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OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

DEAR MR. EDITOR-The work of the Children's Home is still prospering, the Lord giving it favor in the eyes of the people. The financial burdens are being relieved, the past year having furnished means sufficient for paying off nearly two thousand pounds, and maintaining the Homes in full efficiency. The concerts and services of song given by the children, and con-ducted by Mr. Stephenson, have been exceedingly popular and have paid well at the time, while securing increased support and a wider constituency on behalf of the Institutions. The Thanksgiving Fund has engaged to pay the remaining debt, and to assist in procuring the freehold of the valuable premises in London. These donations will yield about £4,500, and relieve the general committee of a long standing burden and anxiety.

FURTHER EXTENSION

will in all probability be speedily en-tered upon. One of the liberal benefactors of the existing Homes, has offered the sum of nine thousand pounds for the establishment of an Orphanage for the children of our people, and there is but little doubt that the offer will be met on the part of the committee of the Thanksgiving Fund by a liberal grant for this most desirable undertaking. There is yet most pressing need for all the Homes, Orphanages, and Refuges that philanthropy and religion can provide. The appalling wants of an overcrowded population, and the reckless lives of vast multitudes furnish an ever inereasing number of cases for relief and of children ready to perish. In the LISTS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS. midst of all these, it not unfrequently happens that children of godly parents who are destitute of means of support are left unprovided for, or pass into the workhouse and the ranks of pauperism. A DISTRICT CONVENTION for the ministers in Kent has lately been held. The invitation came from in scenes of conquest. They are able to the Rev. A. Macaulay, who also made most generous provision for the entire amount of travelling and other expenses. Dr. Rigg the President was trol of the meeting to any evangelists. able to devote the whole day to the or to an assisting preacher. If he does business of the convention, and his ad- not hold the control of the meetings dress was of great practical value. The and keep his congregation in hand, the several papers which were read, and interest of the meeting will cease when the conversations upon the various re- the evangelist passes away. The perquirements of the work of God were all exceedingly profitable. Mr. Macaulay in his brief addesses contributed to the deep interest and profit of the comparing the methods of the evangeoccasion. The sacramental service was a time of sacred influence, and the entire day, unburdened with the pressure of business, was felt to be a time I have known a number of places of much refreshing coming as from where the visits of evangelists have the presence of the Lord.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

The trouble which has been brewing for some time past between our own Government and the Zulu Kaffirs, is now breaking out into open war. This has been foreseen for some time and preparations have been made. Troops have been collected, and reinforcements sent out from England. Within the last few days farther detachments have received orders to embark for Natal and the scene of the expected struggle. The Zulu King is much enraged, and appears to have the command of a numerous army, the subjugation of which will prove no easy task to our brave soldiers. Yet it is sad work in which we are engaged, and these "little wars" are consuming millions of money, and not a few precious lives. The future good of those Provinces will doubtless be the result of the costly struggle, and we can only wait and pray that the days of conflict may be shortened, and wars come to a perpetual end.

DEATH OF DR. M'NEILE.

This good and holy man has quietly sank to rest at a good old age, crown-ed with love and satisfied with Divine favor. The grand and successful ministry of Mr. McNeile at Liverpool is well remembered. His earnest defence of the Protestant truth has secured for him imperishable renown. For a few years he has been Dean at Ripon, but the promotion instead of adding to his fame, rather withdrew him from public notice. He was a great power in his day, much beloved by his friends, and not a little feared by his opponents. " B." Feb. 3, 1879.

BISHOP SIMPSON ON EVANGE (EXTRACTS.)

ever, however, retaining the management and control of the services.

* * * * * The Sunday-school should always receive the careful attention of the minister. He should teach the Church that the school is a part of its legiti-

bath services. Whenever Churches are regularly established, I have no sympathy with what are termed union schools, or institutions without specific religious management and govern-

ment. In sparsely settled sections of country, where no denomination is strong enough to maintain a school, or in neighborhoods, where no Church is organized, such schools may be of great profit, and should be encouraged ; but whenever the church is organized, the children of the Church should be taught by the Church, and should thus

be identified with its spirit and with its movements. In many places a positive injury has arisen in the separation of the school from the church. The children are placed under the control of irresponsible parties, and the Sunday-school superintendent, not un-frequently, places himself in a kind of antagonism to the minister. Such a

course is ever disastrous. The lambs of the flock should be the especial care of the minister, and he fails in his duty if he does not, in harmony with church order, carefully supervise the interests of the school. He should not seek to supersede the superintendent, nor to interfere with his government of the school, but the superintendent and the teachers should ever be in harmony with the preacher, and should consider themselves as but a part of his official staff.

