

Marsh, B.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, was admitted to deacon's orders, and was afterwards licensed to the curacy of St. Anne's, Wandsworth.

On the occasion of the Advent Ordination in Salisbury Cathedral, on St. Thomas' Day, the two Eastern ecclesiastics, the Very Rev. the Archimandrite Dr. Antonius Paraschis, of the Greek Church, Bayswater; and the Very Rev. the Archpriest Smirnov, of the Russian Embassy, Welbeck street, were present at the invitation of the Bishop of that diocese.

On his appointment to the Lady Margaret Professorship of Divinity at Cambridge, Canon Mason placed his resignation of the canonry of Canterbury Cathedral in the hands of the Archbishop. At the unanimous request of the cathedral clergy and others, and after consultation with the Primate, he has, however, been induced to withdraw his resignation, at any rate, until Michaelmas.

The late Bishop Hills was the cause of wit in others. One bright Monday morning he was standing talking to Mr. Pearson, the vicar of Darlington, when a Mr. Maughan came up and handed him some sovereigns, saying, "That, my lord, is our yesterday's collection for your fund." At once the vicar took off his hat, and bowing, said, "Hail, smiling morn, that tips the hills with gold."

A working man writes: "I only wish both Bishops of Winton and Durham could have been present at St. Agatha's on Sunday week. It was truly a marvellous sight. What early communion! What crowds of men in the afternoon! What throngs in the evening! Never can the scenes of that Sunday fade from my sight." Dr. Dolling would seem to have greatly affected his followers at Portsea.

A mass meeting was held at the Free-Trade Hall, Manchester, under the presidency of Bishop Bilbrough, to demand additional aid from the public funds for the Roman Catholic schools. The following resolution was adopted: "That in the interests of peace and justice, and for the preservation of parental rights and religious freedom, it is essential that Roman Catholic schools should, as regards their maintenance, be put on a footing of the fullest equality with board schools."

Correspondence.

All letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Thanks.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to return our most sincere thanks for the following sums on behalf of our new church: Collected by Miss K. Watson and Mabel Stanley, and forwarded by J. F. Roberts, Parkhill, Ont., \$2; Collected by Miss M. Lennon, Clayton, Ont., \$2.75. Are there not a few earnest Church people who would help us, a struggling congregation, to finish our church? Any help sent to Mrs. Hutson, 1013 Sherbrooke street, Montreal, or myself, will be gratefully acknowledged.

REV. A. TANSEY.

Somerset, Man.

The Teachers' Assistant.

SIR,—In the *Teachers' Assistant* for the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, the following sentences occur: "Whenever we are getting careless about praying to God, and try to please Him, we may be sure our souls are getting cold and dead. Then is the time to cry to our great Friend in heaven for His help, and His word of power to raise us to newness of life." (Rom. vi. 4). This is the first resurrection. Now as the only mention of the first resurrection, in Holy Scripture, is in Rev. xx. 5, it is well to compare this new idea of the first resurrection with the text, and see how they agree together. St. John, in his prophetic vision of the 2nd coming of our Lord, and the destruction of Antichrist and his army, tells us of the resurrection of the martyrs of Christ, and that then they live and reign with Him 1,000 years. But the rest of the dead live not again until the 1,000 years are finished. This, St. John says, is the *First Resurrection*. Surely it is not right to teach our Sunday-school scholars that something else, of quite a different nature, is the first resurrection. Of course, in a very highly figurative sense, the turning from sin and being raised to newness of life, at

any time, may be called a resurrection from spiritual death to life: but this is certainly not what is meant in Holy Scripture by the "First Resurrection," and must therefore tend to obscure the meaning of the passage I have quoted.

A PRIEST

The Toronto Cathedral.

We take the following from *The Times*, Orillia: "SIR,—I read in several papers, more especially the *CANADIAN CHURCHMAN*, that the Bishop of Toronto is in dire financial straits on account of requiring means to complete the handsome cathedral commenced some years ago in the city. A special appeal has lately been made to every clergyman in the diocese to assist in the work and to get all the laymen they can to contribute at least one dollar. How is it that in our village churches the matter is never mentioned? I do not by any means desire to interfere with our respected rector, but I would suggest that an offertory should be taken up on behalf of this good cause in every church in our mission, and we are sure that the congregations will gladly give what they can to help to remove this standing reproach against our Church. Let the Coldwater Mission make a start and numbers of other congregations will follow."

A CHURCHMAN.

"Coldwater, January 1st."

BRIEF MENTION.

February this year begins and ends on Saturday. The different countries of the world now use 13,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

The best paid official in the British service is the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, who receives \$100,000 a year.

