"Ger Foundations are upon the holy hills."

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Church.

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Boetry.

THE DYING MOTHER. It was an April day; and blythely all The youth of nature leaped beneath the sun, And promised glorious manhood ; and our hearts Were glad, and round them danced the lightsome

blood In healthy merriment, when tidings came, A child was born; and tidings came again, That she who gave it birth was sick to death. So swift rode sorrow on the heels of joy ! We gathered round the bed, and bent our knees In fervent supplication to the throne Of mercy, and perfumed our prayers with sighs Sincere, and penitential tears, and looks Of self-abasement; but we sought to stay An angel on the earth, a spirit ripe For heaven; and Mercy, in her love, refused, Most merciful, as oft, when seeming least. Most gracious when she seemed the most to frown. * * * * * * * * *

She made a sign. To bring her babe, -'Twas brought, and by her

placed. She looked upon its face, that neither smiled Nor wept, nor knew who gazed upon't; and laid Her hand upon its little breast, and sought For it, with looks that seemed to penetrate Tue heavens, unutterable blessings, such As God to dying parents only granted, For infants left behind them in the world. "God keep my child !" we heard her say, and heard

No more. The angel of the covenant Was come, and faithful to his promise, stood, Prepared to walk with her through death's dark vale,

And now her eyes grew bright, and brighter still, Too bright for ours to look upon, suffused With many tears, and closed without a cloud. They set as sets a morning star, which goes Not down behind the darkened west, nor hides Obscured among the tempests of the sky, But melts away into the light of heaven. Pollock.

Selected.

WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

From "Ups and Downs" by Cousin Cicely. night before Christmas. In a large, poorly- and down the street till we both got so very furnished back room, in the second story of a house, filled with many tenants, sat a pale but handsome lady (for lady she was, though all round her told of poverty), busily in a beautiful home, and if we hung up our engaged in writing. She was carefully stockings on Christmas Eve, and had pretty copying a law paper by the light of one presents, she said we did. But when I

"Yes, dear." "Dear mamma, it is very different now. What makes the difference. ?"

The tears of the mother falling on her ittle one's cheek was the only answer to this question. It was one which the mother could not answer to her child.

Ah! what makes the difference in so many homes, once bright and cheerful ? What makes the difference in so many faces, once blooming with health and hap-

What makes the difference in so many hearts, once filled with peace and joy ? Alice was too young to suspect the truth, but she saw that her question had caused her mother's tears to flow afresh, and she

said no more. When Alice awoke in the morning, though it was scarcely light, her mother was already up and busy in the room. Alice raised her head and looked into the large bed, and there she saw her father. He was sleeping heavily, and so he con-

inued to sleep for a long time. Alice arose, and dressed herself and her little brother, as she was accustomed to do, and then their mother gave them their simple breakfast; and having left all things in order, and something ready for her husband in case he should wake and want it, she put on her hat and shawl, and taking the bundle of papers in her hand, she went

After she had gone out about half an hour, Alice heard a rustling of the bedclothes, and looking up she perceived that her father was awake.

"Alice, where is your mother ?" "She has gone to take the papers home, papa.

"What papers ?"

"Oh! I don't know, the papers she writes every night after we are all in bed." "Does she write every night, Alice?" "Yes, papa, whenever she can get any writing to do. She copies from one paper to another, and last night I watched her a great while as she wrote. Oh ! she wrote ong after twelve o'clock. Papa, what makes mamma press her hands over her eyes, and what makes the tears trickle down through her fingers ?"

"Do they so, Alice ?"

"Yes, papa; and last night when the clock struck twelve, she went to the front It was nearly midnight, and it was the window of the long hall, and she looked up cold. Who was she looking for, papa ?" No answer.

