THE HISTORY OF WRITTEN BY ITSELF.

CHAPTER VII.

His character.—Church Consecrated.—Confirmation.

The Rev. Mr. Nash remained at my master's house several days, and all that time was diligently employed in making preparations for organizing a Church, and in ascertaining how much money could be obtained towards erecting a suitable house of worship. Providence smiled upon their endeavours, and disposed the hearts of the few Church-people to give liberally, each one in proportion to the means with which Gop had blessed him. The subscription soon amounted to several hundred dollars; which, together with some promised assistance from the city of New York, enabled them to commence their building the following spring. All things went on prosperously, and with great harmony; men's hands were strengthened for the work; in less than one year after "the foundations of the house were laid," the superstructure was completed and ready for consecration. It was a neat and commodious edifice built with the strictest economy, but with every convenience about the altar, desk, and pews, so that in the public worship of Jehovah, "all things might be done decently and in order." When finished, those who were concerned in building it, had the satisfaction of knowing that it was all paid for; there was no burdensome debt pressing upon them, and paralyzing all further exertions. In due time, they hoped to procure a bell and organ; but they were might be better enabled to contribute towards the support of a minister.

churches wherever he came."

this good man was called to receive the reward promised to those "who turn many to righteousness." fection, so artlessly expressed, and which his own af-He died at Geneva, June the 27th, 1813; and I can- fability and kindness had drawn forth. that we no longer perceive in his place in this cou- ioners, he cannot do it more easily and effectually than times acceptable to the young and aged, the sorrowful for his pious and exemplary character, and for the connect the family circle. his ardous and laborious duties. He is justly re- officiate during the day, asked for a Prayer Book, that Christ, that there be no place left among them either vered as the founder of the congregations in the most enforcing its excellences, and who, in obedience to his be, if I can make them equally beneficial to others. use of it, will finally succeed, by the divine blessing, his journey westward, on Monday morning, taking me No church can prosper, unless the pastor is acquainted ordination vows, will be faithful and devout in the

of a pious young clergyman, in deacon's orders, who and useful. Thus he journeyed leisurely along, and it the work of the ministry can never prosper in his hands, divided the time equally between four parishes, fifteen was not until two or three weeks after I came into his unless, after the example of that great apostle, he or twenty miles apart. Unfrequent as were his ser- possession, that we reached his place of residence. teach both "publicly, and from house to house;" vices in our village, they were a great help, in the His wife, and two bright and blooming children, a boy nor even then, unless he daily prays for that blessing infancy of our undertaking. But as soon as the and girl, met him at the door with their warm em- from above, without which Paul may plant and Apolbuilding was completed, and it was understood that braces, and assured him that all was well. Great was los water in vain. to the young, to prepare them for the holy rite of mercies. confirmation; and, by a course of lectures on the

the neighbouring towns, to witness the ceremonies.— the people from wandering to strange places of wor- young, gladly lent their assistance; and the good ef-Our little Church was full to overflowing. The Bishop, ship, as sheep without a shepherd. received at the entrance of the Church by the Church tle out from the village, on the banks of a small river, spect for their teachers, their love for each other, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, the temptations of wardens and Vestrymen; and as they proceeded up | which flowed into the Ohio, not far from its mouth.the aisle, they repeated, alternately, the 24th Psalm, It was an humble dwelling, with a neat little courtas appointed in that most excellent and appropriate yard in front, filled with many flowering shrubs, which which maketh wise unto salvation." the American Liturgy. Never can I forget the ap- and roses bloomed beneath the windows, and the grace- in his school should possess the requisite qualifica- treasures of heaven? Nay! whatsoever other men may urge

Every person in the Church evinced an absorbing integrance of its blossoms. Two or three lofty tulip humble office of Sunday-school teachers; and on these lation to his declining years. And if, from his declining years, rest in this solemn ceremony. There, around the trees, with as many spreading maples, contributed he earnestly pressed the importance of coming for- we turn to his dying hour, what spectacle will it present?holy altar, stood some of the brightest and loveliest greatly to the beauty and comfort of the place .of our village circle, in all the buoyancy of youth and When the eye rested on that neat little white cottage, of constraint, but willingly. "Let them consent," he souls lost by his carelessness, which, but for his carelessness, health, ready to assume the vows of Baptism, and to embosomed in trees and shrubbery, it seemed a fa-"Defend, O LORD, these thy servants, with thy hea- of the field. venly grace; that they may continue thine for ever, The distant scenery was strikingly interesting. The and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, mighty Ohio could be seen as it rolled along to meet patience and forbearance towards those stubborn, until they come unto thy everlasting kingdom."

