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How to reach the Masses. A Failure.—The Archdeacon of Sheffield, Eng. has the following remarks in regard to workingmen in evangelistic movements. "A few years ago a mission hall capable, of holding 700 or 800, was erected in the most thickly populated pavt of a certain parish. A clergyman was appointed to take charge of it and conduct the services. He was also to visit in the district around the building, with a view of inducing people who attended no place of worship to avail themselves of the services established at their very doors. He was a young man of talent and energy, and had the assistance of a Bible woman and a number of district visitors, who worked with diligence and zeal, and visited from house to house. He had a bright and cheerful service, and his sermons were of a popular character. He succeeded in gathering around him a of attending church, or who could have been persuated to do so; but the class of people for whose benefit the services had been established, were not to be seen there. From time to time special

ure in the effort to draw working people by the which represents rather the narrow bigotry and in-

8 to 10 a.m. every Sunday in the same building. A considerable number volunteered their services. They undertook to try and influence their neighbours and friends. A large choir was formed of those who were musical," (we beg to note that this narrative is compiled by an out and out evangelical), "and it was arranged that certain members should assist in giving addresses and in other ways. The men became greatly interested in the work, a system of visitation was organized, and in a short time the room began to fill with the right class of people. This has continued now for many months with unabated success, so that on Sunday evenings working men, (many of whom had not been for years in a place of worship), are seen with their wives and families crowding into the hall. Fourteen of the men were presented last March to the Archbishop for confirmation, and they have ever since been constant attendants at the Holy Communion in the Parish Church." Dr. Blakeney adds "I do not advocate the indiscriminate employ ment of working men in evangelistic work; but I do say that wherever a man be found with natural gifts, and his hea t influenced by God's Holy Spirit, there is an agent which the church would do well to enlist in her service." The above is valuable testimony. But it is not as Dr. B. imagines a novelty, far from it. The same course was pursued by Canon Body at Wednesbury, and Sedgley, when he was curate there, about twenty years ago, but party prejudices prevented men like Dr. Blakeney from taking for an example, a worker who did not belong to their school. That sort of folly is almost dead!

CHURCH EDUCATIONAL WORK.—A paper in the Churchman Magazine deals with "The response of the Church of England to the wants of Modern Times." The notice therein of educational work is worth attention. It must be understood that the and if there be any form of Christian profession, or State or Board Schools, are being pushed on the of good words professing to be Christian, in which people, and the Church Schools is heavily handicapped by their competition. "In spite of all the far a bastard profession and an inadequate form. difficulties which surround this question, the This characteristic is made even more prominent Church has striven boldly to hold her own, and to by our blessed Lord than by St. James; for the preserve our national life from the hurtful and apostle adds another test of a true Christian—that corrupting influence of a mere secular and godless of keeping himself unspotted from the world; while education. The accommodation in Church Schools our Lord, in the solemn verdict of the great day of rose from 2,885,874 in 1882 to 2,414,676 in 1888, with a proportionate increase in attendance. The tion: "I was an hungered and ye gave me no Church educated half as many again as the Board schools, and contributed voluntarily during the year, \$2,900,000 towards Church schools, besides large sums for new buildings and improvements. During the year 1882 the church spent \$4,613,000 upon elementary education. Looking at the aggressive character of the Board School system, a solemn claim is laid upon the conscience of the church, to leave no stone unturned to secure for children an education founded on the laws of God which we must ever regard as the only safeguard for national liberty, prosperity and honour.

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usual services. Let us now see how success was tolerance, to which he was opposed, than the broad Catholic ideas he held until death. It is not to be forgotten that Wycliffe was assisting in the cele-Working men Evangelists. A success.—In the bration of Mass, when stricken with paralysis. mission room alluded to in the preceding paragraph Manifestly he was a sacerdotalist, sacramentarian, it was thought advisable, about a year and a half and who knows what dreadful thing else! At any ago, to secure the assistance of some working men rate he was no sectarian. Wycliffe never tried to who were members of a Bible class, which numbers found a sect, he never organized a clique to anaabout two hundred and fifty, and which meets from thematize and slander his brethren, he did not dishonour learning by honouring illiteracy, nor did he dishonour Christ by teaching that His Sacraments are mere forms and ceremonies. The whole soul and brain of Wycliffe would have flashed up with the fiery indignation of a Christian, had his name been in any way associated with a godless system of education. We hope the orators of the proposed celebration will remember that Wycliffe was in life and death, a Priest of the English Church, before the Reformation.

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DEATH OF ARCHDEACON NELLES OF BRANT.

N our previous issue we recorded the death of the Bishop of Niagara, whose remains were not laid in the grave, before another Veteran Soldier of the Cross was called away. On Saturday the 20th Dec., the Venerable Archdeacon Nelles, His end was like of Brantford, entered into rest. his life, very peaceful, perfectly resigned, quietly happy, and mercifully free from any suffering. Abraham Nelles was born at Grimsby in 1805, of good United Empire Loyalists stock, a member of a large family that has played no inconsiderable part in the settlement of Western Canada; there are few, if any, towns or cities in this part of Canada without one or more members of this numerous family connection occupying positions of trust and responsibility. The subject of our notice was the son of Robert Nelles, a Colonel of Militia, and a member of Parliament. He, the late Bishop Fuller, and many other Canadians, who have done noble service for religion and country, were educated under Dr. Strachan, afterwards the first Bishop of Toronto, ordained deacon and priest by Bishop Stewart, then the only Anglican Bishop this side of Nova Scotia. At the age of twenty three Mr. Nelles was put in charge of the Six Nation Indians, and for fifty-six years continued an uninterupted ministry to the same people.

Through his exertions, Tuscarora Church and Parsonage were erected, and later on the substantial and handsome brick church and Rectory house at Kenyeageh on the Reservation. The Mohawk Institution near the City of Brantford for the education of Indian children, was built under his ministry. Without disparagement to any other, this Indian School is regarded, by those competent to judge, the most successful work of the kind in Ontario. It is now, and has been for years, under the charge of Mr. Robert Ashton, an earnest and painstaking layman. The fruits of Mr. Nelles mission work among the Indians can only be justly estimated by those who can compare the condition of the Indian in his rude wild state, with what he actually is under the influence of civilization, Schools and missionaries. That Mr. Nelles' teaching and example have borne good fruit in the lives of many christian Indians, none but the most prejudiced will deny; that he retained, to the last, the cenfidence and effection of these naturally suspicious and phlegmatic people is well known, and one venerable friend never lost his faith in this missionary work, maintaining that faithful service would tell, in good results among the Indians in equal proportions to the whites. Those who knew him felt that God had called him to this work, so peculiarly adapted was he, so unostentatiously true, so kindly and gentle, forebearing and patient, his religion evidencing itself, not so much in words as in the tone and atmosphere of his life, believed his religion, hence he won and retained the confidence and affection of his peculiar people. Churchmanship was marked by unsweriving fidelity to the teaching of his Church as embodied in the Book of Common Prayer, he would neither add to, take from, nor water down its doctrine, yet always showing the largest toleration and good will to all who differed from that teaching. He was a fair representative of the Churchmanship handed down as a goodly heritage to the Canadian Church by Bishops Stewart, Strachan, and Bethune; that he enjoyed the confidence and respect of his own successive diocesans, is evident from the fact of his

cease to revere its worthy host.

three such pastorates would carry the Apostolic ter than ignorance of any cause. chain back to our Lord.

The late Archdeacon was twice married, first in 831 to Hannah Macklem, by whom he had two children, now deceased. Secondly to Sarah Macklem, in 1866, who survived him with two children, Juania and Huron.

The present Mrs. Nelles is a cousin to the first and both natives of Chippawa. During the last two weeks, the Rev. Albert Anthony, a Deleware Chief, brought up by the Archdeacon, ministered to him, with loving care, night and day. days before the end, on two different occasions, he summoned his friends, as many as the room would hold, to receive with him the Holy Sacrament.

The funeral took place on the 28rd, first to Grace Church, the Bishop of Huron, Rev. Mr. Young, and Mackenzie, meeting the body at the door, the latter reading the Sentences, Mr. Young, the Psalms, the Bishop, the lesson, also making an appropriate address. Mr. Mackenz e said the prayers, and then to the sclemn strains of the Nunc Dimitis, and the Dead March, the procession reformed, and proceeded to the old Mohawk Church, the oldest Anglican Church in Upper Canada, the scene of the Archdeacon's labours for over half a century, here the Indians were the pallbearers, and the boys with crape badges lined the walk on either side, to the church door. Bishop, and Rev. Mr. Caswell of Kenyeach, conducting a short service. The soft sweet singing of the Indian children, and then the Bishop's suitable address to the pupils, respecting their old and loved pastor, was touching in the extreme, casket was then opened, to allow the Indians to take a last look upon the face of their Reverend dead, habited in his priestly robes, with hands folded on his breast, the venerable man of God was gazed upon with sorrowing faces and weeping eyes. And then came the final "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." And a new made mound in the Mohawk Churchyard, marks the resting place of all that is mortal of the beloved and respected Archdeacon Nelles.

