

EVENING PRAYER FOR A CHILD.

Evening prayer for a child. O God, preserve my mother dear in health and strength for many a year.

WEATHERCOCKS ON CHURCHES.

The following extract from a copy of the London Christian Observer, published in 1827 is applicable to some signs of the present times.

We have had a new and spacious Church erected for our accommodation, which I like vastly well in every respect, with the exception of an enormous gilt weather-cock, which forms the finish of our steeple.

The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

To the Editor of the Church. WATERLOO, Nov. 20, 1855.

I believe that the prosperity of the Church affords the greatest earthly happiness to all true Churchmen. I therefore send you the following statement which I should like you to publish in your next issue.

Several of the children recite from 3 to 5 chapters in St. Matthew's Gospel, the best scholar repeated 7 chapters. In the short catechism but few answers were missed, and at the cross examination on the Gospel of St. Matthew, relating to the character of our Saviour and John the Baptist, the answers were given very correctly.

REMITTANCE RECEIVED. The next Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Church Society for the Gore and Wellington Branch will be held on the 2nd December.

TEXTS AND THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

DECEMBER 2.—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

1. Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.—Matt. xxi, 5.

How great the mystery to the proud Jewish people! their King, to whom they looked to free them from foreign oppression and to place them at the head of the world, coming in a meek and gentle spirit and riding on this animal, the symbol of peace.

2. This is Jesus the Prophet.—Matt. xxi, 2. Moses had promised the Israelites that the Lord would one day raise up to him a prophet like himself. Moses was mediator, lawgiver and ruler, and none such had yet appeared; the misfortunes and divisions of the Jews caused them the more earnestly to long for such a one.

1. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.—Matt. xxi, 9. Thus did the common people welcome their Prophet when he came to enter Jerusalem as their King.

1. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light.—Rom. xiii, 12. Our life in this world is as darkness compared with that of eternity. Here if we see, we see dimly things as they are; by borrowed lights and the imperfect aid of the church and of human sciences, our moon and stars; and so we work far below our true destiny and end; and are even led into works which arise from the darkness of ignorance and corruption.

1. Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.—Isai. li, 3. This was fulfilled literally: for the gospel and its prophets and the law of liberty was first preached on mount Zion and in Jerusalem.

1. I will turn my hand upon you, and purely purge away thy dross.—Isai. i, 25. Judgement begins with the house of God; for judgement is first for correction: and if it were for punishment, they deserve it most, who have had most mercies.

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THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

Mr. Leach & Co. merit the highest commendation for the manner in which they have printed the Almanac for the year 1856. In a topographical point of view, Canada is superior to any of the preceding issues, and as a comprehensive and minutely arranged compendium of statistical information it is a valuable work.

It is unnecessary for us to recommend the purchase of the Canadian Almanac. The demand, we learn, is so great that the publishers can with difficulty keep pace therewith. Large as the edition is, it bids fair to be exhausted long before the close of the current year.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

DEPARTURE OF THE BISHOP OF SIERRA LEONE.—The African mail steamer, Etienne sailed from Plymouth for Madeira and the West Coast of Africa on Wednesday afternoon. Among her passengers are the Bishop of Sierra Leone and his suite.

PROMOTION OF THE CONSOCIATION OF CANTEBRURY.—On Wednesday the Vice-Chancellor, the Proctor for the province, and other officials, attended at the Jerusalem Chamber, for the purpose of further prosecuting the Convention of Canterbury to the 12th of December.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN COLLEGE.—A conference took place at Stafford, on the 12th inst. between the committee of governors of the proposed Lichfield College, including the Bishops of the diocese, and a deputation of objectors, consisting of Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart, Mr S Child, M.P., and several Clergymen and laymen.

CHURCHES REOPENED.—The parish Church of Gatehead, after restoration; St Peter's Church, Sudbury, after restoration.

THE NEXT POPE.—There seems to be a struggle between France and Austria as to which of the two countries shall furnish a successor to Pius the Ninth. Austria has shown a readiness to sacrifice her own independence in deference to the demands of the Papal Power, while France rules Rome with French bayonets.

