

some cases there have been signs of impatience, and it has been even suggested that the Church is waiting for easier times, before it takes its place by the side of the other bodies.

I desire briefly to lay before you what we have been able to do to supply the means of grace to the vast districts of country now being settled.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

This young diocese has been called upon to mourn the death of its first Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frederick D. Fauquier, D. C. L., which happened suddenly at Toronto, on Friday last.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

ST. THOMAS.—Organ Recital.—The second of the series was given on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The attendance was excellent, and the proceeds go to meet the \$500 which the musical committee have guaranteed to the Church debt.

Schools was expressed, and meantime, it was decided that the Schools exchange books.

The Ladies' Aid Association held its Annual Meeting last month. Miss Ermatinger is re-elected President. It was decided to hold a bazaar in Christmas week.

During Advent Service in Trinity Church, on Thursdays, at half-past 7 p. m. Will you all make it a sacred duty to attend these Advent Services.

Family Department.

WE CRY TO THEE.

The shadows lengthen, night draws on; The sun is setting in the west. We lift our voice and cry to Thee For those dear souls we love the best.

SERMON.

Notes of a Sermon preached at St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, by the Rev. A. C. HALL, of Boston, Mass., on the Sunday before Advent, Nov. 20th, 1881, by a lady.

"Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity."

This is the last Sunday of the Christian year, and it will be well to see what advance we have made in the spiritual life. Next Sunday will be Advent Sunday. Then, we once more commemorate by feast and fast the event of our Lord's life, from the Incarnation to the Ascension.

"Add to faith virtue." Having faith, see that we show it forth in our lives. Virtue,—oh, how often do we put a stumbling block in our neighbours way! Do they not say, "How can these people, if they really believe all they profess, lead such lives, how can they do so many things that are wrong?"

"To virtue, knowledge." It would seem as if we were going back, are not faith and knowledge the same, or almost the same. No! We first accept what is told us, as we learn our prayers at our mother's knee, the belief in God is taught us, but knowledge comes with the growth of the man and his spiritual life.

"To knowledge, temperance." Knowledge of God will help us to control ourselves. Quite right to fight against the sin of drink, statistics show that in England one 75th of crime has directly, or indirectly traced to drink, but we must not forget to fight against that other sin that walks through our streets at night.

"To temperance, patience." Temperance, self-control leads to patience. It is one thing to submit sullenly because there is no way of escape, another to receive the trial from a father's hand.

"To patience, godliness." We spoke on Friday evening, and again this morning, of Righteousness, of Him who is our Righteousness. How Christ must be in us, part of us. Recollect to "hunger and thirst after Righteousness. The passionate longing for God.

"Brotherly kindness." Family ties must not be neglected. Christ, our Incarnate God was born of a woman, and called that woman "Mother." Family life is blessed and sanctified by Him. We must not be selfish.

"To brotherly kindness Charity." So all has led us to the great virtue of Love. Faith, Hope, Charity, have been called the Theological virtues. Faith believes in God. Hope stretches forth to God. Love embraces Him. Let us take each day of this last week of the Christian year one of these points for meditation and self-examination, seeing how far we have fallen short during the past year.

"Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE Lord's Supper is "the children's Bread." And all God's children, however weak in faith they may be, however coming short of what they know they should be, yet are they invited guests to God's Table, if only they be sincere, if only they are not hypocrites, if only they are wishing and endeavouring to get prepared for Heaven.

THINK twice before you let slip words that you know will hurt. It is easier to keep them from being spoken than to remove the sting and efface the wound afterwards.

BOOK NOTICES, &c.

MERCY AND JUDGMENT: A few last words on Christian Eschatology with reference to Dr. Pusey's "What is of Faith?" by F. W. Farrar, D. D., F. R. S. Cloth, pp. 485. Price \$1.60. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co.

This book is the answer of Canon Farrar to his critics on "Eternal Hope." Written with less of rhetorical style than his former work, the author with graceful and able pen maintains his high reputation as a scholar.

THE CANDLE OF THE LORD, and other Sermons. By the Rev. Phillips Brooks, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. Cloth, pp. 370. Price \$1.50. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York.

It is a good sign to see the increasing demand for volumes of sermons. The volume before us is a remarkable one, and its perusal shows us to some extent the secret of the power which Mr. Brooks exerts in moulding the thought of New England.

Baptisms.

REEVES.—At New Glasgow, by Rev. D. C. Moore, Ella May, daughter of James and Catherine Reeves.

Marriages.

COOLEN.—MELVILLE.—On the 8th inst., by the Rev. the Rector of Hubbard's Cove, Faith Coolen of Foxpoint, to Eva Melville, of Canaan Settlement, Co. of Lunenburg.

LAURENCE.—DAPHNIE.—7th inst., by Rev. G. W. Hill, H. J. Laurence, of Greenwich, Kent, England, to Maggie C. youngest daughter of Mr. Stephen Dauphine, of St. Margaret's Bay. (English papers please copy.)

Deaths.

MARTEL.—At Halifax, on the 8th inst., after a lingering illness, Elizabeth, daughter of the late Charles Martel, of Digby, in the 27th year of her age.

DAVIS.—Suddenly, on Friday, Dec. 9th, Anne, relict of the late George Davis, aged 76 years.

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