The Rev. Dr. Reed, of Grimsby, as an old friend was asked to preach the funeral sermon on Sunday last, in Grace Church, but a previous engagement compelled him reluctantly to decline.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

causes without a reasonable sequence being traced on account of our surpliced Choirs, is to make a between them. No mental process is so simple as connection between cause and effect as ludicrous in that by which the mind connects an effect with its utter inadequacy, as irrational in its irrelevance, some preceding cause. This process is instinc- as illogical in its inconsequence, as for the savage tive, it is seen at work in the earliest infancy, it is to attribute an eclipse of the sun to the anger of a form of reasoning shown by the lowest forms of Medicine man. The ablest pervert to Rome, on animal life. But while even a house fly is able to this continent, recently wrote to us. saying: "I connect an effect with some cause, the tracing out never saw a surpliced choir in an English Church of effects to just or adequate causes is the highest in my life, the services I attended from childhood effort of human intelligence. The fundamental were extreme "Low Church," as you call them. distinction between an educated mind and one un- that is, no music except a melancholy, Calvinstic

appointment, in due course, as Rural Dean, Canon, readiness to connect certain effects with certain and Archdeacon. And no less did he possess the supposed causes, without strict examination to test good will of his clerical brethren, for in no single whether any such connection exists. Every popuinstance did they fail to elect him on the standing lar superstition affords an illustration of the miscommittee of the diocese, and the delegation to chievous effect of too suddenly, too aribitrarily Provincial Synod. Who that enjoyed the kindly finding a cause to account for an effect. The hospitality of the Mohawk Parsonage could ever mind dislikes a vacuum, hence this habit of thoughtlessly filling up the gap between an effect His pastorate extended over fifty-six years, thirty- we see, and some cause, which at least seems bet.

> A typical instance of this unreasoning action of the mind, is afforded by the action of persons who have abandoued the Church of England to j in the Church of Rome. Very few such strayed sheep have given us a statement of their reasons for leaving the fold. The most celebrated one, Dr. Newman's apology, has been studied by us again recently to test our judgment of this work when it was issued. We then condemned the effort to be as we now judge it, inadequate, illogical, or rather non-logical, and in parts childish in its prattle about trifles of a mere personal nature. Newman tells us what disturbed his mind as an English Churchman. He does not explain why rest was only to be found in the Papal system. We can understand a man like a cowardly sailor deserting the open waters of eccletiastical strife, but why even a coward should anchor his bark in the Dead Sea of Popery is a mystery. Newman, judging by his apology, seems to have got into an analogous state of unrest to that which found utterance in he pathetic cry: "Anywhere, anywhere out of he world." To him, Rome was a refuge from despair, just as to "one more unfortunate," the river was a refuge from misery. So far not a single work has been published by one converted to Romanism capable of being used by Romanista to undermine the confidence of any intelligent member of the Church of England. To compare such ephemeral literature with the magnificent apologies and defensive works of our divines, works directly assailing the peculiar claims and doctrines of the Roman Church, is as though we likened the popguns of children to the tremendous artillery artificered by modern science! But in all these pologies put forth by perverts to Rome, there is no foundation found for the notion that men have left the Church of England to join that of Rome because, as some assert, they found our orderly musical service, with surpliced choirs, to work like a greased slide which shot them down the incline to Popery. The supposed connection between surpliced choir as a cause, and accepting the claims and teaching of Rome as its effect, has no trace in the statements of Roman converts or perverts.

Persons with brains equal to the effort of distinguishing between one Church and another, would very justly regard it as an unprovoked insult to charge them with leaving the English Church to join the Roman for anything less than a deep con-HERE is no more fruitful source of error viction, founded upon reading, study, and instructhan the habit of attributing effects to tion. To make such people rush from us to Rome trained, is exhibited by the latter in its illogical hymn or two, and everything in Church as dreary

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as possible." It is notorious that since the Churches in England have developed a richer order of service, with surpliced choirs, that the bleeding process, which came from a low state of the system, has been almost wholly stopped. When services generally were dull and surpliced choirs few, the secessions to Rome began and went on freely; when services were raised in dignity, in beauty, in appropriateness, when surpliced choirs became general secessions to Rome gradually lessened and ceased. It is now demonstrable, it is an admitted historic fact, that the order of divine service symbolised, as some think, by a surpliced choir, has proved in our days a more effectual barrier to Rome, than all the anti-Papal tracts or sermons

ever sent out or preached. That an order of divine service which edifies delights, and richly blesses the souls of God's most spiritual saints, tends to create in them a belief in the claims of Rome, to be the only true Church, is irrational. To a sane mind there is no conceivable connection as cause and effect between these things. A connection is said to exist between certain party agitators for their selfish purposes, who thus show how contemptously they regard the reasoning powers of their victims. The "poor Papist" who places his conscience in the keeping of a priest is not more pitiable than the " poor Protestant" who throws aside his God given freedom of thought to place his brains in the keeping of a party clique. That surpliced choir services are capable of being the cause of the acceptance of the claims of Rome, is not only contrary to ence, but is absolutely opposed to and irreconcilcable with the laws operative over the mind.

THE NEED OF A WIDER USE OF THE DIACONATE AND OF LAY HELP IN THE CHURCH.

By the Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D. D., Rector in charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Out. (Paper on the Disconste.)

ed; but discussed it still must be till it comes to take a practical shape amongst us. This at the present day it certainly does not take. It may be said without fear of contradiction that very few of our people have any distinct idea of what a deacon s. They know what a bishop is, and they know what a clergyman is. The bishop stands out plainly and distinctly before the face of the whole Church as a superior officer. He is known by his very dress and distinctive robes. The powers vested in him by his office give him a superior position, which all loyal Churchmen, clerical or lay, are glad to recognize. The difference between a bishop and a clergyman who is not a bishop is a fact in itself plain to be seen.

But there is not that same distinction between a priest and a deacon. Indeed, it may be said, there is little if any distinction between them. A deacon, it is true, does not usually pronounce the absolution or the benediction, nor does he alone administer the Holy Communion. Yet this is not sufficient. He loes not stand out before us all in that distinctive order which it was intended he should. He is simply with us a clergyman somewhat curtailed in powers till he can go through the second necessary step in ordination. It is this which seems to the eyes of many in the Church defect in practice which it would be well to hav remedied as speedily as possible.

The more one studies the Prayer Book the m

were right, and the practices of the day when in conflict with it, are wrong. In the preface to the ordinal there occur these often quoted words:--

"It is evident unto all men diligently realing the holy scripture and ancient authors, that from the apostles' time there have been these orders of ministers in Christ's Church, bishops, priests and

And in the 1st Rubric of "The Form and Manner of Making of Deacons," it is directed that at each ordination "There shall be a sermon or exhortation declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted deacons; how necessary that order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their office."

It would seem that the necessity of such an order (as a distinctive order) is not felt in the Church and therefore those who preach sermons at the ordering of deacons must have a way, peculiar to many, of evading rubrics. But, by following closely the ordination service itself, the mind of the Church, as evident to those who compiled the service, is clearly seen. The portion of Scripture selected for the epistle contains the words, "They who use the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, (or as it is in the Revised Version gain to themselves a good standing ') and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Instead of the epistle the passage from the 6th chapter of the Acts of the Apostle, relating to the ordination of St. Stephen and others, may be read. And this passage is important as bearing upon the not mentioned in connection with the seven men ordained, it has always been regarded as an instance of it, and that the compilers of our own Prayer Book so regarded it, is evident from the mere fact of their having inserted the passage as an alternative for the epistle in the ordination of deacons. These men were ordained for a subordinate purpose. They were to attend to the wants of the poor. The apostles came to the conclusion that their time should not be taken up in attending to matters of that kind. More urgent demands were made upon their time in connection with the "ministry of the words." Sub rdinate officers could attend to the temporal wants of the widows an economy of forces in the Church it would produce! and the poor.

writer makes this record :-

"The word of God increased; and the number and a great company of the priests were obelient the priest in charge free to perform the higher duties to the faith."

