Our Christmas Number--The Holy, Happy Christmas Time

By CANON LOCKYER.

ITH the return of Christmas, it becomes the positive duty of every professing Christian to place first things first; and to keep well to the front, by precept and example, the deepest spiritual meaning of the Holy Season. It becomes his duty to enter the sternest protest against the ideas (which the world, the flesh, and the devil, are ever striving to get us to adopt) viz: that Christmas is consistently kept, by pandering to bodily appetites and selfish gratifications: that Christmas is a season of happiness irrespective of the reason why we should be happy: to be observed without a serious thought of what happened on that Holy Day, and why it happened: and what we would be to-day if it had not happened: viz: The Incarnation of the Son of God. The Church of God in our midst in ever faithful to her duty in this respect. Thus she has given to us in her year the Advent season to remind us of the coming of Christ at Christmas, and of all that Christmas means, as a reminder of the love of God the Father in sending His Son; and of the love of God the Son in diary that was kept in Trinity by Mr. coming into this world, clothed in our Samuel A. Gent, over a hundred years human nature, in order that as man ago. Mr. Gent was an official in the He may be able to sympathize with us great business firm of that time, and in our troubles, and trials, and weak- hense as his larger interests were in nesses; and that as God He may be connection with the carrying on of able to help us, with the help that that business, between Trinity and not fail to notice Jimmy's wisting

of soul and body all through the holy and requirements of summer and does this; and what she thus does those duties and requirements were collectively, every one of her chil-less exacting, then: - "They eat, they work again with a will. Within a half dren should do again individually. drink, and in communion sweet quaff individual, by his being present at part of the diary which records some plank instead of into the seam, and the services in God's Church (not by of this winter and spring social life doing it all to the accompaniment of order that he may put first things first, by giving first place to spiritual duties. Thus he will thank God, in the "1818. Jan. 26th. Dance at Mr. courts of His House for all that the Robert Slade's this evening. The party Incarnation means to him, in soul and invited enjoyed themselves extremely bedy, here and hereafter: and will well. I answering for myself, enjoyed ask God's blessing upon his home, the time admirably." and social expressions of happiness during the holy season. Thus he will "1818, Feb. 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Garseek for and receive grace, through land, accompanied by Miss Mary Divinely appointed ordinances, to en- Clinch, went for a walk across the N. what you took that slice of bread for able him to do nothing that is not in W. Arm." keeping with the object of the boly season; and to do something that will "1818. Feb. 19th. A party at the tricks on me James Thorne." Jimmy tend to extend the glory of God. Such house (Garland's), say about thirty- fell helpless on the couch and in a ideals and thoughts, such actions six. Everybody enjoyed themselves. I few minutes he was sound asleep. would not necessarily mean a dull can answer for myself, having spent When he woke in the morning, there Christmas, nor in any real sense de- the evening in a convivial manner." was no fire in the kitchen stove; no tract from its thorough enjoyment. On the contrary: for religion (and such religious teaching) was never dance at the Court House." meant to make our pleasures less; though, undoubtedly, it has ever been intended to make them more con- Sketton, and Powell gave a dance at on his marrow bones, and in the sistent with the day we keep, and with the Court House. Some were highly up. presence of witnesses repeat the folthe event we celebrate, viz: The holy, I myself was pretty fair." happy, Christmas Day; Because of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS DAY. Only a manger, cold and bare Only a maiden mild, Only some shepherds kneeling there

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WINTER SOCIAL LIFE IN TRINITY 105 YEARS AGO. As I write, I have before me a

Thus, when Christmas Day comes, and the comings and goings of the great surprise of the man with the the Church in every town and village vessels, etc. This "daily round and of our land, proclaims a Holy Day; common task" was frequently broken put on her most beautiful garments in upon. by a reference to some s.d pledge," he said, "and that you promin honour of the Christ; and begins, accident, such as a drowning, or a continues and ends the Day with holy boat's crew driven to sea on some services, through which from begin- terribly cold winter day; either never ning to end-in Sacrament and again to be heard of, or if heard of to prayer; hymns and carols; Bible les- be fraught with the details of privasons and Sermon; is taught the one tions and sufferings as are common to great reason for happy expressions such circumstances. Whilst the duties, season, viz:, because of the Incarna- autumn were so many and so onerous proceeded to eat the bread, with a tien of the Son of God, and the untold as to leave us time for relaxation of blessings it has brought to a sin- either mind or body; yet, when the stricken world. The Church of God winter and spring came around, and This can and should be done by the immortality and joy." It is from that cakum into the middle of a Juniper any means as a matter of form) in of Trinity in those days, that I select

"1818, March 5th, Collis gave a

"1818. March 12th. Messrs. Garland, wards home, Jimmy had to go down

"1818, March 25th, Graham gave a no more, drink or eat any more rum, Ball in the Court House. I was not or any other spiritous liquor, so long there myself; but it appears from the as my wife Mary Ann lives; and that general tenor of discourse from those on next Monday evening I will join that were there, that the usual Harmony Division, Sons of Temperhilarity and good harmony was not ance, and be a better man." Then they prevalent among them. Witness their went home and had their breakfast, breaking up at so early an hour as 3 and Jimmy was true to his pledge as o'clock."

