This is one of the series of Interstate Readers, of which there are three, namely the *Primary*, *Intermediate* and the *Grammar School*: each being intended for different grades, and containing matters suitable for being read in schools, or for the use of scholars at home. The *Grammar School* is nicely illustrated, and each number contains, besides light reading, articles in pleasing form relating to history and science. The April number has under the head "Magna Charta stories" by Susan Coolidge, some incidents of Georgian history.

## MARRIED.

WARNEFORD-ALLISON.—At Windsor, on April 26th, by Rev. E. A. Warneford, Rector of Norton, Diocese of Fredericton; Rev. Canon Maynard, Rector of the parish; Rev. H. Harley, Curate; the Rev. E. A. S. Warneford, Rector of Canterbury, Diocese of Fredericton, to Mary McNeil, eldest daughter of the late Charles Allison, Esq.

MILLER-MILLER.—At Shubenacadie, on April 13th, by the Rev. Robert W. Huggell, Henry Norman Miller, of Elm-dale, Hants Co., to Alice Maude, third daughter of James Miller, Esq., Shubenacadie.

RYAN-WILLIAMS.—At Lockeport, March 31st, William Ryan to Catherine Williams, both of East Green Harbour.

## DIED.

RENNELS.—William Rennels, of Bayfield, in communion with the Church Catholic, departed this life on the 2nd April, 1887, in his 80th year.

"May perfected light shine upon him."  
TUTTY.—Entered into rest, at Lorraine, C. B., in Communion with the English Catholic Church, Mary Elizabeth Tutty, aged 21 years and three months.  
Lord, all-pitying, Jesus bleed,  
Grant her thine eternal rest.

McKAY.—Entered into rest, on April 16th, Flora McKay, aged 16 years, of Amherst N.S.

KILLICK.—Entered into rest at Augusta Georgia, March 24th, Mrs. Killick, widow of the late Rev. John Homer Killick, of Bolton, England.  
Interred at Silver Mount Cemetery, Staten Island, New York.  
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