

Family Department.

MORNING THOUGHTS.

(Written for the Church Guardian.)

The broad expanse of ocean blue,
By Thy creation wrought,
The distant hills of changing hue,
Reveal to me this thought.

P. E.

ADVENT.

THE season of Advent, beginning as it does a month before the opening of the civil year, beautifully suggests the leadership which Christians should maintain with regard to the world, both in faith and good works.

Advent furnishes the time for freshening the relations and duties that mark our distinctive position as Christ's followers. In the matter of giving money for religious purposes the world generally recognizes the duty, but only in such measure as is convenient and as a matter of inclination after other expenses are met.

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These resolutions have never been rescinded, and they stand to-day as the recorded expression of the sense of the Church as to the obligation that rests alike upon the clergy and the laity within her fold.

SACRA PRIVATA.

Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lust thereof. Grant, O Lord, that I may keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest, by any means, I should be a castaway.—Rom. xiii. 14.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another. Be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing; for he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips, that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.—1 Peter, iii. 8-11.

I offer myself to Thee, O God, this day, to do in me, and with me, as to Thee seems most meet. Vouchsafe me, Gracious God, the spirit of adoption, whereby I may cry, Abba, Father, and apply to Thee, through Jesus Christ not as an avenging Judge, but as a merciful and loving Father.

Remember that the life of man is only to be valued for its usefulness. Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.—Matt. vii. 13, 14.

Grant, O Jesus, that I may never flatter myself or others on this subject. This is My commandment, that ye love one another.—John xv. 12.

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, he shall be absolved (i. e., upon his confession).—James v. 15.

O Lord of life and death, have mercy upon all those who are visited with sickness; sanctify this, Thy fatherly correction, that they may search their ways, and see whence this visitation cometh.

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On asking the native, after service, what were his reasons for this curious conduct, the missionary received the following answer: "When I went up to the table of the Lord, I knew not whom I was to kneel with; then I saw a man beside me who killed my father and drank his blood only a few years ago! I had sworn to kill this man the first time my eyes should behold him again! Now you can imagine what I felt when I came to kneel beside him. Something seemed to urge me with terrific force, till I could bear it no longer and went back to my place. But when I got there I saw the heavens opened and the last great Supper of the Lamb, and I thought I heard a voice saying to me, 'By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.' That overpowered me, and at the same moment I seemed to see another vision—a cross and a man nailed upon that cross—and heard a voice saying, 'Father,

forgive them, for they know not what they do.' Then I returned to my place before the altar."

FOR THE CHILDREN.—AN EX-AMPLE.

TURO, N. S., Nov. 25, 1880.

Dear Sir,—Will you accept a small subscription for the orphan sufferers, from a few small children, under twelve years of age? I mention the ages, as you will think the subscriptions are small, and give you a list of names:—

- Vernon Donkin, 25c.; McKay Donkin, 25c.; Clarence Archibald, 25c.; Frank McMullen, 25c.; Mabel McKenzie, 25c.; William Buchanan, 15c.; Charles Cox, 25c.; James Bruce, 10c.; James Weatherby, 10c.; Annie Weatherby, 5c.; Willie McDonald, 25c.; Harry Donkin, 10c.

Hops you will receive this all right. We remain yours, VERNON AND MCKAY DONKIN. [Dottie McDonald sent the first money from children from Londonderry Mines.—D. C. Moore.]

UNDER the weight of a guilty conscience, many a tear has fallen from the eyes of those who love sin.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

After an absence from home, of a longer period than I anticipated when I last wrote to you, I again resume my weekly letter. Would that it might have been at a more fortunate time, for there is very little to chronicle; or is it that want of practice causes even a newspaper correspondent's hand to forget its cunning?

What Churchmen are most occupied with here at the present time is Mr. Dale's imprisonment. Mr. Dale, as you know, is the Rector of St. Vedast, a small and by no means handsome church, close to the General Post Office. For some years his case has been periodically brought before Lord Penzance. His crime is 'Ritualistic practices'; in fact, thinking the Rubric about Ornaments, &c., at the beginning of the Book of Common Prayer more binding upon him than any recent Act of Parliament. No notice has been taken by Mr. Dale of the suit, its monitions or suspensions, except by an appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench nearly three years ago, when the sentence was quashed on the ground of informality. A second suit was instituted by the Church Wardens, and has been steadily pursued, the result being that Mr. Dale was arrested and conveyed to Holloway Goal, where he now is.

The GUARDIAN says: "Mr. Dale is a clergyman of academical distinction, a Wrangler in former days, and Fellow of his College, of blameless and laborious life, of many years service; and he has, we believe, been so successful as to have attracted a congregation—we know not whether of parishioners or others—to a hideous Church, which was previously almost empty. But he is committed to gaol like a common felon; and that for conscience sake; for the sake of dresses, gestures and candles." It is not in my province to enter upon the merits or demerits of the case, but this I may say, that it is quite evident Mr. Dale's imprisonment has not in the least intimidated the Ritualists. It has led to a greater adoption of the vestments. Half a dozen clergymen within a mile radius, who regarded them with indifference until they seemed to be the apparel of martyrs, have just adopted them, and they declare they will stick to them. Some people think that Mr. Gladstone, who intensely dislikes the Public Worship Act, would, if he were acting by himself, advise Mr. Dale's release; but they forget that Sir William Harcourt is Home Secretary; that he is one of the authors of the P. W. A.; that he is proud of having saved it when the Primrose came to him in a hansom on a memorable evening; and that a Prime Minister would hardly care to override his Home Secretary, and to defeat an Act of Parliament on a matter within the Home Secretary's own departmental jurisdiction. The Queen is said to be very much distressed at the imprisonment. It was a hint from her which led to the failure of the proceedings against Mr. Maconochie. She let the Archbishop know that she did not want the records of her reign to contain cases of imprisonment for conscience sake.