first impressions are never to be effaced. To see a of Kentucky, and to the east of these, but much more church under every possible difficulty and discourage- distant, you could discern some of the loftiest peaks suffering, meekness, gentleness, charity, will all be ment, planted in the wilderness, taking root, and of the Alleghanies, resting like clouds on the verge of springing up and flourishing: to behold a neat and the horizon. commodious edifice, with its spire pointing towards

Church built.—Visit of another Missionary, the Rev. D. Phelps | salvation proclaimed in that church for the first time; | always appeared as a comforter and guide of souls. easily felt than expressed.

engagements to fulfil in other parts of his extensive

My master appeared perfectly happy, having accomplished the object which had long been nearest and thou thy servant depart in peace."

#### CHAPTER VIII.

Visit of the Rev. Mr. P---. His kindness to children .- The Prayer Book resumes its travels with him.—Joy at Mr. P—'s return.—Description of his residence.—He visits his parish-

A few weeks after the consecration of our little Church, I was separated from my beloved master, and I have never had the happiness of seeing him again One Saturday evening a clergyman came to his house, and remained with him over Sunday. This gentleman had been settled several years in the southern part of Ohio, and was now on his return to his family and parish. My master's family were all delighted with him; and the children, especially, were soon won by his affectionate content to do without these for a few years, that they and cheerful manners. There was a playfulness in his conversation with them, and an engaging smile on his lips, well suited to the simplicity and purity of While the new church was in progress, our little infant minds, and which never fail to attract their atcongregation were again cheered and encouraged by tention. He had not been many hours in the house, a visit from another devoted missionary, the Rev. before each child brought out its stores of books and Davenport Phelps; a man whose name cannot be pictures to show to the kind-hearted man, and all were pronounced but with the sincerest respect and affec- anxious to inform him where they read, and how much tion. He, too, like the venerable father Nash, had they could repeat of the Catechism, with various other travelled through the western land, with the self- acquirements for which children are pleased to be denying spirit of a primitive missionary; "planting noticed. The stranger listened to their innocent prattle, asked them many questions about their studies, In two or three years after his visit to our village heard them repeat the Creed and Lord's Prayer, and seemed highly gratified with their confidence and af-

not refrain from quoting the just tribute of respect | Children are good physiognomists; they can discern paid to his memory by his beloved Diocesan, at the at a glance, where their little attentions are likely to be next annual convention after Mr. Phelps' death. "In well received, and their young hearts are easily won noticing the changes in the diocese, you have doubt- by an approving look or a kindly smile. If a minisless already anticipated me, in the painful remark, ter would gain the the love and esteem of his parishvention our venerable brother, the Rev. Davenport by kindness and attention to their little ones; and by Phelps. He has gone to his rest .- For many years evincing at all times, especially in his parochial visits, he has been employed as a missionary in the western his deep interest in the welfare and good conduct of parts of the state.—Having visited the extensive these lambs of his flock. These reflections are the district in which he officiated, I am able to beartes- result of much observation of men and manners, and timony to the high estimation in which he was held an intimate knowledge of those ties which so closely

On Sunday morning, our new guest, who was to he might examine the lessons; saying, that he had western counties of the state, whom he attached, unfortunately left his at the house where he had last not merely to his personal ministrations, but to the lodged. My master handed me to him, and begged doctrine, the ministry, and Liturgy of our Church. he would accept me as a present; being, as he ob-Indeed, it was highly gratifying to me to observe, in served, of a convenient form and size for carrying on the congregations where he officiated, and in others, a journey. He received me with many grateful acin the infant settlements of the state, which are still knowledgements; and, much as I regretted leaving cherished by ministers equally faithful, the devotion my old master, I could not but congratulate myself for and the decency with which the people performed having fallen into such excellent hands. I had now to encounter among those who are unacquainted with ture in all its varieties; nor have my observations, it, a minister who will be diligent in explaining it, and I trust, been without profit to myself; happy shall I