The supervision of the minister should extend particularly to the sel-ection of books for the library that is to be placed in the hands of the teachers and of the children of the school. It is but seldom that superintendents and teachers, engrossed with the busy cares of life, have full time to examine the multitudinous issues of the press which are sought to be placed in these libraries. Each publisher has a list of his own books, and wishes to sell them. He exchanges with other publishers, and thus may have a very large variety. He is so occupied with the financial affairs of his establisment that he may not know the precise character of the teachings of the books which he publishes. Without intending to do wrong, he recommends works which ought not to find their way into into the congregation; they will be Sunday-schools. A committee is oftentimes appointed by the teachers to purchase a library. It is frequently composed of men who are good and earnest and true; but they are not extensively acquainted with religious literature, and they purchase such works as have pretty titles, are well printed, and recommended by publishers, and, above all, which are of a low price. In this way books of doubtful or erroneous doctrinal teachings, or which sanction unchristian conduct, or works of fiction without either high imagination or beautiful style to recommend them, are placed in the library, and they vitiate rather than improve the taste. The books introduced into the Sunday-school should contain such doctrinal or practical teaching as may be in harmony with the church: otherwise, the influence of the Sabbath-school may not only be of little service, but may even become of positive injury to the congregation. In this day of light and loose and skeptical publications, no duty is more imperative on the minister than to exercise a watchfuul supervision over the literature which 'is purchased by the church, and is placed by the church in the Sunday-school library for the use of its children. For the young have a right to regard the by the church.

It appears that H. R. H., the Princess Louise, has sent word to England that she

GENERAL NEWS.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise devote an hour to family devotions each evening, half an hour in the morning and a quarter of an hour at noon. The Marquis reads from the Church of England service and the Princess responds.

Electric carriage lamps a French inventor proposes to produce, so that ordinary carriages drawn by horses will be illuminated by electricity supplied by the rotary motion of wheels; locomotives while in motion, will light up the trains they draw, and steamships supply themselves with powerful lights.

"We would desire to impress upon pro-vincial executive, the necessity of obtain ing in their respective provinces the adop-tion of such provisions as will tend to the curtailment and suppression of the traffic, in intoxicating liquors."

Less than a year ago a Boston firm be-gan to can cod-fish balls. A method has been discovered by which minced fish and potatoes could be so canned as to retain very perfectly the original flavor. The demand for these fish-balls had so increased that the firm has not been able to sup. ply the market, and is preparing to enlarge its manufactory.

The British Wesleyans are making rapid progress in collecting their Thanks-giving Fund of $\pounds 200,000$. The contribu-tions of London have already reached $\pounds 40$,-000 ; the entire gifts from the London cir-cuits will reach £50,000. The new theological college for the Midland Counties will be placed at Handsworth, Birmingham; an estate of eighteen acres has been purchased, and arrangements are making for prompt organization.

The Dominion Temperance Alliance last week passed the following resolution regarding legislation : "That while we

South America is suffering an epidemic of small-pox. In some parts of Brazil the mortality from the disease has been fearful, Famine, also, is rapidly diminish. ing the population of certain sections. Some striking figures are presented in

the report of grain receipts at New York city alone. Reducing the 4,675,271 barrels of flour to its grain equivalent, and we find that during 1878, the canal and railroads delivered at this port no less than 149,270,128 bushels of grain of all kinds, against 98,637,058 bushels in the previous year (1877), a gain in round numbers of 50,000,000 bushels, or 50 per cent. !--a strong confirmation of our statements from time to time of the great crops of 1878. But few persons can have an adequate idea of even one million bushels. Here is a help to one's conception : Load this 150,-000,000 bushels upon waggons. 30 bushels to each; arrange them in line, giving each team about twenty-six and a half feet would extend 25,000 miles-or clear around the world.—Am. Agriculturist.

