

of all those noble feelings which ought to predominate in the hearts of all true Churchmen. Let us now be up and doing, no longer must we hear the sad story of want among our country missionaries; and when meetings are called, throw our hearts and souls into the work, and we need not fear the result.

When missionaries hold a meeting to consider their interests, let them do something better than merely "elaborate a scheme," and in return they will have the deepest gratitude of the whole diocese. C. C.

#### EXAMINATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly announce through the columns of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, that an examination for Sunday School teachers, in connection with the Church will be held at St. Luke's Sunday School room, Ashburnham, on May 26th, 1879. The examination will be conducted under the auspices of the Sunday School Institute, (England), which has for its patrons the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishops of the Church in Great Britain. I have been appointed Local Secretary for Canada, but I purpose acting only for the Diocese of Toronto. All applications by intending candidates from this Diocese must be made through me, and in such time that I may transmit the names, etc., of those offering, to the head office, before the 14th of April next. I append a few particulars respecting the examination. The candidates must, at the time of their application, be teachers in a Church of England Sunday School. This must be certified to by the Vicar or Curate of the parish. A fee of fifty cents must be paid by those teachers who do not belong to a school in subscribing connection with the Church of England Sunday School Institute. The examination will be a written one, the questions being sent from the head office, England, and the answers transmitted thereto. Certificates will be awarded to all who obtain *two-thirds* marks in all three subjects; and to these certificates, will be attached the signatures of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. First-class certificates will also be granted to all who obtain half-marks, and second-class to those who obtain at least *one-third* in all three subjects. Twenty prizes varying in value from £1 to £5, will be given in books to such as obtain the highest number of marks. The subjects of examination for 1879, are as follows:—

*Scripture.*—The Acts of the Apostles, chapters 15 to 28 inclusive. (Eight questions.)

*Prayer Book.*—The Te Deum, Benedicite, Benedictus and Jubilate, together with 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Articles of Religion. (Eight questions.)

*Lesson.*—An outline of a lesson to be written on a subject selected from the last fourteen chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

I would strongly recommend the formation of classes for the study of these subjects, in as many places as possible, throughout the Diocese. They could be carried on under the direction of the clergyman, and would, I am sure, be productive of much good. Should a sufficient number of candidates offer for the examination, an endeavour will be made on their behalf, for reduced terms on the different railways.

Yours, &c.,

W. C. BRADSHAW,  
Local Secretary.

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#### THE CHRISTMAS PASTORAL.

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly allow me a few words anent the Christmas Pastoral.

A short time ago I received a card asking me to request the Churchwardens to intimate how many copies of the Pastoral they would require. How could I, without sacrificing all delicacy of feeling, comply with such a request, when I know the Pastoral referred to was an invitation to the wardens and the rest of the congregation to make a Christmas present to myself?

But the Churchwardens, to whom the notice I received should have been sent in the first place, did apply for a certain number of copies of the Pastoral, and yet these had not been received by the Sunday next before Christmas. Thus must I submit to the further indelicacy of myself asking

the congregation, from the chancel, to give me a present on Christmas-day, or else run the risk of their remembering the usual custom, for there would be surely very little use of placing the Pastoral in the church on Christmas-day itself, supposing the copies to have arrived by that time—as the people, without previous notice, would be unprepared for it.

Perhaps, however, it was not intended that the circular should be laid before my congregation as I am not one of the poorly paid—or unpaid—missionaries; albeit my stipend is as small as that of a missionary. For certainly on reading the Pastoral in last week's CHURCHMAN it struck me as being addressed almost exclusively to the missions. We have several circulars during the year upon the subject of missions and missionaries, and surely the Christmas Pastoral which should be intended for the parishes as well as the missions need not be devoted to this subject too.

In conclusion may I ask if we in the parishes, who will probably come short this Christmas owing to the treatment we have received, will be justified on this account in relaxing our efforts on behalf of the Mission Fund? For a Churchwarden, in complaining of the Pastoral, remarked, "charity begins at home." Yours, M. A.

#### Family Reading.

RAYMOND.

CHAPTER XXVI.

The promise which Estelle Lingard had exacted from Hugh Carlton had been given with such apparent truth that she rested upon it in absolute security, and looked forward with pleasure to their continued intercourse, because she hoped to show her gratitude for the affection she could not otherwise requite by being of use to him in his literary work. She understood enough of human nature to be well aware that a disappointment such as Hugh had undergone is generally a very transitory sorrow to a man, though too often it makes up the sum of a woman's life; and she readily concluded that he would soon forget it, and in due time perhaps enlist her friendly sympathy for some other attachment which might be more successful. It was, therefore, without the least misgiving that Estelle prepared to receive his visits just as frequently as usual, and to resume all the pleasant, easy relations which had heretofore subsisted between them. She would have learnt, however, that same night, how little she really knew Hugh Carlton, if she could have seen him on his way home from Highrock House at the close of the interview. He walked quickly down the path, but after he had passed through the gate, he turned round so as to face the one lighted window which marked her presence, and fixed upon it a steady gaze for a considerable time without moving from the spot. Then at last he slowly raised his right hand, and brought it down with violence on the upper bar of the gate, while he said aloud, in a deep concentrated tone, which gave to his words the solemnity of an oath, "And you think, Estelle Lingard, that I will give you up! I tell you, never! never while life endures!"