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RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

THE BRANTFORD RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—We are indebted to Mr. Rogers, conductor on the Buffalo and Brantford Railroad, for the following particulars of the accident on that road on Wednesday.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE FAITH.—A writer in the Scientific American, after examining all the various theories concerning the structure of the earth, and the conclusion that the world is one mass or clot of mixed matter, of which the mere crust has become cooled, or of earthly form; the outer rind, as it were, preventing any rapid combination taking place with the surface of the dry land.

THE FOLLOWING UNPUBLISHED EPIGRAPH was written upon a tombstone in pencil by the late Lord Byron, in Harrow churchyard.

BIRTH. In this city, on the 22nd inst., the wife of the Rev. John Hobden, of a daughter.

MARRIED. On the 19th inst., at the Church of the Ascension, by the Rev. J. Hobden, Mr. Henry Carson, to Miss Elizabeth McGarry, both of Hamilton.

DIED. In Hamilton on the 20th inst., Wilson Martin, aged 25 years. On the 27th inst., Miles B., son of Miles B. Steadley, Esq., of this city, aged 10 years.

HAMILTON MARKETS. Flour 2 10 0 @ 2 8 0. Wheat 0 9 4 @ 0 10 0. Butter 0 1 4 @ 0 1 6.

THE NEW YEAR—1856—DIOCESAN CALENDAR.

- 1. Will commence on Tuesday. 2. Epiphany will be Sunday, Jan. 6th. 3. Epiphany Collection for Domestic Missions, will be on Sunday, 13th. 4. Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 6th. 5. Monthly Collection for Diocesan Missions, Feb. 10th. 6. Lenten Ordination Sunday, will be Feb. 17th. 7. Quarterly Collection for Diocesan Missions, will be March 9th. 8. Sunday before Easter, will be March 16th. 9. Good Friday will be March 21st. 10. Easter Day will be March 23rd. 11. April Monthly Collection for Diocesan Church objects, will be April 13th. 12. Ascension Day will be May 1st. 13. Whitsunday (Collection) will be May 14th. 14. Trinity (Ordination) Sunday, will be May 18th. 15. Quarterly Collection for Diocesan Missions, will be June 8th. 16. Annual Collection for Foreign Missions, will be July 13th. 17. Commencement of Hobart College, will be on Thursday, July 17th. 18. August Monthly Collection for Diocesan Church objects, will be August 10th. 19. Convention of Western New York, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 20th. 20. Quarterly Collection for Diocesan Missions, will be held Sept. 14th. 21. Fall Ordination Sunday, will be Sept. 21st. 22. Usual extra Collection to pay expenses of Church Deputies to General Convention, is made Sept. 28th. 23. The General Convention will meet in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Oct. 1st. 24. October Monthly Collection will be made for Diocesan Church objects, October 12th. 25. November Monthly Collection for Church objects, will be Nov. 9th. 26. Thanksgiving Day will probably be appointed on Thursday, Nov. 27th. 27. Advent Sunday will be Nov. 30th. 28. Quarterly Collection for Diocesan Missions, will be Dec. 14th. 29. Ordination Sunday will be Dec. 21st. 30. Christmas will fall on Thursday, Dec. 25th.

TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.—This project which at first sight appears to be quite absurd, is receiving a good deal of notice in the English and French papers. Various scientific men have proposed detailed schemes, the cost of the cheapest being some ten millions of pounds sterling.

OPENING OF THE HAMILTON AND TORONTO RAILWAY.—Next Monday the 3rd inst. the complete opening of this line will take place. Although there are some who fear no good to this City from its effect, and think that many of the Western Merchants will divide the business they have hitherto done entirely in this City, with Toronto, we have every confidence that our wholesale houses will hold their own, if advantage of position, energy, and wealth can do it, in almost every other respect the opening of the line must benefit us considerably.

Sir Thomas Browne is said to have written "A Dialogue between two Twins yet unborn, respecting the World into which they were going; but no trace of it could be discovered by Mr. Wilkie when he published his edition of the works of Browne.

Mr. Mudie the keeper of the great circulating library in London has subscribed for 2,756 copies of the forthcoming volumes of Macaulay's History of England, for the use of his library.

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