"And when I asked her if we once lived It was very strange, Alice thought, that Sometimes she would stop writing for a that question should make both her parents moment, and press her hands upon her cry-for her father was certainly sobbing The door opened and her mother came dess Renown. In his case, the blindness the tears, she would again apply herself to "See here, Alice-see here Wilile," she her task. She did not know that all this said, in her subdued, gentle voice, "I have time a pair of bright little eyes from the brought you each a nice pair of warm mit-

a visionary he, even while rising early and that the throned deity that claimed the activity and power. a visionary ne, even while fising carry and that the thomage of his knee "the likeness of a sleeping late, engaged in a pursuit demand-ing the most plodding industry, advancing kingly crown had on." He himself grows We need hardly say that such a conclusion would, in our judgment, be unreasonable and unfair. It is only marvellous that a century of step by step in the confidence of the attor-neys, and quietly, steadily 'biding his time.' Denmark" is as nothing to the dignity buding his time.' Not less is the toiling merchant filled with which lifts him above earth, and gives to a shrine and an idol adapted to the wor- his iron tread the march of a monarch a shrine and an idol adapted to the word institute of precedents and traditions in ship of his inner man. With him it is the after victory ! The greatness which is his this precedent-loving land. But the opponents idea of some fine old firm, the name of idol, and in the presence and worship of which moves markets, and thrills through which his mind has given way, hangs the nervous system of banks, with a pres- around him like the true imperial purple. tige there is no resisting. Deep in bales Haply he has passed out from the poor and ledger-figures are his hands and eyes; debtor's prison, spirit-broken and abashed no time does he seem to spare for any but to tread the floors of Bethlehem, the selfthe most mechanical details of his calling; elected ruler over countless millions of yet, all the while, there is a worship going crushing slaves. Wo to the misguided on within, loud in praise and aspiration as subject who shall dare to approach his how far they justify the charge august presence, and not lick the dust beany that ever filled a church.

There are images, too, set up in strange, neath his feet! In his rich poverty-in out-world places, which have other but his sublime, threadbare grandeur-in his worshipper. Those who follow the 'pomp and circumstance of glorious war' have "Ay, every inch a king!"

their peculiar idol. The soldier moulds it out of the clay ploughed up by his horse's old time, we each and all alike journey to- measure depended. If, however, there are hoofs on fields heaped with the dead and wards some cherished altar-ground of our reasons arising out of the present political hoofs on fields heaped with the dead and wards some continued and reground of our complications, or connected with legal and con-dying; he hews its laurel crown with his hope—some distant and visionary Salem stitutional difficulties not yet resolved, which burnished sword, as the Druids of old did of our souls. Earnest and eager, we spur stitutional difficulties not yet resolved, which made the postponement of that question imperathe sacred mistletoe with a golden sickle; onward, full of such vivid aspiration, such made the postponement of that question impera-tive, it was plainly desirable that the Convocahe drapes it with banners wrung from the devout longing, as is needful to carry us tion should complete such other work as it could powerless hand of the enemy; and at the across the desert that must intervene be- fairly undertake in its present unreformed conpowerless hand of the enemy; and at the across the description that must intervene be-close of the fight, bows down before it in tween us and the immaculate shrine of our which it had a more undoubted right to express the light of the waning watch-fires, invo-king it by the proud names of Fame and within us is the true dragon-slaver; our Acts. This is a matter in which the laity have. Glory. Patient is he, for its sake, of toil crusade is against the infidel-Despair. at all events, only a secondary interest, and on Glory. Patient is he, for its sake, of toil trusted is against the inner-Despan. In an area being in the softening medium of the height is the softening medium of the lengthy, struggling march over hostile distance, hope, and a great courage, glorious which their sentiments are, and have been, abundantly represented in Parliament. What we wanted was, by the acknowledgement ground, beset by horrible phantoms in a appears the struggle, and sanctified the end. of all, a declaration of the mind of the elergy in thousand shapes; exhaustion, thirst and Yet all our gain in the issue may prove but respect to enactments affecting their own charhunger, surprises, ambuscades, home-sick- the tomb of a lost or disappointed ambition acter and rights. A Parliamentary measure ness, pestilence and death. The sailor has -an empty and barren sepulchre. So be was understood to be in preparation, and a joint ness, pestilence and death. The sailor has a twin-deity to this. Standing at his gun, it; the pursuit is all. Still let but our cummittee of both Houses of Convocation had been appointed to consider the question at the he feels it nerve his arm, strengthening the ambition be a worthy one; and the more previous session. But, instead of allowing a dauntless metal within his hardy frame; earnest, the more self-denying, the more or, rising up before him on his lonely night- unflagging, are our endeavours to attain to debate, the Udper House sent down its resoluwatch from the crest of some monster-bil- the object of it, the wiser shall we grow, low, it grants him sweet visions of one and the better able shall we be to sustain the further time for its consideration which was nore alien flag planted by his hand in the defeat, or to use our victory as becomes instantially and reasonably asked. If the forthold Greenwich Hall. He pictures not the us. Better than an existence that stag- coming bill should meet with the decided opwrecked and maimed figure-crushed, nates without aim or design, is the stir and imbless, halt, bowed, and decrepit-above turnioil of the world's most crowded path; which those folds shall float in the welcome better the dangers of the wild-boar hunt,

