

## Church Chimes.

### Ontario News.

The Bishop's Chapel at Ottawa is setting a good example of daily Matins. A Sunday-afternoon service, much needed, has also been arranged by the Chapel clergy in Centre Town. In this, and indeed all Church work, the pioneer Church of Ottawa, was S. Alban's, where daily service and weekly communion have now been established for some years.

Rev. Mr. Irwin, late of Newborough, Ontario diocese, has accepted a call from a parish in New York State, whither he carries with him the respect and good wishes of Ontario High-Churchmen. The new incumbent at Kitley, Rev. Mr. Forsyth, hails from Nova Scotia, and is a welcome reinforcement to the church phalanx of Ontario.

The Bishop lately held a confirmation at Almonte, where the Church, under Rev. John K. McMorine, is in a flourishing condition.

The Rev. J. Bousfield, of All Saints, Kingston, has been seriously ill, but we are glad to learn is recovering.

At Carrying Place, the Rev. Massey Baker is about erecting a hall for church purposes, with a shed for teams. This hardworked Priest has no less than five congregations, with a weekly area of two hundred and fifty miles of parish visiting.

The Superior of the Guild of S. Philip (*extra parochial*) returns thanks to the Warden of the Milford Ward of the G. S. P. for \$3.75, sent to the Secretary S. P. G., in aid of Bishop Steere's Mission at Zanzibar.

The Diocesan Mission meetings are being held somewhat earlier than usual; an improvement, as it clears the Christmas services.

After the late Visitation, an entertainment on a handsome scale was given to the Clergy by the Bishop at his house in Ottawa.

Rev. J. Christie, ordained last month, has been appointed to Amherst Island. Mr. Christie was for some years a member of the choir at All Saints' Church, Kingston.

Rev. J. May, of Ottawa, lately preached in Bishop's Chapel a sermon on the nature of Sacraments, good enough to elicit the disapproval of one of the Church-wardens. "A word spoken in season," etc.

The "Kingston News," commenting on the presence of one Canon Baldwin at a dissenting revival meeting in Montreal, remarks that "he may probably hear from CHURCH CHIMES." We thank our contemporary for calling our attention to this offender.

During the illness of the Rev. Mr. Loucks, the services at Picton were taken by Rev. M. Lepper, and a sermon preached by Rev. C. P. Mulvany. Mr. Loucks, we are glad to state, has recovered. He has instituted an out-station at Northport, a village some miles from Picton. The new Sunday services at Picton are popular and supply a want long felt.

A sermon by Rev. C. P. Mulvany, of this Diocese, appears in the Anglo-Catholic pulpit of the (London, Eng.) *Church Times*.

Rev. C. Jones has been appointed to the Parish of Mountain.

The old church at Williamsburg was reopened by the Incumbent of the Parish, on the Sunday after the Bishop's Visitation. The side galleries have been taken down, as also the large pulpit and reading desk. The windows have been filled with quarried glass with ornamental borders. The old pulpit and reading desk have been replaced by light lecterns. The east window of stained glass is a gift, as is also the Bishop's chair. The sittings are all free, and the Church was crowded at the opening service, and seventy partook of the Blessed Sacrament. The Altar has been raised, and decently vested. Funds are being collected for a Font.

At S. James', Morrisburgh, a fortnightly celebration has taken the place of a monthly

one. A Rectory is in course of erection. This has all been done since the arrival of the Rev. C. Forest, M. A., less than a year ago.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of "CHURCH CHIMES":

SIR: Has it ever occurred to you that we, who call ourselves *thorough Churchmen*, are too apt to adopt that part of Church teaching which is agreeable to our artistic taste and love for aesthetics, and too ready to overlook the ascetic aspect of religion? Are we not too willing to blame our brethren who have not yet learned to value Catholic privileges, overlooking the fact that we are guilty of disobedience to another ordinance of "the kingdom of God." Our blessed Lord, speaking of His disciples, says, "the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and *then* shall they fast in those days." In accordance with this saying the Holy Church, which hath "authority in controversies of Faith," has ordered Her children to observe certain Vigils or Evens, and has appointed as "Days of Fasting or Abstinence":

1. The Forty Days of Lent;
2. Ember-Days;
3. Rogation-Days;
4. All Fridays in the year except Christmas-Day.

Now, is it not inconsistent that we should pass these days by unheeded, and at the same time find fault with others for omitting weekly celebrations or daily prayer? Indeed, it is often almost impossible for the clergy to obey these two requirements, but who can say that it is impossible for anyone to observe, in some way, the Fasts of the Church: Can we successfully maintain the whole Faith without the practice of its commands?