It is rather interesting to notice that, while the Church Association is prosecuting a clergyman for too much zeal,

the Bishop of Lichfield has seen fit to institute an inquiry into the conduct of one of its members (Rev. J. E. Gladstone, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Wolverhampton, who is suspected of too little.

A bright and pleasant, though cold, Lord Mayor's Day enabled the spectacle provided by Lord Mayor McArthur to take place amid conditions implying success. The show seems to have pleased everybody as much as usual. The crowd was rather more riotous than usual. In Fleet Street, at times, the police had difficulty in preventing a free fight. There was a great desire to cheer the mace, and a greater desire to howl at Mr. Bedford, the inventor of the cadaverous looking griffin on the top of the Temple-bar Memorial.

The banquet in the evening at the Guildhall was a most enthusiastic affair. The Premier received cheers that must have satisfied the most greedy lover of applause. Lord Selborne, having uttered what he regarded as an axiom, that the security of life and property was the first object of statesmanship, became hopelessly astonished when he discovered that he had harped upon a chord which vibrated loudly for more than a minute. Mr. Gladstone is more of a master of popular assemblies, but he had something of the same experience; every sentence implying the readiness of Ministers to suppress illegality was taken up. Everything said on the other side—which, after all, was what he wished to emphasize—passed amid faint signs of assent. The Banquet, in fact, became a sort of demonstration in favor of applying exceptional laws to Ireland. It became thus in spite of the orators; in face of the Minister whose object it is to evade the enormous responsibility of adding to the ordinary machinery of the law; and notwithstanding the hints thrown out as the speaking proceeded.

It is taken for granted now that the prosecution against Mr. Parnell will fail. Even the members of the Government are not sanguine about it. They are disappointed, moreover, at the effect of the proceedings. They had expected that the Land League would have been in the same position as the Catholic Association when Mr. Daniel O'Connell was prosecuted. But the arrangements made to carry on the agitation, even should Mr. Parnell go to prison, preclude the hope that even his conviction would be followed by quiet. This is what heightens the significance of Mr. Gladstone's promise, that if the ordinary law fails he will apply coercion. It is clearly understood that if the prosecutors fail, whether directly or indirectly, he will suspend the Habeas Corpus Act.

The editor of one of the society papers is to-day speculating when and where the marriage of Lady Burdett-Coutts is to come off. Except that the marriage is not off, and that the Baroness does not intend it to go off, there is nothing to add to the statement of the case as it stood a month ago. The Baroness is willing to give up £80,000 a year, to give up estates and stocks and places, but she sticks at the demand that she shall turn out of the house at Piccadilly, and give up Holly Lodge, the two spots that are associated with the pleasantest recollections of her life, and of course it is quite natural that she should. But a will is a will, and I do not see how the Baroness Burdett-Coutts can expect to have a husband and a fortune too, when the property was bequeathed to her on the distinct understanding that she should not marry.

At last we are to have the revised edition of the New Testament. The Jerusalem Chamber Committee has finished the work, and in a few weeks the long expected volume will be issued by the University Press. It is to be hoped that it will be issued in a cheap form, so that everybody may have it, and become familiar with it by use before learned partisans prejudice the work.

I see your Bishop's Charge and the sermon which he preached at the recent meeting of the Provincial Synod have been received here, and I have heard them very highly spoken of.

BOOK NOTICES.

R. WORTHINGTON, 770-Broadway, New York, has sent us the following illustrated new Juvenile Books, suitable for Christmas gifts:—

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. RECEIVED, Dec 6, from Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Four Dollars, collected at Lequille Schoolhouse, for Foreign Missions. Wm. Gossett, Treas. B. F. M., Diocese N. S.

LADY BEAUTIFIERS. LADIES you cannot make fair skin, rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes with all the cosmetics of France, or beautifiers of the world, while in poor health, and nothing will give you such good health, strength and beauty as Hop Bitters. A trial is certain proof. See another column.

BIRTHS. RAYMOND.—At the Parsonage, Stanley, on Tuesday, the 23rd Nov., the wife of the Rev. W. O. Raymond, of a son.

MARRIAGES. CROSBY.—DONALDSON.—At East Boston, November 10th, by the Rev. J. H. Waterbury, Rector St. John's Church, I. B. Crosby, of Dalton, Georgia, to Isabella R., daughter of the late Wm. Donaldson, Esq., of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The happy couple have our best wishes. MILENT.—BOUTILLIER.—On the 11th Nov., at All Saints Church, Bayswater, by Rev. John Manning, Rector of Blandford, Frederick Milent, to Ada, daughter of Robert Boutillier, Esq., of Blandford. MEISNER.—ZINK.—On the 27th Nov., at Saint Barnabas Church, Blandford, by the Rev. John Manning, Rector, Henry Meisner, of Deep Cove, to Alice Matilda, daughter of Jacob Zink, Esq., of Lower Blandford. COOLEN.—JOLLYMORE.—On the 2nd inst., by the Rev. the Rector of Hubbard's Cove, William Coolen, of Foxpoint, to Georgina Jollymore, of Mill Cove, Co. Lunenburg.

DEATHS. HIBBARD.—At Saint George, Charlotte Co., N. B., on Nov. 25th, the Hon. Francis Hibbard, M. L. C., in the 70th year of his age—much respected and deeply regretted. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." McALLISTER.—At Georgetown, November 19th, Charles McAllister, aged 75 years, leaving a widow and seven children, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. The deceased was a native of Loughaber, near the Giant's Causeway, County Antrim, Ireland. [St. John Telegraph and Fredericton Reporter please copy.]

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