ing but the waving ensign, bought with his To be a sage, a hero, or a martyr, we must best blood, and presented to his country in have an object to live for, or a cause for exchange for a little hard gold, and some which to die. equally hard salt-beef and weevilly biscuit.

And where, O ye Cynics, who flout at lory !- where, without such idols, mould-

BABYLON.

At a recent meeting of the Asiatic Soed and framed out of the best metal of the land-where were your boasted birthright ciefy, a letter was read from Colonel of liberty; your citizen-rights; your unin-vaded pastures, eloquent with the peaceful camped amid the ruins of ancient Babylon. bates have furnished. The Lower House of Convocation has not yet found, what all deliber-ative bodies need, its leaders of debate. A tallow candle; but while she diligently asked her 'what made the difference?' she sound of Sabbath-bells? Where your He had succeeded in tracing the old bed vague and rambling style of conversation of the sound of Sabbath-bells? tallow candle; but while she diligently copied every word from one paper to the other without mistake or blot, she knew ocence of the bastinado? to unknown, has also his mere mortal moreover, made out the site of the ancient settled under these forms which will preclude wall, which in extent is not far from the repeated arguments upon technicalities, and deity. He, too, like the soldier and the dimensions described by Greek writers. sailor, has a shrine for his especial worship; he, too, prostrates himself before the godof devotion is equal to its fervour. For the sake of some possible after-day's memory in the minds of his fellow-men-the graven image in his soul-he is content to take the chances of perishing by a fate which has in it little or nothing of the heroic. His cherished idea is that of giving some new piece of ground to the future geographer, to be marked, perhaps, by his own name. In this "forlorn-hope" he goes forth to die on some inhospitable shore. the cruel savage for his field-mate, and the barren, unproductive earth for his last housing-place. The renown he looked for becomes all summed up in a vague suspicion that he may have perished where no living eye, save that of the frozen bear or the scared eagle, beheld either his suffer-ing or his sacrifice. All, possibly, that cion that he may have perished where no ing or his sacrifice. All, possibly, that will ever be known of him is, that whereever he disappeared, a relic shall be found in the hands of a bewildered savage-a love token, hoarded for years, and religiously borne with him even to the desert's brink, to be at last hung round an Esquimaux's neck ! Or, it may be, a coin, useless to procure food where food was none, serving to deck some squatter in the snow : or some article of household use or custom, bearing its engraved heraldic motto; a legend conveying no meaning to the un. taught being in whose hands it lies, a curious enigma which countless ages could never solve for him in his benighted ignorance, but strangely beautiful and touching in its old plain simplicity to those forlorn ones who may one day, by some in explicombination. Numbers of oxen, reprecable chance, recover the lost relic, repeat-

this tends all his dreams of day and night; in his worship, he will tell you in excuse country as will justify its full restoration to We need hardly say that such a conclusion

> irregularity which is apt to attend any as-sembly destitute of precedents and traditions in cf Convocation have been disappointed in their expectations of a scene of wrangling and illtemper; they have not witnessed the outburst of the *odium theologium*, which they so confidently predicted; and they are the more likely to fasten upon any charges of incapacity or indecision which may serve as substitutes for the intended censures. Instead of shutting our own eyes to the materials for their inculpation, it would be wiser to look candidly at the facts, and see

We cannot deny that we had looked for some definite proceeding in reference to the reports presented more than six months ago, and since that time much canvassed by the churchmen, as out-world places, which have other but moneyless wealth—in his sad, perilous, well as by the organs of secular opinion in the but lofty aspirations—is he not a king? the reform of the constitution of the Lower House was the question which had a prior right And so, like the valiant Crusaders of to consideration, and on which all others in some

