

Long Service in the Episcopate.

SIR,—In your note (May 6th) upon "Long Service in the Episcopate," you have strangely forgotten that Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, the presiding Bishop of the American Church, was consecrated in 1851, and has held his See for nearly 46 years. He now asks for a coadjutor, but until about a year ago he has been vigorous and active. The four senior bishops by consecration are: Bishops Williams, Clark, Whipple and Wilmer; but in age they have a different seniority—Bishops Clark, Wilmer, Williams and Whipple. JAMES GAMMACK, LL.D.
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Dr. Carry's Book.

SIR,—Some time ago you allowed me to make it known, through your paper, that Dr. Carry's books were to be sold. Will you now permit me to say that three of them, books of some importance, are in my possession, and I am able to offer them at prices fixed by a London bookseller. They are (1) Dr. Tregelles' critical edition of the Greek Testament—one large volume in Morocco, \$12, and the Prolegomena, a thin volume in cloth, \$1; (2) Lignori's *Homo Apostolicus*, in three volumes, price \$3; and (3) Galatinus' *De Arcanis* (a work on the Canals), 1 vol. folio, price \$4. Any one desiring to possess any of these books will kindly communicate with William Clark, Trinity College.
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Anniversary Confirmation Reminders.

SIR,—I have received quite a number of applications for copies of anniversary confirmation reminders referred to in my paper on "Pastoral Visitation," read at the "Reunion," Tripiety University, last winter. I have sent copies to nearly all who asked for them. I wish to say (through your widely circulated paper) to those who have not received them that my first edition has all been utilized. Perhaps those interested would join with me in having a few thousand struck off. We could agree on a design, and by having a number printed the cost would be nominal, whereas if each one had a few printed for his own use the cost would be an item. Please let me hear from those interested.

GEO. B. MORLEY.

The Rectory, Tullamore, May 10th, 1897.

Strange Theories.

SIR,—Some very strange theories have been held within the Christian Church from the days of Simon Magus to those of the late Rev. Dr. Cumming, who wrote so largely, when I was a boy, touching the second appearance of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. One had almost hoped that the era of vagaries had departed, but that this is not the case is made plain to us of to-day by the spread of the newest theory, viz., that we belong to a visible Church which has not a visible head. Could anything be more absurd? This is nothing less than a contradiction in terms, and would prove a miracle altogether different from any we are accustomed to meet with either in the Old or New Testament. I freely confess I cannot grasp the meaning of it. It reminds me very forcibly of a rudderless ship set adrift to sail over a saltless sea. The Jews had nothing like it in their economy. They had a visible Church with a high priest as chief ruler, Jehovah being then and there the theocratic king. Is there no solution like this for us? To my mind the enigma is solved, and only solved, by recognizing the Greek Patriarch of Jerusalem as our *primus inter pares*, and the giving of ourselves to developing independent, national Episcopal Churches under him. The new theory is the other extreme from political papalism. Are we not commanded to evangelize all nations? How can this be done, let me ask, outside of national Churches possessing national Liturgies? National Churches must, however, have a head, and, I think, an earthly head too, if we are to have a system and a general council. If this be not our position, then, spiritually, we are subject to the Sultan of Turkey, seeing that Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople, four of the Patriarchates, are still his by possession. He it is, according to the new theory, who has the power to summon a general council, for we have now no Christian Emperor to fall back upon. We cannot believe that Christ will do it by miracle. I am perfectly willing to believe that, mediately, Christ is the invisible head (Eph. v. 28) of the Church, militant and triumphant, but immediately, that the Greek Patriarch of Jerusalem is our ruler for organization. We may, however, only follow him lawfully. The chief difficulty with some Anglican theologians lies in the fact that they will always view less than half of Europe as if it were the whole world, while forgetting the national position altogether. Time and travel will correct this. The Christian possibilities of Asia are im-

mense. It (Asia) is the fountain of the race. As the diocese must ever be preserved, if the status of a bishop is to be anything, so must national Churches be developed if the Church is ever to have growth as a whole. The evangelization of the world is dependent on the federation of National Churches, working in harmony, not in the federation of jarring sects, each seeking its own particular object.

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Family Reading.

Loving Words.

Loving words are rays of sunshine
Falling on the path of life.
Driving out the gloom and shadow
Born of weariness and strife.

Often we forget our troubles
When a friendly voice is heard;
They are banished by the magic
Of a kind and helpful word.

Keep not back a word of kindness
When a chance to speak it comes;
Though it seems to you a trifle,
Many a heart that grief benumbs

Will grow strong and brave to bear it,
And the world will brighter grow,
Just because the word was spoken;
Try it—you will find it so.

—Our Home.

Cover the Dish.

