

only means to the end. It is not the hearing sermons, but heeding them; not the attendance on frequent services, but the prayers; not the alms-giving, but the self-consecration, that will benefit you. There can be no true Easter rejoicing over a risen Lord, unless you have first taken your stand beneath the cross of Calvary, and have seen in the crucified Jesus a Saviour dying for YOUR sins.

ANOTHER BREAK IN OUR RANKS.

—The death of the Rev. J. F. Carr, Rector of Kingsclear near Fredericton, of diphtheria, at the early age of 32, is a grievous loss to the Diocese, and an irreparable one to his Parish. A man of much power and ability, most successful in parish work, an able advocate of foreign missions, temperance and the aggressive work of the Diocese. His brethren will sadly miss him in the Council Boards of the Church. Mr. Carr was a delegate to the late Provincial Synod.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT NEWSPAPERS.

THE attitude of the secular press towards Christianity is becoming a subject of the deepest concern to every adherent of religious Truth. That such is the case is shown by the fact that it is receiving attention at the hands of our Church Congresses, as well as occupying a prominent position at most of the dissenting Conferences and Synods. And it is well that it is so. The time was when the newspaper press exercised but small influence upon the world religiously or otherwise. We mean

before the introduction of free schools and compulsory school taxation and the diffusion of education, when the art of reading was confined exclusively to the higher classes. But now it is altogether otherwise. Now every man and woman, and every child of any age can read, and newspapers have multiplied and are sold so cheaply that they are found in the hands of all classes and conditions of society. They find a place in every household, and are eagerly read by all the members of the family; and, in the country particularly, are by many considered the highest authority upon every subject of which they treat. The press of to-day has thus become a mighty power in the world, and takes a foremost place among the most potent agencies for good or evil.

This being the case, it becomes a matter of great moment to every Christian as to the side on which the secular press ranges itself in the battle which is being fought of light against darkness, of good against evil, of right against wrong. Alas! we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that while many of the city and country papers are safe in their moral and religious tone, yet it is too true that many others are far from being conducted in the interests of either morality or religion.

It particularly behoves parents and others who have the care of the young, and who desire their welfare, as well as those who seek to promote the well-being of communities, to join hand to hand in a vigorous crusade against anything of a demoralizing tendency in the public print.

This subject is, as we have said, a most serious and important one, and we cannot do better than conclude