> priority to this grave and pressing subject of ions at a period of the session when full discus sion was impossible, and then refused to grant position in Parliament at the instance the great body of the clergy, the fault will be mainly due to those who have hindered its fair iscussion in the Lower House of Convocation

of reforming or re-arranging the Church Services, and extending the missionary character of the church in our large towns, it was perhaps undesirable that Convocation, as at present constituted, should enter upon a very decided plan of alteration. Yet we looked for greater decision

-a more marked earnestness of purpose-and a more practical conclusion than the recent de-bates have furnished. The Lower House of

efforts, until every part of the diocese is abund- remedied preparatory to his consecration that antly supplied with churches and parsonage-

A memorial is in course of signature at Manchester, calling upon the bishop to exert his episcopal authority and influence "to promote edience to the law and the performance of a plain christian duty in having public prayers read daily, at hours convenient for the people, in all the churches in the parish, or those of them to which his lordship may deem it proper in the first instance to limit such requirements ; and that his lordship will be further pleased to order that all churches may be left open during imes at which service is not being performed, n order that all who wish may resort thither for private prayer.'

of Sierra Leone. Dr. Vidal had spent little more than a year in his see, when the illness of his wife obliged him to return to England. Anxious to be again at his post, he quitted this country in the autumn for Africa, and we under-labor at Russellvill; a nice little church at Hopwill not easily be found.-Record.

The progress of the gospel in India must be accelerated by the public celebration of the more striking rites of the church which is now happily coming a frequent occurrence even in ren parts of India. The city of Allahabad was the spot chosen by the venerable Bishop of Calcutta or admitting, on Oct. 28, to the order of priests, the Rev. H. Sells, formerly Worsley Scholar at King's College, now missionary of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel at Cawnpore. On Nov. 11, Mr. W. H. Haycock, of the same mission, was ordained deacon at Benares. On Nov. 29, the consecration, by the Bishop of Madras, of a church and burial-ground at Secunderabad, a mission of the same society, is said to have produced a marked impression on the native population. The inhabitants of the adjacent city of Hyderabad (the greatest Mahometan city in South India) have heretofore considered the English as culpably indifferent to all religious observances.

The Bishop of Adelaide has reached his diocese, Ind received a warm welcome from the people of Adelaide. An address was presented to his the Rev. Mr. Cowgill's beat, including two Sunordship on landing, in which it was stated that | days, in ten days twelve times; he yet was called dditional congregations have been formed during the Bishop's absence, that the educational time confirmed but one person, a lady at Princeinstitutions are prospering, and that a consider-able portion of the laity are evincing increased lord's Day being very rainy, and the streets able portion of the laity are evincing increased liherality in support of the appointed ministry. The Bishop, after replying to the address, proceeded direct with his family, escorted by a large cavalcade, to the Cathedral Church All this time, except in this instance and at f the Holy Trinity. After the Litany, about of the holy frinty. After the Intary, about sixty persons partook of Holy Communion. On the following Sunday, Nov. 26, the bishop preached to a very large congregation on Phil. I. 27. During the voyage the Bishop read pray-ers every morning and evening, on board the *Albemarle*, and preached every Sunday, and oc-casionally on week-days, to the passengers casionally on week-days, to the passengers between decks.

The Very Rev. James Farrell, Dean of Adeide, is on his way to England, after fifteen years' residence in the colony

Amongst those lately ordained to the holy order of the diaconate, by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, was the Rev. W. Winlaw, formerly independent preacher at Middleton, Manchester.

The Rev. Mr. Giddinge, for ten or twelve years. succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Bechett for nearly as many years, filled a region of country not mu if any, short of 100 miles in length, by 20 or 30 n breadth, with the influence, of all that is exemplary in self-sacrificing, unwearied efforts in preaching the Gospel, advertising, recommending and extending the Church, and in elevating the educational, moral and religious standard of that wide spread community. And yet, owing main-ly to the newness of the country, the intensity of sectarian prejudice, fluctuating character of a population, moving away almost as fast as it moved in, and in some cases and neighborhoods, even faster, the Church nowhere in this region except at Henderson, in all these 24 years, has Our readers will hear with deep regret, of the grown to be self-supporting. We have indeed early—we dare not say *premature*—removal of Dr. Owen Emeric Vidal, lately appointed Bishop stand that the tidings have just been received of kinsville, with a small, intelligent and attached his death on boardship, in the outward voyage. An equally qualified man, for that arduous duty, a diminished and diminishing flock; a dilapid ated frame church at Smithland; a fine little frame edifice at Paducah, in excellent taste, with a parsonage adjoining and a prosperous parish; and another little frame church at Hickman on the Mississippi, near the Tennessee line. This last is a Farm Mission, in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Cowgill, who, in the most self-sacrificing, patient and noble manner, has been the standard