It may well be believed that a judicious use of the diaconate proper, (i. e. a subordinate order of men under the guidauce of the priesthood) would give a similar impetus to the work of the Church at the present day. But what many of us regard as an objectionable feature of the present day, is that this primitive idea of the diaconate has been almost lost with us. When a man is ordained a deacon with us, he at once looks for the position which ought by rights to belong to priests only. He at once looks for a sole charge. He must talk about "his parish"; he must be considered in every way a clergyman; he must have his own Church, and manage everything his own way. Nor is he to be blamed for this. No unkindness towards him is intended. Custom has taught him unhappily, that a diaconate is a matter of form which he must endure for a year with full permission, in the meantime, to proceed with his work exactly as if he was a priest. Occasionally he can exchange with some priest, in order that "his people" may receive the Holy Communion,

Now this is all contrary to the original idea of the deacon. To say nothing of primitive practice, it is contray to the idea that the Prayer Book bids us hold the words bishops and priests (or presbyters), leaving regarding him, for, to quote again from our Ordination the deacons out. Service, the bishop is directed to address the candidates for the dioconate as follows:—

"It appertaineth to the office of a deacon in the Church where he shall be appointed to serve, to assist engaged in secular pursuits, they would not expect to the priest in Divine Service, and specially when he ministereth the Holy Communion, and to help him in clergy, and in the case of deacons who are preparing the distribution thereof, and to read Holy Scriptures for the priesthood, the deprivation would be only for and Homilies in the Church; and to instruct the youth a short time and usually when they are young and

one becomes convinced that the compilers of it by the bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the parish, to intimate their estates, names and places where they dwell, unto the curate, that by his exhortation they may be relieved with the alms of the parishioners, or others."

It will be noticed that all these duties place the deacon in a position entirely subordinate to a superior officer over him, viz.: the "priest" or "curate," i. e. the rector or incumbent of the parish.

How very much the need of such an officer is felt! In the matter of assisting in the Holy Communion alone what a boon such an officer would be in a congregation where there is a large number of communicants! Instead of securing, often at a great expense, what is called a "curate" or assistant minister, it would be found all that it is necessary to have some good pious man belonging to the congregation ordained a deacon, that he might render the required assistance. In him there would be an officer resident in the parish, to baptize children, visit the sick and perform other necessary duties in the absence from

home or illness of the incumbent. Is there not too small a regard paid at the present day to the ability and qualifications of men who are put in sole charge of parishes? Take the question of preaching alone. It is enjoined in the Ordination Service that deacons shall preach only "if admitted thereto by the bishop." Would it not be well for our bishops to retain this wise power of discretion thus put in their hands, and require their deacons to preach one under their special permission? In this way the abilities peculiar to each man would be arrived at to the great advantage of the Church. All men are not adapted for preaching, and it is laying upon them a neavy responsibility, and almost an irksome duty, to be obliged incessantly to preach. Other men love preaching. They do it well. They are adapted for office of a deacon, for although the diaconate is it by nature. Surely it is a mistake not to utilize the peculiar abilities that different men may have, so as to have work done in the ministry which is genial to all, and then it will be done well. As well might one expect every lawyer to be a successful pleader at the bar as to expect every clergyman to be effective in his preaching. Men have different gifts. So was it m apostolic days. "God gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers for the work of the ministry" (Ephes. 17, 11, 12), and it is unkind and unwise to expect any one man to perform all these offices in himself.

The priest in charge of a parish should be if possitle an able preacher, but he should have under him his deacons to assist him in all other departments of Church work. What time this would save! What

The advantage of this system would be very evident It is significant that immediately after the appoint in town and city congregations. And in raral parishes ment of tuese supordinate officers, the sacred especially those which we call missions, it would be much better surely to have one good able priest in coarge of two or three of them grouped together, with This is a question which has often been discuss- of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, services and attend to subordinate matters, leaving of the Church. How many hard working missionaries, plodding along alone, performing all kinds of duties which really do not pertain to their own high office, have cried out, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables." In most of our dioceses there are priests enough; but we should have a whole army of assistants in our deacons. These might be men who never intend to seek higher orders in the Church. As already wisely provided by the enactment of our Provincial Synod, such men are

being admitted, though slowly, to work in the Church.
Some practical difficulties, however, in connection with this matter will soon have to be met. For usta ice, are these deacons ordained under the Canon of Provincial Synod,—these, as we may call them, perpetual deacons,"—to be considered clergymen? It so will not their widows share the privileges of the Widows and Orphans Fund;? No doubt this consideration deters bishops from ordaining as many such deacons as they otherwise would. In view of this matter the Diocesan Canons should be more carefully worded. The term "widows and orphans of the *Clergy*" is too vague. The expression "Protestant clergymen" once cost the Church of England in this country the clergy reserves, and now that we are beginning to make some distinction between priests and deacons, we should carefully guard the wordings of our Canons. Instead of clergymen we should use

Nor would this be any great hardship. In the case of the perpetual deacons (as for the sakelof distinction we may call them,) since they are supposed to be men share the privileges of what we may call the regular n the catechism; in the absence of the Priest to bap unmarried men. It might be beneficial to give such ize infants, and to preach, if he be admitted thereto some gentle hint of the sort to remain unmarried till

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that they shall consist of the bishop, priests and effects of our own inexperience? deacons, and lay delegates, within the boundaries of the dioceses. This in point of law admits all deacons to equal rights with the priests, and if the idea of the For one thing we would then be dealing with realities. perpetual disconate is to be pressed, as the Canon of And laymen like realities. They would support what the Provincial Synod allows it to be pressed, a diocese, the prayer book itself so clearly provides for. would soon find itself in the position of having in its deliberative body more deacons than priests! A by an overcrowding of deacons.

The necessary change, however, it is suggested, would not be difficult to make. The Act of Incorporation for each Diocese might be made to read that the Synod shall consist of hishops and priests, and

the very men who would be chosen to represent the doubt that they will "esteem them in their office." parish as laymen. They would still have this privilege and would vote of course as laymen. It would be optional with the parishioners to send them or not. If they had confidence in them that they would further their interests in the Synod, they would elect them; if not, they would elect others at their plea-sure, and the parish, with its incumbent and lay re-presentatives, would be members of the synod as they are now,—the great point, however, being that in accepting the position of a deacon, men would not deprive themselves of every chance of being members of Synod. Their chance for that would be left just as it was before their ordination. In the case of those who are anticipating the priesthood, the deprivation would only be slight, as men in that position are usually but a short time in the diaconate. It might be a pleasing point of ambition for them to look forward to:

1st. To be participants in the privileges of commutation and Widows' and Orphans' Funds. 2nd. To be full members of Synod.

some bishop to give it force and power. It is becoming a necessity if we are to maintain the character that every Church of England clergyman should have of being a scholar and a gentleman. Many who are now being admitted to the priesthood, how-ever excellent in character, are seriously deficient in education. It may indeed be said of them that they have "little Latin and less Greek." Some one noted for piety and zeal will study under the direction of a parish clergyman, and can soon get a sufficient smattering of Kip's Double Witness, Proctor on the Book of Common Prayer, and a few other such books, to pass some good natured examining chaplain. For the diaconate that is all right, the qualifications for that, in point of scholarship, need not be very high; but for the priesthood they should be high. Its doors should be care fully guarded, and the more local help we have in deacons the more carefully can we guard the doors of the priesthood. Nothing can be more melancholy than admitting men to the priesthood who have never seen the walls of a theological college. It is a rash and dangerous act which will soon recoil upon the Church. Let us have but few priests if we can't get good ones; but let us utilize the diaconate to strengthen the hands and assist the work of those we

Church and of our Prayer Book, and it is vain for us to boast of having the three primitive orders of the Church, when practically we carry on our work with two orders only. It seems to be so everywhere. It is so in England: it is so in the United States. Dr. Hall, an eminent American clergyman, well says:-

only somehow get at the three orders, which we have not done yet in this American Church. The descon

at least they are priested. Much the same reasoning of a great wrong in sending young men to take charge may also be employed, regarding the commutation of parishes before they have had one scrap of experfund Their time might begin to count from the date ience in practical parish work? Is it a kindness to them? Is it just to the parishes? Is it right before Another difficulty arises from the position that God? How many country missions have been nearly deacons are to take in our Synods. The Act of Incordiff not quite ruined in this way? How many of us poration for most if not all of our Diocesan Synods is older clergy can look back wih a sigh at the evil

In many ways would the proper use of the third order of the ministry be an advantage to the Church.

