

The Church Record.

The Monthly Organ of the Anglican Church in British Columbia.

"*Sursum Corda.*"

No. 2.

FEBRUARY, 1897.

Five cents.

The Church Record.

The Monthly Organ of the Anglican Church in B. C.

"*SURSUM CONDA.*"

EDITOR:

REV. H. G. FINNES CLARKE, Rector of St. James' Church, Vancouver, B. C., Editor for the Diocese of New Westminster.

BUSINESS MANAGER:

HAROLD BURNETT, Nanaimo, B. C.

Published monthly in the interests of the Anglican Church in British Columbia.

Subscriptions, payable in advance, fifty cents per annum; five cents per copy. Special rates to Clergy on application.

Money orders, Bills, or Postage stamps, should be remitted to the Business Manager, Drawer 44, Nanaimo, B. C.

Address all communications for insertion to the Editor.

Advertising rates are reasonable, and will be made known on application.

TO THE CLERGY.

The Clergy are respectfully requested to furnish the Editor with notes of local interest, together with Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Statistics, Notices, &c., which he will gladly publish month by month.

Vol. I.

February, 1897.

No. 2.

DR. TEMPLE'S CONFIRMATION.

THE circumstances attending upon the confirmation of Dr. Temple's appointment to the See of Canterbury have called forth much expression of opinion, and the unanimous conclusion is that an amendment of the law is necessary to prevent the appearance of insincerity and unfairness in a transaction which ought to be of the most solemn character. Part of the proceedings consists of a formal invitation in general terms to "opposers" to come forward, and when one comes forward he is told that he will not be heard. And more than this, the persons who are called upon to oppose and are not allowed to do so are actually declared to be "contumacious" for failing to appear. It is time indeed that an alteration was made. The probable intention of the citation of "opposers" was merely to secure the identity of the person whose election is to be confirmed and to fulfil the canonical conditions. The petition for confirmation stated that he is a prudent and discreet man, and eminent for "his knowledge of the Scriptures for his life and morals deservedly commended, of a free condition, of lawful age, and an ordained priest, and also devoted to God, and greatly useful to the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Canterbury;" Mr. Brownjohn did not challenge these statements, and these, it would seem, are the only ones