"SENSATIONALISM in the pulpit" is now "SENSATIONALISM in the pulpit" is now under a searching examination. Dr. Tal-mage, who is considered, whether rightly or wrongly to be its defender, is under examination as to his pulpit and church methods by a committee of the Brooklyn Presbytery. Prof. David Swing, of Chica-go, has made it the subject of one of his recent addresses to the vast audience which he externs to hear him in M'Vickrecent addresses to the vast andience which he gathers to hear him in M'Vick-ar's Theatre. Chicago. The Revd. Dr. Taylor discusses the theme in the North American Review. Surely, with so much instruction and illustration, the occu-pants of the pulpits will learn how to do their work. The discussion is one of the healthiest of the signs of the times. It indicates too, a desire on the part of the indicates too, a desire on the part of the people to get rid of a merely perfunctory method of performing ministerial duty. It indicates, too, a desire that a minister shall study his audiences as well as his books; shall learn their cares and sorrows; their hopes and fears; and shall talk to them professionally and more as a sympa-thetic man to men who want sympathy.

The Times says that it is rumored that Lord Napier of Magdala, who arrived in London lately had been appointed to the command of the Zula expedition. By telegraph to the HERALD.] Later telegrams from Madeira give news from Peiler, Maritzburg, that, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 27th January Lord Chelmsford was at Martizburg in conference with Sir Bartle Frere. All was quiet at the front and the feeling much calmer. The Zulus were repulsed from the fort on the Dowe Tugela. Capt. Sufford and Lieut. Davies, of the Natal contingent, who escaped the disaster at Glyn's camp, speak highly of the conduct of all engaged, and of the courage and firmness of the native contingent, thus disposing of the reports of mutiny by the native soldiers. The Times says it is probable that a brigade of all arms will be despatched from India to reinforce Lord Chelmsford. The 57th Foot leave Colombo to-morrow, and may be expected at Port Durban. Natal on 10 March. In the meantime Lord Chelmsford has been reinforced by a company of the 88th Regiment (Connaught Rangers) from St. Helena, and by 300 men of the 2nd Battalion of the 4th (Kings Own) from Cape Town, This will bring up his infantry force to nearly the same strength as it was prior to the disaster.

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RESIGNATION OF A BISHOP.

The Bishop of Durham, advanced in years and in a very feeble state of health, has resigned his important See, and retires into private life. An event like this is regarded with very great interest, and is symptomatic of the change which has taken place in the minds of many in regard to the office and work of a Bishop. The time is not very remote, when many of the Bishops were quite incompetent for work, when much of the urgent work of the Dicceses was utterly neglected, and the venerable Bishops took little or no heed of the pressing necessities of the churches. Now all this is changed, and the Bishops are, with scarcely any exceptions, men of real energy and power, giving earnest attention to their work; and setting a godly example to their clergy.

THE NEW BISHOP

is well reported of. He is Dr. Lightfoot, a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. and thus steps from a comparatively low place in the ranks, to one of the more easily, as other hearts are bowed grand old episcopal thrones. He has and multitudes crowd to the services been numbered among the moderately to see and hear, because their friends High Churchmen, and has given no and acquaintances are deeply interestsigns of sympathy with the party ed. The minister should avail himwhich is doing so much to lead the self of all the laws of mind which bind National Church of - England into the men together, and which should lead snares of Romanism. The choice of to virtue and holiness, as they too frethe Earl of Beaconsfield, in whose quently do to vice and degradation. Let hand the preferment rested; has in this him, then, get the utmost help he posinstance fallen upon an earnest, prace sibly can from his own membership, tical and reliable man, whose elevation for the work will do them good, and ate with sulphate of lead, which indicates the will prove a strength to the Bench of they will be an abiding power; but presence of hydrogen by turning black, and Bishops, and also, it is trusted, a bles- let him, also, procure additional aid, sing to the important Diocese over either from his neighboring pastors or over the wound, and the whole is covered which he is called to preside.

The employment of evangelists to assist the regular preacher in his labours requires great caution. Evangelists are frequently of service, going, as they do, with fresh thoughts, and sometimes with strong faith acquired say with boldness what the minister would utter with more delicacy. But the pastor should never give the consons who are drilled and exercised under a foreign influence will not be fused list with the methods of the pastor, and will complain of him because the interest of excitement does not continue. resulted in the apparent awakening and conversion of great numbers : and yet in three or six months the Church has been in a worse condition than it was before the visit. Contention and strife have been substituted for harmony, and the benefits of the revival have been lost amid discords and disturbances which have arised. Better have no evangelist, however exciting, no brother pastor, however talented, who will not kindly co-operate with you, and move in consultation and in harmony with you.

U sually, however, the minister will need help in his protracted or special evangelistic efforts. His chief aim should be to make all his services so instructive, so spirited, and so earnest that the Lord shall add daily to his congregation such as shall be saved. Yet, under special circumstances, he will find that such a general seriousness pervades his audiences, and such deep impressions are made, as will not only justify, but imperiously demand, the establishment of special ser-

vices. At such seasons hearts bow from evangelists, as he may deem best, | with Mackintosh cloth.