A loud call is sometimes made to preach Church principles. Better to preach Christ and practise the change then in the wording of acts of incorporation Church principles. Let them make their way, as becomes necessary, for it is never contemplated, of make their way they certainly will. Nothing can course, that the second order of the ministry should hold them back; our Prayer Book itself preaches be outvoted at any time by the third, or that indeed Christ from the beginning. It is based upon his their vote should be in any way materially influenced whole life and teaching. It will make its own way if we are only true to it.

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the Synod itself may determine.

What this "form and manner" as applied to clergyman and half laymen, the people would not deacons should be, can be here of course only a matter respect him. But it is not likely that this would be of suggestion; but would it not be well to enact as the case. Our people are not unreasonable. Let to regards the representation of deacons in the Synod, that they may be eligible for election as lay delegates? That is to say that as each parish elects three lay representatives, one or more of these might be deacons resident in the parish. And this would not create the confusion or hardship proper would be to the Church, in short let them see that might at first be supposed. In the case of per-petual descons, they would probably be in many cases descons as they should be, and there will be little

> THE OBJECT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER."

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Paper read at meeting of Toronto Church Sundag

School Association, Dec. 28th, 1884. 1. Should I be asked to state, in a sentence, the rimary object of the devout Sunday School teach er, unhesitatingly I would affirm that object to be developing of the spiritual welfare of the scholar by the most thoughtful and approved methods. As a As already stated, suggestions can be made here.

There is no time, in a simple paper, for discussion; but notwithstanding all the difficulties, a local disconate, in the opinion of the writer of this paper, would be a and on Church lines. The duty of Infant and Churchman, I would expand the sentence with the by diligent inculcation of the Church's principles "The wife goes to hear 'Father,' or 'Rev. Mr. So Junior class teachers seems to me to be to lay the foundation of early faith, to help the mother (if she be such as Eunice), and grandmother (if such as Lois), in their home work to win the baby-heart to Christ, and to teach the baby lips to sing "Hosannas," to impress the soft yielding mould with the indelible impress of truth, to nourish with the warm fresh milk of the word fitted for babes. But the teacher of the upper classen must administer meat. 'Jesus increased in wisdom and statue,' and children whose [bodies are growing have, we may assume, ever-growing capacities for the devel opement of knowledge. Every school, whether religious or secular, must, and does proceed upon this recognized principle, if it hopes to be successful in the object designed for it. The upper class teacher must now assume the responsibility of being a wise master-builder for God. He mus best worship, and from which they derive most rise to the nobte conception that our Church is for benefit, providing its teaching be not heterodox. Such was evidently the design of the Primitive duty of "rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. ii., [15), and excluding all narrowness of teaching, and extravagant stress upon some us, not only faithfully to hold our own, but also to important truths at the expense of others. He endeavour to influence others, and to subject them must act on the belief of a wider scope, and more to the same beneficial instruction. I conclude The ministry is best in three orders, if we could splendid possibilities for the Church, than can ever this division of the theme, with the warning words be the hope of sects. Here then is the Church. selves, that we lose not those things which we have is yet only a dream with us."

Are we not guilty children, whom the Lord hath given me," (Isaiah S. John 8. and here her children. She speaks, "I and the wrought, but that we receive a full reward." (2

viii. 18), and while the world standeth the permission Gen. i. 28, is graciously continued. The duty of the Church to her children must ever be a vital question—what spiritual meat shall she distribute for their wants, that they may be, at all times, fed with food convenient for them,' and so that they may be edified 'and grow in grace.'

Acting upon the thought, 'rightly dividing the word of truth,' must supply a corrective of what is far too common, and which has already been hinted at, a constant teaching of one truth or one aspect of a truth, neglecting all else. This is surely an unreasonable divorce of truth from truth, violating the exquisite harmony of the whole truth, or presenting only a mutilated, or, at the best, a half gospel, and such is our human faith, that the constant repetition of a truth however important, tends to vulgarize it in the human mind.

The careful, wisely regulated teaching of our Church, if properly dispensed, affords a security to the teacher, a guarantee of priceless wealth to the scholar, and a safeguard against the evils alluded

But, again, why do we lay stress upon this distinctive teaching? Because, believing it honestly to be the most scriptural, we believe it possesses true retaining power within itself. Let me explain, there is an age, we have seen when scholars are neither boys and girls, men nor women; but are passing through their intermediate state, which leads to manhood and womanhood, their religious views, in common with other niews, are likely to undergo a change during this critical period of life. Experience proves that those who make shipwreck of faith at this time, are they whose teaching has not been distinctive and definite, and therefore strong. Trace the history of a case such as we of the clergy are constantly coming across. Our promising Sunday-school scholar—a boy of our higher classes, attached to his teacher by the tie of friendship, but whose teacher has not indoctrinated him in the teaching of the Church of which he, (the teacher), is a communicant,—in the due course of events, meets what to him, at least, appears the "sublimest, fairest of her sex,"—a Romanist, a Methodist, Baptist, or some other 'ist.' Naturally he 'shadows her,'—they are wed—Result—He goes to Church with her, or nowhere at all. You visit them, 'X,' you say, 'I have not observed you in Church for some time.' 'Well, you see, 'he replies,' and So.' so I go with her," and he will add, 'I go accustomed to that Church during the period of courtship,' a short time truly compared with the years of bachelor life! You speak to the wife, she replies, 'I like X. to attend my church,' and she shows not the least inclination to yield to your suggestion, 'that perhaps it would be the wife's duty to go with her husband.' No, you will not gain the one, and you have lost the other; trace it back is it notdue, you will say, to the defective, insufficient teaching of the earnest, yet unchurchly instructor. If the scholar is won to Rome, or becomes indifferent, we are grieved and shocked, if won to any of the Sects, we are sorry for our loss: we are, for we know that possibly a family and descendants will all go that way, and we need not depend on them for support present or future—all this the result of defective church teaching. Do not misunderstand, I do not regard as sin (God forbid) the attendance at the churches of the denominations. Nay! I am not sure but that we should bid people attend that church in which they affirm they can all. He must aim at the lofty and solemn But then, if we believe that our own beloved Church is the most scriptural, and most like in teaching and constitution that of Apostolic and primitive days, a very solemn duty devolves upon

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must be a consistent communicant. and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, be no difference in dealing, or management: and in himself, as a soldier of the cross, in the selemn core except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye stinctively the discipline of the one will pervade and abide in me, for without me ye can do nothing." Fellow teachers! no one can speak to another with Sunday school will be thus conducted. School rooms the hope of touching and affecting him on a theme of which he knows little or nothing. If a man has not known the life of Christ, he cannot impart to others together, (except for a Church service or general oca knowledge of it. If he has not spiritually fed on casion,) the exception, not the rule. Programme as Christ, he cannot speak to others of the sweets of follows:—Whole school assembled in the church, that communion. "Unless ye eat the flesh of the open with singing, led by instructor, and short ser-Son of man and drink his blood, we have no life in vice, by clergyman or superintendent, as at present. you." I have not one particle of faith in that teacher or his work who does not possess this as a primary qualification. With it, and without other qualifications, in a measure, success is sure. out it, yet possessing all others, blankest failure must be the inevitable result. Scholars soon learn, when the weekday life contradicts the Sunday life. soon detect the garb of Sunday religion, and lose the most common respect for their teacher. Nay! a teacher must supply the objective knowledge that he has been with Jesus, that he is taught of God, that he is discipled by Christ's Holy Spirit guiding him into all truth.