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bearer of the Church far in advance of all his neighbouring brethren in the Ministry, until you reach Memphis at the south, or St. Louis at the north, almost equally distant, and 200 miles away This is the field; these are the laborers; such

some of the fruits upon the spot; and it hardly ought to take any one by surprise, that the Bishop, after a protracted, exposing and laborious visitation of more than eight weeks travelling 700 or 800 miles, has had to record results, probably without a parallel in the experience of any Bishop of this succession, in any part of the world, that, after being out 52 days, and preaching 42 times, spending in most places an entire week, in some more, in others less, preaching upon only twice for episcopal offices, and each

All this time, except in this instance and at Hopkinsville, the Bishop officiated and preached by himself, unaided by any fellow-laborer; for, compared with the far north-west, the field is

> COLONIAL. DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Church Society's Office, Montreal, 7th March, 1853.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church lociety was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

The late Mrs. Grooby, relict of the Rev. J. The following report of the Lay Committee

which those folds shall float in the welcome than the slothful office of the swineherd. before its proposal in the Legislature. day of his far-seen triumph; he sees noth-To be a sage, a here, or a martyr, we must With regard to the more interesting questions

not what she wrote, for her thoughts were what makes the difference ?23 with other things and other scenes.

forehead and eyes, while the tears oozed now, with his face hid in the pillow; sobbing slowly through the white and delicate as if his heart would break. fingers, from which all but the weddingring had disappeared. Then wiping away in. low trundle-bed were fixed upon her face, tens for a Christmas present." or that the gentle little one, who was lying awake there, was wondering what could can play out doors without freezing our be the cause of mamma's grief.

As the old town clock, which was near, slowly tolled the hour of twelve, the lady hall, till she reached the front window, a paper. which she threw open, and leaning out she looked long and earnestly up and down the the mother, as she first raised her eyes in street, for the bright moon shining upon the thankfulness to Heaven, and then threw snow made it almost as bright as day. her arms around her husband's neck? Sometimes a footstep would be heard approaching the house, and the lady would which all cannot understand. draw in her head; but when it passed, she would again lean out and look up and down the street. At length she closed the window, and heaving a deep sigh she turned to go back to her room, when for the first hope in the strength of God, and with your time she became aware of her daughter's prayers and counsel to aid me, that I may presence.

darling, what are you doing here ?"

will take a dreadful cold ;" and taking the vation, to this wretched place where you child up in her arms, and laying her own should never have been, dearest. No more thin cheek to hers, she carried her back copying law-papers for you, Agnes. No and laid her in her little bed by the side of more coarse fare and wretched clothing for her little sleeping brother, and resuming the children. I know what I can do if I her seat at the table, she again took up am true to myself, and I know 'what makes her pen.

"Mamma, are you not coming to bed ? It is very late; I heard the clock strike pledge. Ere long the family found themtwelve.'

finish this writing before morning.' "But you get up so very early, mamma, ed, "The Temperance Pledge, my Chil-

you will have no sleep at all. Mamma, dren." where is father ?"

"I don't know, dear; you must not talk to me any more, or I cannot write."

When the paper was finished, the little Even in our own well-taught community, bright eyes were still open, and so the mechanical as its spirit is thought to be, mother came and laid herself down beside we find images set up and worshipped, inher little daughter on the low bed, and laid finitely more fantastic than any of those her cheek to hers.

"Mamma, tell me this; is it true, or have barrister passing down Chancery Lane in I only dreamed it, that we once lived in a gown and wig, smart and practical, repubeautiful house, and had pretty things, and diative of poets and artists, thinks himself you had people to work for you, and did the very essence of sober worldliness. Innot have to work so hard as you do now ?" stitute a search into the contents of his "Yes, darling, that was so."

