

and it will be a further challenge of that discretion which must be taken, if it be taken, to the House of Lords. We are not particularly fond of the Episcopal veto, but this may be said in its favor; it has never been employed unwisely by any Bishop on the bench; while its wise use is an efficient practical safeguard against the annoyances to which the clergy may be exposed by a handful of ignorant fanatics.

*Church Bells, Eng.*, says in regard to Sunday Schools:

It is almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of Sunday schools. 'The children of a parish,' it has been well said, 'are its sacred possession;' and it is the duty of those in authority to see that these children be 'virtuously brought up to lead a godly and Christian life,' and in numberless instances the Sunday schools are the sole medium of such training and instruction, for in many of our elementary schools, and their number is greatly increasing, nothing worthy of the name of Christian teaching is allowed. The Bible is permitted to be read, and that is all. More and more there becomes the need of Sunday schools, for an education which ignores the religious instinct is at the best but a one-sided education. 'Culture,' said Baron Bunsen, 'without religious consciousness is nothing but civilized barbarity and disguised animalism.' No one will accuse Prof. Huxley of clericalism, and yet with reference to education he deliberately says, 'I do not see how the religious feeling, which is the essential basis of conduct, is to be kept up without the use of the Bible. The Pagan moralists lack life and color, and even the noble stoic, Marcus Aurelius, is too high and refined for an ordinary child. By the study of what other book,' he adds, 'could children be so much humanised and made to feel that each figure in the vast historical procession fills, like themselves, but a momentary space in the interval between two eternities and gains the blessings or the curses of all time, according to its efforts to do good and hate evil? What more convincing testimony to the value of the Bible as a means of moral education would it be possible to find? And yet the use of that very book for all practical purposes is becoming rarer and rarer in our elementary schools. Hence the enormous and ever increasing importance of Sunday schools.

Add their importance being once allowed, the immense debt of gratitude which the Church owes to the teachers becomes apparent. With many of them, with the great majority of them, Sunday is their only day of liberty, and they willingly give up this their sole day of rest for the by no means easy, and not always pleasant task of teaching; it is work, too, in a humble and often unnoticed sphere, which meets with but little recognition from the world, except it be to laugh at it and to sneer at it. Well, such sneers are very cheap. They are no evidence of unusual cleverness or of unusual originality, indeed, it is mostly so to be noticed that those who sneer at Sunday schools, and make light jokes about the duties of teaching, are persons whose brains are about as large as a rabbit's, and who, for all the good they do, might just as well have never been born.

WHATSOEVER may be the thought of its consistency with the general position, and other claims and pronouncements of the Roman Church, the following extract from a sermon by the Roman Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minnesota, which we find in the *Alta* has the right sound:

The Church of America, must be, of course, as Catholic as even in Jerusalem or Rome, but so far as her garments assume color from the local atmosphere she must be American. Let no one dare paint her brow with foreign tint or pin to her mantle foreign linings. There is danger in receiving large accessions of Catholics from foreign countries. God wit-

nesses it they are welcome. I will not intrude on their personal affections and tastes, but these, if foreign, they shall not intrude upon the Church. Americans have no longing for a church with a foreign aspect. It would wield no influence over them. In no manner could it prosper. Exotics have never but sickly forms.

It is time to bring back the primitive gospel spirit; to go out into the highways and byways; to preach on housetops and in market-places. Erect stately churches if you will. If all are not there press the absentees to hear you beneath humble roofs. If some remain yet outside, speak to them in the streets or the public road. The time has come for "salvation armies" to penetrate the wildest thickest thicket of thorns and briars and bring God's word to the ear of the most vile, the most ignorant and the most godless. Saving those who insist on being saved, as we are satisfied in doing, is not the mission of the Church. This is not the religion we need to day, to sing lovely anthems in cathedral stalls, to wear capes of brodered gold, while no multitude throng nave or aisle, and the world outside is dying of spiritual and moral starvation.

Seek out men; speak to them, not in stilted phrase or seventeenth century sermon style, but in burning words that go to their hearts as well as their minds. Popularize religion so far as principles permit. Into the arena, priests and laymen; seek out social grievances, lead in movements to heal them. Peep mercifully into factories; breathe fresh air into the crowded tenement quarters of the poor; follow on the streets the crowds of vagrant children; lessen, on railways and in public service, Sunday work, which renders for practices of religion impossible; cry out against the fearful evil of intemperance, which is damning hourly the bodies and souls of countless victims.—*Pacific Churchman*.