My new master, the Rev. Mr. P-, proceeded in leading many to value it as their best help in the with him. He occasionally stopped a part of a day with his whole flock; and to know them well, he must exercises of devotion, and, next to the Bible, their and preached, wherever he found a vacant congregativisit them frequently at their homes. I have been in tion, or a few scattered Church-people, disposed to many parishes, but I never found one in a flourishing Some months before the Church was finished, the hear him. On Sunday he always contrived to rest in condition, where this duty had been long neglected. A congregation were blessed by the faithful ministrations some village, where his services would be acceptable minister may possess all the eloquence of a Paul, but the Eishop would come on in a few weeks and conse- their joy at beholding him again in health and safety, crate it, and administer confirmation at the same after so long a separation; and that same night many time, Mr. R., the missionary, thought it his duty to fervent thanksgivings ascended from their grateful gyman's duties to attend to the catechetical instruction bestow more than ordinary attention on this part of hearts, that parents and children had been again per- of the young; he had, therefore, as an aid to the fulfilhis charge. He accordingly came to board with my mitted to meet around the family altar, and that all ment of this duty, established a Sunday-school, which master, that he might give the necessary instructions their lives had been crowned with such distinguished was entirely under his control, and over which he main-

About twenty young persons, and eight or ten of the pillars of a light piazza, and, when the dews of many in his parish, of a proper age, and character, we are made, and remembers that we are but dust, that cannot an advanced age, presented themselves for confirmation. evening fell, perfumed the air with the delicious fradevote themselves anew to their God and Saviour. voured spot for holy contemplation, and peacefulness, It was a joyful sight to behold these young disciples and rest. Every beholder must have felt a sacred their years, to Him whose "service is perfect freedom." scene. On the opposite side of the street stood the homes of the children, especially when they neglect who would not shrink from surveying it? Let us draw a veil And many a tear glistened in the parent's eye, as he Church, with its neat and well ordered grave-yard, to attend. And, to insure punctual attendance on over its horrors, in the certainty that earth has no sight in saw his children bending before the aged Bishop, and surrounded by forest trees; and here and there a beheld the man of God lay his hands upon the head of rose-bush, planted by the hand of affection, might be punctual; let him be diligent and zealous, and he can God, the careless shepherd of the souls of his brethren, who is his beloved ones, and heard him invoke the choicest seen blossoming on some grassy mound, a significant of heaven's blessings, in those impressive words: emblem of that beauty which fadeth like the flower

The day after Mr. P---'s return, he visited many of his people; calling first on the sick, the afflicted, that the improvement of each and all of these virtues \* Reprinted, with a few alterations and adaptations, from an and the infirm, and administering consolation as their | \* Ordination service.

AN AMERICAN POCKET PRAYER BOOK.\* before, no trace of civilization could be found, and to witness the affection and respect with which he was enjoyment of that blessed promise to be fulfilled in where mighty forest trees had for centuries spread every where received. The dull and heavy eye and him: - They that be TEACHERS, shall shine as the their giant arms to the sky; to see the sacred ordipallid countenance of disease brightened up at his apnances administered, and to hear the glad tidings of proach; for at the bedside of the sick and dying he righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. these are scenes affecting beyond description to a pious In the true spirit of his Divine Master, it was his demind. None but those who have witnessed them, light to discourse of the priceless riches of redeeming his flock, my master thought they ought never to sucan have any idea of their interest, and all who have love, and to direct the thoughts from vain and perishseen them, will agree with me, that they are more able pleasures of earth, to that "inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away."- On the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month, Bishop M-left us the next morning, having In the dwellings of poverty he was always a welcome therefore, which was communion Sunday, he assemvisiter; for he had been emphatically "a father to the bled all the children, Sunday scholars and others, in than he how to give comfort and joy, by a proper ap- catechism. Most of the adult members of the conplication of the scriptural promises to those who mourn, gregation attended on these occasions, and seemed to dearest to his heart; and when he retired to rest that and are weary and heavy laden. While he endeavour- derive as much pleasure and profit from the exercises, night, I heard him repeat aloud—"Lord, now lettest ed, by every means in his power, to promote the spi- as the children themselves. ritual welfare of his flock, he was not unmindful of their temporal wants; following, at an humble distance, the blessed steps of Him who "went about doing good" to the bodies and souls of men. The poor came to him for aid in distress, for his hand and If there were no Trinity, there could be no atonement-for heart were always open; the mourner came to him to first there must be some infinitely great Being to whom the be comforted, for there was a mildness and affec- atonement should be made, which is God the Father; secondly, tionate interest in his manner, soothing to the suffer- there must be some infinite Being who should make the atoneing heart; and the young and inexperienced sought ment,—which is God the Son; and, thirdly, there must be his counsel and advice, which he was ever ready to some infinite Being to make known to mankind the glad tidings give with parental kindness. To him might be ap- for atonement effected, and consequent salvation-and this plied those beautiful expressions of Job: "When the ear heard him, then it blessed him; and when the eye saw him, it gave witness to him; because he delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon him; and he caused

CHAPTER IX.