Next, we must have more thorough knowledge on the part of teachers, of what we may call the human side of the instruction they are intended to impart. Many examples of the ignorance of teachers classes alike, or one form for upper, and simpler for come under our notice from time to time. Things lower classes, according to discretion, and classes disasserted as facts, to be swallowed as Gospel truths, and which even often the most childish mind rejects. No children in the district school are subjected to the ignorance of incompetent teachers. As far as possible by courses of training, passing through examinations written and viva voce, a sort of guarantee is afforded to every parent and guardian of the training of their youth. Why should it not be distinctly and generally understood that Sunday school teachers should not be inferior to those teaching secular branches in the knowledge of the subject entrusted to them? It is important truly, all concede, to have well equipped teachers for these branches, but, if so, how vastly more important is it, to be thoroughly confident in your Biblical teacher, who has the vastly more momentous instruction to convey? 'Kuowledge shall vanish away,' but the teaching of the truth those offering themselves who are naturally as well guides and moulds a life, and fashions it for eternity, "My word shall not pass away." Not too strongly can we deprecate that plan, also too prevalent, of taking the first who offers, and without knowledge of leaven," by being restricted, will not in the their spiritual or mental capabilities entrusting school hour at least, "leaven the whole lump." them with so sacred a charge? If we must have Sunday school teachers and I believe them to be an boy nature will not allow him, pay attention to his essential that we shall never again dispense with as teacher, how earnest so ever he be in the endeavour part of the Church's great machinery.—I say, if we to impress him, if B., (bigger) is trifling or doing what must have Sunday-schools, then we must work on the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract common sense plan of the day school. The discipline him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. For my part, I see here, a panacea or of the latter is calculated to be beneficial in the form of the can, by grimace, attitude or otherwise to distract him. by the present plan of working, there can be none, or very little, and the testimony of the Principal of a large public school of over 600 scholars, is this. Your hour of disorder and lack of discipline on Sunday, carries its effects with it into the whole day school Whereas we might expect reasonably that the discipline of five days of six hours each would be sufficient to influence the one hour on the seventh. But it is not so. There is the fact. Well then, revolutionize the present system. It is absurd. What do you want 60 teachers to 250 or 800 scholars? Face a school board and demand this proportion, and they will question your sanity, and rightly. Twelve teachers is a splendid staff for several hundred scholars. These work all day and every day, and are specialists,—can you not reduce the cumbersomeness of your Sunday school for a single hour in a single day? But where is the remedy? Here—let your teaching staff consist of the following under the parochial clergy. 1st. The Superintendent, 2 Bible teachers, one for upper classes, one for lower, 2 Prayer Book teachers, who should be responsible also for Catechism instruction, 2 Infant teachers, one for boys and one for girls, or one to relieve the other on alternate Sundays if there is but one united class. Here we have six responsible teachers, with a superintendent and a singing teacher superintendents will get over your weekly complaints of the irregular attendance of teachers and the putting over classes the first you can get and thus violating the spirit of their apostolic injunction (1 Tim. v. 22,) "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

2. In the second place, let us enquire how best this at them. They will be those of what I confidently that the dutiful and thoughtful child becomes the cbject may be attained:—With respect to the teacher believe and hope will characterize the Sunday school dutiful and thoughtful man, citizen and again father, of the future. The movement is yet in its youth, in the different after relationships of life. 2 To be a truly successful Sunday school teacher, one and awaits to be developed exactly upon the lines of "Abide in me the admirable common sense day school. Let there regulate the other. If I predict aright the future -not room,-four or five, capable of holding all the scholars. The assembling of the whole school

> Next, classes leave for respective rooms, two rooms for upper, two for lower, (not including infant class.) Whilst Messrs. or Misses A. and B. are teaching two classes the Bible lesson, Messrs. or Misses C. and D. are instructing the other classes in the teaching and structure of the Prayer Book and Catechism, this for one half hour. Intermission of five or ten minutes during which, class attendance is taken, marks given, and collection taken up. Superintendent to receive statement for the day, and to announce that of last Sunday. For rest of the time, A. and B. would replace C and D and the classes which have just received the Bible instruction will now receive that which belongs to the Prayer Book and Catechism, and vice ve sa. This ended, on the ordinary occasion, each teacher would close with form of prayer used in all missed separately, beginning with the younger.

> By such an arrangement the common opening in the Church reminds all that they are members not of a common Sunday-school, but also of a common church, and the surroundings being separated to sacred things, and wholly free from associations which throng about a school room, as at present too often used, will tend to solemnize the mind and instil the spirit of reverence.

> Six teachers are more easily supported, and their places supplied if absent than twenty-six. Each one can and would become a specialist. Now, every one tries to teach something and because nineteen out of every twenty persons do not know how to teach and never will be able to teach, (for like a poet, a teacher "nascitur, not fit,") we shall thus have only as spiritually qualified.

Again as to scholars, we minimize the evil influence of a few unruly or careless ones, and their "little

Their distractions too are less. A, cannot,—his despair of success under the present system.

The work in these school rooms, should be more through the eye than is at present possible. Maps of Palestine, Eygpt, all nations whose histories are interwoven into the sacred narrative, and upon which that narrative depends largely in the Old Testament at least, for intelligibility, should be hung on the wall, and no history taught without frequent e erence to them. Blackboards, moveable or fixed should be to hand to outline the lesson upon and to record dates and facts difficult to carry in the mind. All the religious?

8. It now remains for us, lastly, to consider the distinctive teaching of the Church, when that life is his Master, in all spheres of Church activity, seeking developed the resulas must follow.

latter of at least weekly occurrence,) must beget and too honourable to give his Master's time to strife, and and cultivate that proper attitude toward parents too refined a nature to degrade himself and his office which of old was appropriately termed 'filial piety.' by selfish struggles for power. As a shining light his Faithful deductions in systematic course from what (if you can get one) to train all classes in true lasting sacred song sufficient, believe me, for the wants of any school of ordinary dimensions. Adopt this plan (we shall observe how it would work presently) and you shall observe how it would work presently) and you support the deductions in systematic course from what part is given to us of the early life of Him who for our sakes became poor, and subject to His earthly bas led him to eternal light. To his honoured brother, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and influences. The inculcating of the answer to the control of the character of the support to the control of the character of the House of Commons, and the control of the character of the House of Commons, and the control of the character of the House of Commons, and the characte neighbour'? must fit the scholar for life at home the noble type of the late F. W. Kirkpatrick. and in its relations beyond the family circle. Omit all this teaching from your scheme, hide its bearing upon the youth's life, and what guarantee have you 9. Now having considered how the object of the that your scholar, may 'love, honor and succour of Lansdowne, rear of Farmersville, presented Mrs. Sunday-school teacher is to be attained with regard to himse f, let us proceed to see the best methods to dealing? Expand the thought, as the teaching purse containing \$72, accompanied with a very kind be pursued to secure the object. I have just hinted expands, and the invariable rule, will be found to be. address.

6. Another result of this careful training will be the spontaneous desire on the part of the scholar to offer Why have the summating rite of confirmation. clergy so much difficulty in getting the older scholars to come forward and take the step preparatory to spiritual feeding on Christ in the Sacrament? And why have we so much trouble in teaching them our doctrines when we have them? The answer is not far off. The teaching has not been decided and thorough enough. Imbue them with the whole life of Christ and he will draw them all unto Him. Fire them with the privilege and dignity of sonship obtainable through faith in the Incarnation, Life of obedience, Life and Death of Suffering, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ, and they must respond to His spiritual call :—" My son give me thine heart." Then zeal will lead them on till it is fanned, and further sustained by obedience to their Lord's command. 'Do this in remembrance of me."

Finally, this object attained. We shall have as a gratifying result, earnest parish workers in those at present under our instruction. We cannot over estimate the importance of this. Let us ever remember that the young of to day, are the old of to-morrow, and in our hands rests the responsible duty of moulding for the time to come, a God fearing revential adult population, which shall take up the Church's work on the grand lines of many centuries, and hand down to their offspring yet unborn, the torch of truth-that it may shine a down the ages bright till the coming of the Son of Man. When He cometh—shall He find the 'faith once delivered to the saints" on the earth? Fellow teachers, lets us bear in mind our weighty accountability. We should not rest satisfied, till we know the as far as in us lies we can present our

scholars, faultlless before the Throne. I have mentioned these three results, (thoug there are many others which could be named) because they seem to me to be the most important, and tecause being the out-come of the faithful teacher's work, or in themselves the most desirable, they should command for that work imitation of all who profess to teach. If some of you are inclined to affrim that too much stress has been laid upon the aspect of this question which I have endeavared to discuss, my plea is simply this, all I have said is the result of conviction. I long ago decided to adopt the maxim of a grander mind than mine. "Preach Christ and work His Church," that so doing and teaching, I might edify all, and show even in the humblest and most imperfect way, what should be the real "object of the Sunday School teacher."

Home & Foreign Church Aews.

From our own Correspondents.

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ONTARIO.

KINGSTON. - Death of the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick. -We deeply regret the lamentable death of the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Incumbent of St. James Church, Kingston, which took place on New Year's Day. The this is teaching, and all this enters into the full and deceased was taken ill on Christmas Day, and thus complete system of secular education. Why not into ran out his course with fatal rapidity, not being of a strong constitution. Mr. Kirkpatrick was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and for some time served results when attained. The object being the develothe Church at home. His career in Canada has been ping of the spiritual life of the scholar through the in all respects one of honour, he was ever at work for to bless, comfort, guide, and encourage his flock, se a. Proper estimation of and itness for home and its demands. The faithful teaching and distinct their Christian calling. The deceased was no party rehearsal of the first commandment with promise (the Cathetical question 'What is thy duty towards thy condolences. The church can very ill spare clergy of

On Christmas Eve, the Church people of the parish

Jan. 8, 1885.

