

ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

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OUR PARISH PEOPLE.

Mrs. Phillips is indisposed.
 Mr. Wm. Brown's little daughter Florian is ill.
 Mr. Laphorn is spending a few days with his son-in-law at Belmont.
 The Young People's Society purpose picnicing at Port Stanley in June.
 Gertie Quick's illness has proved very tedious. She seems at last to be recovering.
 Mr. John Shoebottom's young son, after a long and severe illness, died on the 15th of May.

Rev. Principal English delivered an eloquent sermon in St. Matthew's on the evening of May 12.

The new book-holders placed in the pews through the kindness of Messrs. Coutier and Minhinnick will be appreciated.

Mr. John Dilloway's many friends will regret his departure for Stratford where he has accepted a position in the G.T.R. Shops.

Mr. Howard, divinity student, preached in Emmanuel in the afternoon and St. Matthew's in the evening of May 19th, being assisted in the service at Emmanuel by Mr. Brownlee, also of Huron College.

The Local Union Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor were favored by the Bishop's acceptance of an invitation to address them on the occasion of their anniversary in the Memorial Church on the evening of May 28th.

Mr. George Minhinnick, late of Devonshire, England, has recently come to live with his uncle, Mr. George Minhinnick, of this city. Mr. Minhinnick is an educated young man of literary ability, and will be a valuable addition to the congregation and to our Society.

Monday evening, June 3rd, the Society of Christian Endeavor will have "an evening with Dickens." Mr. E. Gardener will read a paper on the life and writings of the popular author, and selections will be read by different members from some of his works. The programme will be varied by appropriate vocal and instrumental music.

The following seventeen members of the congregation were confirmed on Sunday, the 19th of May, by his Lordship the Bishop of Huron: John Isaac, Chas. T. Martin, W. Henry Minhinnick, Harriet Kingsnorth, Fanny Yeo, Mary Smith, Mary H. Scott, Annie J. Kew, Mary E. Burger, Adelaide Scott, Elizabeth Standfield, Alice Maud Tibbs, Blanch Dale, Elizabeth Eggett, Reid J. Depoté, George F. F. Seaborn and Wesley H. Depoté.

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[Written for the MESSAGE.]

REAPING.

Life is full of pleasure,
 Life is full of pain;
 Here of chaff one gathers—
 There one garners grain.

Yon stalwart man is groaning,
 Here laughs a cripple boy;
 And many's the taste of anguish,
 In the dregs of brimming joy.

Didst think man's strength availing
 To bid your sorrow cease?
 Will theories of the human
 Give thee eternal peace?

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 Here of chaff one gathers—
 There one garners grain.

—F. L.

THE GREAT ELECTION DAY, OR WHO'S TO BE THE MAN?

The whole place is in an uproar! Nothing but canvassing and election speeches! What excitement! What a great ado! And soon it will be voting day; and then the excitement will reach its height. Meanwhile the cry is, "Who's to be the man?" And, strange to tell, that was just the cry in a certain city many hundred years ago. It was voting day in Jerusalem. What! you say, you did not know there was any voting day there. O, but there was. And what crowds, and what excitement there was then! You could have numbered the people by the thousands—aye by the tens of thousands.

It was election day; and there never had been a day like it before; nor has there been a day like it since. The governor of the city presided at the meeting, and took the vote of the people as to whether they were for Barabbas or Christ.

Barabbas, the murderer, or Christ Jesus the Lord, the Saviour of lost sinners. "Who's to be the man?" That was the question. And it was soon to be settled. "Who are you for?" said the governor; "are you for Christ?" No, they cried out, all at once. "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas." Their choice is made; their vote is recorded. They have elected Barabbas. They won't have Christ. They will have anybody but Him. They will rather have Barabbas, murderer though he be. And what is to be done with Christ? "Away with Him; crucify Him." And so Barabbas, the people's man is set free, and Christ the rejected one, is led forth and nailed to a cross on Golgotha's hill, and hung up between heaven and earth, as if unworthy of a place in either! But God has not forgotten that terrible deed—the murder of His own Son. Ah! no. And there is a day coming when the world shall have to stand before God, and tell Him what they did with His Son. And Jerusalem's governor shall have to say what he did with Christ. And you, reader, shall have to answer the question—"What

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