

part." I suppose no grief is so essentially sad as the disappointment of parents; and yet there are hundreds who are, at this moment, deliberately doing all they can to ensure it for themselves.

We may not conceal it either, that there are also many of a more enlightened sort who, calling themselves thorough Churchpeople, and doing all they can for their children's spiritual education, yet nullify much of the teaching by their own slender hold upon truth, their own practical denial of its value. I mean those who are only half in earnest themselves. To them, God, the Soul, Eternity, are not the first facts, the facts beyond all other facts. The first facts are position, love of approval, getting on, culture, &c.—the special thing, whatever it may be, in which all their desires culminate.

This subordination, possibly an unconscious one, of the Unseen to the world, has its natural consequence. The collision between the two comes sooner or later, and the Right has to give way to the Expedient. Possibly, the father and mother are scarcely aware of what they have done, the conscience soon gets its fine edge worn off, but there are acute little ones around for ever at work taking impressions, and these receive the fatal print, "There are some things of more importance than religion."

Ah! let us wake to the value of the treasure we hold in the souls of our children. They come to us from the mint of God, stamped with His image, ringing true to test, so fair to look upon, priceless in value.

Oh, the shame of it if, when the Day of Reckoning comes, we return His own treasure to Him, scarcely showing a trace of the image He gave, the value deteriorated, the true gold mixed with a base and spurious metal. Will this be an offering we shall like to bring? Good Friday draws on apace, and well may we set ourselves to learn, in its awful light, the true value, the unspeakable value, of the souls for which the very life-blood of God was given.

And that lesson, once learned, the rest will follow. We shall recognise that the soul must have its nourishment, its education, its means of development, equally with the body.—*The Scottish Guardian*.

THE LATE BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

"THE energy displayed by the Bishop of Lincoln in his Episcopal duties, and the practical power shown by him in the administration of his enormous diocese, astonished all those who had hitherto regarded him only as a student and a theological writer, and who at first had felt apprehensive that however much the Bishop's learning and lofty character might adorn the diocese, the actual work would suffer. In a marvellously short time Bishop Wordsworth made himself familiar with every part of the two counties then comprised within the diocese, and with his marvellously retentive memory was able at any moment, with little assistance from notes or tables, to recall the

condition and needs of almost every parish, and the character of its clergyman.

"Space forbids us to enter upon the many great works which have illustrated this Episcopate. One side of it was brought before our readers last week in connection with the appeal for Southwell Bishopric Endowment Fund—an appeal to which we need not say the Bishop's death has imparted increased urgency. We may, however, add to the late Bishop's acts of munificence the large support given by him to the association for the augmentation of poor benefices, which has flourished under his care, and the considerable sums given to the county hospital, the new schools of art and science, and many other similar hospitals.

"Bishop Wordsworth will ever be remembered in the Church as the reviver, after several centuries' desuetude, of the office of Bishop-Suffragan, which has proved of such great benefit in some of our larger dioceses, especially those of London and St. Albans. It was he, too, who took the step, almost unprecedented, of convening a diocesan synod, thereby setting an example, which, if not as yet largely followed, may in changed conditions of the Church become of immense value in settling controverted points. To him also the Diocese of Lincoln owes the establishment of the diocesan conferences of clergy and laity, over which, till the failure of his health last year, he always presided, with a dignity and a courtesy which greatly enhanced the weight and persuasiveness of the words with which it was his habit to sum up the debates, seeking to lift the question out of the region of controversy and to present it in its larger aspect, thus harmonising opinion and moderating extremes.

"A great, lofty, self-denying life, characterised by the most large-hearted charity and the most humble, has ceased for us. May the Church be the permanently better—truer to her mission, more faithful to her Great Head—more earnest in seeking and saving those that are lost—for so grand an example."—*The English Guardian*.

SEASONABLE PRAYERS.

FOR THE DOMINION.

OMIGHTY GOD, Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, save and defend our country from all secret conspiracies and open violence. More especially we beseech Thee, at this time, to deliver the North-west territory from the hands of rebellious and lawless men. Abate their pride, frustrate their designs, and defeat their enterprise; that the people of this Dominion, being protected by Thy power and encompassed with Thy favour, may continue in peace and quietness to serve Thee their God and Saviour, and to enjoy the blessings of the land and the fruits of their labours; that so we may ever acknowledge Thee to be our defender and mighty deliverer in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

MOST gracious God and Heavenly Father, the protector of all that trust in Thee, we humbly beseech Thee to preserve, amid the perils and dangers to which they may be exposed, the young men of this and the other Provinces of the Dominion, who have cheerfully gone forth to deliver their country from the insurrection of wicked men. Be Thou unto them, O Lord, a strong tower against the face of their enemies, that, being kept under the shadow of thy wings, and supported by thy power, they may triumph over all opposition, and return to their homes in health and safety, to offer with Thy grateful people, in the courts of Thy House, the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving unto Thy Divine Majesty, for such Thy preservation and providence over them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are compelled to hold over a large quantity of Diocesan news and communications for want of space.

TRICHOTOMY.—In this article, instead of Gen. xiv., 27, read Gen. xlv. 27.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—Rev. J. Ridley, who resigned his position as assistant minister at the cathedral at Quebec, has accepted an appointment in the diocese of Huron.

KNOWLTON.—The vestry of St. Paul's Church was held on Monday, Rev. J. J. Scully in the chair. S. F. Belknap, Esq., was appointed rector's warden, and Geo. G. Foster, Esq., was elected people's warden, Hon. W. W. Lynch and T. M. Prime, Esq., M.D., lay delegates to the Synod; Geo. G. Foster, Esq., delegate to Dunham Ladies' College; Messrs. Davis, Mills, Courtney and Tarbell were named sidesmen.

LACOLLE.—The vestry meeting was held in St. Saviour's Church at 10 o'clock a.m., Rev. J. G. Garrett, in the chair. William Featherstone, and Heman Derick, were elected churchwardens; Daniel Salt and Robert Outhet, sidesmen; Joseph Braithwaite and James Stuart, delegates to the Synod. The financial condition of the church was found very satisfactory. The wardens state the collections this year were larger than any previous year.

SHERBROOKE.—Rev. B. B. Smith has accepted the co-rectorship of Kingston cathedral. It is rumored that his position at Sherbrooke will be filled by Rev. Mr. Thorneloe, of Stanstead.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Easter Sunday was observed in old time manner, the churches being well attended and the services were of the same joyful and impressive character that has ever marked them when commemorating the festival of the Saviour's resurrection. The churches with scarcely an exception both in city and suburbs were decorated in an elaborate manner with flowers, and the music specially selected for the occasion was well rendered and impressive.

A FUNNY MISTAKE.—In his sermon on Easter Sunday morning, the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector of the