

well as pleased, at their extent will be glad to know that the demand has far exceeded that of any previous year. The issue, we fear, will be speedily exhausted, and it would be a matter of regret to be compelled to decline the orders of those of our readers who, through absence, illness, or any other cause, have been prevented from sending in their orders. If there are any such cases, it would be well for relatives or friends to write and advise us as soon as possible, so that we may put aside the numbers required before they are all gone.

#### New Departments.

It is our determination to increase the usefulness of the Churchman as a medium of information to our people on the work and progress of each established department of Church life and effort. It must, however, be remembered that it is essential to the successful carrying out of this purpose that those of our readers who are interested in any special department of work should, in short and well considered letters to the editor, give us the benefit of their convictions, founded on experience where possible. As for instance, in the Sunday school corner such letters cannot help but be suggestive and helpful, and will always be acceptable. Let no feeling of diffidence or modesty prevent any reader from writing what may seem to the individual of little or no value, but what really may prove both stimulating and suggestive to others. Much good work can be done in this way.

#### The White Plague.

Very few were aware that an exhibition of the weapons used in the war against tuberculosis was held in New York last month. An entire floor of the Museum of Natural History was devoted to the exhibition, which must have been of great interest. A chief place was given to a model of a block of crowded, dirty, almost airless tenements, containing 1,588 rooms, of which 441 had neither light nor air, and none had such a luxury as a bath. Beside it was a block of a model tenement showing what could be done. In this connection it is a pleasure to notice that M. Pelletier has refused to sanction any plans for houses in Montreal which provide rooms with only borrowed light and air. At the New York exhibition were plans from the New York tenement house department, from Boston, Chicago and other manufacturing centres showing how the improvements in crowded districts are effected. It is now held to be a disease of cities and close foul air. About twenty-five years ago the country districts in some parts of New England were thought to be the homes of consumption, and a belief in alcohol grew up, as it was often found that families faded away between 18 and 35, leaving perhaps one kindly wasterel who hung about the bar-rooms and lived to about the age of seventy-five. In northern lands like Iceland, people lived in dark, insanitary garrets to a very great age. No doubt there is much to learn yet, but much has been gained, and is steadily being gained, by sanatoriums, both public and private, and by fresh air and better food and sleeping rooms. There are other factors which locally favour the disease, foul factory air, coal and other dust and impure water.

#### The Pan-Anglican Congress of 1908.

The Committee of the above Congress welcomed, on Dec. 13, the receipt of the first revised answers to the questions sent by them to all Dioceses of the Anglican Communion. The answers which will be received in future are based upon the Pan-Anglican Pamphlet (S.P. C.K.) which contains a full account of the first

answers received from all parts of the world. The process of the revision of such answers in the light of much information is now being proceeded with, and the first set of such answers has come from the Diocese of S. Albans. The Diocese of Norwich has taken notable action in connection with its own revised answers. It has deputed two experts to prepare a memorandum on two subjects to be brought before its Diocesan Committee in two months' time. The Diocese proposes to continue this process for twelve months, sitting six times, and considering on each occasion two subjects which have been carefully prepared beforehand by experts; a report of all that has been done in connection with the Congress is to be presented to the United Boards of Missions on January 30th at the Church House; and at the next meeting of the Congress Committee the question of time and place and expenses in connection with the Congress itself is to be discussed.

