

of course. It may not—cannot; there is an end of the matter. It learns submission to the will of its earthly parent, and in so doing learns resignation to the will of its Heavenly Father, acquires progressively that habit of mind which is the only safety—the only peace—the deepest happiness.

Now the question before us is this very serious one. What do we clergy to remedy all this evil, all this crying injustice to children, and this sin against Christ to whom they are so precious? I know we all love children. I know we all teach them and train them our very best in school and out of school; but do we labor to save them from the great injustice and harm which they suffer day by day through those who ought to love them most, and delude themselves into thinking they do so?

Do we, for instance, protest against indulgence on the one hand, and harshness on the other? against non-punishment, and inconsiderate and vindictive punishment? Do we show to parents that harshness tempts their children to lie? that encouragement to confession, ready forgiveness of acknowledged faults, severe visitation of concealment, are the natural education of truthfulness? Do we tell them that long punishments provoke obstinacy, while short and decisive ones extinguish rebellion? that no punishment should cause so much grief to the child as to the parent? that punishment is a painful duty, not a satisfaction to anger?

How many people teach their children to be vain by dressing them up, and exhibiting them in their unnatural and stiffening attire to their neighbours, and by admiring remarks which they suppose the children do not hear or appreciate? How few win or retain the confidence of their children by cheerful forgiveness of all faults, thefts, falsehoods, or whatsoever they be, if only confessed by the penitent child instead of discovered by indignant parents, who once did the same thing themselves, and now forget not only the child's infirmities, but their own transgressions?

What shall be added about example? Parents are aware of its power. The force of assimilation is such that they will not have a nurse with a brogue, lest the child should insensibly learn it. They have a foreign governess that their children may acquire the tone of French or German unconsciously; but this power of assimilation given that the young may easily learn is turned against them most grievously. Do fathers never reflect on the unconscious influence of their irreverent and angry expressions? Do mothers forget that their vanity and worldliness and uncharitableness silently and surely enter into the character of their dear children? They turn the gracious gifts of Heaven into poison, and become daily educators into evil passions and degrading principles, which will last all life through—unless eradicated by a special grace counteracting—think of the reproach!!—counteracting the influence of the parents' offspring.

If many ought not to marry because they cannot support their children, still more have a right to do so because owing to their own moral defects they are not fit to train up their

Even good people, religious people, make grievous mistakes, stimulating the religious affections of children, and exciting them, laying burdens upon them which they are not able to bear, even making them undertake needless obligations, vows of temperance for example. Truly children need guardian angels to protect them against enemies? No, against their natural friends and protectors!

How truly is the Church a mother! Her treatment of children is and has ever been simple as well as tender. She has truly the heart of a mother, loving with the love of the Heavenly Father, wise and gentle, firm and patient.

Now what can and ought we clergy to do to help Christ's darlings in their sore necessity? People regard their children as their own property and resent interference. And in truth what a heavy censure it is to say, or even imply, that a parent cannot or does not deal well with his child! One cannot wonder at the indignation excited by such a suggestion, if undeserved, and still more if deserved. Something, perhaps, may be done in sermons by detached remarks, not by a grand assault; something in addresses after the solemnization of matrimony; something now and then, little by little, in private conversations when the children are out of the room; something founded on what has just passed or been said and so arising naturally, as it were, and made necessary. At any rate, let us keep our eyes open; and neither forget, nor let our people forget the awful words with which Christ closed His loving action and teaching on this subject, with a child before Him, fresh from the loving embrace of His arms: "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk down in the depth of the sea."—W. E. HEYGATE in *Literary Churchman*.

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, April 25.—Right Rev. Frederick Courtney, formerly of Boston, Mass., was consecrated Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia to-day, with elaborate ceremony in St. Luke's cathedral. Among the distinguished visitors who took part in the consecration were:

Bishop Medley, Metropolitan; Coadjutor Bishop Kingdom, the Bishop of Maine, the Bishop of Ontario, the Bishop of Quebec, Rev. Phillips Brooks, Boston; Rev. Mr. Storrs, Boston; Rev. G. W. Shian, Newton, Mass.; Rev. Mr. Converse, Boston Highlands; Rev. Roland C. Smith, Burnby, Mass.; Rev. Lewis K. Stone, Brookline, Mass.; Rev. Dean Gray, Boston; Rev. C. L. Hutchins, Medford, Mass.; Rev. J. A. Barrington, Wareham, Mass.; Rev. H. Gray, Boston; Rev. W. W. Campbell, Boston.