New Dublin.—Another Sunday-school entertain ment was held here on the 22nd, and, in spite of the sudden disappearance of the sleighing, was fairly attended, and realized \$11. The children, having been carefully trained for the last six weeks by Mrs. Grout, sang some Christmas carols very sweetly. The dialogues, recitations, &c., by the children were particularly well rendered, and elicited great applause A number of excellent songs, &c., by local amatuers contributed much to the evening's amusement. On behalf of the congregation, John Barry, Esq., presented Mr. Grout with a very handsome set of harness and whip—the subscriptions for which Mr. Barry collected at considerable personal trouble. From the above handsome and substantial tokens of their appreciation and generosity, Mr. Grout and his family have every reason to feel grateful to, and proud of, the Lyn and New Dublin congregations.

SHANNONVILLE.—On Christmas eve, a very success ful Christmas tree festival was held in connection with Trinity Church Sunday chool. The hall was well filled, although the evening was anything but favorable, there being a blinding snow storm all that day. The children certainly acquitted themselves in a way to give credit to Mr. Kemp, the Superintendent, and Miss Ella Appleby, the organist, as the time for preparation had been short. A number of recitations and musical pieces were rendered by the choir and others, but the success of the evening was the appear-ance of the Superintendant sessed in character as Santa Claus, and distributed the prizes and gifts to those present It was indeed a joyful time, which all, both young and old, seemed to fully appreciate.

On the 28th ult., the Bishop of Algoma preached.

During the distribution of gifts from the tree, our esteemed organist, Miss Ella Appleby, received a purse and twenty dollars from the Church members

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.—St. George's Church.—On as a slight token of recognition of her services during the past year, after which the entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

TORONTO.

TORONTO .- St. Alban's Cathedral .- After careful consideration, the chapter of St. Alban's cathedre The chapter have been fortunate in securing a plot of Students at the recent examinations: Class I.-C. 200 feet by 643 feet, situated north of Bloor street, in Greek Testament and Hebrew, C. Scadding; condibetween Brunswick avenue and Bathurst street, and tioned in Greek Testament and Church History, J between Lowther avenue and Wells street. The G. Hooper. Prize List.—Hebrew and Old Testament, price given is \$10,288, but the proprietors have given E. A. Oliver, B. A.; Greek Testament, J. M. Snowone half of that sum as a donation, on condition that den; Historical, Dogmatic, and Apologetic Theology, day in the annals of the Church of England in this the See house, which is to be placed on the grounds, is E. A. Oliver, B. A. erected within two years, and be of the value of \$10,000. Since that arrangement was made, the which is to be laid out as a garden, and be under the Nelson, Manitoba; \$5 from M., Ont., \$1 from a friend control of the chapter. The See house will be to the in Hamilton: \$1 from W. Cardiff; Mrs. Hervey, 50c. north of the cathedral. The grounds are one mile J. Evans, 50c; A. Southworth, 25c.; a friend, 25c. and one eighth, from Yonge street, three-quarters of a mile from St. Stephen's church, one mile from St. Thomas' church, and one mile from the Church of the Redeemer. It will thus be seen that when the dis- from All Saints' parish Church were just about double that even the chancel steps were filled. After the

The land above described is somewhat remote from the centre of the city at present. We well remember to acknowledge, with many thanks, through the kindful, and realized \$21.58. The Rev. Mr. Crawford, of the late Senator Brown, saying to us that a site close ness of Mrs. O. Reilly, the gift of a beautiful Christ. Brockville, delivered an eloquent address, and also by the proposed cathedral would in twenty-five years mas tree, for the benefit of the Sunday school child. sang a couple of his choice songs, which were duly be not far from the centre of Toronto, such confi- rea. appreciated. The children, trained by Mrs. Grout for dence had be in the growth of the city, and in that some weeks past, sang some Christmas carols in very direction. The old cathedral, St. James, and the new good style. A tableau of "Old Father Time," and one St. Alban's, will be as; far apart as Dan and Beershis twelve daughters, was much admired, and the heba. The omen is a very hopeful one on many grounds, for St. James has been a terrible drag upon the Church in Toronto city and diocese.

> St. Philip's Church .- During the Advent season s series of special services have been held on each Wednesday and Friday, at which addresses were delivered by the Revs. Archdeacon Boddy, J. Pearson, A H. Baldwin, T. Motherwell, W. J. McKenzie E Owen, and the rector, the Rev. J. F. Sweeny. On each Advent Sunday the rector also delivered a course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. We were glad to find much interest taken in these interesting and edifying services showing, that the active work of the rector in the parish is bearing fruit. Meetings have also been held in connection with the C. E. T. S., the Young People's and the Ladies Aid Association, the Mother's meeting and the Industrial School and Band of Hope. The idea of the rector evidently is to set all to work according to their gifts and opportunities, himself setting to all a stimulating example.

festival of this parish, a Xmas ship, Clipper built, on Tuesday, the 18th of January. three mast, twenty-four feet long, "Santa Claus," was unloaded and the freight distributed to the rejoicing consignees. The ship was richly decorated with flags and lanterns. The handsome sum of \$100 was realized by the festival for the Building Fund.

banners with scriptural mottos of a character to draw After tea, all adjourned to the Church for full choral

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL .- St. George's Church .- On the 28th ult., a very interesting and delightful service was children sang the carol "Christmas comes again," held in this church for the children at which the music consisted of Carols and Xmas Anthems for the tion by the Rev. R. T. W. Webb, missionary in charge. young. The Bishop of Algoma addressed the gathering, and recited the Lord's Prayer in the Iindian tongue.

Toronto, have purchased a site for the new church: the list issued of the places secured by the Divinity locality, one which is at present a field, but which R. Harris, C. B. Beck and S. D. Hague (eq.), J. L. their choice. before long will be surrounded by residences of a Lewis and J. F. Snowdon (æq). Class H.—F. E. good class. The plot is made up of twenty-six lots, Farncomb, B. A. Class III.-L. Smith. Conditioned

park, have offered the chapter a donation of \$2,000 two entertainments given by the missionary in charge, the Church here. Arrived at our station, the Bishop was received by a deputation consisting of Messrs. Harintended cathedral, provided that portion of the and recitations on the tenth and thirteenth of Decembuilding is roofed within two years, The terms of ber. The entertainment in Deel Lake settlement by Mr. Thomas, he was driver to Mr. Morris' residence. the purchase are that the chapter are to pay down was announced in one of the shanties with good re-\$4,144, and to mortgage the northerly 393 feet of the sult. The school house was filled with attentive citizens of different denominations, including the block for the remaining \$1,000 payable in five annual hearers, and the clergyman was much encouraged Rev. Mr. Smith and wife, and the Rev. Mr. Currie, instalment at six per cent. interest. There will thus that his feeble efforts to obtain money to purchase enjoyed a few hours in social chat with the Bishop. be 250 feet by 300 feet clear of incumbrances. The cathedral will stand on the southerly part of this 250 amounted to \$27. He thankfully acknowledges \$5 ing services was conducted by Mr. Thomas, the lesson of the southern with the Picker of feet, and front on Lowther square, 166 feet in width, from a friend in Toronto; \$5 from Mrs. E. Moore, sons being read by the Bishop. Then followed the

WHITBY .- The Christmas contributions this year trict is settled there will be territory sufficient to give of those of any previous year. The Ladies of the con- Litary service, led by the Incumbent, the Bishop the cathedral a parish. This is the first practical gregation presented Mrs. Fidler with a purse of \$50 addressed the candidates for Confirmation in his own step towards giving effect to a scheme which the in gold. The offertory for the Rector amounted to inimitable and forcible manner. After this address

