

with kinder feelings, and thereby to make it a much easier thing for their children to come boldly out. The proof that this heaven is working even now is shown by the fact that we have a chapel full of children at daily matins, and that there has been hardly a case of objection on the part of the parents to their attendance.

On his late visitation of Egypt the Bishop appointed Mr. Odeh to be one of his chaplains, in recognition of his excellent work.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLK OF THE FAMILY

(By Bishop Dudley, Kentucky.)

I dare say you will be surprised to hear, my dear girls and boys, that your old friend even writes verses; but it is a fact that once in a great while he does even so strange a thing as that. Now, in this very paper you will find the last that he has written, and he wants you to learn the lesson which in them he has tried to teach. You know, I hope, that we believe the great duty of the Church in the world is to preach the gospel of the kingdom, to make every man know that God has sent His own dear Son to die for our sins, that so He may bring every one of us back home to him; therefore it follows that every member of the Church must be taking part in this great work—this missionary work, as we call it. Understand, I say that every member of the Church, which means, you know, everybody who has been baptized, must be taking part in this work. Not only the Bishops and the other clergymen, not only the grandfathers and grandmothers, the fathers and mothers, the old and the rich, but EVERYBODY, however young, however poor, must be doing something to make somebody else know the Gospel, something to bring some new citizen into the kingdom. I want you to think about this, and realize that this is the necessary action of every Christian—just as necessary as is the bearing fruit to the tree or the vine. If it is alive it will bear fruit, and if the Christian is alive, and not really dead while seeming to live, he will be doing something for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

"But what can I do?" asks some little boy or girl; or it may be some poor man or woman who can hardly find bread to eat and clothes to wear. Well, one thing everybody can do, and that is pray, pray to the good Lord that He will make His Church more faithful, more earnest, more diligent in doing this great work; and that He will, by His Spirit, make the Church's work to be effective. Some people may ask, 'What good will praying do?' and we answer that our Lord Jesus taught us while He was here on earth, that we must be always praying to His Father for what we are seeking to accomplish, and that, though we may not be able to understand how, God will hear and will answer our prayers. Therefore we pray, because He commanded us to. But it is so hard in this busy, bustling life of ours to find time to pray, or even to remember this, our duty. And so, to help us, the Church at the last of its great meetings ordered that the bell of every church be rung for a few moments every day at noon to call us to lift up our hearts in prayer to God, that He will hasten the coming of His kingdom, that He will make all nations everywhere to know him.

One of the Bishops sitting by me said we would call it the *Evangelus* bell, which means the Gospel bell, the bell to summon us to pray for the increase of the preaching of the Gospel. Had you ever seen a very beautiful picture, which I have seen in many homes, called "The Angelus?" It shows us two peasants, a man and a woman, standing in a field where they had been digging. But the bell has sounded from the distant church spire, and they have thrown down their hoes, and the man has taken

off his hat, and both stand with bowed heads, and are saying the prayer to the blessed Virgin Mary which the Church teaches them to say even the very words which the Angel spoke to her when he came to announce that she was to be the mother of the Christ. Therefore they call it *The Angelus*, the Angel, the bell which rings every day at a certain hour to call the people thus to pray. But our bell is to call us to pray not to Virgin, blessed as she is forever, but to her Son, to whom all power in heaven and in earth has been given; and we are called to pray to Him, even as He Himself did command, that His kingdom may come. And so we will call our bell *Evangelus*. And I hope that every church bell in Kentucky will be rung hereafter every day at noon, and when you hear it I beg that each and every one of you will close your play or your study, will lay down needle or book, ball or doll, will for one moment lift your hearts to God and pray to Him, really pray to Him, just as you would beg your father or mother for some thing which you very much desire, that His kingdom may come, that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest field, that He will put it into the hearts of the young men of our country to serve Him in preaching the Gospel, and that He will help each one of us to deny himself that he may do something to extend His kingdom.

But then, too, I want you to remember that while all of us can pray, that some of us, and indeed almost all of us, can do more than pray, and that our prayers will not be accepted of God, and will not bring the blessing we seek unless while praying we do all else in our power to bring about the great result. Some of the boys to whom I am talking can give themselves to be God's ministers. Do they ever think of this? Many of you, both girls and boys, can give time and thought now in trying to bring other children to the Sunday school and to the church. And almost all of you can give something of your abundance or your poverty to help take care of the ministers who are preaching the Gospel in our own and in heathen lands. Now, what will you do for our dear Lord?