"Is not this Christmas Eve, mamma?" there-a religion to him, should he have " Christmas day has begun sweet, and no other. This idol is an embodiment of

not we use to hang up our stockings on the highest dignity on earth. To this, at Christmas Eve, and did not you and papa every interval of occupation, does he bow put beautiful presents in them ?"

"Oh, thank you, dear mamma; now we 6ngers !"

The father had now risen, and declining his wife's offer of breakfast, but in a kind rose and left the room. And little Alice and gentle tone, he took his hat and left the crept from the bed and followed her. She house. In a few minutes he returned, and walked the whole length of the large, un- saying to his wife, "Here, Agnes, is a carpeted, unfurnished and desolate-looking Christmas present for you," he handed her

What was it that sent such a glow over

Oh, there was a magic in that paper It was a Temperance Pledge.

"Yes, Agnes, I have tried and tried, but it has been in my own strength. Now I yet regain the place I have lost in the esteem Starting, she exclaimed, "Why Alice, and confidence of my fellow-men. Ah, when little Alice asked me 'what made the "I saw you leave the room, mamma, difference?' I saw it all. The gratification and I came to see where you were going." of my own selfish appetite has brought us "But you should not do so, love ; you all step by step, through sorrow and pri-

the difference." " He was true to his word and to his selves in a comfortable home, and when "I cannot come yet, darling; I must the children asked, with wonder, "What makes the difference ?" the father answer-

IMAGE-WORSHIP.

Unlettered man is not the only idolator.

erected in joss-house or temple. Yonder busy brain, and you find an idol perched

these little eyes should be closed in sleep." the idea predominant in his mind-that of "Well, just tell me this, mamma; did the position of chancellor, to his conception down with the most abject adoration; to ideal presence. Even when most abject ability to deal with the religious interests of the to ability, to aid the society in its christian

ing its well-known inscription in memory of him who is no more-spero meliora. Perhaps the most worthless and ungodlike of all the worldly images set up by to the museum at Paris.-Chambers' Jour. man, is the idol moulded by the grasping hand of the miser. Can anything be more humiliating too poor human nature, than the sight of a shrunk and time-wrinkled visage, gazing up in adoration at a lumpish divinity in the form of a huge unwieldly

money-bag? Surely it is the very dry

swathe itself in a winding-sheet of bankpaper, or find a joy in the idea of lying action of the church should find a justification muffled in the grave amid a pile of useless gold-dust. Yet, strange as it may seem, for such an end do some men 'scorn de- closed. There is a prima facie case for them to for such an end do some men 'scorn de-lights and live laborious days,' hugging the Convocation have had for many months in their diocese in the chair, the following resolutions of a good, on the substance of which the mittees on questions of deep and immediate with thankfulness that the Diocesan Church man of ordinary reason cannot lay so much interest to the church; but they were unable to Building Society during the seven years of its as a finger! Nothing comes up to the agree on the adoption of those reports in any existence has been instrumental in procuring miser's greed in the mete force of absur-dity. The maniae's hallucinations work

down before the god of his idolatry; or rather, we should say, stands erect in its ideal presence. Even when most abject

scattered near their remains. He had, and at once present the various questions to be