UPHILL Mission .- The Rev. Henry Softley desires

PORT HOPE. - Trinity College School. - At the recent Christmas examinations, the following boys obtained prizes for general proficiency in all the subjects taught in their respective Forms during the preced. ing term :-- 5th Form, H. H. Bedford Jones ; 4th Form, W. H. White; 3rd Form, J. Mattocks; Upper 2ud Form, A. F. R. Martin, H. R. Peter; Lower 2nd Form, J. B. Wilson; Upper 1st Form, J. O. Fletcher; Lower 1st Form, A. M. Bethune. The following boys also were awarded Honorable mention for general proficiency, having obtained over sixty per cent of the total number of marks: -5th Form, J. G. Smith, A. C. M. Bedford Jones, W. M. Loucks. D. R. C. Martin; 4th Form, H. S. Cogdon, A. T. Kirkpatrick; 3rd Form, T. S. Farncomb, H. L. Broughall, J. P. Amy, K. H. Fessenden; Upper 2nd Form, G. M. Bed. ford Jones, D. P. Cottingham, W. H. Smith, D. L. M'Carthy; Lower 2nd Form, J. H. Ince, E. A. Mulligan, H. Y. Complin, G. Reid, W. B. Irwin; Upper 1st Form, M. S. McCarthy, D. S. McCarthy, J. G. Browne, E. C. Wragge, B. H. Ardagh, W. A. Courtney, W. C. R. Graham, E. C. Cattanach, C. H. M. Cameron; Lower 1st Form, R. McLennan. We are glad to learn that the School continues to be very prosperous, and that during the long term just closed, it was entirely free from any sickness of a contagious or serious char-CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL .- St. Philip's .- At the Xmas acter. It will re-open after the Christmas holidays

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LUTHER VILLAGE. -On Tuesday, December 30th, St. Alban's Sunday-school held their annual Christ-Shurch of the Redeemer .- This church was much mas tree and entertainment in McLellan's Hall. At admired this week for its beautiful, seasonble adorn- 5.50 p.m., the children assembled at the parsonage, ments, consisting of the illuminated shields and where a bountiful supper was provided for them. the mind towards the season and its teaching of the evensong by the children, which was very excellently Incarnation. On Christmas Day a large number and heartily rendered; the church being crowded to participated in early Holy Communion before and after morning service. A beautiful chair for the Chancel the Hall, headed by a processional banner. Enterwas received as a Xmas gift from the young people. On the 28th ult., the Bishop of Algoma preached. tions, choruses, &c. After which Mr. B. Appley and Librarian proceeded to strip the large and well loaded tree. When all had received their presents, the

Hamilton.—Election of Mayor.—The municipal contests of this season are outside our sphere. But we shall show no party bias whatever in offering, as AMINATIONS.—Irinity College.—The following is Mason on his re-election as Mayor of Hamilton by acclamation. The citizens of Hamilton secm to be as ground of four and one-half acres in a very desirable C. Kemp, B. A.; E. A. Oliver, B. A.; J. M. Snowdon, without opposition does equal honor to electors and

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place. The occasion was the visit of Bishop Baldwin for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of proprietors of the surrounding property, which has been named in honour of the cathedral, St. Alban's settlers at Cheddar and Deel Lake were pleased with our town by the Rev. H. A. Thomas, incumbent of Ante-Communion service by the Bishop. The sermon by the Bishop was from the Book of Revelation iii. 20. "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." At half past two o'clock the Church was again crowded, so Bishop of Toronto is extremely desirous of having \$75, and "Old Santa Claus" kindly sent four tons of the Confirmation service was proceeded with; all was very solemn and impressive, but especially so

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was that part in which, with earnest invocation, the the teachers. Mr. Dyas was then presented with a ing the front. On the east window a star has been Bishop laid his hands upon the head of each of the handsome silver breakfast cruit, for which he briefly worked with evergreens, and all the windows have twenty one candidates. The service concluded in returned thanks. the usual maner. In the evening at seven o'clock a closely packed congregation again greeted the Bishop, who (after the usual evening prayer by Mr. Thomas) preached a sermon which has been characterized by persons long resident here, as the most powerful and most elequent ever delivered in Trinity Church. The subject was "Nebuchadnezzer's Dream," as recorded in the 2nd chapter of Daniel. The musical portions of all three services were beautifully rendered by the choir, and want of space alone prevents us from giving the names of those who made the service of song worthy of their portions of the service, as well as worthy of the occasion.

Bishop Baldwin's most striking characteristics as a speaker, are: 1st, His terrible earnestness. meny public speakers the body of the address seems of St. George's Church Sunday school. to be intended to give a setting to some anecdote and incident, his are real illustrations, for they explain and throw lustre upon the subject; 3rd, and chiefly, his self abnegation.

Of the twenty-one candidates,—one had been educated as a Baptist, one as a Roman Catholic two as Prosbyterians, four as Methodists, and the remaining thirteen were sons and daughters of church-

observed in all our churches, the congregations were super frontals. Evergreens and flowers ornament gationalists kept the grand festival, with appropriate unusually large, especially was this the case in St. Paul's, the Chapter House, and the Memorial Church. In St. Paul's there were two celebrations of the Holy a gorgeous background in the rear of the chancel Communion, at 8 a.m. and at the usual hour for The windows are ornamented with banners and evermorning service, and at both there was a large number of communicants. The Rector preached, and assist the centre. The effect is very beautiful. The selection from "Redemption," and other appropriate ted by the Rev. E. N. English, of Hellmuth Ladies services were choral and special music had been pre-College, read the morning service, and administered pared. Canon Coombes preached the sermon. And the Sacrament. The organist and choir proved their right to be among "the first choirs in Canada." The Sunday being Holy Innocents' Day, a special service Lord Bishop preached in the Chapter House.

BOTHWELL - Rev. R. F. Dixon, Incumbent and missionary to the Moravian Indians, begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following additional subscriptions to St. Peter's Church, Moravian town. The Church is now free of debt, and as mali balance is in hand towards purchasing pews. Collected by Thos. Jennings, \$2; W. A. Young, \$2. John McKee, \$2; collected by R v. Mr. Seaborne, \$5; G. H. Wilkes, \$5 Hill, F. J. Benuer, Anonymous, R. H. Ferguson, Richard Baker, R. Quinton. The following subscribed fifty cents:—Mrs. A. Neil, James Neil, James Simpson, Joseph Simpson, John Lewis, John Simpson, Mrs. E. Simpson, John Simpson, Sr., W. H. Simpson, Thos. Hodgins, "Farmer." J. J. Deacon and F. Feach twenty five cents.

The Bishop of Huron in Dorchester,-His Lordship the Bishop, held confirmation services in St. Peter's Church, Dorchester Station, on Monday evening, Dec. 20, in St. John's Church. Harrisville on Tuesday, December 30, at 10.30 a.m., and in St. George's Church, Belmont, Dec., 30, at 3 p.m. Rev. C. Miles, incumbent of the mission.

front of the platform stood the Christmas tree, a ance. handsome pine, brought four miles for the occasion. tended nearly equal to the height. It was lighted up man, the presents were distributed by Mr. T. Kings mill, dressed as Santa Claus. There were nearly 120 scholars present, and to every one gifts were given.

Address.-We, the teachers of St. Georges Sunday you our hearty thanks for the great and valuable interest you have always taken as the superintendant of this school, and are thankful that under your fostering care it has increased to such respectable attenit is impossible for you to take the active part in the management of the school which you have hitherto done, we feel assured that in our endeavours to imtruths of our Christian faith, we shall always have He your prayers and Christian sympathy. And in token speaks as an ambassador upon whose message depends of our great respect for yourself personally, we beg to the life or death of those who receive or reject it; 2nd present for your kindly acceptance the accompanying The felicity and aptness of his illustrations with gift. Signed, E. Newman, on behalf of the teachers

RUPERTS LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Christmas was kept by our brother Churchmen in Winnipeg, in true churchlike style. All Saints.—In All Saints' church the decorations ere somewhat elaborate, and display refined taste in the conception and artistic skill in the execution of Christmas, the festival of the Nativity, was duly blend luxuriously with its white frontals, and crimson the above Presbyterians, Methodists and Congrethe pulpit and font, the former having crystal panels. there were two celebrations of Holy Communion. the Realms of Glory." for children and young persons, was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at this Church. The service consisted of well known Christmas hymns, and an address by the Rev. C. A. Lane. At the morning and evening services the music which gave so much pleasure on Christmas Day, was repeated.

John Tay, \$2. The following subscribed one dollar delightful contrast with the pearly walls and rich Communion, and at eleven o'clock preached an able each :—Richard Neil, Jam's Neil, Mrs. Drummond, appointments of the new edifice. Across the east sermon from St. Matthew xxi. 10, and afterwards

greens, running entirely round the church, the spaces contenting himself with delivering a brief address. LONDON WEST.—The Christmas tree festival of St. There was a first celebration of the Holy Communion beginnings of our confidence steadfastly to the end,"

by wax tapers and was well laden with the fruit so house and singing Christmas carols. At 2 a.m, of

The address was signed by Mr. Newman, on behalf of desk is very tastily decorated, a maltese cross drap first parochial mission held in the State of California

been similiary decorated. Bands of evergreens are running along the wainscotting, while the walls are plentifully decorated with mottoes and banners. The School, would at this auspicious season, beg to tender incumbent, Rev. Canon O'Meara, officiated and preached a most interesting sermon, commemorative of the birth of our Saviour, taking for his text the the words, "Because there was no room for them in the inn "-second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and dance, and although owing to advanced years and the latter part of the 7th verse. The musical service sickness, which always attends our earthly pilgrimage, showed unmistakeable evidence of close application to practice of the several hymns, and the anthem, Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," by the choir, of which every member was present, was specially plant in the youthful mind the great and blessed interesting. A large number remained for the Holy Communion.