The night wind sweeping past him bore away the sound of his voice, but as he turned from the gate and walked on towards his home, he carried that sentence graven on his heart, with the indomitable resolution that he would bring it to pass at any cost, were it even to require the compromise of his honor and integrity. He said this to himself, not because he had any deliberate plan of doing evil that he might win Estelle, but because he knew that he had already consciously departed from truth in giving her the promise he never meant to keep, and also because he felt that the force of his uncurbed will would certainly overmaster every principle of right within him, if it were needful for the attainment of his deliberate purpose.

Quietly and steadily he planned his course of action as he walked onward through the dim night. He would take care, for a long period to come, that his intercourse with Estelle should be carried on with a quiet friendliness and confidence which should entirely prevent her from imagining that he could retain any hopes of a nearer connec-

tion; and, at the same time, he would accustom her to such unwearied care and tenderness as should make his society become gradually an actual necessity in her life.

Meanwhile, Raymond, in his exile, would have no opportunity of deepening the impression once made upon her, and it would be easy enough, Hugh well knew, to raise reports in the neighborhood of her engagement to himself, so as to deter others from approaching her; and in the end it surely could not fail that her affections would be drawn away from the man who did not value them, to bless with the fullest happiness that one to whom she was more precious than life.

Hugh's sanguine nature made him feel so confident of success as he mapped out the future in this manner, that his spirits rose with a rebound which carried him from a state of despair to a hopeful gladness; and when Estelle saw him next day, all traces of his passing anguish had so completely vanished, that it seemed to her as if the events of the night before could have been only a dream.

She looked forward to meeting him again with some embarrassment and dread; but to her great relief, he walked into her sitting room at his usual hour on the next afternoon, and greeted her with frank cordiality, as if nothing whatever of a painful nature had ever passed between them.

She was delighted at this somewhat unexpected result, after the tempest of excited feeling through which he had passed when last in her presence; and she jumped at once to the conclusion that he had so thoroughly accepted the certainty that she should never be his wife as to have given up all thought or wish of the kind.

This conviction put an end to any restraint on her part, and her manner became at once as easy and unconcerned as his own appeared to be.

"I have come, by my aunt's desire, to carry you off to the Hall, Estelle," he said, "and my orders were that I was to listen to no excuses, and take no denial, as she is absolutely bent on having your companionship this morning."

"And why this morning in particular?" asked Estelle.

"Because it is the first day she has had real experience of what Carlton Hall is without Kathie. She feels so miserably dull and depressed as she wanders through the great rooms, and misses the bright fairy of the place at every turn. You will be doing a great act of charity if you will come and sit with her, dear Estelle, and you know you have told me that you should not think it right to let what has happened cause any estrangement amongst us."

"No; I cannot be at enmity with any one, not even with those who have injured my friend," she said, sadly; "I will come to Mrs. Carlton if she wishes for me, Hugh."

"That is well," he exclaimed, delighted; "and you will let me walk so far with you, I hope, for I want to speak to you about a plan I have for a poem on a larger scale than any I have yet written."

"I am charmed to hear that," said Estelle, "I will get my hat at once, and you can tell me all your ideas about it as we go." And so in a few minutes they were passing together through the summer woods, conversing earnestly on the subject of the projected poem, in which Estelle seemed to take quite as much interest as Hugh himself; and then making their way through the picturesque grounds of Carlton Hall, where Estelle had so often walked with Raymond and Kathleen, they entered through the open windows of the drawing-room, to find Mrs. Carlton lying on a sofa, looking languid and out of health.

She welcomed her visitor with genuine satisfaction, and when Hugh had left them alone, at once began to pour out all she had to say with a sort of feverish excitement which struck Estelle as indicating a mind ill at ease.

She plunged, without an instant's delay, into the history of the wedding, and described all that had passed in the most minute detail, while Estelle, to whom the subject was intensely distasteful, listened with what patience she might. Then Mrs. Carlton enlarged on the brilliant prospects of her daughter, describing how she was certain very shortly to become a peeress, and how Mr. Harcourt had resolved with his wife's fortune to buy back the old castle and estates that had