

joyment, and involve the virtual social proscription and perilous exposure of the children of those who believe it to be a moral evil? Alas! that it so often has the power to cause the generally obedient and devoted children of godly parents to perpetrate the grievous offence of trampling the counsels, entreaties and prayers of loving mothers and fathers under rebellious feet on the ball-room floor! Do its advocates say that such words are fanatical! If so, I answer that modern life among our people seldom, if ever, betrays a more complete exhibition of strange fanaticism than is furnished by a modern dance in "full blast."

THE following comes to us from one whose name even we do not know. We publish it in the hope that it may excite interest in our work for the Church:—

A clergyman in the Diocese of Toronto writes: As a subscriber and reader of the CHURCH GUARDIAN I may be permitted to say. I welcome its weekly visits and should be glad to see it largely circulated in all our parishes. It could do only good.

1. It is a good Church newspaper, giving interesting and reliable news from all parts of the Dominion.

2. It is a sound exponent of Church principles according to the plain teaching of the Prayer Book.

3. It speaks the truth in love. No bitterness pervades its columns, but the spirit of a kindly charity towards all. It respects the motives and opinions of others, and gives them credit for sincerity, even when it cannot agree with them and finds it necessary to set forth the truth definitely and strongly.

4. It is conducted by so able and sound a churchman that it is entitled to, and may fairly claim the confidence of the Church at large.

5. Whatever parish subscribes for a large number of the paper gives evidence of its interest in the Church, and will soon see the good effect in the increasing intelligence, zeal, and liberality of its members.

6. Therefore, all present subscribers may well show the paper to their friends and so try to extend the circulation and benefit their own parish.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[The name of Correspondent must in all cases be enclosed with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—I so thoroughly concur (as will, I believe, many other Churchmen) in the sentiments expressed in the following extract from *The Fireside News*, a Church paper published in London, that I would ask you to publish it in THE GUARDIAN for our edification; and the more so that it is an outcome of the Church Congress recently held in Wakefield, in which place, as your readers may know, it is proposed to establish an additional Yorkshire See.

Yours truly,

JOHN H. CHARNOCK.

Lennoxville, P.Q., 3rd Nov., 1886.

### EXTRACT.

"We are glad to note at the Wakefield Congress a recognition of the evil arising from the 'performances' of Church Choirs. Mr. Edward Griffith, of Chiselhurst, has deprecated such performances, and urged that 'the whole congregation ought to sing.' He held further that 'the spirit of the Liturgy was destroyed by elaborate and ornate music.' Members of the congregation should practice singing, and a portion of the choir might be distributed about a church to give a congregation confidence. The spirit of professionalism in a choir ruined the spirit of devotion in the congregation; and this professional spirit was on the increase,

and was fraught with mischief to vital religion. The wants of the congregation should have the first attention."

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

London, Ont., October 12th, 1886.

Your readers have to thank you for your lengthy and full reports of the Proceedings of the Provincial Synod, as the deliberations of that Body are each year becoming of more interest to the Church Members at large in all parts of the Dominion. It is gratifying that this Session has been so especially marked for its earnestness and zeal, not only in the Cause of our own Church, but that from it has emanated the glorious proposition to other bodies for Christian Unity; how grand the idea that from us should come such an invitation to unite again with that good old Mother Church from which they have been separated, and will, I feel sure, be commended to the hearty support and earnest prayers of all true Christians. Among the many matters considered at this meeting, a very important one was the motion introduced by E. B. Read, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer of this Diocese, for the formation of a Committee to consider, "The whole subject of 'the relative position of the various Dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, with 'the Provincial Synod, and, if requisite recommend such legislation as shall so extend the 'powers of the Provincial Synod, that it may 'be enabled to legislate for the Canadian Church 'as a whole, to bring about a uniform method 'of procedure in all matters pertaining to 'Church government, a uniformity of Canons, 'and of discipline of the Clergy and laity and to 'consider and advise as to what legislation 'may be necessary in the several Dioceses, to 'bring about the beneficial result of an entire 'and united Church in the Dominion of Canada.'" Committee to report at the next meeting.

I am with very many other Churchmen greatly pleased to find that this resolution commended itself to the Synod and resulted in the appointing of a very able Committee composed of two representatives from each Diocese and with three of our Bishops connected with it.

