

a body, for in a day when Parliament has ceased to be an institution of Churchmen, although it still has much power to make or mar the administrative work of the Church, it is of the first importance that the laity should be combined under proper authority. The proceedings have thus far been conducted with becoming gravity and impressiveness, and the selection of Lord Selborne and Mr. G. A. Spotiswoode for the important posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively augurs well for the future management of the House.

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* calls attention to the remarkable fact that the two most trenchant exposures of the malignant doings of the Land or National League (for it has been the same thing under different names) should have come from Roman Catholic writers. The late Mr. P. J. Smyth gave us from his dying couch "The Priest in Politics," and now Mr. Thomas Maguire, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College, and the learned and thoughtful Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Dublin, gives us a characteristic pamphlet entitled "England's Duty to Ireland as plain to a Loyal Irish Roman Catholic." With merciless pen Mr. Maguire exposes the evil and sinister designs of the enemies of Ireland's peace and welfare, and lays bare the projects of these wicked and unscrupulous men with a realistic force that must bring a blush to the cheek of every honest man. It is a terrible thing to think that it is at the cry of such conspirators the Prime Minister of England is preparing to hand over the lives and properties of loyal men to be disposed of as they may see fit.

The *Diocese of Arkansas* says:—

It is not necessary for a man to go about asserting his allegiance to Christ: *the life he leads will tell the story.* It is not necessary to declare how much he is interested in maintaining and assisting in the services and work of the Church. *His seat filled or empty in the congregation will answer that question.* Not what he says, but what he does, shows the fact. "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength," but in deeds shall your light so shine before the world, that others may see your good works and glorify God.

The *Pacific Churchman* (San Francisco) says:—

The Methodists of California are building an "Episcopal Residence" in San Francisco for one of their bishops who is to reside here. Apparently it will be a right good one, too. And they talk about having 4,000 subscribers to their *Advocate*—and they will do it, too—have almost got them already. But then, they believe in Church papers, and nearly every Methodist family takes and reads the *Advocate*. And it is worth reading, too, for Methodists. And their preachers see to it that their families do take and read them—and as a consequence of this—and of some other good things in Methodist practice—they are for the most part loyal to their religious connection, and intelligent, zealous supporters of all their Denominational institutions. *Cannot we Church folk learn something from them?*

The *Church Record* (Connecticut) says:—

It may be true that in point of oratory and literary style, the pulpit of to-day is inferior to that of the past. But the Church is learning the lesson that oratory and literary style are oftentimes out of place in the pulpit; that the 'first and great commandment' for the preacher is to declare to men dying in sin the promises and warnings of the Gospel; to cry out as the Master did, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." *The Church and the world ask for plain and unequivocal preaching.* We believe that the pulpit of to-day is learning

more and more a correct idea of what Christian preaching is, and is doing it more and more effectively. The people are demanding more and more that the ministry seek to save souls by their words in the pulpit and by their works out of the pulpit.

The *Living Church* says:—

Throughout the New Testament Baptism is brought forward in this way as a means of salvation. Repentance and faith, in adults, are in their nature conditions of salvation. Baptism is an appointed means. Neither are the efficient cause. It is the Blood of Christ that cleanseth, the grace of the Spirit that sanctifieth; but in the nature of things, repentance and faith are conditions, and by divine appointment the Sacraments are means. We may believe that means may be dispensed with by the Divine Wisdom which appointed them, though we may not presume to neglect them on our own responsibility. But we cannot imagine that He will dispense with the conditions, which are founded in the nature of things. The Church does not teach that there can be salvation without repentance and faith, or that there can be no salvation without Baptism. The former are necessary and irreversible conditions, the latter is a divinely constituted means.

