

of all the lake for fishing. The in-flowing waters brought down food for the fish, at Bethsaida: making it the great fishing place it was. Ah, but to fish for little boys and girls, and the souls of men! What thought, and anxiety, and patience, and care! But the promise to the fisherman is, that he shall "draw to shore" his spiritual captures. Who would not be a fisherman?

The question of church entertainments, which is made often the subject of discussion, has been settled in a conclusive manner by a church in Madison, Wisconsin, the policy of which is briefly explained in a letter to the *Christian Register*. Believing that "a church should never undertake any purpose primarily of making money," it is thought the duty of the members to give money outright and not by indirection. Entertainments, whose object is education, culture and recreation are considered useful forms of church activity, provided that these enterprises are not set on foot for the purpose of making money. The plan of taking collections is found to succeed better when there are no entertainments for making money, and the church now collects by larger assessments what it formerly collected by entertainments.

FRANCIS JOSEPH OF AUSTRIA.—Two facts illustrate his tenderness of heart. For ten years after his brother, the Archduke Maximilian, had been put to death, he would sign no death warrant; and the first time he did sign one, his tears so blurred the signature that he considered the warrant cancelled and allowed the murderer to live. On the present occasion of his completion of forty years of sovereignty, he has expressed his wish that the money subscribed for the purpose of doing honor to himself might instead be given away in the form of charity. Fifteen million florins have in consequence found their way to various hospitals, churches, and schools. The event was not otherwise celebrated in Vienna, except in the columns of the city newspapers, which joined with those of other countries in extolling the Emperor's virtues.—*Christian World*.

GOOD BUTTER.—Our good friend, Mr. W. H. Lynch, one of Rev. J. G. Sanderson's flock in Danville, Que., has been in Britain last year investigating the dairying industry; and is

now enlightening the country on that subject. The letters Mr. Lynch has contributed to the press, show a wide and thorough grasp of the subject. *He* believes in honest butter, and good butter, and tells how to produce it. *He* advocates cheese and butter factories, and home dairies as well; denounces *margarine*; and shows that while improvement all along the line, might lower the price of the "gilt-edge" butter, the increase in the value of the whole product would far more than make up for it. We rather like to see a man with a "hobby"; and good butter is a wholesome and patriotic one.

WOMEN AT THE POLLS.—At the late municipal election in Boston, the influence of women was seen. The Catholics demanded that Swinton's History should be discarded from the public schools, because the author (very fairly,) described what *indulgences* were in Luther's time. How could he intelligently describe what Luther's quarrel with Tetzel was, unless he did? But the women—who could vote at School Board elections, and of whom not over a thousand had ever voted before—organized to put in a reliable school board. Twenty-five thousand of them registered, and three-fourths of the number voted. And they not only voted in a "Republican" School Board, but indirectly secured a Republican Mayor, and reduced the Democratic "saloon" majority in the city council to a party "tie." And not one was insulted at the polls. They went two together, or else with an "escort"; one brave lady going under the protection of her eight-year-old son. A fight got up at the door of a polling-place. A policeman from within appeared: and seeing lady-voters waiting outside, bawled out, "No more o' that, now! There's ladies here!" And peace was restored in a moment. Out of all this, men of progress can learn several good lessons.

STUDENT SUPPLY.—Would not some change in the matter of student supply for the summer be advisable? The student, no matter how willing and earnest, can but work at a disadvantage. He usually comes to a feeble church of which at least one State in the Interior has a large proportion, where there are few, perhaps none, who can give him the help he needs in counsel and encouragement; and he must leave just when work could be carried on most advantageously.