

assembly, civil or ecclesiastical, that can get through such a large amount of important work in so short a time

The debate on the place of holding the next General Convention was full of surprises. The Boston men were surprised and so was the House when the vote went for Atlanta by a large majority. The Rev. deputy from California paid his respects to Boston when he referred to a Massachusetts deputy's plea for the Convention to come to Boston because that part of the Church needed instruction and enlightenment."—*Living Church*.

FROM an interesting letter in the *Halifax Herald* we clip the following extract, conveying as it does the primal secret of successful instruction of the young :—

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In the educational world the fact is being recognized that "the child is the central problem of the universe"; that the culture and character of the race depends upon the care, attention and study given to the education of our children, not only the teachers in the school, but by the mothers in the home. We often hear it said that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and we know that the majority of women either as mothers or teachers, sisters or aunts, visitors

in the home or nurses, come in contact with and have a great deal to do with children. How important, then, it must be that every young woman should give some special, definite, and thorough study to child nature, to its wants, "its yearnings, its tendencies and activities."

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FEW RENTS.

A CLERGYMAN'S TESTIMONY.—A clergyman living in a south-west county writes :—"Pew rents are abominable. I have known poor people to go to three different seats and then been asked to move again, and so walked out of church. But I hope for better things here, and by quiet honest work you can't fail to gain the end you work for."

OBJECTIONS TO FREE AND OPEN CHURCHES.—You don't know who will be your nearest neighbour; it may be someone unpleasant and unclean. Really, some of these people who cry, "Come not between the wind and my nobility," seem to imagine that working men can't be happy without a certain amount of tar, oil, coal dust, or lamp black—that they never saw a towel, and don't believe in a pump! I should like to take them to certain churches, in which I could show them hundreds of working men as well washed, brushed, and dressed (though not so expensively) as themselves; quite as considerate and courteous to each other, and quite as devout and reverent in the worship of God. Again, "Why disturb existing arrangements, which have continued so long and so peacefully?" "Allow me to inform you," it has been said, "that everybody appears to be satisfied. The people pay their pew-rents cheerfully, and there are more