

of its class, a verdict that our musical readers will happily soon have an opportunity of endorsing. It may be added that this anthem is one of the many masterpieces contained in the music-library of our Church, a treasury which deserves to be drawn from in future more frequently, containing as it does many anthems which have not been heard in our Church for years past. We look forward to a not distant time when an anthem will be the regular feature of our Sunday evening's service.

There has long been a need for a practical manual of Church law, defining exactly the privileges and duties of church officers, such as church-wardens and vestry-men. Dr. Potter, the Bishop of New York, has recently published a pamphlet on this subject well worthy of perusal. Even those who have long experience are puzzled to define, for instance, how far the creation of special committees limits the functions of church-wardens. One of our vestry-men, whose acquaintance with ecclesiastical law and parochial practice is second to none in the Dominion, has consented to review Dr. Potter's essay in an early number of our PARISH NOTES. By such helps, our infant periodical will be lifted up from a mere parish record, the "whisperings of our petty burgh," and will fulfil the Rector's object in founding it, to educate our young men in the practice of writing, and to furnish as far as possible useful and enjoyable food for our readers.

VACATION SUGGESTIONS.

CAMPING OUT.

Webster defines recreation as a refreshment of the strength and spirits after toil; a forming a new, a revivifying. Are you planning to use your coming vacation for genuine recreation, or does it bid fair to resolve itself into a mere long drawn out pass-time?

Of course you will go into the country—visiting a city may recreate a country person, but a town dweller, to be created anew, must ever and always seek the country. I am fully alive to the fact that in pleasure, as in all other things in life, there is no accounting for tastes; but I do believe I can show that the ordinary city worker gets more genuine recreation for the money by camping out than most people are aware of. Why cannot this charming means of being thoroughly imbued and revived by nature, living near to the heart of the great mother of us all, become as popular in the vicinity of St. John as it is in the United States and Upper Canada. Within ten miles of our city we have innumerable sites for a tent or two, with good fishing, fair hunting, and unlimited opportunities for boating, near at hand. Though, strange as it may seem, to the uninitiated, the camper out has scarcely time for many of these active amusements, for in getting firewood, preparing the meals, fixing up little camp comforts and conveniences, plentifully interlarded with long deep draughts of idleness, you find the day is gone, where you know not, only your appetite is

glorious, and you sleep well,—you have abandoned yourself to the genial influences of nature."

As to expense few things can be done so cheaply. A tent (good for ten years) does not cost over twelve or fifteen dollars, or one can be hired or borrowed. One gentleman near St. John keeps a large one with a board floor which is always at the service of his friends. Although one eats more than at home the fare is simpler and costs less to prepare. Two young men saved enough in their board bill by camping out last summer, to pay for their tent, canoe, and entire outfit.

It is always desirable to have good boating near the camp, so of course one needs a row boat or canoe, and if one prefers more activity than a stationary camp demands, a large sail boat adds very little to the expense account, and enables one to change the camping site every day or two.

So much on the general aspects that camping out bears for all its votaries, the details that each one must work out for himself are equally simple.

DRIVING EXPEDITIONS.

If one can procure a horse and carriage readily, a delightful outing may be had by driving for two or three weeks through the Province, stopping over night in villages or at convenient farm houses. People who have travelled in this way up the valley of the St. John river, or through the far famed Annapolis Valley are never tired of relating their delightful experiences. Though driving will probably be found more fatiguing than camping out; it affords more opportunities for inland scenery and getting acquainted with the country people and their customs. It is better to use a covered carriage with sides that can be rolled up; and always to carry three or four feeds of oats for your horse, as there are a good many country places where good grain cannot be had. It is well also to take a spare set of horseshoes, and some horseshoe nails. Personally I would prefer seeing the country from horseback; but that means pretty vigorous exercise. It is quite common in large excursions of this kind for some to drive and others to ride.

WALKING TOURS.

If one has a good stout pair of legs a few weeks on foot holds out some special inducements such as cheapness, freedom from care, a splendid appetite, sound sleep, in short vigorous health, and a general clearing of cobwebs from the brain.

CYCLING.

Having bicycled over two hundred miles of our provincial roads I feel hardly justified in speaking of them very highly for this grand form of recreation, while tricycling is simply out of the question.

In closing these mere suggestions for using our vacations, both long and short, as a means of recreation I must say that I think few of us realize how many opportunities we let slip by lack of a little effort, that once made surprises us not only by the delight it brings; but by the ease of its making.