

offered to babes. Indeed, many teachers proceed as if, in knowledge, there was no babes, or ought to be none; and children are required at once to become acute theologians, and are expected to dogmatize upon questions which are even now moot points among men. In this way, we fear, much of the practical benefit and advantage of Sunday Schools is lost; and what should be looked back upon in after life, as a delightful season, when good principles were implanted, and leading truths fixed upon the memory, is recollected as a laborious trial which the adult congratulates himself upon having outlived.—*Episcopal Register.*

CHURCH FINANCE.

It is impossible not to notice how great has been the growth of Church thought within the last few years in relation to finance. It is scarcely twenty years since the public began to learn the most elementary lessons in this subject; quite a battle had to be fought on behalf of the Weekly Offering, and a venerable Archbishop of Canterbury in his charge spoke of it as an innovation that would require to be carefully watched. Now it is accepted as sound in principle and efficient in practice, and is in almost universal use. Enormous sums are obtained in this way for Church purposes, with a facility that nothing else can equal. As an instance, we have before us a statement showing that an average amount received through the Offering at all Saints', Clifton, during ten years amounts to £3,880 per annum. We do not know any other process by which so large

a sum, equal during the whole period to £38,800, could have been voluntarily raised. Great results may be obtained in particular years, when special needs call for a great effort; but here is a sustained flow of benefactions, in the natural course of things. It is an instance of what may be done amongst well-to-do people, actuated by Anglican Church principles. Similar liberality is visible in other places, but the exact figures are not before us. Those which we have given are enough to prove our point that the Church is making powerful way amongst the people, and that the parochial returns of this Easter are undeniable evidence of it. The Church has much lee way to make up, but she is overtaking it fast; and if the clergy and laity will work on together as they are doing now, they will in due course win over the great body of the people, and then all danger from adverse legislation will be at an end.—*Morning Post.*

On Tuesday, August 8th, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales were confirmed at Whippingham Church by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Windsor and Canon Connor. The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Connaught, Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Hesse, Princesses Victoria, Louise, and Maud of Wales, and Princesses Sophia and Margaret of Prussia occupied seats in the chancel, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. On the communion table was an exquisite cross of white lilies.