THE ANCIENT CREEDS .- Blessed and delightful it is when we find that even in these new ages the Creeds, which so many fancy to be at their last gasp, are still the finest and highest succour, not merely of the peasant and the outcast, but of the subtle artist and the daring speculator. Blessed is it to find the most cunning poet of our day able to combine the rhythm and melody of modern times, with the old truths which gave heart to the martyrs at the stake, to see in the science and the history of the nineteenth century, new and living fulfilments of the words which we learnt at our mother's knee.—Kingsley.

A LIVE CHURCH.—Rev. F. Burnside, editor of the Official Year-Book, compiled a statement showing the voluntary contributions of the Church of England, (in England,) from 1860 to 1885, excluding everything not expressly for Church institutions. It showed as contributed for Clerical Education, £528,653; Church Building and Restoration, £35,175,000; Home Missions, including Church Extension Societies, Seamen's Missions and Increase of Episcopate, £7,426,478; Foreign Missions, £10,100,009; National Schools (voluntary) and Colleges, £21,-362,041; Education Societies and Church Institutes, £1,059,501; Clergy Charities, £2,-103,364. Grand total, £81,573,237, or more than four hundred millions of dollars.

BAD READING .- We copied from the Church Times specimens of the grave mistakes that the little folks make in what they think they hear. One of the worst was "He gave some brass before he burst," which was supposed to be a misunderstanding of the line

The gates of brass before Him burst.

Here is one that cometh from nearer home : Not long since a little seven-year old in one of the parishes of Vermont went to her mother in great perplexity, saying, "Mamma, why do we say every Sunday in church, 'Deliver us from horse doctors?" The mother in amazement replied that no such thing was said. But the child, still persistent, said, "Why, yes we do. - (meaning the Rector) says, 'From all horse doctors, hearsays, and skisms,' and I can't find it anywhere in my book." After an uncontrollable smile, the mother gave the correct rendering of the passage in the Litany, and prayed that the child might be delivered from false doctrines .- Church Standard.

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