

this decadence of party is ascribed mainly to the work of the Evangelicals as a party being done. "It has introduced Evangelical teaching beyond its own pale, so that doctrines and phrases formerly characteristic of a clique have now become common property." The writer in using the word "clique" as descriptive of the party he is discussing, explains their falling fortunes more than he was aware of. Our Low Church friends have been and are too much given to a policy of isolation, both as individuals and as a party. The spirit of boastful and arrogant self-righteousness has been rampant amongst them. They have alienated all of more refined, gentle, modest neatness by the spirit which we recently saw evinced in the assertion by several of this party here, that the humble, faithful, consistent communicant, trusting simply to His Saviour for pardon and peace, is not fit to be a Sunday School Teacher unless he has been "converted" in the sense of those who set up this unscriptural party standard. The author proceeds to show that the Evangelical party represented in their earlier career the cause of spiritual religion, and a teaching which put prominently forward the doctrine of never ending punishment, the atonement, justification by Faith only and a more spiritual view of the sacraments. He points out that they now still are doctrinally as they were, but have altered their position by paying regard to good singing, well kept Churches, and a less ostentatious silence in regard to Churchmanship. "We need not," he says, "quarrel with the Evangelical Curate for wearing a coat and collar which thirty years ago would have marked him as that now forgotten creature a "Puseyite," nor with the Rector if he saves himself the trouble of a walk to and from the vestry by preaching in that surplice, which in his predecessor's eyes, was Protestant in the reading desk, but Popish in the pulpit." These, the writer sensibly makes merry over, but, with the bitterness so characteristic of his party, he condemns the moral cowardice which induces Evangelicals to seek allies, not in Evangelical nonconformists, with whom on all essentials they are one, but in High Churchmen from whom they in many essentials differ." The common practice of certain of the old Evangelical school of preaching in Nonconformist pulpits, is commended for modern imitation, and he asks why not have an interchange of pulpits, not with Churchmen of a higher school, but with Wesleyans, Congregationalists, Baptists, and so on? One function he calls on the Evangelical to fulfil is the raising the standard of the pulpit. That is easily said, but raising this standard means, higher and deeper enthusiasm richer culture, wider intellectual sympathies, and a freedom from the narrowness of a "clique." The party here is now bent on a policy of suicide, so far as pulpit influence can bring this catastrophe, for it has established a College which seems especially designed to depreciate the educational standard of the clergy, as the influence it exercises is calculated to narrow the hearts, ossify the brains, cramp the sympathies and chill the generous enthusiasm of those whose misfortune it is to fall under such disastrous party training. We utterly dissent from the views of this writer when he counsels the Evangelical party to go back to its old policy. Surely his own words condemn such advice when he says, "The Church of England has never in all its history displayed so much vigour and earnestness as it is doing now."

The past policy of the Evangelical party has, he admits, reduced the party in influence and num-

bers. Surely that policy will not retrieve the fortunes it has damaged! The Evangelicals will do well to care less for being what their advocate calls "a clique." They must abandon their wicked endeavor to foist upon the Church a body of clergy especially trained to act as party agents, an enterprise which is treason to the cause of intellectual culture, fatal to manly independence of thought, speech and conviction, and blighting to the purity and elevation of spiritual life. They must learn to honour and love and associate with as brethren, their brethren of other schools of thought. They must cease to arrogate to themselves some undefinable spiritual glory as "converted," which leads them to put the faithful consistent Communicant outside the Christian pale as though he were a mere heathen and publican in comparison to themselves. They must cultivate that form of charity which thinks no evil and so cease to make railing accusation against fellow Churchmen. They must learn that men as Evangelical as themselves in all the essential of the Gospel are also Catholic in regard to those principles of the Church of England which bind her to the Apostolic age, principles which part from her only those who prefer modern theories to the faith once delivered to the Saints. Thank God! this work of grace and charity is fast progressing.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

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AMHERST ISLAND.—The offertory in this parish amounted, on Christmas Day, to the sum of \$50, which was presented to the Incumbent, the Rev. William Roberts. The members of the church, to show their high esteem for the said Rev. gentleman, also presented him with a beautiful fur overcoat, (prairie dog, black), and at the same time gave Mrs. Roberts a magnificent fur tippet. Among the donors was Mr. John McKeaty, a Roman Catholic, who, unsolicited, gave his assistance.

TRENTON.—Rev. Canon Rleasdel, Rector of St. George's Church, has been seriously ill for some days.

KINGSTON.—St. James' Temperance Society.—The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday evening, in the school house. There was an unusually large attendance, combining members of the congregation and of the Society. Mr. Pense was appointed chairman, and made a feeling reference to the loss sustained by the Society in the death of the late president, the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick. Several new members were added to the Society, and Mr. Corbett was elected president, pending the appointment of an incumbent.

