

ask that the right man may be found and then that the means for his support and that of his mission may be forthcoming.

Contributions for this and any other part of our work in Athabaska will be gladly received and acknowledged by Mr. H. G. Malaher, of the Missionary Leaves Association 20 Compton Terrace, Upper Street, Islington, London in England, or by Rev. W. A. Burman, my commissary, Middle Church, Man., in Canada.

I remain,
Ever yours most sincerely,
RICH'D. ATHABASCA.

Questions for Self-Examinations.

These Questions may be used by confining the Self-Scrutiny to two or three a day.

1. Have I reason to believe that I am "daily increasing in God's Holy Spirit more and more?"
2. How do I fulfil the law of Christ, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me?"
3. Is my walk and conversation such as to strengthen my fellow-Christians, and to warn those who are neglecting the great salvation?
4. What are the sins to which, from my disposition and circumstances, I am most liable, and do I strive against them?
5. How frequent and how fervent am I in prayer?
6. Do I endeavor to be "rightly instructed in God's Holy Word," and how often and in what manner do I "search the Scriptures?"
7. How do I prepare myself to come to the Holy Communion?
8. Do I attend the Lord's Day and Week Day Services of the Church, only actual necessity hindering me?
9. Do I pray for him who is over us in the Lord, and seek by my example and my exertions to promote the blessing of his ministry?
10. Am I constantly engaged in doing good to the bodies and souls of men?
11. Do I seek by my gifts, my prayers, my labors, to advance Christ's kingdom on earth?
12. Do I uniformly and cheerfully set aside amusements when in conflict with Church attendance and other duties?
13. As one "not conformed to this world," what amusements do I reject, and what *lure* do I impose upon myself as to amusements in general?
14. Am I chiefly, "a lover of pleasure," or, a lover of God?
15. Am I living in charity with all men?
16. What portion of my *real income* do I devote to charity, and do I ever deny myself to give away?

IF A PARENT.

1. Do I observe family prayer?
2. Am I anxious for the spiritual welfare of my children?
3. Am I by precept and example training up them as "Members of Christ, Children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven?"
4. Do I bring them up in habits of prayer, Scripture reading and church attendance?—*Selected.*

COURTESY TO STRANGERS IN CHURCH.—A young man enters a church with a timid and hesitating step, and a blush on his countenance. There is plenty of room in the pews, but somehow every pew with a vacant sitting in it has a person planted at the entrance as a notice against trespassers. No one is rude to the stranger, they simply let him alone, and pay no more attention to him than they do to the nearest pillar. If he does not steal quietly out, he feels that he is in no wise wanted there, and he takes care not to trespass into that fold again.—*St. George's Parish Magazine.*

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

THE NORTH EAST.

There is no season in the Church more precious to the believer than Lent. Its coming should be looked forward to with interest, its departure should be accompanied with a feeling of sadness as at the parting with great opportunities for spiritual growth and development. The voice of the Church from the beginning has declared its work. She calls upon her children by frequent services and solemn teachings to draw nearer to their God. And when the season has passed the Christian who has availed himself of its advantages feels that he has been "strengthened with might" by the power of the Holy Ghost for his future conflicts against "sin, the world and the devil."—*The Churchman, N. Y.*

A FEARFUL GROWTH OF CRIME.

Mr. Henri Joly has recently published an analysis of *crime* in France for fifty years. He gives an appalling statement but it comes, it must be remembered, from one who has a right to speak with authority on the subject.

It is not merely that crime has increased not absolutely alone but relatively also. In 1838 there were 237 crimes and misdemeanors to every 100,000 inhabitants, as against 552 in 1888. Such a showing is bad enough. But there is something worse. The increase of crime in the period considered has been 133 per cent., but the increase of offenders under 16 years of age has been 140 per cent., and of offenders between 16 and 20, 247 per cent. What a fearful prospect for the future does this present.

Then, again, Mr. Joly classifies crimes and the results reached are striking. For the first 40 years of the present century crimes were mainly those against persons. From 1840 to 1854 they were chiefly against property. In the subsequent period the crimes are against the family, that is, crimes in the line of licentiousness. During the last half century crimes against persons have increased 51 per cent., crimes against property 62 per cent., crimes of licentiousness 240 per cent. and in the case of the lowest classes 430 per cent.