Character of Mr. P —. Importance of parochial visitation.

Sunday-school instruction.— Qualifications of Teachers.—

Public Catechising.

Few clergymen possessed a happier faculty of making their conversation agreeable and instructive, to all ages and ranks of people, than Mr. P---. He knew how to be cheerful without levity, grave without these occasions would be but one among numberless instances austerity, dignified without haughtiness, and humble without servility. Like his Divine Master, he could retire from the world for the purpose of devotion, and return to its active and social duties, without being seduced by its temptations and snares. He could "rejoice with those who rejoice," as CHRIST himself did at the marriage in Cana; "and weep with those who weep," as our blessed Lord did over the grave of Lazarus. It was this happy union of the loveliest christian graces, which rendered his company at all and the rejoicing. His parishioners all looked upon him as their best counsellor and friend, and loved him with almost filial affection

He felt the responsibility of his ministerial office, and laboured faithfully, in season and out of season, "to bring all such as were committed to his charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfection of age in for error in religion, or for viciousness of life.."\*-And to this end he took care, in conformity with his vows of ordination, "to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within his cure, as need should require and occasion should be given." While he felt it his highest duty and his noblest privilege to proclaim the doctrines of the cross from the pulpit, on the Lord's day, and to hold up Jesus Christ, and him crucified, as their part of the public service. It is an evidence a prospect of seeing much more of the world, and of the only refuge for dying sinners, he also felt, that that whatever prejudices our Liturgy may have at first becoming more thoroughly acquainted with human na- the impressions which were made by his preaching on Sunday, must be followed up by teaching from house to house during the week.

The importance of parochial visits cannot be too strongly urged upon the ministers of our communion.

Next to public preaching, and visiting his parishioners, my master thought it the most important of a cler-The news of his return soon spread through the school one part of the day, that he might become well duties and privileges of the baptismal covenant, might village, and many of his parishioners hastened to welenlighten those who had not been educated in the come back their beloved pastor, and to inquire after duties of Sunday were such, that he was obliged to Church, and knew little or nothing of its forms and his welfare. During his absence the Church had been commit the immediate supervision of the school to kept open every Sunday; some one of the most re- competent laymen. The most intelligent and pious The wished-for day at length arrived; and a bright spected and pious of the laymen of his congregation members of his congregation, who were best qualified and happy day it was. Multitudes flocked in from reading the service and a sermon, and thus preventing by age and experience to govern and instruct the the stings of his conscience? Can be say that he was ignorant, My master's house was delightfully situated, a lit- tention and orderly conduct of the pupils, their re- he knew it not? Shall he say that the lust of the flesh, and the rapid progress which they made in their studies. riches and honour which slay their thousands day by day, slew

hardly fail to produce a corresponding assiduity and interest in his pupils. Let him not be disheartened by any difficulties which he may at first encounter. He will find much that will require the exercise of the mightier Mississippi, and to mingle its waters with thoughtless, or perhaps stupid urchins, whom he has I have witnessed many such scenes since, but those the ocean. Far off in the distance rose the high hills set himself to reclaim and instruct. Indeed, the brightest Christian graces, humility, self-denial, longcalled forth in the discharge of his voluntary task; but let him bear in mind, as a matter of the highest encouragement to patient and untiring perseverance,

heaven, consecrated on the spot where, a few years respective cases required. It was a gratifying sight and graces, renders him more and more meet for the

Important however, as Sunday-schools are, as auxiliaries to the clergyman in feeding the lambs of In affliction of every kind, none knew better the body of the church, and instructed them in the

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province belongs to God the Holy Spirit .- Rev. W. Howels.

THE NUMBER "THREE."