After the preliminary services the Gospel was read by the Bishop of Maine and the sermon preached by Canon Dumoulin, of Toronto, from Acts xiii. 2.

Dr. Courtney then took the oath as follows:

I, Frederick Courtney, chosen Bishop of Nova Scotia, do profess and promise all due and canonical reverence and obedience to the Metropolitan of Canada and his successors in that office. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

After the ceremony the clergy, members of synods and other distinguished members of the Church, were entertained at luncheon, after which the Metropolitan introduced the Bishop of Nova Scotia and proposed his health. Bishop Courtney replied in a very neat speech and proposed the health of the guests, coupling with it the names of Rev. Phillips Brooks and the Bishop of Maine. Dr. Brooks and the Bishop of Maine replied, proposing the health of the bishops and clergy of the Church in Canada, coupling with it the names of the Bishop of Ontario and Canon Dumoulin. Both replied, the latter proposing the health of the archdeacon, clergy and laity of the diocese.

### ONTARIO.

SHANNONVILLE.—The late A. L. Roberts.—In the death of Mr. Roberts the church has lost a staunch and loyal member and liberal supporter. And the high estimation in which he was held by all classes was shown in the large concourse which attended his funeral to the family burying ground in the cemetery of Christ Church, in the Indian Reserve, on the sixth day of April. The deceased gentleman was a son of a captain in the Royal Artillery. He came to Canada about the year 1836, and attached himself to the congregation of the Mohawk Reserve, under the late Reverend Saltern Givins. A successful farmer and wood contractor to the G. T. R. just built, he acquired a good deal of property. Being an active member of the Church he was elected a lay delegate to the synod of Ontario from its start, representing first Christ Church, and afterwards, removing to Shannonville, the church there. In 1868 he was elected to represent the diocese of Ontario at the provincial synod in Montreal. It was through his liberality and forethought that Shannonville secured 100 acres of land, subsequently sold, and which forms the present endowment of Trinity Church. When the original church in Shannonville was burned, Mr. Roberts was the prime mover and original contributor to the present handsome edifice, in which he placed a fine memorial window in the chancel to commemorate a beloved daughter who died in 1870. To the late Ontario College, Picton, he contributed \$500, and was liberal to every local and diocesan object. On his death bed he received from the hands of Rural Dean Stanton the blessed Sacrament and realized much comfort and sustenance therefrom. By request of his family the Rev. Rural Dean Stanton, Rev. Wm. Roberts, and Rev. Albert F. Geen, officiated at his funeral. The service which took place in Trinity church was very impressive. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, three sons and five daughters, to whom he was devoutly attached and ever kind and indulgent.

Elsewhere will be found an advertisement of Rev. I. W. Forsythe, M.A. Being long and favorably known in the diocese of Ontario as a valuable clergyman of much ability and possessing large experience in parochial work, we are sure it will not be long until he find a suitable field of work.

### TORONTO.

WEST MONO MISSION.—Received with thanks a box of articles for the Sunday School children of St. Alban's Church from the C. W. M. A. Society per Mrs. O'Reilly.

Appeal.—We are greatly in need of Sunday School library books and children's papers. Our books have been read again and again, and the schools have exchanged one with the other till all the books have been read. We have no funds to buy more, and consequently our children must go without Church literature unless some of our more favoured people will come to our aid. Will not some of our large Sunday Schools who are continually adding to their libraries, send us some of the volumes who have fallen into disuse with them but would be fresh to us? And if individual Churchmen would look through their libraries each might find two or three or half a dozen books which they have not used perhaps for years, but would be suitable for Sunday School work. All such might be sent and would be a great help to us. Who will help us in disseminating Church doctrine and Bible truth by means of sound literature for our Sunday Schools? We will gladly pay express charges to Orangeville, our nearest express office. Address Rev. G. H. Webb, Cardwell P. O., Ont.

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