The *Southern Churchman* asserts that few people read as much as they ought to do. Genius is the capacity for making use of the odd moments. Most people waste enough time in the course of a year as would be sufficient to learn a language or to gain an intelligent knowledge of a science. To accomplish much in reading one has often to practice great self-denial. To gain a fortune one has to be careful of the dollars, to gain education one has to be careful of the moments. Some people are discontented, dissatisfied and unhappy simply because they are unconsciously passing through a process of mental starvation. Good books are an heritage of the Lord. Happy is the man that has his library full of them.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—A meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society is to be held here on Monday evening, the 5th April next, when it is expected that the Rev. J. E. Lloyd, of South Quebec, will deliver an address.

ASCOT CORNER.—The Rev. Principal Adams held service and preached here on Sunday, the 28th inst. Mr. Adams by no means confines his labours to the College, but is ready to help whenever there is work to be done for the Church.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. John the Evangelist*.—The members of the congregation are taking energetic steps towards completing the interior of their church. The members of the choir, through concerts and other entertainments, have obtained almost enough to furnish the chancel with permanent choir stalls. The St. Anne's guild which has already done much towards the furnishing and completion of the edifice are taking in hand the erection of a beautiful choir screen of stone. It is intended to hold a sale of fancy and useful articles in April in the rooms of Messrs. Hall & Scott, St. Catherine street, in aid of this work.

PERSONAL.—We are much pleased to learn that the Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal of the Montreal Theological College, received from Trinity College, Dublin, at its commencements held the 9th instant, the degree of B.D., and D.D., and we heartily congratulate Dr. Henderson upon these additional honours, and

hope that he may be long spared to worthily bear the same. His many friends in the Diocese and elsewhere will, we are sure, heartily second our good wish and congratulations.

AMERICAN BUDGET.

A "Quiet Day" for the laity was held in Christ Church, New Haven, Conn., on the 23rd instant, conducted by Rev. C. C. Grafton, of Boston.

Since the Convention in June, the Bishop of Pittsburg has officiated at over 180 services, preached 93 times, made 117 addresses, and confirmed 340 candidates.

The united prayer-meetings held on Fridays during Lent, at the churches of the Ascension, Calvary, Grace and St. George's, New York, are extremely well attended.

Miss Sibyl Carter is to spend the third week in Lent in speaking for the Board of Missions of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Watertown, Portage, Whitewater, Jamesville and Delavan.

Rev. W. S. Rainsford, of St. George's, New York (well-known in Canada), conducted the services of "The Quiet Day," for the clergy at Christ Church Cathedral, Reading, Pa., on the 14th instant.

The Rev. Dr. Dix is delivering a special course of Lenten Lectures in Trinity Chapel on Friday evenings: the subject being "The Gospel and Philosophy." The attendance at these lectures is very large, and the service full of devotion and life.

The suspension of the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, for a space of five years, by the Bishop of Georgia, is attracting much attention in the United States. The Doctor was found guilty, by a duly constituted Court, of a breach of his Ordination vow in several particulars.

A Mission begun in the spring of 1885 at Lynn, Mass., has been so carefully fostered by the people of St. Stephen's Parish that a separate parish has been organized, and is in vigorous working order. A handsome chapel has been erected, named the Church of the Incarnation.

At morning prayer on Monday, March 22nd, in St. George's, New York, the congregation were asked to engage in special thanksgiving (during the general thanksgiving) for the marvellous work of grace which is now going on in the parish, particularly at Avenue A Mission.

On Sunday, the 14th instant, the Rev. Dr. Bates, of St. Paul's, Cleveland, Ohio, after speaking of religious papers in general, spoke more particularly of the *Standard of the Cross*, and declared, very truly, that it ranked with the first. *The Church*, of Philadelphia, adds:— "We are glad to note that the clergy are commending, from chancel and pulpit, and by other methods, sound Church papers to their parishioners. Methodists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics interest themselves in the circulation of their denominational papers. Why should not our clergy do the same? A Church paper will greatly help the Rector of a parish.

The building of St. Mark's Church, last summer, has greatly stimulated Church work in Denver, Colorado, and drawn together the clergy in mutual co-operation. After it was nearly completed there arose a very strange and apparently unaccountable opposition to it. This, however, has only had the effect to intensify the zeal of its many workers, and thus to promote its success. It became at once self-