

LOW-RATE WESTERN EXCURSIONS.

Going Sept. 21st, 22nd, and 23rd to Detroit, Port Huron, Chicago, Bay City, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Dayton, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, and Saginaw. Returning until October 9th. Secure tickets from Grand Trunk Railway Agents.

CONFIRMATION NO NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

Sir,—In the Sunday School leaflet for September 24th, called "The Institute Leaflet," there is a rather serious mistake in the answer to question seven on the second page. The child is made to make a wrong statement to the effect that in Confirmation the Bishop "asks them if they are willing to take upon themselves their baptismal vow." Of course, this implies that before Confirmation their "Baptismal Vow," or responsibility, rested on somebody else. Was it on their godfathers and godmothers? Usually now the parents hold this position—rarely are others found to act. Now it seems to me if the baptismal obligation rested on some one else than the child before its Confirmation, there, to take an instance, if an unconfirmed boy stole apples his

sponsors should go to gaol. I know we read in the Bible that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children, but I have not observed the opposite statement of visiting children's sins upon the fathers. Perhaps the leaflet author could tell us. Again, I don't know where the Church tells us that the reason for being able to say the Catechism is that a greater benefit may be received in Confirmation.

PERPLEXED.

CANADIAN HYMNAL.

Sir,—I have read with much interest the letters in your paper with regard to the compiling of a Canadian Hymnal. Clergy, as a rule, complain that the laity criticize them, but when asked for suggestions fail to do so. Here is a lay

idea: Would it be a feasible plan to invite Canadian Episcopalians generally to send in lists of hymns to a committee, or editor of the Canadian Churchman? It is the people that sing the hymns, and the organists that play them, so it seems only fair to put to the vote, of those most

interested, such a matter as a General Hymnal. If left to a committee only one fears the production of another curiosity like the latest edition of the S. P. C. K. Hymnal. Why did not they give the hymns in the original tongues as well? NORTH-WEST.

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