The space and duration of time ( from the sixth hour there was darkness all over the land, till the ninth hour,) is also to be noticed: it may have been the period of our Lord's extreme the widow's heart to sing for joy." (Job xxix. 11, 13.) agony. St. Jerome expresses himself to this effect, "that the most bright luminary of the world withdrew his rays, that he might not behold Him who was hanging on the cross, and the wicked blasphemers should not enjoy his light." But it is evident, that the "three hours," have some analogous reference to the "three days," when our Lord was hid in the earth, according to the sign of the prophet Jonah. And if the space of time was for three hours, because our Lord was for three days in the darkness of the grave; then the number Three on of the same: and all this would run up into a still higher subject. For it this space of darkness was for three hours, because our Lord was for three days in the grave, then the question occurs, why three days was the appointed time for His sojourn in the heart of the earth? Why does the mysterious number Three run into all cases, of every kind, with some significant and hidden power, in Scripture and in Nature, in all languages, and among all people, both sacred and profane? The reason for all this is no doubt, the same very deep and awful reason, to which St. Augustin atiributes the appointed time of our Lord's continuance in the grave. "On that account," he says, "He arose after three days; that in the Passion of the Son might be shown the assent of the whole of the Trinity. For the three days is read of in figure, because the Trinity, which made man in the beginning, doth itself in the end, repair man, through the Passion of Christ."-Rev. I. Williams, B. D.

THE LEADING PRINCIPLES OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

The leading principles of the priesthood are so far from being onfined to the Mosaic dispensation, that they are part of the lasting heritage of the redeemed. The first of these principles may be termed consecration, by which, as Christ offered himself to God, so all his people must offer themselves, being, in the language of St. Paul, "crucified to the world, and the world to them." The second of these principles may be viewed in the three-fold order of the ministry, perhaps, as we may reverently conceive, adopted in reference to the mystery of the Divine Trinity, by whose glorious agency we are redeemed : set forth in the high priest, priests and levites of the Mosaic system; then, in the visible ministry of Christ the Great High Priest, his apostles and elders; and then, in the apostles, elders and deacons, continued by the bishops, priests and deacons of EXTENSIVE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, the present day; all admirably calculated to remind us, that as the Divine Trinity of persons concur in one system of redemption, and the ecclesiastical triad concur in one ministry, in like manner should the trinity of soul, mind, and body in each individual believer, unite in the service of heaven. And the third of these leading principles may be found in this; that as third of these leading principles may be found in this, that at lower rates than they can be important with the triad in the Aaronic ministry was designed to lead the well worthy the attention of the public.

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No. 8, Wellington Buildings, King Street. suffer and to die, so the triad of the Christian ministry is designed to lead mankind to the same Saviour, and prepare the Church for his second coming in glory, to judge the world .-Lastly, as the whole of Israel was called a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, by reason of the first leading principle of consecration to God, while yet there was a special arrangement for the Aaronic priesthood, which no man might violate; even so, we are called kings and priests unto God and our Father by the same principle of consecration, while yet there is a sacred constitution established for the Christian priesthood, which cannot be lawfully transgressed, and which the history of the tained a watchful care. He was frequently with the Church proves never has been transgressed, without the consequent evils of confusion and disorder.-Bishop Hopkius (of

# THE SINFUL PRIEST.

What shall be said of the declining years of a sinful priest? What can hope suggest? What consolation can he minister to fects of their efforts were soon to be seen, in the at- his business to teach the law of God, and shall he plead that Many of them, we trust, attained to that "knowledge him also? But did he not of his own free choice, vow a vow to the God of Jacob, that he renounced the world, and forgot, Mr. P- was very solicitous that the teachers and forsook it, and resigned the treasures of earth for the higher pearance of that venerable and holy man, while per- ful passion flower threw its slender tendrils along the tions for their high vocation;—above all, that they to soothe the terrors of their age,—whatsoever they may plead, forming the various and interesting services of the day. Walls. The monthly flowering honey-suckle crept up should be truly pious. He well knew that there were in prayer, of ignorance or infirmity, to him who knows whereof word to the discharge of this their bounden duty, not | Shall I speak of the agony arising from the remembrance of noblest of all charities. Let them consider the classes shall now rise against him in condemnation from the house of as in some measure under their charge during the woe? Shall I speak of the most solemn duty neglected, the remainder of the week; and occasionally visit the most awful charge forsaken? Who would draw the picture, going to his own place, to receive from the Master he has dishonoured, the portion which he has right cously earned .- Rev. Hugh J. Rose, B. D.

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