### NEW BOOKS.

MISS RUBY'S NOVEL: BY Mrs. S. I. J. Sbereschewky; Thomas Whitaker, N.Y.; 50c.

This is a most realistic picture of what may be done in large centres by one devoted, Christ-like woman, in the way of comforting and helping the burdened and toiling ones; and in bringing light and joy into homes oftentimes dark and glowing through want and misery. The story is told in a simple and extremely touching manner, and has embedded in it useful hints as to woman's work. We can recommend this book without any hesitation.

A JUBILEE SOUVENIR 1838-88—is the title of an extremely well got up book which appears on our table and which contains a review of the first half century's history of St. Luke's Church, Portland, N.B., of which the Rev. L. G. Stevens, B.D., is the present Rector, having been elected to that office on the 23rd August, 1878. The work appears to contain a very complete record of this important parish, and of the different vicissitudes through which it has passed. It is embellished by photos of the several Rectors of the parish, and of some of the chief men connected with it; and also has views of the church externally and internally; which prove it to be one of the finest and most beautiful in the Dominion. Many too will be glad to find here a photo of Bishop Inglis; and also one of the venerable and beloved Metropolitan, Dr. Medley. The record is one which ought to exert a "quickeningsalutory influence upon our present and future Church character and life," and should inspire to still nobler efforts in behalf of Christ and His church. The book may be had of Messrs. J. & A. Macmillan, St. John, N.B.

INTERLINEAR GREEK—English Gospel of Luke: Sunday School Lessons for 1890. Paper, 25c.; cloth, 50 cents. Albert & Scott, Chicago.

This book supplies a Greek text, the Greek order of words in English, and an emphatic translation different from any now published. Mailed on receipt of price by publishers.

THE PAPAL SUPREMACY AND THE PROVINCIAL SYSTEM—by Rev. W. D. Wilson, D.D., LL.D., Dean of St. Andrew's, Syracuse; James Pott & Co., N.Y.; paper, pp. 196.

MANY of our readers have doubtless perused with much pleasure and profit "The Church Identified," by the same author, and will need no recommendation of this further product of his pen and thought. In this little work he treats the question of the Papal Supremacy purely as a matter of fact and of history, distinct from and unembarrassed by association with questions of doctrine and of ritual. He examines and refutes the claim of the Roman Church by reference to the Apostolic Fathers, and Canons of the Primitive Church which he claims instead of recognizing one Supreme Head (as the Pope) divided the Catholic Church, or recognized its division into Provinces in accordance with the political division of the State. He closes with a chapter containing a *Plea for Unity* on the basis of (1) a total rejection of the Papal Supremacy, and (2) the acceptance of the Historic Episcopate by all the Protestant bodies around us. The book is one which should be widely read: and which ought to find a place in the libraries of our Theological Colleges. We hope to give extracts from it hereafter as opportunity offers.

### MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

*Trophimus* is the title of a little pamphlet by Wm. Gibson, exposing the so called 'Faith Cure' theory, and demonstrating its false and dangerous teaching; paper 5c; 1263 Lexington avenue, N.Y.

An *Outline Harmony* of the Four Gospels, with brief notes by Rev. Geo. C. Foley Rector of Trinity Church, Williamsport, Pa., is a very concise and handy explanation of this difficult subject, intended for S. S. Teachers and Bible students; T. Whitaker, N.Y.; paper 10c.

*Sketch of the Old Parish Burying Ground, Windsor, N.S.*, by Henry Youle Lind, M.A., is the title of a pamphlet of 99 pages, full of interesting information and particulars as to one of the oldest rural places of public interment in the Dominion, sheltering the remains of many intimately connected with early conflicts in Acadia. Proceeds of sale go towards the Restoration Fund.

The *Lothrop Co. Magazines* for the little ones, 'Our Little Men and Women,' 'Babyland,' 'The Pansy,' (\$1 per annum each), appear to be more attractive than ever. They are too well known to need recommendation: and once in the house they gain all hearts. Boston, Mass.

*Our Little Ones and The Nursery*; Russell Publishing Co., Boston, for January, is a real holiday number indeed; and though Christmas is past will be none the less welcome to those for whom it is intended. It is always good.

*The Kindergarten*—Alice B. Stocham & Co., 161 LaSalle st., Chicago; \$2 per annum. Every number contains typical lessons and stories adapted to home and school. Kindergarten methods for primary teachers, and also nursery occupations are important features of each number.

*Our Dumb Animals* for January is specially arranged for teachers in public schools. It is published by The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; monthly, 50c per an; special club rates.