Before another LETTER comes to you we will have begun our great annual *fast*, that season of the year which we call *Lent*, when for forty days we shall try by more frequent prayers, more earnest study of the Bible more careful self examination, more honest self denial, to become stronger in the Christian life. What are we going to give up during this Lent that we may contribute to the treasury of the Church?—*The Bishop's Letter.*

Correspondence.

"WILL BE BEST BESTOWED."

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—I trust you will be able to find space for this 'appeal,' and that your readers will not stop short at the word 'appeal,' but read on to the end.

During the last few years the good people of Stonewall have built a stone church and bought a large and comfortable vicarage—they have worked earnestly and the property is free from debt.

For nearly two years they have been endeavoring to build a parish room—to be used by the Sunday-school (over sixty scholars, at present held in the church), and St. Andrew's Guild, and also as a lecture hall and reading room. They feel that unless our more fortunate fellow churchmen help with this good work, it will never be accomplished. It is badly needed for there are so many men working in the quarries who have no place to spend the evening but the bar-room, or a bedroom 6 by 9 feet. Will some

of your readers kindly help us. Perhaps, by giving an estimate of the cost, I will give one or more items: rough lumber and scantling, \$150.75; flooring \$60; shingles, \$116; concrete walls \$71.25; doors and windows, \$80; plaster, \$108.50; roughcast, \$6.90; partitions, etc., \$50; labor, \$110; chimney, etc., \$40. Total, \$888.70.

I don't know how to beg, but dear friends do help us, even if ever so little. The Ven. O. Fortin, Archdeacon of Winnipeg, twenty miles away, writes: "Mr. Dransfield has charge of a poor and weak mission. He is making very laudable efforts to procure for his churches such equipments as are necessary. . . . Any assistance that may be given him will be well bestowed and greatly appreciated, not only by himself but also by his struggling parishioners."

Address all subscriptions to W. Belt, Esq., Supt. of S. S., or to the Rev. Herbert Dransfield, the Vicarage, Stonewall P. O., Manitoba.

WHAT IRELAND NEEDS.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

SIR,—I am directed by the Rev. Canon Greene, of Orillia, with your permission, to ask readers of the CHURCH GUARDIAN for assistance in the way of contributions towards promoting the religious instruction of the Irish-speaking population of the Green Isles, through the agency of that soundly Protestant Church Association, the Irish Society. A door is open for the circulation and study of the Bible among that people. If the opportunity be permitted to pass unimproved, the Church is in danger of hearing the exclamation of the self-convicted brethren of Joseph, 'We are verily guilty concerning our brother,' and the punishment may be deplorable, both from a national and religious standpoint. What Ireland needs is the light of the Gospel. Her people are breaking away from the old superstitions, and without the true light will drift into infidelity, as France did in the last century. G. H. H.

FOR 'GOOD FRIDAY.'

"It is finished." That life of sorrow,
Of bitter anguish and pain,
Has ended, 'mid shouts of derision
From men who their Lord have slain.

"It is finished." That life of patience,
Of doing His Father's will,
With a holy, loving obedience,
Our perfect example still.

"It is finished." The work is ended,
Which brought Him down to die,
And from age to age re-echoes still,
The sound of the Saviour's cry.

"It is finished." O words of gladness,
Bringing life and joy and peace,
Bringing hope to those by sin enslav'd
Of a full and free release.

"It is finished." As we think of Him
Who for us sin's curse has borne,
Our sins grow more hateful in our sight,
And deeply for them we mourn.

And we pray that our dear Redeemer
May strengthen us day by day,
To fight the battle 'gainst self and sin,
To walk in the narrow way.

"It is finished." Again in glory.
The redeemed take up that strain,
And cast their crowns at their Saviour's feet,
Who to ransom them was slain.

March, 1890. N. M.

"By thine Agony and bloody sweat:
By thy Cross and Passion;
By thy Precious Death and Burial
Good Lord deliver us."