

Surely in this view of our relation to the realm of nature wherein our lot is cast we ought to be humbled and be helped to take a modest measure of our might, and be prepared to look beneath the surface, and see in the exceeding brilliant display of Chicago and Jackson Park, of a double World's Fair, the ultimate cause, the Creator, our God.

The superficial observer scans the surface, and sees no, more, and concludes and exclaims: "Man's might has done all this, how great, how wonderful is man."

The real thinker, who uses his brains, and stops and meditates, is not deceived. He is not dazzled and dazed and bewitched. He recognizes the foundation fact that man is himself a creature, and not the Creator, that he crosses the field of time in a few scores of years and is gone to return no more, that his mind, and faculties, and fingers, which are immediately behind this World's Fair have something behind them which gave them being and planted in them the genius, the energy, and the cunning to invent and discover, and fashion and produce, and that something is God. The thinker is compelled to go down to the bottom truth: how great, how wonderful is God. The heavens and the earth and man are the immediate work of his hands, and reveal His might and majesty and glory, but here before my eyes, says the real thinker, is the city with its aggregate of life and wealth and energy, and the World's Fair with its conspectus of the results of human labor thus far in the spheres of thought and action, its epitome, its condensed volume, telling in brief the story of man's progress hitherto; in these things I see the secondary work of His hands. These things proclaim the greatness of man, but in doing so they proclaim in the most emphatic way the illimitable, the infinite greatness of God. Man occupies the foreground as the agent, wonderful beyond measure in his likeness to his Maker, but behind, above, beneath, within and without, like the atmosphere which pervades the landscape and fills with life everything which breathes, is God, the Creator, the first great cause. He makes man, and through man He makes Chicago and the World's Fair.

The first impression is, as one looks upon the wondrous scene, how mighty is man. Thus far the superficial go; the profounder and the true impression is how mighty is God. To this conclusion we wish our readers to go, the people of the diocese of Springfield. It will be a wholesome test for each one as he leaves the double fair, Chicago and Jackson Park, to ask himself the question what is the impression made upon me by what I have seen and heard? Is it a surface impression carrying my mind and heart no farther than to recognize human greatness, or is it an over-mastering conviction coming up from the depths of life and soul, and inventive genius and constructive skill, that human greatness is swallowed up in the greatness of God "who made man a little lower than the angels to crown him with glory and honor?"—*The Living Church.*

WHAT IS DUE?

Is it not due the rector, to notify him upon change of residence?

Is it not due the rector to notify him when your children are taken from Sunday-school, and why?

Is it not your duty when any of your family are sick, to notify the rector? If you are in affliction, and need his comfort and counsel, is it not due him to let him know of it?

Is it not due the rector, if you are a stranger, regularly attending church, to let him know the fact, so that he can call upon you?

Is it not your duty, if receiving the benefit of the rector's ministrations, to support in some regular way the Church's work.

Is it not due the rector, when you expect his services at a funeral, to confer with him before you set the time and place for holding it?

Is it not due the rector, to be regular in all your church duties and communions, and so to encourage him in his arduous work?

Is it not due the rector, to pray for him, and to believe that he is doing all things for the best, till you know to the contrary?

In short, is it not due the rector, to consider that he is a man, subject to like infirmities with other men, and to give him the benefit of charity all that he does or says?—*Selected.*

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made a very full report upon the work and condition of the Diocese, especially in connection with the past and present assistance of the Society of the S. P. G., which is embodied in its report for 1892. He touches upon the early history of the diocese, and notes the characteristics of the administration of that "able and learned man," Bishop Binney in bringing home to the mind and conscience of the Church the need to assert herself in the formation of a Synod and of funds for special purposes. The Bishop puts the total increase in Church members in the province of Nova Scotia, between 1881-1891, at 9,824; though in Prince Edward Island there was a falling off of 559 in the membership of the Church, owing to the withdrawal of young men and women for the Northwest, British Columbia and the States, he considers that "the prospect which lies before us is an anxious one whether we regard it from the point of view of the citizen or the churchman." Amongst the difficulties in the way of progress the Bishop refers to the fact that Dissent far from being a quiet and harmless thing, content with itself and with those who agree with it in nothing else than the fact that they are all alike dissenters from the Church of England, is everywhere aggressive and polemical and in not a few places bitterly controversial and hostile. This would not matter so much if one could have the two great desiderata of knowledge and fairness on both sides in dispute and debate; for when subjective feeling is substituted for the one and artifice for the other, while the listeners to the discussion fancy themselves fully equal to the task of solving questions on which some of the wisest have spoken with sober modesty, one cannot but be saddened by the actual state of affairs. His Lordship also refers to the insufficiency of the stipends of the clergy and irregularity in its payment: the need for subdividing some and opening other missions; in all which respects the lack of means stands as a great and so far inseparable difficulty. "What would have happened in former years if we had not been so generously helped by this Society (the S. P. G.), I cannot possibly conjecture, but certainly the Church would not have been what she is now anywhere, and in some places she would have been non-existent.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