A PERPLEXED LAYMAN.

Diocese Toronto, Nov, 1874.

### Christmas Carol, 1874.

#### I.

The Mother of God kept Christmas well,  
Trusting the word of Gabriel,  
Rod of Aaron,  
Rose of Sharon,  
Mary brought forth Immanuel.

CHORUS: In the Orient, far away,  
God was born on Christmas Day;  
Mary bore Him, men adore Him—  
King over all for aye!

#### II.

Though no inn would shelter afford,  
Where our Lady might lay our Lord—  
Manger lowly,  
So made holy—  
Angels adoring, guard.

CHORUS: In the Orient, etc.

#### III.

Joy was then and good Christmas cheer,  
In the heart of God's Mother dear—  
Babe and Mother  
To each other  
Now and evermore near.

CHORUS: In the Orient, etc.

#### IV.

In the arms of the undefiled,  
Sweetly slept her Maker and Child;  
On His Mother,  
As on no other,  
Jesus, new-born, smiled.

CHORUS: In the Orient, etc.

### V.

Son of Mary His days begin,  
Who for us the crown shall win—  
JESUS name Him,  
God proclaim Him—  
Saving His Church from sin.

CHORUS: In the Orient, far away,  
God was born on Christmas Day;  
Mary bore Him, men adore Him—  
King over all for aye!

—S. Philip's Parsonage, 1874.

We are informed by a correspondent that a reverend gentleman (M. A.) in Montreal, deplaining lately against the Ascetic ideal, described the early Anchorites as having "told their beads and breathed their *Alma Mater* in the ear of Heaven."

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.—We notice in the Toronto papers a paragraph describing a Memorial Cross, placed over the grave of a late Sunday School Teacher at Holy Trinity, the cost of such cross having been contributed by the Sunday School. We congratulate the Superintendent, as also the Parish Clergy, on the Catholic prayers made by the— the monument bearing the following suffrages—"JESU mercy—make her to be numbered with Thy Saints."

For the love of JESUS, will any of our Catholic friends send us subscriptions towards the support of an orphan boy now in the Toronto Hospital, and likely to lose an arm through being caught in machinery. He has been maintained for some time by the Guild of S. Laurence, who still have him in charge, and is a worthy lad. We will acknowledge through CHURCH CHIMES any amounts, however small, that may be sent to the Editors, P. O. Box, 1372, Toronto.

ANOMIA.—A revivalist, by name Henry Varley, who by the way is modest enough not to style himself "Reverend," has been holding forth in some of our city Conventicles. He was met upon the platform of the Queen Street Methodist Chapel by the Rev. E. Baldwin, and, as report says, warmly embraced. This Reverend aider and abettor of Schism is a shining light in the Church Association, and we respectfully call the attention of his Diocesan to the fact of his appearing publicly where he ought not, in direct treason to his ordination vows. The Church Association, by the way, with its usual disregard for truth, again reiterates the falsehood respecting the secret distribution of the "Path of Holiness," and the agents of the Association, we are credibly informed, have been soliciting subscriptions and endeavouring to beguile innocent and unstable Protestants by falsely representing that CHURCH CHIMES was, or is, the organ of, or published by the Church Union of Toronto. We most distinctly state that the Church Union has never had a particle of interest in the publication of our paper, and that the statements made respecting it, as regards the Union, by Church Association canvassers are utterly false.

CONSISTENCY.—In connection with a communication published in another column, we call the attention of our readers to the following extract from the local items in the Toronto *Mail* of December 16th:

"ALL SAINTS CHURCH.—A reunion will be held in the School House attached to this Church this evening, at which there will be not only refreshments dispensed, but vocal and instrumental music, etc."

And this be it remembered not only during the holy season of Advent, but on an *Ember* day, which the Church orders to be kept as a strict fast. How can the Rev. A. Baldwin expect a blessing on his work when he thus openly sets aside the Church's laws, which he has solemnly sworn to obey.