

THE Church edifice that is now being completed on East Tenth street, in New York City, is to be a gift to St. Mark's Church from Mr. Rutherford Stuyvesant. Its cost is to be \$120,000, exclusive of the land. There is to be a chapel, library, and Rector's study on the main floor, a kindergarten on the upper floor, and a children's Sunday school in the basement.

BISHOP CROWTHER, "England's black Bishop," reports that the average Sunday attendance at his station on the Niger is three thousand four hundred and seventy-two. Of this number one thousand five hundred and ninety-seven are nominal Christians, and four hundred and fifty-one are Church members.

Children's Department.

GREETING.

TO THE YOUTHFUL READERS OF
CHURCH WORK.

My Dear Friends,—I congratulate you on having had set apart a few pages of this monthly for your own special use! In editing for the first time the "Children's Department of CHURCH WORK, I take the opportunity of offering you my very best wishes. From this number we are to be in some way connected. My duty is to write, and in other ways prepare matter for your instruction and amusement. Your part is to read what may be printed, and if possible to learn something useful and good from it. In this

way we shall become acquainted and I hope we will in turn be very warm friends. I shall try my best to prove worthy of your esteem. If you are pleased and benefitted by what is said here, I shall be fully satisfied. I will only ask you now to judge me leniently at first. Remember, *I am driving a new engine*. For although I have written much for young people, and have often addressed Sunday Schools, this particular work is new to me. Now, too, I am addressing a larger audience than usual, and I do not see their faces or know intimately their wants. However, children everywhere are very much alike. What suits the little ones I *know*, will also, I am sure, be acceptable to the youthful readers of CHURCH WORK wherever they may be. So promising again to do my best to interest and instruct you, and wishing you all a Happy New Year,

I am, your affectionate friend,

THE EDITOR OF THE
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

JESUS' eye to guide thy way;
Jesus' ear to hear thee pray;
Jesus' lips when faith is weak,
Comfortable words to speak;
Jesus' heart to feel thy grief,
And His hand to bring relief,
Jesus' arm thy strength to prove,
And thy burdens to remove;
"Jesus only" till we meet
And cast our crowns at His dear feet.

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

THE Christmas Tree which bloomed so sweetly has had its blossoms all shorn off and the happy youngsters have gone home laden with the good things which the wheel of