

It is often said that competition is the life of trade. But if there is one thing better than the competition of man with man, it is that of a man with himself. It is a man's striving to outdo himself, to overtop even his old ideals in his new performances. It is the difference between a race against time and a race against another individual. Time never can be beaten, but the racer can beat himself. But so long as a man has only to keep a little ahead of his neighbor, he has a dull spur wherewith to prick the sides of his intent, if that neighbor sticks fast, that is the end of the competition; after that, both stick fast. On the other hand, when a man feels the necessity of bringing his future deeds into competition with his own past, there is no limit to the possibilities of life with him.

Troubles that come in the line of God's ordering for us are among our best blessings. God loves us more than we love ourselves. God knows what is for our good, as we cannot know. God would never permit us to be distressed, or disappointed, or misunderstood, or bereaved, if there were any better way of our getting just the training which we need. If we realize this truth as a truth, how much readier we shall be to endure bravely the trials to which we are called in the providence of God! They are what the Great Physician has prescribed for us. Without them we could never have such health of soul as they will bring us. They are lessons set for us by the Great Teacher; and the knowledge we ought to desire can never be at-

tained without this course of instruction. Just that which tries us most in our daily life course is that for which we would be most grateful, if we could see it as God sees it.

Acknowledgment of Subscript'ns to the Parish Guide.

Mrs. Gunn, 35c.; Mrs. Freeman, 50c.; Mr. Herbert, 35c.; Mr. Wm. Aspel, \$1.00.

Parish Register.

BAPTISM.

- Dec. 2. Percy L. H., son of Chas. J. Gilson.
Dec. 9. Mabel Irene, daughter of John Pryke.
Dec. 23. Annie Elizabeth, daughter of J. D. Smith.

MARRIAGES.

- Nov. 22. By Rev. F. E. Howitt, J. D. Ryckman to E. M. Unsworth.

BURIAL.

- Nov. 13. James Young, aged 63.
Nov. 20. Joseph Bates, aged 70
Dec. 8. Lauris Francis Oliver, aged 7.
Dec. 18. Katie Kelk, aged 24.

CONFIRMED.

- Messrs. J. W. Evans, C. W. W. Fielding, Thomas Peter Herbert, George James Hunt.
Mesdames C. W. W. Fielding, Annie Margaretta Smart.
Misses Louise Barton, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Ellen Carter, Clara Close, Eliza Cooper, Elizabeth Foster, Mary Grant, Frances Louise Gunn, Annie Emma High, Mary Elizabeth Hunt, Katharine Johnston, Naomi Lamb, Jessie Amelia Letten, Ida Belle McFarlane, Ada Morley, Jessie Alexandrowna Muir, Emma Paradine, Matilda Rogers, Sarah Salmon, Florence Rouseaux, Georgina Sisson, Grace Spicer, Charlotte Yorick.