

## DISCIPLINE.

One purpose of a school is discipline, to train the pupils in habits of obedience and self-control, to teach them to do their own thinking, to manipulate their mental powers with precision and accuracy, and in the end to round out the full intellectual man. The Church is a school; the Christian life is a discipline. This truth is emphasised by the coming of Lent. It is the regular annual examination, when the work of the year is gathered up and reviewed, and the tests are laid on to prove the spiritual progress of the pupil of Christ. The dominant idea is discipline, which cuts away self-indulgence, and brings out the finer lustre of human nature. An army, too, is another illustration. A regiment awes a mob ten times its number. Its direct strength and invincible force lie in its exacting iron discipline. Unfailing obedience and the coalescing of the wills of those in the ranks with the will of the commander make it a giant of massive power. The Christian is a soldier. Under his Great Captain his warfare counts; fighting outside the ranks he is an unarmed individual in a mob beating the air. Kick against the pricks as we may, discipline is here, and it is the one thing in our own power that makes us. "Prove your own selves." While we may wonder that religion is not a bed of roses it is better to stop our wondering and face the facts. Doubtless we would like to change the constitution of things, abolish sin and make it all easy, but the facts are as they are, and the only way to make anything of life is to put ourselves humble people in the school of God's Church, and enlist as soldiers of Christ, willing to submit to the training of our gracious Teacher, and ready to accept the stern discipline of the warfare that brings sure victory in the end.

## INSTRUMENTS OF DISCIPLINE.

A recognized necessity of success in the world is self-restraint, limitation in one direction in order to full activity in another. The scholar foregoes the idea of accumulating wealth. The successful business man must give up the delights of intellectual culture and the supposed pleasures of dissipation. Everywhere self-control is the key to success. It is the one thing that enables a man to make the best use of himself, and determines to what extent he will have in the community what is called weight of character. Why not recognize this principle in the spiritual life? Practically and personally the underlying idea of Lent is precisely this, to show what sort of stuff we are made of, to find out who is going to be master, our better selves, or our appetites and desires. We are so entirely broken up by sin that we need outside help to make us strong enough to rule ourselves, and therefore the Church brings us at this time special and definite instruction what to do and what not to do. Fasting or abstinence from a favorite dish, if it only give a person the supreme satisfaction of knowing that he can rule his appetite, is worth a vast deal. But this is a small part of its possible blessing. It clears the intellect, it gives spiritual freedom, it gives play to the affectionate to grasp with fresh vividness the precious gifts of Jesus. And so with healthy self-examination, a sense of personal sinfulness that leads to heartfelt confession, increased time spent in prayer, both in private and in God's house, more frequent attendance at the dear Lord's table, thoughtful study of His Holy Word, and the cultivation of patience and kindly love toward those around us; all these are helps toward a sweet spirited self-control and the crowning happiness of the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free. As for the things not to do, amusements for self-gratification, and the usual round of worldly pleasures, it seems almost absurd that Christians should be

asked and urged to drop them, for the simple reason that the soul that is at one with Christ, in good earnest to do his will, is so taken up with better things, and nobler pleasures that it neither has any desire for them, nor is it any privation to them to be without them.—*The Church News.*

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PERSONAL.—It is announced that the Lord Bishop, Dr. Courtney, has gone to Bermuda for his health. He will be followed by the earnest and loving prayers, not alone by the people of his own diocese, but by many others throughout Canada and the United States, that he may become completely restored and soon be able to return to his diocese.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—A Memorial service was held in St. James' Church on Sunday evening, March 8th, in remembrance of the late Mr. Edward Willis, one of the churchwardens. In his sermon the Rector, Rev. C. J. James, referred to Mr. Willis' early life, and to his home life, as well as to his work in the Sunday school and church. His public life had been so fairly treated by the press that the preacher thought it would only be repetition to go over it again. When Mr. Willis first came to this city he was without friends and influence, but by his wonderful pluck and perseverance he had acquired both—the large and representative gathering of citizens at his funeral testifying to the esteem in which he was held. In his family life the deceased had ever been a faithful and loving husband and a kind and indulgent father. In his work as superintendent of St. James' Sunday school he had been indefatigable, being at his post in all kinds of weather, and it was to his efforts that the school had grown and prospered to the degree it has at present. Mr. Willis had been connected with St. James' Church during the greater part of his residence in this city, and had been a very regular attendant at the services, as well as a frequent communicant. In vestry and committee meetings he was ever ready to give his best assistance, and whatever church work he undertook he endeavored to carry it out. The sermon was listened to very attentively by a large congregation. There were special lessons and appropriate hymns, the latter being: 'Rock of Ages,' 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,' 'Peace, perfect peace,' and 'Days and moments quickly flying.'—*St. John Globe.*

