

Church is the Garden of the Lord, and her children enjoy many great and precious privileges.

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The first evening of the "Readings" provided through the efforts of members of the Church Association has taken place, and the good feeling evinced by those who kindly gave assistance to make the occasion a success, claims from us warm approbation. Then there was a becoming zeal for the church, and talent whereby the zeal and kind feeling were made effectual for the object sought, which is to utilize the capacity of friends in the congregation and others for the pleasure and improvement of all, and to show that combination of even a few for worthy ends, can be made advantageous to the many.

The Venerable Dean presided, and introduced the several kind friends whose performances gave so much pleasure. We know that they do not seek applause; the approval of a good conscience, as they look back upon the occasion and see how much innocent pleasure they were the means of creating, will be sufficient reward for them. Our clergy readily came forward as leaders in this little enterprise as we may term it for the promotion of good fellowship, and we anticipate a growth of a feeling for social union among our people, from their meeting together for innocent recreation under such arrangements as their clergy suggest and approve.

The readings, and the musical entertainment both vocal and instrumental, were altogether suitable for such occasion. The people were gathered for relaxation and diversion, and the flow of geniality which commenced from the moment the chairman began to speak, was continued in

lively manner until the National Anthem was sung and the proceedings closed.

Thanks are due to all who contributed in any way or measure to make this first of the series of Readings so exceedingly agreeable. The next will be on the evening of the 30th instant.

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THE MONTH AND YEAR IN PROSPECT.

The expiring cry of the Holy Innocents is yet in contemplation, where we are summoned to witness the Circumcision of our Lord. Though sinless himself as one of our race, He submitted to every ordination of God for our sake. Circumcision of the heart is most fitly urged when we are entering upon a new section of the road that lies before us, and perhaps resolving to walk circumspectly in it. Grave issues are bound up in the New Year to many or most; and while congratulations are passing round, and all our advantages duly and gratefully estimated, there is need for the correcting and chastening of our native infirmities and dispositions; and the Church, with motherly tenderness, earnestly counsels her children to circumcise the heart.

In January we have notice of the first Christian Pilgrimage, in the devout action of the Magi, who travelled far to pay adoration to the infant Jesus. They went not empty handed, but took with them Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, thus recognizing Him as King, God, and Prophet or Priest. Offerings for Christian Missions are at Epiphany required of us, that He whom the Wise Men honored with gifts, may be glorified by many in our day and generation through our gifts and offerings.