

the Plain and the soul that he loves who is there.

We hear the grating of Daniel's westerly window as he opens it for the pure air of Heaven and the spiritual view of the Holy City, and lo! the same power enters us to bear our witness before the world, and to gather the peace which neither man nor beast can break.

The Epistles of the New Testament do not lend themselves quite so readily to this method, but under the touch of devotional analysis they gladly yield a meaning and virtue that illuminates one's whole spiritual mind and heart.

For this, perhaps, the easiest plan is to take up a common blank book, and use one side of the page, leaving the other for your after meditation on the same subject. With most of us the mind has a knack of working as though the Master's eye was on it, when a pencil is in one's hand, and often thoughts, meanings, inspirations, flow fast and freely, when they know they are going to be written down.

We receive little help from printed books for this use of the Bible. It seems as though the Holy Spirit meant every man to do it for himself, and purposely withheld from us the blessed meditations of others.

To do it is more valuable than to have it done, therefore ready-made and second-hand meditations are nearly valueless. And the chief use, even of the best, is rather to train us in the divine art of meditating for ourselves, than to be a substitute for our own toil. Nor is the toil heavy or dull. At first it is a little difficult, for the muscles of the mind are unaccustomed to it, but a little habit soon makes one apt and greatly interested in this exercise of the soul.

In town work it is more valuable than elsewhere, for it is an antidote to spiritual fuss, and begins the day with a calm strength without which we are wont to get hurried and confused, or mechanical and lifeless.

In our mother tongue I have only found useful to me Mr. Hoggate's excellent little volume on "The Good Shepherd," and in Latin I have found nothing to help me but Avancini's "Vita et Doctrina Jesu Christi," a masterly pocket-book. Other books, indeed, abound, especially in foreign Churches, but they seem too subtle and intricate for an Englishman's use, or a town clergyman's time.—"The Parish Priest of the Town." Lectures by J. Gott, D.D. (Published by the S.P.C.K.)

BISHOP OF DERRY ON CHARITY AND EPISCOPACY.

We give an extract from a sermon preached by the Bishop of Derry, Dr. Alexander, on the Sunday after the reopening of the Derry Cathedral:

Let me further say, that as charity has presided over the work of renovation, so will it preside over the result of that work.

What does the enlarged and beautiful Church witness of our attitude in this place and in this land?

First, then, the charity of Scripture is not merely philanthropy, or general benevolence. The charity of St. Paul, as it is animated by hope, so is it directed by faith. The text "Charity believeth all things" does not mean (as is sometimes supposed) that a charitable Christian believes every creed but his own, and bears every system but his own.

And our Church's charity starts from a definite faith. Her true sons believe that she has a message of her own worth preserving. Christ did not merely enunciate ideas, the most fruitful and saving that time has ever heard. He has preserved them by a visible Church, with a Succession of chief pastors. It is not merely that the three great centuries form a tunnel or subterranean period, and that when the train

comes out we see it bearing Episcopal colors, and conclude that it was so when the train started. It is rather this. We find Episcopacy in the rough island of Crete, in the polished capital Ephesus, in the Church of Asia Minor, or before the close of the Apostolic age. And, therefore, we are not surprised at the tenacious hold which it has laid upon Christendom; and we cling to it, now that we have been repudiated by the State, perhaps more unhesitatingly than when our prelates were State officials. With our form of government we also hold to the ancient creeds; to the two Sacraments; to the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. We equally repudiate mediæval superstition and modern latitudinarianism. Assuredly we have no reason to be ashamed, either in regard of speculation or of practice. I can remember the days when the authorized theology of our Church was accused of not being outspokenly evangelical enough upon these subjects—the inspiration of Scripture, predestination, original sin, the Atonement, everlasting punishment. I ask any thoughtful man whether he does not now feel thankful for that great and sober theology of which he has no reason to be ashamed, no necessity of stammering out compromising apologies. Or, if we turn to worship. An age, new born in art, capable of understanding architecture, painting, music, yearns for beauty in the public services of religion. How would that yearning have found satisfaction in a Church where symbolism was thrust out as unclean, and music as theatrical? I assert, then, that our charity springs from and can never lose sight of a definite faith.

News from the Home Field.

Newfoundland.

EXPLOITS.