A touching Tribute.—Mr. C. H. Corbett moved, seconded by Mr. I. A. B. Smith, "That this Society record the deep sense of loss its members feel in the death of their beloved pastor, the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, the president of this organization, its founder and master spirit, who always was foremost in every good work and word: who devoted himself untiringly to promote every good cause, tending to elevate and beautify human life; and who illustrated by his loving and unselfish character, the precepts uttered by his lips; that we tender to his bereaved wife and family our heartiest sympathies, and invoke for them the care of that God who provides for the widow and the fatherless." Mr. Corbett expressed feelings of the deepest sadness and most profound regret, in rising to move the resolution, which was carried by a rising vote. A committee was appointed to take into consideration the erection, by the Temperance Society, of a suitable memorial to their late president.

LOMBARDY.—On Tuesday evening, the 18th ult., the Rev. A. J. Fidler was presented with a magnificent fur coat and Persian lamb cap, by the members of

the congregation of Trinity Church, Lombardy. Mr. Fidler was completely taken by surprise when he was made the recipient of so handsome and generous a gift. It may be mentioned that it was the intention of the congregation to have evinced their kindness and good will by this presentation during the Xmas season, but, through the unavoidable absence of the Incumbent at that period, it was necessarily postponed to the date above mentioned.

NAPANEE.—Epiphany Festival.—The annual festival of St. Mary Magdalene's Sunday School was held in the new Opera House, on the evening of Tuesday, January 13th. The attendance of the children, with their parents and friends, was large. Dr.—was kind enough to come from Ottawa to give an exhibition with his magic lantern, one of the finest in the Dominion. The views consisted of representations of statuary, copies of pictures by famous artists, historical and moral sketches, and comic scenes, 78 in all. Then followed the annual distribution of prizes to the scholars who had been fortunate enough to win them. The Christmas tree came next, and was, as might be expected, an object of much interest to the young folks. Santa Claus, the Archdeacon remarked humorously, had the scarlet fever, and was unable to appear, but he sent his remembrance to each child in the form of a nice and appropriate present.

KINGSTON.—The Bishop of Ontario did not promise to appoint the Rev. Dr. Wilson to the Incumbency of St. James' Church, provided that the people desired it, the Doctor was communicated with—and replied by telegraph, declining, and asking that his name should not be submitted.

ST. GEORGE'S.—There is some talk of the retirement of Dean Lyster, on an allowance of \$3000.

ARCHVILLE MISSION.—Trinity Church.—The annual missionary meeting was held on Monday evening, the 12th instant. The attendance was much larger than is usual on such occasions. Two ladies from Billings' Bridge, and one from Rochester, all three possessing good voices, and not a little musical ability, very materially aided the choir. Appropriate addresses were given by the Rev. Canon White, M.A., of Iroquois, and other gentlemen.

GLOUCESTER.—The following evening, the 18th instant, the missionary meeting at Taylorville took place. The church was filled. Miss Hayter, organist of Trinity Church, Billings' Bridge, a young lady held in high esteem by all who know her here, on account of her amiable qualities, presided at the organ in a very efficient manner. Mr. Carson, lay reader, Billings' Bridge, gave a good practical address, followed by the Rev. A. C. Jones, and the deputation from the Mission Board, Rev. Canon White.

Children's Festival.—The annual festival for the Sunday School children, usually held at Christmas-tide, took place during the Epiphany season, and was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th instant, in the basement of Trinity Church. Refreshments were served at six p. m. After a few songs and recitations, an address was given by the Rev. A. C. Jones, on the importance of Sunday Schools, the responsibility of parents, and the danger of neglecting the religious training of children. A tree loaded with presents was then exposed to view. Something was given to each child attending the Sunday School. All were delighted. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

PEMBROKE.—The entertainment given by the children of Holy Trinity Church, in the new Town Hall, with its blaze of electric light, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. It is seldom that so many children (thirty in number, ranging from three to fifteen years of age), can be trained to take their parts so efficiently, without the slightest mistake or failure in the programme, and the rector of Holy Trinity has great hopes for his Sunday School in the future, the children of which, as a whole, are naturally clever, docile, and loving. When so many took part, and all acted so admirably, it would be invidious to draw comparisons, but mention must be made of a few; for instance the clever and amusing speech of Miss Eva Hollinsworth, a child of barely three years of age; a similar one by Master Traver Sweatman, who is, to all appearance, a natural born orator; "The Milkman," by Mamie and Willie Cameron; "What we would like to be," by a number of little girls; "Woman's Rights," by the Misses Code and Kelly; "The Building Bee;" "Mother's Dead;" and "The Old Woman in the Shoe,"—the latter by Miss May Loucks, and numerous little ones in her care; to say nothing of three pretty tableaux. All have since been spoken of