

Write for the People.

SIR,—Your correspondence column and your "leaders" are read with great eagerness by our laity. Sometimes your correspondents' sentences are so dreadfully long and involved—containing about thirty lines, in which are found one or two pairs of hyphens, a parenthesis within a parenthesis, commas without number—that one is compelled to read it a few times to find what the writer is driving at. These are faults which most editors avoid, and of which most correspondents are more or less guilty. But if a paper is to be popular and fulfil its mission in a parish, it must be addressed to the people, not to the few. Both writers and preachers must "preach to the scullery-maid": they must express their deepest thoughts and their loftiest aspirations in the simplest language; and then gentle and simple will derive pleasure in trying to follow them. Another mistake is a weakness for airing one's knowledge of scraps of Latin, which may be all very well in addressing D.D.'s, but is irritating to the less fortunate reader. For instance, what can the plain Saxon make of *fons et origo mali*? It may suggest something about the flowers that bloom in the spring, though just as likely to be taken to mean "Pop goes the weasel!" The plain English would be much more forcible and quite as elegant. Your editorials, sir, on the subject of religious education and kindred topics are very timely, and will accomplish much in putting before the world the views of thousands besides yourself.

PETER SIMPLE.

British and Foreign.

H. R. H. the Duchess of Albany has consented to receive purses of not less than £5 in aid of the building fund on the occasion of her laying the foundation-stone of the new schools of St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, on June 27th.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have agreed to endow the parish of St. Barnabas, Linthorpe, Middlesborough, with £150 per annum.

The Home Secretary has appointed the Rev. George Purnell Merrick, chaplain of Holloway and Newgate prisons, to be visiting chaplain of local prisons.

The Church Army have just been presented with £100 for the purpose of placing one of their mission and colportage vans in the Diocese of Rochester.

The Bishop of Hereford has addressed a circular letter to his clergy asking them once more to invite the prayers and charity of their congregations on behalf of the Armenian sufferers.

The Queen has announced her intention of contributing £50 towards a fund which is being raised in Cornwall for the restoration of the fine old tower of Holy Trinity Church, St. Austell. The work of restoring the tower is now in active progress.



ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, TORONTO.

Churchmen of all schools of thought will, says one of our London correspondents, learn with regret that Prebendary Wigram is again in impaired health. He has never yet fully recovered from the strain which his intense devotion to the work of the Church Missionary Society laid upon him in the years he acted as its honorary secretary.

The 14th ult. was Hospital Sunday, and collections were made throughout the metropolis. The need of liberal alms-giving is made obvious by the fact that there are 2,654 beds in the London hospitals unavailable from lack of funds.

A handsome brass has recently been erected in St. Margaret's, Church, Westminster, to the memory of the late Viscount Eversley, who was for many years Speaker of the House of Commons.

Dr. Farrar's Thirteenth Centenary Fund for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral now amounts to £9,310.

There is some possibility of another party of ladies being sent to Uganda by the Church Missionary Society this autumn.

The Bishop of Winchester recently dedicated a new organ in Pirbright Church, given by Lord and Lady Pirbright. The vicar (Archdeacon Sapte) said the service, and there was a large attendance of clergy.

While a new oak beam was being raised to the roof of Winchester Cathedral, a religious service was held befitting the occasion. The beam is 45 feet long, and in girth 18 inches by 14 inches; it weighs two and a quarter tons, and was raised by a steam crane placed on a scaffold near the roof.

A large pair of standard candlesticks have recently been placed in the sanctuary of the chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

The Rev. Richard Tyacke, for sixty years vicar of Padstow, died recently from pneumonia, at the great age of nearly ninety-three years. Born near Helston in 1804, Mr. Tyacke took his B.A. degree at Cambridge in 1827, and was ordained priest in 1831. He filled two curacies in Cornwall before being inducted to the vicarage of Padstow, in 1837.



INTERIOR VIEW OF ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL FROM THE SOUTH.