

all we can of Church work and life beyond the borders of our own Diocese. When my name was dropped from the list of delegates, a momentary and natural feeling of disappointment possessed me, but almost immediately I thought, well, some of these men now elected have never been to the Provincial Synod, how they will enjoy it, and it will do them good, enlarging their range of view and expanding their sympathies—just as it did mine—I don't know whether it is the fish diet or the salt air or both combined, that imparts a vigour and able debating power to our maritime brethren—or something else, at any rate they have it both the clerics and laymen—and it is good for us to be there and hear it.

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## SKETCH OF LESSON.

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The First Passover.

Passage to be read.—St. Luke ii. 41-51.

During 80 years, scarcely anything recorded of Christ's life, one event however, in our lesson for to-day.

I. *Going to the Passover.*—(vv. 4-42.) Once every year (Deut. xv. 1-8; 1 Sam. i. 8) Joseph and Mary go up to Jerusalem for Passover feast. Jesus always to be left behind until now, when (being 12 years old), he is old enough to go as a "son of the law" and to be admitted to all the privileges of a Jew. In God's Church always two ordinances

- (1) The being brought into Covenant. Circumcision, with the Jew (Gen. xvii. 14).
  - Baptism, with the Christian.
  - (2) The keeping in it. Passover, with the Jew (Exod. xii. 15).
  - The Lord's Supper, with the Christian.
- Both circumcision and Passover are necessary, so both Baptism and Lord's Supper necessary.

- (a) *Jewish child.*
  - (1) Circumcision.
  - (2) Going as "son of the law" when 12 years old.
  - (3) Passover.
- (b) *Christian Child.*
  - (1) Baptism.
  - (2) Confirmation.
  - (3) Lord's Supper.

Companies of people going from everywhere to Jerusalem (Ps. xlii. 4). Many boys going for first time. Think of wonderful city, temple, crowds, then the great feast night, its solemnities; Jesus Himself, the true "Passover," Himself there as one of the young "sons of the law." Yet He was the true Lamb of God whose Blood was to be shed for us.

II. *Tarrying in the Temple.*—(vs. 43-50). Week of service over. All start for home. At night Jesus missed. They think He is with some friends, and the caravan journey on still looking for Him. At last, finding he is not in the party, Joseph and Mary turn back to Jerusalem, enquire everywhere, and at last find Him in the Temple schools sitting at the feet of the great doctors (Acts xxii. 3), and learning all He can. Every one much surprised at His questions and answers. (cxix. 99 100). No such scholar ever seen there before. Overjoyed, and yet grieved, Mary asks Him why He had done this, when His father and she had been looking for Him sorrowfully. Jesus answers "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business." He was not staying to look at the city or anything of the sort. He was doing the work of His True Father. Jesus then knew Who He was. Yet He had not been told it by His mother: for she seems (v. 50) to have forgotten it herself. God's Spirit constantly dwelling in Him must have taught Him this.

III. *Submitting to Earthly Ties.*—(v. 51). Now, that He knew Who He was, what more natural than that He should have decided not to go back with His parents, but to stay behind and separate Himself for God's work, sitting, like St. Paul, at the doctors' feet and learning all He could. Yet He does not do this (John vii. 15). He simply does the duty that is nearest to Him. He goes with His parents back again to their home, and is once more "subject unto them," living this humble life for 18 years more. Being thus "subject" was indeed doing God's will (His Father's business), and God is pleased at it, (v. 52) and at last the Voice itself comes to say so (St. Matt. iii. 17).

CHICKEN PIE.—This is made in a deep dish, lined with paste, moistened with the broth in which the chickens, nicely cut up, have been stewed; add the chicken with a good supply of raw oysters, and pour over all the broth; add also salt, pepper and plenty of butter. Cover and ornament with the paste. The old-fashioned New England chicken pies are made as above, except the crust, which is a nice biscuit dough. Some add to the crust a cup of sugar, and it certainly is very palatable.

## REASONS WHY I LOVE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

BY THE REV. W. BRADBURY, M. A.

1. Because she has been in England the witness for and keeper of Holy Writ.

2. Because she bears witness for every truth held by Nonconformists. (1) We have what the Baptists specially witness for, in the Baptismal service for adults. (2) We have what the Quakers specially witness for concerning the person, the gifts, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, in the teachings for Whitsuntide and in the Ordination services. (3) We have what the Plymouth Brethren specially witness for concerning prophetic truth and the second coming of our Lord, in the teaching for the season of Advent. (4) We have all that is true in what the Church of Rome witnesses for.

3. Because of the large amount of Scripture introduced into her services, by which a systematic course of Biblical knowledge is ensured to her regular and thoughtful members. The Holy Bible is (so to speak) read through once every year, and the New Testament is read through twice every year, and the Psalms are read through every month; while the Scripture portions arranged for the epistles and gospels would form in themselves a manual of doctrinal, historical, experimental, and practical divinity.