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ABBOTT-FORD.—A subscription list circulated on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Spring Hill Mines, realized the sum of \$29.35. St. Paul's Church has been improved by painting and decorating of the chancel, thanks to Canon Robinson, at whose expense this was done. Last fall the outside of the Church was painted through the liberality of N. C. Risk, Esq. Other improvements are to follow.

CLARENCEVILLE.—The sum of \$21 has been forwarded to the treasurer of the Springhill mining accident fund, by the Rev. W. N. Duthie, Rector of Clarenceville, as a contribution from the two Church of England parishes of Clarenceville and Noyan.

KNOWLTON.—The first annual meeting of the Young Ladies' Industrial Society was largely attended on Saturday. Reports were presented showing about forty regular plying members of the Society, 26 meetings held in nineteen different houses, and a great deal of sewing done. In all the gross revenue has approached \$150, of which \$102 is invested at good rates of interest. The officers were all re-elected for

the current year; Mrs. J. H. Hall, being appointed one of the lady directresses of needle-work. A committee to arrange for places of meeting during the year was appointed, consisting of the Treasurer, Miss Corinne Kimball, Miss Belknap and Miss M. B. Knowlton. It was determined to hold a sale of work, and to give a grand entertainment on Wednesday, 1st proximo.

MONTREAL.—St. Jude's.—The special services in connection with the opening of this Church were continued on Sunday, the 15th inst., when the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal preached in the morning, and the Ven. Archdeacon Evans in the evening. Large congregations attended and much interest was manifested in the services. The Rector, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, should be congratulated upon the greatly improved appearance, ecclesiastically, of the church, both inside and outside, and also upon the fact that by the addition increased accommodation for the rapidly increasing population of this section of the city has been secured. If we mistake not, by this addition, St. Jude's comes well to the front amongst the churches of the city, as to the number it can accommodate.

St. James'.—It is said that the enlargement of the church immediately after Easter has been determined upon, and that by extending the building towards the street, for which ample space exists, additional seating capacity will be given to the extent of 150 more sittings and the appearance of the church ecclesiastically will be much improved. As is well known, the church is one of the most beautiful in the city internally, and the service is probably the most perfect of any. This with the contemplated erection of a new Mission Chapel above St. Catherine street, at the extreme limits of the city evidences earnestness and life on the part of the parishioners. It is also worthy of remembrance that the parish of St. James includes within its bounds the municipality of Cote St. Paul, where for many years a Mission of the Church of St. James the Apostle has been successfully carried on. There is also a Mission on Richmond Square, conducted by the Rev. S. Massey, where Sunday morning and evening a good congregation is to be found in attendance.

Grace Church, Point St. Charles.—Here too, the Church is making rapid progress under the able administration of the Rev. J. Ker, B. D. The building is wholly inadequate to accommodate the numbers who wish to attend the services. Many it is said have to leave, being unable to get access. A new church of much enlarged size is urgently required, and it is said that the Rector and people are at one in desiring to secure this as early as possible.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PAREOULT.—This parish was visited on Friday evening, March 6th, by the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle. He gave a very interesting address on the Missions of the Northwest, which was well calculated to stir up an interest in the hearts and minds of the people in the spiritual welfare of our countrymen in the Northwest.

He told us plainly that the Church in Ontario had been lacking in her duty to her children who went out to that vast territory to carve out for themselves and their families a new home and to build up this great Dominion. They were worthy of our kindest sympathy and should have our support in sending to them the ministrations of our Church in their loneliness and isolation. The fact should be brought home to them that their brethren in Ontario had not forgotten them as the chief butler did Joseph, but remember the injunctions of St. Peter to have compassion one of another to love as brethren, and to render blessing. There is no way by which they could translate into action this sympathy, brotherly love and blessing more effectively than by using their