

heard of late in England, find no sympathy we believe in our Dominion. The assertion that her services by themselves are meagre and imperfect, and require to be patched out from the Sarum Use or some other abrogated liturgy, we meet with indignant denial. When we find Lord Halifax, the president of the so-called 'English Church Union,' declaring that "*Our Communion service, if taken alone, is absolutely insufficient as the expression of worship due from man to God,*"* we can only pray that our dear old Church may soon be delivered from a Society which can put forth such foolish heresies, and rejoice that there is no danger that our laity will be infected by them.

The Sunday school will be the best vestibule of the Church, if all party feeling is kept out of it, and we teach our Bible and Prayer book as they stand,—the one written by inspiration, and the other not without guidance and permanent blessing. Like the ivy round the oak, the two adorn each other. If we are to regain for the Church of England in this province that portion which belonged to her once, and which is her rightful destiny, we must revert to the older practice of our Church. The simple teaching of the Bible, as re-affirmed at the Reformation, and finally reflected in our present Prayer book and Articles, this must be the spiritual food of our children. Then they will fill in time the places of their fathers, and create a posterity of loyal Churchmen and faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

* See *Guardian* (Sept. 14, 1892) page 1377, quoted by Bishop Alfred.

PARISH NOTES.

After the usual summer absence of teachers and scholars, our Sunday School has resumed its full force and activity.

The quarterly children's service was held in the Church on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, and was well attended. Mr. Carl Smith delivered an address from the lectern on the subject of "the children of the Bible"; illustrated especially by the incident of the boy with the five loaves and two fishes. We have lost the services of Mr. Pickett, who has offered himself for another department of parochial work, his class being taken by Mr. Walter Scott, a teacher of long experience. Miss Hunter's resignation through ill health, after long and most efficient work, has been already recorded. Her fellow teachers and pupils presented her with a copy of the Bible (Revised Version) and Prayer book, accompanied by an address. Her class is now taken by Miss Dorothy Armstrong.

A very serious loss is now impending in the departure of Miss Wilson, to whom both the Sunday School and Church are deeply indebted for invaluable help at the organ. She has accepted the post of organist at St Stephen's Church, a position of importance, as the music of that church has always attained a high reputation, which it will not forfeit, we are sure, under its future directress. She has generously consented to help us until the return of Mr. Ford, and in her future career she will bear with her the sincerest gratitude and heartiest wishes from the congregation and Sunday School of St. John's Church.

A meeting of the Sunday School Association was held at

our Schoolhouse last month, when a paper was read by Rev. G. E. Lloyd upon the value of Sunday Schools in the work of religious education. There was a very large attendance, completely filling our Association room. We regret that we have not space to print Mr. Lloyd's paper this month, but for the benefit of those who were not fortunate enough to hear it, we may mention that it was a forcible plea for religious education on Church of England lines, emphasizing the value of the Sunday School as the true link between the Church and the secular day school, but holding up the ideal in the condition where religion, not only theoretical but practical is the very central part of school life and work. In the discussion which followed Mr. Roy Campbell of Dorchester, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Eatough, and Mr. A. H. Hanington took part. We regret that so few competent laymen can be induced to speak in these discussions, and are sure that the managers of the S. S. Association would welcome them heartily. On Monday, October, 17th, our church was placed at the disposal of the Association for a service of intercession. Canon Brigstocke delivered an earnest address upon the spiritual needs and aspirations of our teachers, and upon the helps which will carry them through the many difficulties of their work. At the public meeting which was held the same evening in Trinity Schoolhouse, addresses were delivered by Mr. Parkinson and others, the laity again being conspicuously absent. We were glad that Mr. Raymond took occasion to enter a forcible protest against the too prevalent custom (among some clerical speakers on education,) of sneering at our national Schools, and thereby weakening the hands of the excellent Christian men and women who teach in them. Whatever be a man's opinion about the merits of secular and denominational education, our duty is to make the best of existing circumstances. It may be remarked also that no less an authority than the Archbishop of Canterbury at the recent church congress gave high praise to the religious influence of Board (i. e. secular) schools in England:—"the immense teaching body living and working to a standard which few standards rival."

The first meeting of the Y. M. A. after the summer's recess was in all respects a notable one in its annals. It was very largely attended, and a hearty spirit of zeal promised well for the season's work. It was decided *nem. con.* to suspend the constitution, and regard the meeting as the annual one. The elections were at once proceeded with. On the motion of Mr. H. C. Tilley, the Rector was proposed as the future president, and unanimously elected. Dr. Wetmore's zealous work for the Church in so many spheres was acknowledged by an equally unanimous appointment as Vice President. After a ballot Mr. A. E. Raymond was chosen as secretary, (Mr. Tilley having pleaded his many engagements in declining nomination), and Messrs. Beverly, Tilley, B. Fairweather, and A. O. Skinner, were chosen as the future committee of management. Discussion commenced immediately upon the work of the future. It was recognised that the establishment of a public Debating Society last year had not been of advantage to us. It had smothered the old time private debates, when our younger speakers tried their strength,