4. Because the Book of Common Prayer is the most uncommon and unrivalled collection of prayers, praises, and thanksgivings in the world.

5. Because she brings before us in due order the entire earthly life of the Lord Jesus, commemorating His Birth, Circumcision, Baptism, Epiphany, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, and calling attention to all His recorded acts and words, and to the portrait of His mind and character as drawn by the Holy Spirit, and leads us to the inspired narrative of the deeds, words, and sufferings of the first followers of our Lord lest our minds, fastening on the one thing more than on another, should cease rightly to divide the Word of truth.

6. Because she bears witness that the praise and the worship to be rendered to God in heaven should be begun on earth; and she has made provision for this spiritual sacrifice in the *Te Deum*, and other songs of thanksgiving and adoration scattered through her services.

7. Because she is the great bulwark against the tyranny of the Church of Rome, and beneath her ample shade Nonconformists enjoy freedom and quietness. The true hearted Englishman will ever regard the Church of his fathers with feelings of veneration and love—not only because it is the glory of his native land; not only because it dates its existence from Apostolic days; not only because it is one of the main spokes in that wonderful machinery in the British Constitution, which is the admiration of the whole world; not only because it is an essential pillar of the State without which the British Constitution would cease to exist, giving place to a secular government unblessed and unsanctified by the sacred bond of union with Christ's holy Church; not only because it is, as far as we know, the most pure, the most learned, and the most glorious Church upon the earth, but also because it was

The Church of his fathers, that blest his first years—that taught and that strengthened his youth; in health that still guides, and in sickness that cheers, With the rules and the comforts of truth.

Yes, she it was that took me in her arms, and in my childhood brought me to my Saviour's feet: yes, she it was that, when trembling at the sacred rail in the early youth at Confirmation I hid my eyes and held my breath, bid me be strong in Christ my strength, and vow to own Him to the death; yes, she it was that visited me in sickness, and stood by my side at the grave of my loved one, and pointing to the skies, bade me look beyond the tomb; with an angel's voice of comfort she spoke to my sad and sorrowful soul, saying, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." And again did she thrill my cold dead heart and make it glow with hope by rehearsing my Saviour's words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth on Me, though he were

dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die."

The Church of England when loyally and faithfully represented by her clergy and members, is a standing witness for God in this country to the world. There is wisdom in her words, music in her voice, and beauty in her worship. Many of our forefathers gave up their lives rather than abandon the truths for which she witnesses.

## ALMOST OVER.

It is almost over now,  
My life-work is nearly done;  
A few more stitches yet I throw;  
Long it seems since I begun.  
And the thread of many years  
Has been sometimes soiled by tears,  
Knotted, too by cares and fears!

Oh, it is not that I shirk,  
Toiling on from day to day;  
I have learned to take the work  
As a comfort on my way.  
Yet I rest it on my knee,  
Just a little while, to see  
Evening creep on lovingly.

Silence—and a purple sky,  
Over-arching vale and hill,  
And silver stars, that seem to lie  
In the gold air, mute and still;  
While the rich and radiant West  
As for festival is drest—  
Amber studs upon her breast.

Now a mist most softly red,  
Putting out the purple light,  
Tinting all my twirling thread,  
Creepeth up into the night.  
I can longer work, you see,  
With the beam thus sent to me  
Ere the dark fall heavily.

Look, my children! everywhere  
O'er my work and heart is spread  
This bright gleaming from the air,  
Blotting out my trembling dread  
From the light such joy I take  
That ye must not murmur make  
If, thus sitting, life's thread break.

Only put my chair aside,  
And in gentlest accents say:  
"Mother worked here till she died,  
With God's love-light on her way.  
By this token, dears, I know  
Of the heaven-light in a flow;  
It is almost over now!

## A BAD SPELL.

A merchant's clerk wrote a check for forty dollars, and spelled the numerical adjective "f-o-u-r-t-y." His employer directed his attention to the error, with the remark, "you seem to have a bad spell this morning," to which the clerk replied, "sure enough I've left out the 'g-h'!" Let us hope the clerk will still further amend his orthography, meanwhile, if any suffer from a "bad spell" of headache, superinduced by constipation, ask your druggist for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. Entirely vegetable, mild, prompt and effective; and a most efficient remedy for derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels.

HARD SOAP.—Take six pounds of soda, of fat six pounds, three pounds of lime, and four gallons of water. Put the soda, lime, and the water in the boiler, and boil them. Then take it out into something to settle; then put the fat in the boiler, and add the water (leaving the settling behind). Boil about half an hour, or until it is thick. Then take it out to cool, when it is ready to cut as desired.

If you have the bronchitis, you often are hoarse, Your throat's raw and smarting: you're hacking, of course; And if you're not careful, the first thing you know, Your lungs are attacked, and disease lays you low. By using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Bronchial affections and all kindred complaints can be cured, but if neglected, they only terminate in consumption.

A PIECE of bread stuck on the end of the knife with which onions are being peeled prevents being "affected to tears."