

## EDITORIAL NOTE.

We find in the *Family Churchman* of Sept. 14th, to hand this week, an unexpected confirmation of the position taken by us in a late number regarding teaching Sisterhoods. The *Churchman*, says:

Interest has been taken in a correspondence with the *Guardian* relating to the value of teaching orders. It had been thought that these orders were exclusively an institution of the Roman Church, and had never penetrated the Church of England, though there was no conceivable reason why Rome should have a monopoly of the institution. A letter from the Rev. James H. Carr, of Adisham Rectory, Wingham, however, gives particulars of a society formed with this very object whose experience is as interesting as it is instructive.

In 1870, a few ladies formed themselves into a religious community, of which one main object was to preserve to the children of the poor the blessing of a Christian education. Several of those who joined the Sisterhood resolved, by preparing for the Government examination, to qualify themselves to work as National School teachers among the poorer children of London. They were fully alive to the difficulties—some of them, in their case, of a special and exceptional character—which beset their undertaking; and their experience falls in with that of "An Elementary Teacher," who rightly observes that "without the ability and training for the career the attempt must end in failure." The plan has gradually developed, and the results have far exceeded the expectations of the Sisters. At the present time they have under their care seven elementary schools, which include thirteen departments, and contain nearly three thousand children. That these schools are thoroughly efficient may be gathered from the fact that five out of the thirteen departments gained this year the "Excellent" merit grant, and the remainder all passed 92 per cent. and upwards. There are now nineteen Sisters holding Government certificates; and fourteen more intend to offer themselves for the examination this year. Eleven other ladies have been trained in the Sister's schools, and are now doing good work as mistresses and teachers elsewhere. Firmly convinced of the usefulness of this departure in Church work, and deeply grateful for the success which, by God's blessing, has attended their efforts, the Sisters are anxious to make this branch of their work as widely useful as possible. They have instituted an educational order, which has already been joined by three professional mistresses of elementary schools; and they are looking forward to receiving many others, whom they undertake to train, and for whom they will find employment in their own schools or elsewhere. At present they can hardly hope to do more than meet their own requirements; but their intention is, as far as possible, to assist the parochial

clergy in poor and populous parishes; and they are still prepared to help any ladies who may desire to devote themselves to this work elsewhere, though not necessarily as members of a religious order.

"I shall be glad," adds Mr. Carr, "to give further information, or to answer inquiries as to this or any other branches of the work of the Sisters; who, I know, will be most thankful if this record of their work may serve to encourage others, or to invite such counsel and suggestions as many of your readers may be well qualified to give."

The *Church Year* (Florida), says:

The most hopeful sign for the Church to-day, and the fact having most assurance of her continued safety and efficient progress in the work of God, is that the spirit of personal allegiance to CHRIST was never stronger in the lives nor more prominent in the teachings of her members and ministers than it is now. Men of all schools of thought are dominated by it. Some emphasize one principle of Christianity or phase of the faith, and some another, but all bow together in supreme devotion to the crucified SAVIOUR and living Master. So long as CHRIST, who is the substance of all the Church's teachings and the life of every ordinance in her divine system, is a living reality in the souls of her children, we may be sure that God is keeping her with His perpetual mercy.

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BROWN—In St. George's, New Glasgow, N.S., on Sept. 24th, Victor Odell, infant son of James P. and Ize'la Brown.

WILLIS—In Christ Church, Albion Mines, N.S., on Sept. 25th, on 15th Sunday after Trinity, Robert, infant son of James T. and Janet McK. Willis.

## MARRIED.

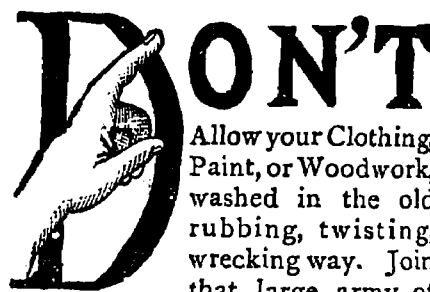
HOARE-THOMPSON—On the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Rector of Albion Mines, and R.D. John R. Hoare, to Bessie Thompson, both of Stellarton, N.S.

## DIED.

LOOSEMORE—Entered into rest at Toronto on Sept. 17th 1887, Robert George Loosemore, aged 20 years and five months eldest surviving son of the Rev. P. W. Loosemore, minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, formerly of Montreal, and nephew of Rev. J. Davidson, of Uxbridge, Ontario.

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