On the morning of the 30th ult. the N. B. Battalion of the Garrison Artillery and Rifles had a Church parade to St. John's Church. The artillery were under command of Lt.-Col. Armstrong, who was accompanied by Major Markham, of the 8th Hussars, and the staff of the Battalion. The Rifles were commanded by

Capt. E. A. Smith. There were about 245 men of the two regiments present. The Artillery band assisted in the service, playing the accompaniment to two of the Hymns and the Doxology. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. de Soyers, M.A., from Ephes., vi., 13: "That ye may be able to withstand in the evil day."

The law passed at the last Session of the Local Legislature of this Province forbidding the sale of cigarettes, cigars, or tobacco, in any form, to a minor under eighteen years of age, under severe penalties, has come into force. The Anti-Tobacco Society has called upon the Council of St. John to enforce the provisions of the Act.

St. Luke's.—A Chapter of the BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW was formed in this parish last week. The Rev. E. W. Sibbald is Patron; R. E. Coupe, director; S. B. Corbett, vice-director; N. E. Brennan, sec.-treasurer.

Diocese of Quebec.

THE LORD BISHOP OF QUEBEC ON THE GASPE COAST.

The Right Rev. Bishop Dunn arrived at Gaspé Basin on Saturday evening by the steamer "Admiral," which flew her bunting in his honor. His Lordship was favored with fine weather for making the trip, and could see well the beauty of the coast, and the loyalty of the Church of England families scattered along the coast line of the counties of Bonaventure and Gaspé, was well shown in the display of flags which waved a welcome to His Lordship in passing, from all sorts and conditions of flag posts extemporised for the occasion. At Gaspé His Lordship was the guest of Rev. J. P. Richmond, the incumbent of Gaspé Basin, in whose parish church on Sunday morning he conducted an ordination service, advancing the Rev. Mr. Brooks, Missionary of Peninsula, to the office of the priesthood. In the evening, crossing the Bay in a boat, the Bishop began his visitation of the churches of Peninsula and Little Gaspé, and the Confirmation of candidates prepared by Rev. Mr. Brooks.

Monday found the Bishop again afloat, and crossing the Bay for a visit to the mission of Sandy Beach, in charge of Rev. G. T. Harding; here also His Lordship confirmed and celebrated the Holy Sacrament to a large number of communicants.

Tuesday found the good Bishop consecrating the new church and confirming the young people of St. James' church, (South West Park) of the mission of Gaspé Basin, under the incumbency of Rev. J. P. Richmond, and enjoying the hearty services, celebrating the Holy Sacrament, and as Chief Shepherd, dispensing "The Bread of Life," to a large number of communicants.

Wednesday His Lordship left Gaspé for a drive of 25 miles to the Mission of Malbaie, being met at Douglstown by Rev. G. Radley Walters, who was accompanied by carriages kindly sent by Messrs. Collas, Fauvel and LeGros, members of the congregation, to convey His Lordship—Mr. Dunn (his son) and Ven. Archdeacon Roe, and baggage. Heavy thunder showers fell in the morning, but these seemed as nothing, His Lordship's genial manner, kind words and hearty hand-shaking, made one forget the storm clouds overhead. Point St. Peter was reached at a quarter to 7 p.m., His Lordship and party being the guests of the Missionary.

Thursday broke fine and warm, the flags from the Jersey fishing rooms waving gaily in the light breeze. At 10.30 a.m. the bell of St. Peter's church, Malbaie, was heard calling to prayer. A large and devout congregation was