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The Churchman, in the first issue of the New Year, most cordially greets its large and ever increasing circle of subscribers, contributors, readers and well wishers. Most gratefully we acknowledge the disinterested support and sympathetic interest which have come to us from all parts of our great Dominion and from far beyond its borders. Churlish indeed would we deem ourselves did we not freely and gratefully respond in the general way to the multitude of courteous and kindly compliments of which we have been the recipients. At the same time we are convinced that the measure of success and esteem which has attended our efforts is mainly due to our loyalty to the Church it is our honour and privilege to represent, the sincerity and diligence with which we have sought to advance its interests, and the spirit of fairness and kindness with which we have regarded those from whom we conscientiously differ, and who are doing good work in their own special way. We have had, it is true, our times of discouragement, of trial and trouble. In this respect we are not exempt from the experience of our readers, be they bishops, clergy or laity. To one and all the pressure of the burden of duty, with its attendant responsibilities and worries, comes at times with seemingly overwhelming force. But there is the certainty—beyond the darkest and longest night—of a sunrise on the morrow. And if there is a cause on earth which brings to the single hearted, faithful and unflinching worker consolation, satisfaction and a measure of success which he may not distinctly see, but which is none the less real and assured, it is the cause we have made our own, and of which it is our privilege and duty to be humble, yet faithful advocates. It would be strange indeed were the signs of life and progress everywhere evident in the Canadian branch of the Church to be found lacking in its authorized exponent. Throughout the 31st year of our publication we determined to signalize its close by the publication of a Christmas number which would testify in the most practical and acceptable manner not only to our own subscribers, but to the people of Canada as well, that in the realm of religious journalism our Church was being well and worthily represented. To this end we spared neither means, pains and labour. And now at the outset of the 32nd year of our issue from the press we have no hesitation in repeating what has been editorially published in the most disinterested and appreciative manner by two of the foremost journals of the Dominion. The Toronto News says that:—"The Christmas number of the Canadian Churchman is a very

creditable production. In addition to the usual budget of news from the dioceses of the Church of England and Church articles and correspondence, there are numerous stories and poems dealing with the great Church feast of the year. No pains have been spared to make the issue a worthy one. It is excellently printed on fine paper, and all the half-tone illustrations, some of which are full-page, are as clear and distinct as the best press-work can make them. The cover is a colortype reproduction of an old painting of the Holy Family, wreathed in holly and set against a background of mosaic. The children have not been forgotten, and scattered through the number are tales, verses and pictures which will delight them." The Toronto Globe has to say that:—"The Canadian Churchman issues a Christmas number of exceptional interest, and remarkably well printed. There is a fine three-colour frontispiece, and the pages abound with handsome and seasonable illustrations. The Canadian Churchman has gone steadily forward under Mr. Wootten's prolonged management, until it is now one of the very best Church newspapers in the country." The satisfaction we derive from these valued and capable comments we wish to share with our fellow workers in the Canadian Church. We have chosen two for publication as being fairly representative of the best class of Canadian journals. We may say that it was quite within our power to have filled this issue of our paper with comments of a similar character which have come to us from a variety of sources, and for each and all of which we again return our hearty thanks. And now the door of another year has opened, and we have passed over its threshold. The record of the year that has gone is closed. What of the New Year? We know full well that in many ways the past year has shown a distinct advance on its predecessors. We do not recall a department of Church work or enterprise throughout the various dioceses of Canada which has not been stirred by the new hope and quickened energy which has quietly but assuredly come among us. There is undoubtedly increasing, convincing evidence on all sides that men and women, aye, even children, are taking their religion more seriously. The Church, like an armed host—resolute, informed and aroused—is buckling on its armour and earnestly and steadfastly engaging the powers of evil. Never before has there been such unanimity. Never such zeal. Never such results. And was it not high time that the Church in Canada had begun to realize the greatness of her responsibility, the urgency of her duty. One thought of the North-West should flash conviction on the dull-est mind. If last year was a record year, then this year must beat the record! And the true way to begin is for each member of the Church, from the Primate of All Canada down to the humblest worker, to do what he ought to do, to do it now, and to keep on doing it, day in and day out, until at the end of this year it may be wearied and exhausted by all the effort, toil and even tribulation undergone, a new and more brilliant victory shall be won, and a new and more glorious record of work and progress established by the Canadian branch of the Church universal.

#### FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

##### Spectator's Comments on Questions of Public Interest.

Before these words reach the public, the year 1905 shall have gone forever and 1906 be upon us. One can hardly refrain entirely from reflections upon such a change, although it comes with wonderful frequency as we grow older. A year has come and gone, and its records are things

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