The practice of closely covering dishes containing food is said to have originated during the troublesome times of the middle ages, when feasting nobles feared that poison might be mingled with the viands during their passage from the kitchen to the dining hall. Many careful students of human health are of the opinion that the danger of poison from uncovered food is not by any means absent at the present time; not from the hand of a stealthy enemy, but through a vitiated atmosphere. A scientific journal, in calling attention to the matter, says: "It is to be feared that kitchen processes are sources of illness more often than is imagined. In many city houses the little kitchen annex where stands the refrigerator, and where various eatables are kept, is directly against a drain. Yet here stand daily uncovered milk, butter, often custards and puddings, and various other absorbents. The average cook is absolutely ignorant of sanitary cause and effect, and the eternal vigilance of the house-mother is the family's chief safeguard." "My husband," said a physician's wife not long ago, "chanced to see one day standing on a shelf outside our kitchen window, some molds of jelly cooling for the night's dinner. They were uncovered, as they were out of reach of cats, and in full view of cook's watchful eye; but he questioned me about them, and asked if it was our usual custom to leave jelly thus unprotected. I was obliged to reply that, so far as I knew, it was. 'Then,' he said, 'don't you know that when we medical men want to secure minute organisms for investigation, we expose gelatine to the air or in places where we have confined malignant germs? The gelatine speedily attracts and holds them. I'm afraid your flavoured gelatine does the same. Cool the jelly, if you must, but cover it with a piece of close muslin.' And we have always done that since then."

The Gospel.

When Jesus in the New Testament speaks about the very best of God's words—that which we call the Gospel, which means God's-spell or God's-story—He likens it, in one place, to a pearl of great price; and in another, to a treasure hid in a field, which was worth more than all its seeker possessed. Now it is this Gospel, this Word of God, so precious, so wonderful, so beautiful, which your minds have been formed to take and to keep. But there are many to whom this Gospel is presented—that is, who are told about Christ and what He has done for them, and all about God and what He would have them to do, and yet they go away and think and act and speak as if they had never heard it at all. Now, what is the reason of this? In very many cases it is not because they

do not believe what they hear, but it is because they do not keep it. They let it in at the one ear and out at the other. Their minds are bags with holes. All the precious and rich words of God that have been offered them, and which for a little they have taken, have slipped from their thoughts, and they are just as if they had never received them at all. The fact is that there are three great rents or holes in their minds, and these are forgetfulness, carelessness, thoughtlessness. A little forgetfulness, a little thoughtlessness, a little carelessness have frequently been the cause of great disasters, and especially have often brought harm to those who have been guilty of them. Try to keep a grip of what you are taught about God and Christ; it will prove itself of far more value to you than if you inherited all the wealth of "Ormus or of Ind."

Queen Victoria's Personality.

GRACE AND GENTLENESS.

The heart of gold, the will of iron, the royal temper of steel, the pride, the patriotism and the deep piety of Queen Victoria have been enshrined in a small but vigorous frame, the mignonnette aspect of which especially strikes those who behold her for the first time in these her "chair days." It was reported how when Prince Albert was dying, he aroused himself from a period of wandering to turn with ineffable love to his spouse and sovereign, saying to her with a kiss, "Good-by, little wife!" And when the prince consort was actually passing away, after those twenty-one years of wedded happiness, it has told how the queen bent over him and whispered, "It is your little wife," at which last words the angel of death stayed his hand, while once again the dear eyes opened and the dying lips smiled.

But though this be so, no one who has been honoured by near approach to her majesty or has ever tarried in her presence will fail to testify to the extreme majesty of her bearing, mingled always with the most perfect grace and gentleness. Her voice has, moreover, always been pleasant and musical to hear and is so low. The hand which holds the sceptre of the seas is the softest that can be touched; the eyes which have grown dim with labours of state for England, and with too frequent tears, are the kindest that can be seen.—
Sir Edwin Arnold.

—The royalties of Denmark are kind-hearted people and prince Carl's father is among the kindest of them. Witness this story which has just come from Copenhagen: "The other day a lad about fourteen years of age was seen on the road opposite the royal castle of Charlottenlund (generally occupied by the Danish Crown Prince and his family in summer time), dragging a large, heavy cart, loaded with parcels and other packages. The boy, who was in the employment of a tradesman in the neighbourhood, had just arrived at a very steep part in the road, when he found that he could not move the cart onward. The boy stopped, took off his cap, and dried his perspiring face. At the same moment a gentleman, dressed in black, came forward, saying: 'It is difficult for you to get this heavy cart up here. Shall we make an effort together? I will go behind, and push.' The boy looked hesitatingly, thinking he was joking, but he began to drag the cart, while the stranger pushed on behind, and thus, soon enough, it had reached the summit. The boy, beaming with delight, thanked the stranger for his help, and was going to resume his way when the gentleman stopped him and spoke kindly to him about his parents, his situation, etc., and before they separated the boy was the happy recipient of several crowns. The lad had scarcely resumed his journey when he met some people who had witnessed the scene, who told him that the kind helper in his dilemma was no less exalted a person than His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark.

For sudden chills or colds purchase a nickel's worth of powdered blood root and inhale a pinch through the nostrils. Draw it well into the head, then take a cup of hot milk or water. This is also an invaluable remedy for catarrh.