The only eclipse visible in North America in 1896 will occur August 22-23, a partial eclipse of the moon.

Rural Dean Carey and R. V. Rogers, Q.C., spoke at missionary meetings at Lyn on Sunday last.

James I., 1610, sent silk worms to Virginia and offered a silk bounty.

The Japanese have adopted English as their diplomatic language.

There were 11,890 persons in penal servitude in Great Britain and Australia in 1870, and only 4,845 in 1895.

It is calculated that 195,000 women are employed as dressmakers in Paris.

The highest inhabited building in Europe is the Alpine clubhouse on Mount Rosa—12,000 feet above sea level.

The peat bogs in Great Britain and Ireland are estimated to be the heat equivalent of nearly 4,000,000,000 tons of coal.

Wheeled vehicles were in use long before the beginning of the Christian era.

At the Budapest Millennial Exhibition next year there will be another steel tower like the Eiffel tower, but 1,625 feet high, instead of 975.

Queen Victoria's New Year's gifts to the poor of Windsor, Holy Trinity, and Cleiver, amounted to \$1,500. The beef distributed weighed a ton and a half.

The Rev. J. W. Ross, late curate of St. George's church, Guelph, has removed to Galt. We are very pleased to hear he is improving in health.

We have in Alaska one of the greatest rivers of the world, the Kwichpak. It is believed to be more than 1,800 miles long.

In bidding for the new first-class cruisers for the British navy, there was but one per cent. difference between the bids of the three competing firms. About \$2,150,000 will be paid for each 11,000 ton vessel.

Mrs. Anna Aspinwall has left an estate estimated at \$8,000,000 to the Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital of Philadelphia, to maintain an Orphan Girls' Hospital.

There are more than twenty species of fur-bearing animals known to inhabit the Hudson Bay country, ranging in size all the way from the meadow mouse and sand rat to the caribou, musk ox, bison, and Polar bear.

Lord Wolseley, who may have to face the whole German army as commander-in-chief of the British forces, cannot enter a room where a cat is without uncomfortable sensations.

A 634-karat diamond, the finest ever found in Africa, was discovered at Jagersfontein in the Transvaal on the day after Christmas. When cut it is expected that it will be worth \$1,500,000.

River water purifies itself. A few miles below a large city no trace of impure matter can be found in the waters of a river into which its sewers empty.

Parrots are put to a practical use in Germany. They have been introduced into the railway stations and trained to call out the name while the train stands there, and thus save people the trouble of making enquiries.

K.D.C. Pills cure chronic constipation.

In Antwerp cathedral there are seventy bells, some of them of great antiquity. One, the Carolus, given by Charles V., King of Spain, Emperor of Germany, and Archduke of Austria, is only rung twice in each year, when it is said to take sixteen men to ring it. The amalgam of which it is made consists of gold, silver and copper, and the bell, with the metal it contains, is said to be worth \$100,000.

Family Reading.

Waiting for the Angels.

Waiting through days of fever,
Waiting through nights of pain,
For the waft of wings at the portal,
For the sound of songs immortal
And the breaking of life's long chain.

There is little to do for our dear one—
Only to watch and pray—
As the tide is outward drifting,
As the gates of heaven are lifting,
And its gleam is on her way.

The tasks that so often taxed her,
The children she held so dear,
The strain of the coming and going,
The stress of the mending and sewing,
The burden of many a year.

Trouble her now no longer;
She is past the fret and care!
On her brow is the angel's token,
The look of a peace unbroken,
She was never before so fair.

You see, she is waiting the angels,
And we—we are standing apart:
For us there are loss and sorrow,
For her is the endless morrow,
And the reaping time of the heart.

—Harper's Bazar.

Short Views.

Too long outlooks are bad. They are depressing—disheartening. We have not the faith or the energy necessary to cope with them. Many a possible result has never been attained, because the way to it seemed so long. An aged woman said to a little child, "If you look at the whole length of your seam, you will never get it sewn: look only at the little bit between your thumb and finger." Our life is mercifully cut up into "littles." God knows that the "whole" of many things cannot be presented to us at once. And so, our Lord taught us to pray for our daily bread, and said that sufficient unto the day was the evil thereof. God does not will His children to be crushed with anything too heavy for them. Let us be content to do each "little" as it is presented to us, and then the "great" will be attained. The great is always the aggregate of littles. While we are doing only some one "little," we are making progress, we are on our way to the end. There are many attainments, both spiritual and temporal, which we could never have arrived at but by a progress of littles. It is not God's measures which crush us, it is our own; we will not become small enough—simple enough. We want to have to do with years, when God only means us to have to do with days. God's years are made of days.

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