I am fully aware of the magnitude of the work of this Committee and that they may have many difficulties to contend with but they may be assured of sympathy and prayers for the success of their work from all good Churchmen.

Since the appointment of a Metropolitan and the institution of a Provincial Synod, there is a growing feeling in the Church at large that this Synod does not hold the position that it should do as the Legislative Body for the Church, and which I think must have been contemplated by our Mother Church when she advised this appointment, looking forward as she must have done to the day when we should be a united Dominion Church and an offshoot of our Apostolic Church of England; a grand future would thus be before us on this continent holding an allegiance to our Mother Church and allied fraternally to the Episcopal Church of the United States. Confederation of Provinces in all parts of the British Empire for practical purposes is of continual occurrence, we have in Canada such a confederation; is such not also practicable for the purpose of consolidating our Church in this Dominion, with its separate Diocesan Synods, legislating for their local wants and arranging their own internal economy, but leaving to the Provincial Synod, as contemplated by this resolution, to legislate on such matters as pertain to our Church as a whole.

Some time since a Mr. Leggo, of Winnipeg, and formerly of Hamilton, contributed some very able articles on this and kindred subjects; it is to be hoped he may be heard from again. My reason for thus imperfectly opening it up through the columns of your valuable Church paper, is that I may elicit something from the pens of more competent writers, and thus bring

out more intelligently the great benefit that must result to our Dominion Church, by the adoption of the changes contemplated in this resolution: for while we are advocates of Christian Unity we must first show full and entire unity within our own Church.

I was pleased to see in your issue of the 6th inst. particulars of the proposed "Church Unity Society," as in our Diocese we have among a few Laymen made a small beginning somewhat in the same direction. Our operations will not be confined to this subject exclusively; as we think in the interest of the Church, that the time has come when Laymen must come to the front and aid in every way in their power to place the Episcopal Church of the Dominion in the front rank among Christian Bodies, to which, as an ancient and Scriptural Church she is entitled, and which in the past she has hardly enjoyed for want of the unity now contemplated and the help and support of our own members. Kindly Mr. Editor, allow me a little further space, to shortly give particulars of our aims and objects in associating together to further our Church's work; for want of a better, we have styled our association, the "Auxiliary Canadian Episcopal Church Association."

Any full member of the Church may join by sending in their names and agreeing to contribute a sum annually to further our aims and objects which in short are:

1st. To invite all members of the Church to aid in building up a purely Canadian Branch of the Episcopal Church, owing allegiance to the Metropolitan and the Provincial Synod of the Dominion Church, and thus make it conformable to our New Dominion.

2nd. Another object of the association will be to foster a desire for Christian unity by all means in its power.

3rd. To strengthen the Church by a hearty, liberal, and generous support in all its work, both general and parochial. To disseminate Church information of all kinds, as to her Scriptural origin, history and antiquity, as a means of holding our members to a faithful and intelligent allegiance to her principles and teachings.

4th. To aid in Sunday School work, as being of paramount importance, that children may become intelligent members and be retained as loyal children of the Church of their fathers.

I must not trespass further on your space by entering into any details of our method of working or plans for organizing branches &c., as the above conveys a general idea of our aims, and as far as we have gone, we are much encouraged in this good work, and trust ere long to see our association firmly established in our Diocese.

Thanking you for the use of your columns,

I remain, yours truly,

CHURCHMAN.

SIR.—I have been informed that not a few of your subscribers are also interested in the publication of local magazines in the parishes with which they are connected. In the issue of such periodicals and in the working of the parish it is often helpful to see and know what others are doing in the same line. May I crave permission to say through your columns, that I shall be very glad to exchange parish magazines (or local sheet if preferred) with any gentleman who will kindly favour me with their monthly issue. I have recently become a reader of your paper, and have pleasure in saying that it is an excellent periodical and must be most helpful wherever it circulated.

Yours, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIAMS.

DEAR SIR,—Could you or any of your well-informed readers tell me what authority a Clergyman of the Church of England has for holding service with Holy Communion on Nov. 2nd, as All Souls' Day, as I hear was done in one of our churches.

Yours truly,

A CHURCHMAN.

Kingston, Nov. 3, 1886.