

lieve, the late Richard DeVeber. I succeeded him on his retirement, and held the post for a number of years. Mr. Charles F. Kinnear succeeded me, and then Mr. T. W. Daniel, of whose abundant labor on behalf of the school and Parish it is not in my province now to speak. It is a long and honorable record which must some day be written.

There can be no doubt that under the present favorable auspices, the building now confided to your care will help you in the good work of strengthening the Church in this Parish. In all your efforts you may rely with perfect confidence upon the aid and sympathy of the congregation and of their representatives, the two Wardens and Vestry. And I invoke the divine blessing to rest upon you and upon all who labor with you in this house.

To the Ladies' Committee and the ladies generally of the Church, the thanks of the Vestry and all of us are especially due. It was owing to their patient labors in gathering funds, continued with unflagging zeal through many years, that encouraged the Vestry to erect such a large and commodious building. Thanks are also due and are given in unrestricted measure to those members of the congregation who have so generously contributed toward it. All have their reward, not only in the proud satisfaction of seeing their labors and money well expended, but in the consciousness of duty well done which will never be forgotten.

It only remains for me to add that the lessons of Dr. Gray and Mr. Armstrong—your predecessors in this Parish—to all in their schools, were simply the truths of the word of God, the Gospel of God's grace, without admixture of any kind. It was the secret of their power and success. The teachers were carefully instructed, and they, in their turn, being able to teach others, one generation after another has risen in this city who loved the old paths and walked therein and found that rest which is promised to the people of God, holding in perpetual honor the memory of those by whom they believed.

THE RECTOR'S COLUMN.

[* * *When the Young Men's Association accepted the suggestion that they should undertake a Parish Magazine, it was arranged that space would be reserved for the Rector, in which official notices of events concerning the Church and Sunday School would be given, and other communications concerning the departments immediately under his control. For this portion alone the Rector is responsible.* Ed. P. N.]

THE CHURCH.

A special service will be held on Monday, March 23d, at 8 p. m., when, in place of an Anthem, Stainer's *Crucifixion* will be performed by the Choir. Notice of the arrangements for admission will be found in another column. The offertory will be given to the Hospital Nurses' Fund, the object and importance of which are already well known to the readers of PARISH NOTES. It may be well to remind the members of our congregation to remember that they are

expected to join in the Chorales which form an important part of Dr. Stainer's work. This was a feature in all the early oratorios, and Mendelssohn still preserved it in St. Paul, but it has of later years fallen into disuse. Dr. Stainer, himself one of the greatest of church organists, well understood the value of a feature which makes the performance an act of congregational worship as well as a presentation of beautiful music.

There will be no administration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, March 15th, but in place of it, there will be two administrations on Easter Sunday, at 8 o'clock, and as usual after the morning service. There will be no meeting of the Sunday School on that day. It is proposed to devote the offertory on Easter Sunday to the Sunday School Building Fund.

At a recent meeting of the Rural Deanery, the proposal to form a Choral Union was discussed, and ultimately approved. There is no idea of making any new society, for the Oratorio Society has the warm sympathies of all who took part in the discussion, but simply to unite the choirs of our principal churches once or twice a year, in the performance of a choral service. A committee, consisting of Revs. Canon Brigstocke, J. M. Davenport, and the Rector, was appointed to consider details, but it was decided that no effort would be made to hold one of the proposed services until the Autumn. Already, before this discussion, it had been suggested that a union, on a smaller scale, of the "mixed choirs" might be occasionally held, and it is likely that, soon after Easter, representatives from the choirs of St. James's, St. Mary's, St. George's, St. Luke's and St. Jude's, may join our own in a special service, the offertory being given to some object of general interest, such as the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Among the various societies in our Church, the Boys' Association has for some time been doing little. It suffered more than the other associations from the lack of a place of meeting after the removal of the old school house, and the once formidable eleven of cricketers could not succeed in arranging a single match. Many of the Seniors are almost, if not quite, qualified by age to join the Y. M. A., and their duties, now that all of them are engaged in business, leave little time for recreation. But the Junior division, numbering some 30 or 40 members, need a thorough organization, and it is hoped that members of the Y. M. A. will help in the way that our ladies assist the Girls' Association. An excellent idea, suggested some time ago, was the formation of a company in the Boy's Brigade. No more useful and salutary form of recreation could be conceived.

The Rector acknowledges below the answers received to the questions published in the last number. The writers are free, if they prefer, to adopt a *nom de plume*, provided the real name is given for the information of the examiner. Last month's papers were reviewed by Mr. W. J. Wilson, whose award of marks is appended.