substitute the real issue to be tried. Nor does the blame of these difficulties and Being obliged to suspend operations for a delays rest wholly with the members of the time, on account of the extreme heat, the Synod themselves. They may reasonably com-Colonel had set himself to translate the plain that their brethren have neglected to inscription on the slab now preserved in the India House; and finds it to be a his-the india House and finds it to be a histhe India House; and hnds it to be a his. torical narrative of the deeds of the great representatives. Diocesan Synods are (of course) King Nebuchadnezzar, so much in agree- the true correlatives to Provincial Synods, and ment with the statements left by Berosus that he is inclined to place faith in that these, it would been well that in every rural desays the elergy should have been called to much-questioned historian. The excava-tions continued at Birs, Nimroud and to inquire whether they saw reason to peti-Kouvunjik, have led to no new discovery tion, or otherwise express their sentiments in of inscriptions-nothing more than sculp. regard to them. It would have been easily been tures, and a few cylinders, the latter con- seen by the result of these Ruridecanal Chapters, firmatory of what is known respecting been also needful; and then, at last, the Bishops Esarhaddon. Sir John Bowring has sent might have summoned courage to call together home some Chinese translations of the their Chapters, or other ecclesiastical councillors Budhist books carried into China from to form a judgment on the important topics that time is to be lost, if more are required, for trouble to come together for the purpose of dethe rebels destroy all the libraries and vising means to strengthen their own camp, and books that fall in their way, except the tiched under the inverse of the within its nominal borders. If these measures few published under their own authority. had been adopted, Convocation would have had M. Marriette is pursuing his excavations a "pressure from without," which would have at Memphis, doing for that long buried ascertained with what amount of disapprobation at Mempines using for that long burled city what Layard did for Ninevah. The site was scarcely, if at all, known before he began his labors, and he has now dis-interred the famous temple of Serapis— the Serapeum so often alluded to with regrets for its destruction. He has also they are silent, they will have the credit of being found the tomb of Apis, which in extent has just begun to feel the glow of renewed cirand multiplicity of vaults, chambers, and culation in its limbs, will relapse into its old passages, is said to resemble a subterranean torpor for want of the healthy exercise which its town. The style of architecture shews the functions required. We hope for better things buildings to have been erected at the time but if such a calamity should ensue, constituents when Greek and Egyptian art came into combination. Numbers of oven representatives would assuredly divide the responsibility, and jointly incur the blame. HAMPSHIRE-At a vestry meeting held at

sentatives of Apis, have come to light, covered with inscriptions, from which important revelations are hoped. Most of the nave roof of the abbey church, at a cost of the statues and monoliths have been sent £2800. It was stated that Lord Palmerston would have been present to have advocated this reconstruction of the roof, as a parishioner, if the affairs of state had not called him to London as a cabinet minister.

> KENT .- St. Paul's Church, Chatham, was consecrated on the 11th ult. by the bishop of the diocese. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Robinson, D.D., Master of the Temple and

these who deprecate the independant synodical and of the Norman style, with apse and a stone pulpit.

> OXFORD .- At the last meeting of the friends and supporters of the Oxford Diocesan Church diocese in the chair, the following resolutions

left upwards of £10,000 to charitable purposes, ordered to be considered at the monthly meeting ncluding the Church Building Society, Clergy | in April next.

Orphan Society, Clergy Society, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, £2000 each; the Church Missionary Society, £1000; and the Church Missionary Society, £1000; and funds for the erection of a painted window to be in November last, by placing before them suffiplaced in the chancel of Swindon Church, in cient assurance of means to complete the parsonmemory of her husband.

ommencement of 1855 it is 18,750, showing an remaining to be made up. increase of 330, which is about the excess of

tical Gazette. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge held a meeting on the 6th ult. the Lord Bishop of New Zealand in the chair, when several letters from Chaplains officiating in the East was read praying for supplies of bibles and prayer books for the troops and invalids: various perty from debt. grants were ordered to be made, for Camp A letter was rec

ibraries and to various militia regiments.

Quebec, 30th Dec., 1854, said,-"It would be a great favour if the Society could send me out some more sets of Church Service Books for the poorer churches still unrovided, or imperfectly provided, in the diocese at large.

"I have distributed all the last supply; and I have also extensively circulated the Prayer Books and Tracts of the Society, partly from the grant made directly by the Committee, and partly from the gift of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel out of Mrs Negus's bounty.'

With reference to a letter from the Lord Bishop of Cape Town, dated Bishop's Court, October 1854, it was agreed that the lapsed portion (£357 6s.) of the grant, placed at the Bishop's disposal in 1847, should be restored.

At the instance of the Lord Bishop of Natal, now in England, grants for various purposes were made to the amount of upwards of £300 in addition to £250 already given to the Missionary Collegiate Institution in Natal. It was also announced at this meeting that another great object, the endowment of the Melanesian bishopric, had been happily accomplished; the whole sum of £10,000 having been subscribed, and

nearly £8,000 actually invested. It now only remained to carry on the preparatory measures, and to wait till it should please God to make the way clear for sending out a Bishop to take £3 10s. especial charge of the islands, at least 100 in

UNITED STATES.

