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### THE FALL OF JERICO.

When Joshua 'gainst the high-wall'd city fought,  
He marched around it with his banner high,  
His troops in serried order following nigh,  
But not a sword was drawn, no shaft outsprang,  
Only the trumpets the shrill onset rang.  
At the first blast, smiled scornfully the king,  
And at the second sneered, half wondering:  
"Hope'st thou with noise my stronghold to break down?"  
At the third round, the ark of old renown  
Swept forward, still the trumpet sounding loud,  
At the fourth turn, braving the Israelites,  
Women appeared upon the embattled heights  
And hurled upon the Hebrews stones and dust.  
At the fifth circuit came the blind and lame,  
And with wild uproar clamorous and high:  
Railed at the clarion ringing to the sky.  
At the sixth time upon a tower's tall crest,  
Appeared the courtiers, loud in scornful jest:  
"These valiant Jews musicians are, meseems!"  
They scoffed, loud laughing, "but they live in dreams."  
The princes laughed submissive to the king,  
Laughed all the retinue in glittering ring,  
And thence the laughter spread throughout the town,  
At the seventh blast,—the city walls fell down.

(Trans. from VICTOR HUGO.)

### MARCH-DOUBT.

Will the grass ever be fresh again,  
Will the skies ever smile again,  
Will the thrushes with clear refrain  
My heart to the woods beguile again?  
Dull as my eyes and grave as my heart  
The woods stand grey with no bloom to cheer;  
Will they bud when the frosts depart;  
Will the hills wake from their gloom this year?  
Never a sign that the thing shall be!  
Cold, cold, cold are the gleaming skies;  
What shall the flute-throats sing to thee,  
Earth, to open thy dreaming eyes?

J. Elizabeth Gastwaycke Roberts.

The Rectory, Fredericton.

### CHURCH NEWS.

It is understood that the Metropolitan has transferred to the Bishop Coadjutor the main work of the diocese, excepting the management of the Cathedral. An official notice of this important step will shortly, we believe, be communicated to

the clergy. While recognising the urgency of the causes which have dictated this transfer, the clergy will feel that they can still appeal to the Metropolitan as their friend and counsellor.

The parish of Simonds is in temporary charge of Mr. Maynard, who recently resigned the rectory of Hampton. The latter parish we trust will soon obtain a minister able to cope with the difficulties presented by many churches.

The Committee upon the Consolidation of the Church in Canada agreed upon a report which virtually condemns the proposed synod of the Dominion, as needlessly interfering with the authority of Provincial and Diocesan synods, and presenting insuperable difficulties of practical management. In its place, the convocation of special assemblies, when some great occasion called for it, is suggested.

The Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Randall Davidson) attended Mr. Spurgeon's funeral, and pronounced the benediction at its close. The rector of Newington, in which parish the "Tabernacle" is situated, also manifested his sympathy by attending at a memorial service. It will be remembered that Mr. Spurgeon was the frequent guest of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Addington in his later years. It is cheering to see this truly catholic spirit in the church to which we belong, and exemplified in her most illustrious members.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Church Record:

SIR, You have invited correspondence from members of the congregation upon matters affecting the interests of our Church. Perhaps it may not exceed the intended scope if I give expression to some ideas upon the present state and future prospects of our church, which I know are shared by other minds. What we want, sir, is a little more enterprise—or more properly speaking—faith. Some will say this is the special weakness of our city, but I meddle not with great matters. Our church, without partiality be it spoken, has many advantages. We have a representative congregation and the best organist and choir (probably) in the Maritime Provinces. But we want a little more congregational zeal. When some outlay is needed, the cry is invariably—"have a sale!" and not rather—"Let us give according to our means." And if this were done, I imagine that the amount of subscriptions would largely increase, for it is not the poorer people who are in fault.

More than a year ago, it was mentioned that a committee of the Vestry had considered a plan for the improvement of the galleries. Nothing more seems to have been done, and yet an outlay here would surely be soon repaid.

Then before very long the question of free seats must come to the front. All christian people are unanimous in condemning rented pews, and the system of sales by auction is positively disgraceful. (Pardon, Mr. Editor, my plain speaking!) I know it will be said,—How else shall we obtain the money to "run the church?" How does Mr. Hague manage at Halifax, and Mr. Troup at Montreal, and many others