The Rev. Arthur C. Waghorne, who, in July last, resigned New Harbor Mission, which he has filled for 14 years, has been located in the Mission of Exploits for the winter. He was working on the Labrador this summer for exactly three months, and visited the Straits, Battle Harbor District and Sandwich Bay. During the 90 days he was on the coast he visited 30 places, held 130 services (43 Sunday and 87 week day), preached 117 times, and paid 102 pastoral visits, besides much other ministerial work. As he was only receiving \$60.00 for his work (out of which he had to pay steamer fares amounting to \$33.40), collections were taken up at most of the Sunday services, and realised \$45.52. Besides this \$48.88 were given him as free-will offerings, unasked and unexpected. He has much enjoyed his work and visits, and expresses himself as very much pleased with the Labrador winter people, and claims for them a very much higher position in every respect than that accorded them by Dr. Grenfell, of the M. D. S. F., in the "Toilers of the Deep." He regrets extremely that he (Dr. G.) should think it necessary or right to give the English public such a grossly one-sided and exaggerated idea of the Labrador, and its deserving and worthy residents, who are really far ahead, in more ways than one, of the average English fisherfolk and working classes. It is much to be feared that such representations will very seriously injure the excellent work of the M. D. S. F. Mr. Waghorne has added very largely to his already very extensive collection of plants, and has this season made bog mosses his particular study. He has sent collections to various parts of Europe and North America. VERITAS.—*St. John's Evening Herald.*

CHRIST has lived, and He asks living followers. He has died, a sacrifice, and He asks the spirit of self-sacrifice in you.—*F. D. Huntington.*

Diocese of Fredericton.

DORCHESTER.

Allow us the privilege of wishing the GUARDIAN all the compliments of the season, and great prosperity through the coming year.

We are and have been enjoying perfect winter weather, all through the holiday season, and saving and excepting the prevalent "la grippe," which incapacitated the Rector at Christmas tide, and caused us to fall back on one of our leading laymen, his honor Mr. Justice Hanington, for such service as we could have. Churchmen here have much enjoyed themselves. Although the Rector was confined to his house on Christmas day, neither he nor his family were forgotten by their kind-hearted parishioners, who invaded the rectory in a friendly way in the afternoon, bringing with them a very comfortable and substantial chair for the Rector and a purse of money for Mrs. Campbell, the former being presented on behalf of the congregation, by Mrs. J. B. Forster; and the latter by Mrs. D. L. Hanington; both of which were kindly received and becomingly acknowledged by the Rector for himself and his wife.

On Sunday after Christmas, as being within the octave, full Christmas service was held, in rendering the musical part of which the choir sustained their reputation for care and reverence.

In accordance with a request made by the Rector, the whole congregation remained in church after evening prayer ended. The Rector then heartily thanked all who had contributed towards the church decoration; and afterwards more particularly the choir, whose faithful attention to their voluntary duties, he has for years fully acknowledged and commended. He added, however, that upon this occasion, a more than verbal acknowledgment was about to be made. Thereupon, the Hon. Judge Hanington and Mr. Warden Forster, acting in the place of the churchwardens, who were both from home, stepped forward, and on behalf of the congregation presented three of the senior members of the choir, Mr. David Chapman, who had served more than fifty years; and Mrs. Alex. Robb and Mrs. Geo. W. Chandler, who had both given their efficient and constant services for about thirty years, with sets of books of Common Prayer and score copies of the last edition of Hymns A. & M., beautifully and uniformly bound in Russia, with suitable inscriptions embossed in morocco and gold. To say that the recipients were surprised is a very mild way of expressing their feelings. Mr. Chapman, as the senior, replied very feelingly indeed; and Judge Hanington replied on behalf of Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Chandler. In the course of his remarks, his honor took occasion to refer to others who had long served the Church in the choir, notably the late Mr. E. V. Tait, our organist for over half a century. He brought his well chosen remarks to a close by observing that he had himself been in the choir for five and thirty years, and that during all that time, there had been continuous and unbroken harmony among all its members, undisturbed by even a temporary jar; a testimony as true as it is rare and remarkable.

The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the doxology and with a blessing from the Rector.

The following being New Year's day, there was a well attended service at 11 a.m., at which the offertory was set apart for the W. & O. of the clergy. The weather being perfect, the old shire town was occupied to an unwonted extent in paying and receiving visits of Christian courtesy.

On Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., Judge and Mrs. Hanington and family entertained all the teachers and pupils of the Sunday school, of