

him utterly friendless—as he must be, no friend could let a child like that wander off in such a state at Christmas time—my plans to give him a home—I want a son—and teach him music, if the church will clothe him. You know just now my salary is not tremendous.

What a Christmas night that was for Larry! to wake up in a comfortable bed, in a pretty room, with pictures, pretty things, and best of all, kind faces all about him. He had to be told the story several times before he understood, and he buried his face in the pillow and sobbed in gladness.

"O papa, God did give me a home for a Christmas present."

MABEL H. DESPARD.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE CHURCH OF CANADA.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—You honored a few words of mine, having the above title, by allowing them a place in your valuable paper. In that article I pointed out the fact that there was no corporate body in this Dominion known as the Church of Canada; but only three divisions, isolated and independent of each other. Some of your readers (why not all?) will be glad to hear that the corporate union of these three divisions is proposed, to mark the centenary celebration of the founding of the Colonial Church. If it should please the Holy Spirit to allow such a union, the impetus given to all missionary work will be immeasurable. We have not yet forgotten the effect upon the Provincial Synod when the brethren from the Maritime Provinces took part in its deliberations; and we may yet see the Church of Canada urged to noblest deeds by the persuasive presence of the bishops and brethren from Moosonee, Athabasca, Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, and the coasts of the Pacific. The Church would then present to this part of the new world a moral and a spiritual force which could not be denied.

Yours,

HENRY KITSON.

SIR,—I noticed a little while ago a proposal to build a \$250,000 cathedral in Halifax. There was a meeting about the matter, I think, and it was decided to try to raise the money.

I would be the last to object to the erection of a beautiful Cathedral for God's worship; but is it needed? Can we afford it?

Money is wanted for King's: collectors have been around time after time; but still the cry is, "we want." Missionary work in the Great Northwest, aye, even in little Nova Scotia, cries in vain for help. And yet we are to build a \$250,000 Cathedral.

Can we best serve God by putting all that money into one building at Halifax? How much could be done towards putting King's College on a proper footing with a small part of that sum? How

much could be done to help an orphaned child at home and abroad?

And draw that large amount from our givers, bleed them afresh; that will become of the many missions that are now sadly in want? Look up \$250,000 in a Cathedral at Halifax, money which will be collected after much opportunity, and you must inevitably make the road ten, aye, a hundred times harder for other help-seekers.

Can we afford to repeat, to look so much money? Will we best please the Lord in doing so?

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2. To reach the parents, in order to secure their co-operation in your work, and perhaps even to encourage them to more decided well-doing.

II. Have an eye to your scholars during the week.

Cultivate a familiarity that shall convince them of your interest and sympathy, and at the same time give you an understanding of their peculiar occupations, temptations and trials.

2. Ascertain how they are helped or hindered by their daily companions, and wisely use such knowledge to the good of themselves, and, if possible, their associates.

3. Influence their reading as much as may be, so that they shall grow intellectually and morally.

III. Invite your scholars to your home.

1. To further promote acquaintance and convince them of your loving interest.

2. To do them good in all legitimate ways, and to strengthen them socially, mentally and spiritually.

IV. Write your scholars in temporary absences. An opportunity of this kind, wisely made use of, is oftentimes productive of most gratifying results.

V. In all, and at all times, encourage in your scholars a Christian nobility of character.

In this your example will be better than your precept. It is well to bear in mind that while by the above method you are familiarising yourself with your scholars life and character, he is enjoying similar opportunities in the study of yours. Only a conscientiousness of Christ's presence in us can make this thought welcome.

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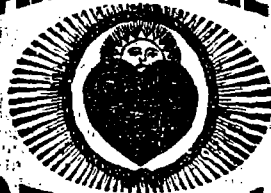
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### DIED.

WILLIAMS.—On the Dec. 28th, 1886, at East Green, Albert Stillman, son of Stephen and Florence Williams, aged 7 years.

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