*1818. November 20th. Graham married to Miss Hannah Newell."

"1818. St. John's Day, A meeting of Free Masons took place at the Court House, and all went to dinner later at Captain Ash's."

"1819, Aug. 23rd, Agreeable to invitation, partook of a Ball and Supper on board H.M. Sloop of War. time was spent from 8 o'clock, p.m. till 4 o'clock, a.m. very jovially."

new house for the first time." (This Somerset, England, in the year 1805. was "the big house" of Garand's.)

land, and on the whole I cannot say boys that he found here, and all havthat I enjoyed myself. Too much re- ing proved more or less unsatisfacstraint and ceremony, and too much tory, he applied to Lester and Garland reserve to please me."

MEMORANDA.

In the foregoing extracts from an old diary of 1818 I gave a reference to the marriage of Archibald Graham and Hannah Newell. The following was married he was still a "boy." sequence of events, as found in the

Baptismal Register of old St. Paul's, are interesting 1823. Baptized, Dougald (aged 4 years), Archibald (aged 3 years), and Alexander (aged 2 months). children of Archibald and Hannah Graham.

HAPPY EVENTS. 1842. Married, William Howard

Earle and Elizabeth P. Gent. Witnesses: S. A. Gent. John Pillgrem. 1801, Married, William Grant, of Clanmore, Kilkenny, Ireland, and Martha Batson of English Harbour. 1804. Baptized, Richard, child of William and Martha Grant.

HOW JIMMIE THORNE ATE THE BOWL OF RUM.

One of the old men of my boyhood days was Jimmie Thorne. When he was a younger man, he was employed as a caulker in the Stoneman dockyard, Trinity. During the building of Mr. Stoneman's vessels, it was customary for a man to go the rounds of the dockvard at 4 o'clock with a kettle of rum, to supply every man who wanted it with a bowl full. Jimmie was never backward in coming forward with his bowl, for he was very fond of a drink, A result, however, was, that sometimes when he went home he was not too sober, and Mary Ann's resentment of it, led to angry words, and rough treatment. Mary Ann was his wife, and she decided that either Jimmy should take the pledge, or she would leave the ship. Jimmy very reluctantly did so, and on bended knee and with uplifted hand he solemnlyrepeated the following pledge:-"I, James Thorne, will never drink no more rum," The next day when the rum was served out, the man with the kettle was greatly surprised to hear from Jimmy, that though he wanted it. badly, yet he could not take it, and he told the man the reason why.

Poole, the greater number of entries looks, yet he did not advertise his deal with the direction of the wind, goods. One afternoon, however, to the kettle, Jimmy was ready with his bowl. "I thought you had taken the did," said Jimmy, "and I'm not going" to drink it now; but I'm going to eat it." Jimmy pointed to a thick slice of bread that he had lined the bowl with, and said, "Now pour the rum on smile all over his face. and such a smacking of his lips that betrayed his happiness. He was thoroughly well pleased with himself, and went to an hour Jimmy was trying to drive the only song he knew the refrain no more." He left for home half an

hour before "knocking off" time, and could not understand why Mary Ann would not accept his solemn assurance of: "'Pon me soul, Mary Ann, I didn'tadrink a drop of rum, and I don't know what's wrong with me." "Then I do," retorted Mary Ann. "You're drunk," "and now I know at dinner time. You'd better look for another wife at once. None of your breakfast ready; and no sign of Mary Ann. After some searching he found his wife at a neighbour's house; but before she would budge an inch tolowing pledge, which Mary Ann dictated: "I, James Thorne, will never

long as he lived, for Mary Ann outlived him by a year. "Where is the man who has the power and skill To stem the torrent of a woman's will? For if she will, she will, you may depend on't; And if she won't, she won't; so there's

CHARLES GRANGER-1805-1882.

I don't know of a layman of fifty years ago whose history may be more appropriately used in the make up of a Christmas Number, than that of "Eigeria." Captain Rowley; and the Charles Granger. I offer this outline of his life as a mark of my highest respect for him, who was a man when I was a boy. Charles Granger was "1820. December 25th. Dined in the born in the parish of Milburn Port, Rev. William Bullock was appointed Missionary at Trinity in 1822, After "1821. Feb. 5th. Dined with Mr. Gar- having experimented with several for an English youngster; and in the spring of 1826 Charlie Granger came ous as "a boy for Mr. Bullock." In Trinity, a youngster was known as a "bey" till he got married. He might be a man in size and age; but until he

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