And what lies at the root of this awful evil is the utter break-up of the family, following on easy divorce and the abandonment of all idea of the sanctity of the marriage relation. Unions libres are poor substitutes for marriages. In the case of what may be rightly termed "abandoned children," out of 819 in Paris in 1889, 568 were brought to the authorities by the fathers themselves.

Is there no lesson in all this for us in the United States? What would such an analysis as that of M. Joly reveal in our own land? Yet if any one should make it and argue from it he would be sure in some quarters to be called a pessimist.

MARCH MAGAZINES.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW contains as its leading paper Bishop Cox's Article entitled "The Healing of Divisions," being the first of a series of papers on the general subject of Church Union. The Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, represents the Church pulpit in the Sermonic Section, Suggestions for *Easter* are given in this number—being selections from the German by Prof. Schodde of Columbus, O. (Funk & Wagnalls Co., N.Y.)

THE TREASURY for Pastor and People although chiefly representative of the denominational pulpits contains each month much that will be found of service to the Clergy of the Church. In this number there is a short article on

"Christian training in childhood," by Rev. E. A. Bradley, D. D. Episcopalian, Brooklyn, N.Y. (E. B. Treat, N. Y.)

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY has amongst other contents, *Harvest tide on the Volga*, by Isabel I. Hoppood; *The Childrens Poets*, by Agnes Repplier; *Thos. Chandler Haliburton*, by F. Blake Crofton; *Doubts about University Extension*, by Geo. Herbert Palmer; *Why the Men of Connecticut fought for the Union*, by J. D. Cox, &c. (Houghton Mifflin & Co., Boston.)

THE QUARTERLY REGISTER OF CURRENT HISTORY—4th Quarter 1891—notes amongst other International affairs, *The Behring Sea Dispute*; *New Reciprocity Treaties*; *General European Politics*, &c. It also makes notes of current affairs in Asia, Africa, Europe and America. CURRENT HISTORY is truly doing a unique work in the field of journalism and is in reality a condensed encyclopaedia of current affairs. It will be found very valuable to all and specially to the busy and overworked business and professional man. (The Evening News Association, Detroit, Mich. 1.00 per an.)

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS gives in full the admirable address of the Rev. Dr. Langford to the Clerical Brotherhood of Philadelphia on "Christian Beneficence; Its Motive Measure, and Method." Its Domestic Missions Department is occupied chiefly with an interesting account of Dr. Briggs' work at Point Hope, Alaska. (203 Bible House, N.Y.)

THE CHURCH ECLECTIC completes its 19th volume with this number: an exceedingly good one. Its leading article is from the pen of the Editor (Dr. Gibson, of Utica, N.Y.) on "Moral Insanity." This Monthly, well merits the high encomiums received from the press generally.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE. The number of *The Living Age* for March 12th contains Jane Austen, *London Quarterly*; Men Servants in India, and The Mystery of Gravitation, *National*; Pleasure, and Lord Rosebury's "Pitt," *Blackwood*; a Skating Trip in Holland, *Leisure Hour*.

OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN for this month is very prettily illustrated and contains several pleasing stories for the little ones. (D. Lothrop Co., Boston.)

Received OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NEWS-REV. (Russell Publishing Co's, Boston. \$1.50 per an.)

THE PANSY. (D. Lothrop Co., Boston. \$1.00 per an.)

BABY-LAND. (D. Lothrop Co., Boston. 50cts per an.)

Correspondence.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN,

In your issue of March 2nd there is a mistake in the figures representing the number of Communicants in Nova Scotia. According to the Year Book of the Church of England for 1891 the number of Church people is 63,000 of whom about 10,000 (not 1,000) are Communicants.

You have also omitted Prince Edward Island which is represented in the Year Book as having 7,192 Church people of whom 1,030 are Communicants.

Surely there is also some mistake with reference to the number of Communicants in the Diocese of Huron.

V. E. HARRIS.

Amherst, March 7th.

[The figures furnished by us were for N.S. 10,000 Communicants. The 1,000 was on typographical blunder.—Ed.]