Amputation was tried in Chicago twice within the past two weeks, and by it no pain was experienced by the person under treatment. The method of operation is as follows :- The surface of the limb to be amputated is first sponged with a solution of one part of carbolic acid to forty of water into the wound. This makes the operation perfectly painless, and does away with the necessity of using chloroform or ether. The wound is then dressed with oiled silk, satur-Six layers of medicated gauze are then placed

believe that some amendments in the Temperance Act of 1878 are required, particularly in those clauses providing for its enforcement, we consider it undesirable to ask the Dominion Parliament for any amendment in the Act at present, and would urge our friends to use all their in fluence to resist any changes that might tend to impair its efficiency.

Since steam engines have been brought into requisition in the work of storing ice, it takes but a few days to fill even the largest house. This year the weather has been very propitious, and in the height of the season it is estimated that not less than 300,000 tons a day were stored. It is expected the whole harvest will amount to about 3,000,000; and as the quality of the ice is excellent there seems to be a pleasant certainty that during the coming summer there will be abundance of ice at a moderate cost.

THE MICROPHONE as a thief catcher has proved very useful to an English resident in India, who found his store of oil rapidly and mysteriously diminishing. He fixed a microphone to the oil cans, carried the wire up to his bedroom, and, after the house had been closed for the night, sat up to await the result. Very shortly he heard the clinking of bottles, followed by the gurgling sound of liquid being poured out, and running down stairs he caught his bearer in the actct filling small bottles with oil for easy conveyance from the premises.-Scientific Am.

The electric light is about to be intro duced into two or three London churches. It is also largely employed at Westgateon-Sea, upon the extensive estates of an English gentleman who is interested in comparing the relative cost and advantages of electric gas. Along the pretty sea frontage of Westgate are arranged rows of electric and gas lamps, the one to illuminate the broad marine parade and drive, with the tasteful villas and terraces, and the other to light up the ornamental gardens and promenades. Notwithstanding the semi-opaque globes absorbing some sixty per cent. of the brilliant white electric light, the adjacent gas lamps appear in contrast to burn dimly, with a smoky, dull, dirty amber yellow flame.

Our good friend Philip Philips, will teachings of such works as sanctioned start in a few days on a singing tour in Canada. He goes thither in response to many urgent invitations. For several months past he has been engaged at such intervals of his busy singing work as he could command, in carefully writing and preparing a book of his impressions and xperiences of singing sacred songs in the different places which he has visited. The book will be interspersed with touching anecdotes and incident of travel. gathered during his "pilgrimage of song," covering a ground never before occupied. Mr. Philips may justly claim to be the pioneer singing of sacred song, and stands alone in his peculiar mission and methods tries during his life of song. The title of say of him, here is one consecrated from this book will be "Around the World in birth, followed all his life by his mother's Sacred Song."-N. Y. Adv.

THE SLEDS. Hurrah for the snow on the hill ! Come Boys bring your sleds with a will Put on your warm suita And copper-toed boots, For a jolly good slide down the hill.

By dropping out of a single letter, the Book of Common Prayer once went to press with the sentence, "We shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye, transformed into "We shall all be hanged in the twinkling of an eye." A poet who wrote, "See the pale martyr in a sheet of fire," was startled to see his line changed into "See the pale martyr with his shirt on fire." Perhaps such transgressions are as pardonable as the blunders sometimes made in other professions as the story of a minister, who was asked to read the following notice, will show; "A man having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the church ;" and by the misplacing of comma in reading it, gravely told the congregation that "a man having gone to see his wife, desired the prayers of the church."

An admirer of Boston's prominent preacher, the Rev. Phillips Brooks, says that, "if a saint, he is not a saint without a body. Nor would it be easy for any one to see in him a successor of those early Latin fathers whose chief pride seemed to lie in pointing to the wretched tabernacles of parchment skin and bones in which their equally attenuated spirits dwelt. He looks as if he honored the house he lives in as the fit mortal home for an immortal soul. A man of powerful frame, over six feet in height, a stranger receives from him at once the impression of immense constitutional vitality, of strength without rudeness, of health without grossness, of sympathy without weakness-of combined power, sensibility, spirituality, harmony. Past youth, about his features still hovering somewhat of that divine boyhood that childhood of the heart, which even in age never of singing throughout the different coun- wholly fades out from the finest faces. You prayers.'