

ered by careful inquiry and visiting; but if it should turn out that only one such could be found, it would be no ground for discouragement. I have known a successful Mission to start from as small a beginning. Awaken interest by meetings in the homes of the people, and then not only by outlining your plan of operations and inviting co-operation, but always by some spiritual instruction and prayer. Obtain a hall or store or the loan of one of the buildings belonging to some of the denominations. I have frequently used places of worship of the Baptists, Lutherans, and of our spiritual first cousins, the Methodists. It is better, except for an occasional service, to take a hall or union meeting house which can be used regularly, for by a few simple pieces of Church furniture and by temporary and removable hangings for the walls, and by an altar which can be so constructed as to fold up and put away, and with the appropriate ornaments of the symbol of salvation and a dossal hung against the wall or extended on a frame, quite a Churchly appearance can in a very short time be given to an apartment. The rougher the people and the less accustomed to our services they are, the more these properties of worship are appreciated. They look for something different from what they see elsewhere. But the contents of the Church's net is of every kind and sort, and she must consider the smaller and inherited prejudices of her own people in her ritualism. In a Canadian Orange population, or in a congregation composed chiefly of eastern-bred Episcopalians, it would not be advisable to put candlesticks on the altar, but where there are many Roman Catholics or staunch Protestant Lutherans, it would not be advisable to omit the symbols, which to their minds are so connected with Christian worship as to make their absence suggestive of a disinherited Church and a rationalizing and decaying faith. We have lost at times quite a number of persons who joined for a season by the bareness of our ceremonial and lack of congregational singing. Begin as you mean to go on. Don't be afraid of cynical claptrap about clerical millinery. An officer is never ashamed of his uniform or the dress parade that does honor to the flag.

A great use may also be made of Church tracts, which should be largely distributed. Leaflets may be used temporarily in the service but the Prayer Book is so excellent a missionary that as soon as possible it should be introduced. These are small matters, yet success in every enterprise largely depends upon perfection of its details. But what I venture to urge under this head is the importance of not starting the Mission until provision is made for maintaining the services with regularity. And for this end we need to utilize the laity more largely. The Church needs not only lay readers, but a body of lay workers. Sisters, like the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Nativity and also of men who will give themselves for a term of years or for life to the Church's service in planting Missions and in working along with the Clergy, who will assume no monastic dress nor seek the revival of a medieval order, but who will be men along with men, who will reside with the Missionaries, assist in the service, take charge perhaps of the music, teach in the Sunday-schools, and be licensed to act as Lay Readers. It is through the instrumentality of lives consecrated in reliance on Christ's promise (St Matt. xix. 12) that the Jezebel of worldliness will be cast out of the windows of the Church. It is through the aid of lives laid down in the spirit of that brave and loyal soul Uriah (2 Sam. xi. 11) that the battle of the Lord will be carried on to victory. Oh! men and women in this agonizing crisis of the Church's need will you not hear Christ call unto you for a complete surrender to His service. He speaks to you from the cross and says: "This I have done for thee," what hast thou done for me?

How to Work a Mission.

With as little machinery as possible and with such as is in union with the whole Church like the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary, or St. Andrew's Brotherhood. From the start teach the people while working for self to work for others. Distribute and get them to read the "Spirit of Missions."

In the raising of funds for the Mission, resort usually is had to methods some might deem unchurchly, such as fairs, concerts: but the opponents of these methods forget that in new places, while the wives have little money of their own to spend, their husbands do not object to their giving of their time and labor, and from their home supplies, and there is no other practical way of their assisting in the finances.

In working a Mission a Boys' Club, or a fortnightly evening club for men, may be found useful. For the Church must show her interest in all classes, and bring Christianity into every district of home life. But the point about working any Mission is this, that the success to be sought, worked and prayed for, is spiritual success, winning souls to Christ and building them up in the Lord. A deep evangelical spirit must run through all the work and touch every part of it. If it is to attain that best success that cannot be invoked or weighed or put in statistics, but is known alone to God.

(To be continued.)

ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THERE are 430,000 communicants and over 1,250,000 baptized members of the Church in America.

THE Duke of Devonshire has given a site, valued at £6,000, for a new church at Eastbourne. He has also subscribed £500 towards the same object.

A contract has been entered into by an American corporation for building a railway through the Jordan Valley, along the Sea of Galilee to Damascus.

THE Dean of Armagh, speaking at the English Church Congress on "Preaching and Preaching Orders," remarked that "the cure for the inefficient and careless country clergyman was either to convert him or annihilate him."

IN the Presbyterian Cathedral, Glasgow, a cross has recently been erected behind the Communion Table. It stands on the centre of a monument placed in the chancel by a lady in memory of her late husband.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

THE building of the Ballarat Cathedral is at a standstill, and £600 is owing to the bank for work already done. Great difficulty is experienced in collecting promised subscriptions. A Jewish family of five persons was lately baptized by the Bishop in the Melbourne Cathedral.

IT comes as a reminder of how the Church is making a history for herself in the Australasian Colonies to hear that there has just been celebrated in Tasmania the jubilee of the enthronement of the first Bishop. On Thursday, July 27, 1843, the Right Rev. F. R. Nixon, D.D., was installed in St. David's church, in Hobart Town, in the same Episcopal chair to which he had been led after his consecration in Westminster Abbey on St. Bartholomew's Day, 1842,

and which still serves as the Bishop's throne in the Hobart Cathedral.

THE *Churchman*, N.Y., says: "You are missing a good thing if you do not take a Church paper weekly, and keep yourself well informed. If a Rector would have his people wide awake in Church affairs, and develop their activities to the full, he should persuade them to take Church periodicals and read them. In that way intelligent interest will be fostered and parochial life quickened."

THE *Church Times*, referring to the late Lord Primate of All Ireland (Most Rev. Dr. Knox), says: "By clergy and laity alike he was held in the highest affection and esteem, and his death will be felt as a genuine loss not only by the Church of Ireland, but by the Prelates of the Anglican Communion throughout the world who were brought into contact with him at the meetings of the Lambeth Conference."

A clergyman in a Lancashire parish (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*) a short time ago gave out for his text, "The devil like a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour," and almost in the same breath continued: "My friends you will probably have heard that the Bishop of Manchester has announced his intention of visiting every church in his diocese, and consequently we may shortly expect him at this church!"

CANON KNOX LITTLE, in speaking upon the Pew System, said that "free and open churches encouraged men to come at odd times for prayer, and prayer was the life-breath of the soul, and anything that drew men to prayer was worth trying. He knew of a case where a beautiful lich-gate had painted upon it, 'This is the gate of heaven,' but underneath were the words, 'No admittance this way during the winter months.'"

THE *Church Times* says: "It is impossible to ignore the importance of the proceedings of the Ulster Defence Union, which met in Belfast lately. Although in England only a fitful interest is now taken in the Home Rule Bill, the Ulster loyalists are as determined as ever to keep up the fight for their liberties. The Union now numbers over 170,000 adult members of all creeds and parties, who have chosen by open vote in a perfectly genuine mode of election, 600 members to represent them in their local "Parliament." The meeting reflected the greatest credit on that body, for the grave and dignified conduct of its business, and the temperate language of the speakers. Loyalty to the Crown, and a firm resolve never to submit to a Nationalist Administration, are the distinguishing marks of this powerful organization, which is a force that will have to be reckoned with. The compromise, now urged by wearied Gladstonians, who have brought about the present deadlock, is hopelessly out of the question. Irish Unionists are willing to establish County Councils, and concede to the Roman clergy in the matter of education more than Dissenters would allow to the Anglican priesthood at home, but they regard the maintenance of the United Kingdom intact as a matter of life and death. With the Parnellites in open revolt, and threatening to render the Gladstonian majority to one of twenty on a division, the Unionists are far from despairing.

THEIR thoughts are vain who think their watching can preserve the city. And are not theirs as vain who think that God will keep the city for which they do not watch?—*Hooker.*