KENTUCKY. —A correspondence of the Chris-tian Witness gives a sketch of the Missionary operations of the Church in Kentucky from the start, which we somewhat condense :--

A mission to this section of the then unexplored South West, as far as our Church is concerned, was first projected by the Rev. Benjamin Allen. of Philadelphia, as early as 1826. But neither Bishop Revenscorft, in 1828, nor Bishop Brownell, a year or eighteen months after, penetrated so far interior as the Green River Country. The first Missionary there was the Rev. Mr. Giddinge, who after laboring there alone som months, met Bishop Meade in Louisville, in May 1831, and accompanied him in the first Episcopal Tour, through that region, officiating, it is £2 10s. believed, at Elizabethtown, Bowlinggreen, Rus- mission.

year, the present Bishop of Kentucky, still only a Presbyter, accompanied by his friend, the Rev. G. M. Millan, of Danville, paid him a visit at Hopkinsville, where by this time the Rev. It. The Committee appointed by

"The mission at Hemmingford having complied with the requirements of this con

age now in the course of erection, respectfully

CLERICAL STATISTICS .- According to a calcu- recommend the Central Board to pay over to the lation founded on the Clergy List the number of Clergy in England and Wales amounted at the commencement of the year 1854 to 18,420, at the

An application from the mission at Laprairie Ordinations over deaths notified in the Ecclesias- was submitted, showing an unpaid debt due on the church property at that place of £75, and praying an aid from the Central Board of £25

towards the payment of the same. The committee recommend the Board to grant their request so soon as the inhabitants shall have raised the sum of £50 required to free the pro-

A letter was received from the rev. missionary, at St. Hyacinthe praying aid towards the erec-The Lord Bishop of Quebec, in a letter dated tion of a building to serve at present both as a bitants shall be able to build a suitable church The lay committee recommend a grant of £12 10s.

J. McCord, Chairman L. C. EDWARD J. ROGERS, Secretary.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Society met on the 14th of February. Present-The Lord Bishop, the Revs. D. E. Blake, R. Mitchele, S. Lett, H. Mortimer, R. Denison and H. Rowsell, Esqs.

The Rev. Dr. Lett acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

After the usual prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read. The balance sheet and particulars of the various accounts were read and laid on the table.

The following donations were received during the past month :---Sir J. B. Robinson, £12 10s. L. R. Marsh, Esq., £10, to be divided between the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Mission Fund; a dividend of 31 per cent. on Bank U. C. stock, 129 shares, total £56 8s. 9d., had been received and placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund; also, a bonus on same, amounting to £189 15s.; interest on Grand Trunk debentures, for same account, £18 9s. 10d.; and dividend on Commercial Bank stock,

Invested on the Widows and Orphans' account number, which still remain unconverted in the during the past month, in purchase of seventeen shares, say £212 10s., Bank of Upper Canada stock, at par, and in purchase of two shares, say £50, Commercial Bank stock.

The Society approved of the following investment on account of the Widows and Örphans' Fund, on the recommendation of the Finance and Standing Committees :--- two Middlesex county debentures, one for £250, the other for £500, having nineteen years to run, at the rate of £77 10s. per £100, or £581 5s. for the £750-the legality of the by-law under which said debentures were issued having been ascertained.

On the recommendation of the Standing Com-mittee, the Society agreed to pay £12 10e. per annum to the Rev. R. Flood, for the payment of an interpreter for the Muncey Mission, the engagement to date from the 1st July, 1854.

On the application of the Rev. J. Carroll, a grant of books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s. was ordered, for distribution in his

G. M. Millan, of Danville, paid him a visit at Hopkinsville, where by this time the Rev. Mr. Giddinge had a flourishing female school, and where the Convention of the Diocese was held had on the table; as also a letter from Captain the next May, when the imperfections of the vote Rubidge : those documents having been refor Bishop at the previous Convention were ceived subsequent to the meeting of the Stand-

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skeleton of ambition that can seek to following on the late Session of Convocation :--

urnished idol, pursuing the mystic shadow possession valuable reports from their com- were passed :--1. "That this meeting learns lity. The maniac's hallucinations weigh contained in them. It may be remarked, too, 2. That this meeting deeply regrets to learn that light in the balance. There is something, by hostile critics, that much discussion took the funds of the society are at present exhausted, though frightful, almost sublime in the place on matters of form, that indications ap-fervour with which the poor lunatic bows peared of conflicting rights and undefined the diocese, and a large number of existing