The Cathedral.—At the St. John's Cathedral, the service was conducted by the Very Rev. the Dean, assisted by Canon Machray. The Holy Communion was administered, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan being the celebrant. Owing to the fact that the choir boys are away for their Christmas vacation, the choir was made up of ladies and gentlemen from the conregation, who kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. The sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Matheson, who took his text from the 1st chapter of St. John and the 14th verse: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the designs. Choice exotics bedeck the altar and the Father, full of grace and truth." In addition to sermons, chants and hymns. There was an excellent Richly embroidered banners of brilliant colors make attendance at Grace Church, (Methodist) when a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Rev. The windows are ornamented with banners and ever- E. A. Stafford, from the text: "Thanks be unto God greens, each having a beautifully embossed text in for His unspeakable gift." The choir rendered a hymns, such as "Come, the Long Expected Jesus," "It Came upon the Midnight Air," and "Angels from

Rev. D. M. Gordon preached in Knox Church, a Caristmas sermon. The choir gave special anthems, including "Christmas Morn" and "Gloria in Excelsis.

UNITED STATES.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONS.—St. Paul's, Sacramento, Cali-Ho'y Trinity.—The decorations of Holy Trinity fornia.—On Sunday, November the 30th, the Bishop church, though not elaborate, are very pleasing. Rich of Northern California opened a parochial mission in evergreens cling about the pulpit and pillars in this parish. At eight o'clock he celebrated the Holy Wm. Neil, John Fennell, Thos. Moyle, Mary Diehl, Robert Nicols, S. Blackburn, C. J. Kingston, S. Gregg, C. McLeilan, John Duck, M. Jackson, E. Mckenzie, Joseph Hook, J. Dunn, R. Backus, H. A Patterson, L. Fox, Friend, W. J. Baker, Wm. Thistle, Eliza Moody, Henry Henderson, Thos. Irvin, Wm. Cornwall, S. H. Forguson, R. H. Forguson, R Sancelito. On Sunday evening the opening address explaining the object of the mission was delivered by Christ Church .- The Christmas day services at the first named priest. On Monday and each day fol-Christ Church was largely attended yesterday by lowing there was a celebration of the Holy Communion both members of the congregation and visitors, the at 9.30 a.m., with an address explanatory of some porlatter no doubt being attracted by the pretty decorat tion of the Ecclasistical office. At 3. p.m., Litany, ions and the fact of the service being full choral. The with addresses on the following subjects, viz: "Sunmembers of Christ Church have become famous for day School Education," "Missionary Work," "Parish their decorative talent, and this year they were not in any danger of losing their reputation. The walls were adorned with texts prettily bordered with ever. Bible." At 7.30 p.m., after a short service, instruc-"Private Prayer and Devotion, and How to Read the Bible." At 7.30 p.m., after a short service, instructions were given on "the Holy Catholic Church," between the windows being filled in with devices and "the Incarnation," "the Holy Trinity," "the Atonebanners. The chancel decorations were very effective. ment," "Holy Baptism," and "Holy Communion." Over the porch were words wishing "Good will and On Sunday, December, 7th, their was a celebration, peace to all men." The rector, the Rev. E. S. W. with address at 8 o'clock. At 11 a.m., Litany with a Pentreath, dispensed with the usual formal sermon, special sermon of encouragement, from the text. We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the George's Sunday School, in St. George's Hall, London at 8 a.m., which was quite plain, as usual, and with. Heb. iii. 14, followed by another celebration of the South, was a very pleasant affair. The Guild of St. out music. At 11 a.m., there was full choral service George's, gave their aid to the Sunday School teachers and a second celebration. A short Christmas eve At 3 p.m., a special service for children was held, to make it very successful, and they succeeded. In service was given, at which there was, fair attend-opened and closed by processional and recessional, made very striking by the handsome banners of the A few of the young men of Christ Church revived Sunday School. Addresses were given by both the It was nearly twelve feet high, and the branches ex- the Ancient English custom of the "Waits" on missioners, and all felt that it was good to be there. Christmas Eve, which consists of going from house to At seven p.m. after evening prayer, and a sermon on "Heaven," memorial cards were given by the mission. prized by the young folk in the holidays. After the Christmas morning, they went to the Rectory and ers from the steps of the chancel to all those desirous hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung by the sang Christmas hymns, afterwards proceeding to the of receiving them. This was an exceedingly bright and school, and a brief address delivered by Rev. E. New-houses of several of the parishioners. The mission actually closed on Monday, the eighth of December, by a celebration of the holy communion St. George's.—The decorations of St. George's and a sermon upon Thanksgiving. The mission had After the prizes were distributed, Mr. Newman read an address to Mr. John Dyas, who for a number of character. Cedar is the article principally used, the parish, and was well attended throughout, each day years was Superintendent of the Sunday School, but effect being heightened by a profusion of red berries. showing an increase over the preceding. It is felt who has for some weeks been laid up with illness. The pulpit is adorned with wreaths, and the reading that under God, much good will result from this the

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TEMPLES.

BY REV. I. MAY.

I have heard of a Temple of glory, Not needing the moon or the sun; And there, when Eternity's hoary, The true life is only begun; And the River of Life, and its story, For ever and ever go on.

Of Solomon's Temple so stately A mountain of snow and of gold! And wonder awakes in me greatly As oft as the story is told Of its turrets and columns, ornately Ascending from Salem of old.

But the Eagle in fury descended,-The plowshare has lifted the sod Where the tribes of the chosen ones bended Their heads to the presence of God: The salt has been sown, and has blended In soil the Emmanuel trod.

And is there no temple, (no altar), Still lifting its head to the skies No burst of the anthem and psalter? —No odours of incense to rise? No penitent accents that falter And tremble in true sacrifice?

Yes.—Over the Range and the River The heralds of Jesus have flown, The captives of Death to deliver In every climate and zone; And the Earth, to her bountiful Giver Is studded with temples of stone.

But, grander than these in their splendour, A temple more marvellous shows; Which Jesus the holy, the tender, Inhabits,—communing with those Who sweep it, and keep it, and render It sweet with the scent of the Rose.

O marvel, all marvels transcending That God in this temple should dwell! Its vessels and treasures defending Against the marauders of hell! —And shall I then weary of tending And cleansing and keeping it well?

Ah! dust am I, only, and ashes!— Some other, with whip and with cord, Must give the defilers the lashes That banish the pilfering horde; And fill all the place with the flashes That beam from the face of the Lord. -0-

REASON IN THE HORSE.

A blind horse wandered into the river near instantly went to his assistance.

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Into the rest of God-While sorrowing earth her cypress garland weaves! How hast thou entered !- Crown'd with harvest sheaves

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Earth mourns her faithful dead ;— Unbent with age, and wrestling with earth's toil, Yet is there won a glorious victor's meed Of holy spoil.

Champion for good and right—Full nobly hast thou stood in holy strife, A "Standard bearer" for the Name of God Breaking the "Bread of Life."

What hungry souls have fed From out thy board!—And strengthened for the fight, Are wielding valiantly the Spirit's sword In holy might.

Wreathing around the Cross Thy every offering of faith and love, Thy mightiest strength drawn from the Fount above Counting all else but loss.

And thus from out death's night, What holy memories wreath around thy tomb! In pure and fadeless light.

Now at the Heavenly call, Up to that solemn feast of holiest love-How hast thou vanished from the earth away— Meet for the rest above!

M. R. WARD, in The Fireside News.

THOUGHTS FOR CHILDREN ON THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

This is surely above all days in the Church's year the children's day; for on it we think of those sinless little ones slain by cruel King Herod because he was angry that the wise men had not come back to tell him where they had found the Holy Child. He knew that Child would grow one day into a for whom you are grieving are amongst Man, and he feared to have his kingdom taken from him. But now how was he to find the Intant Jesus? He had hoped for help from the wise men, but they had listened to the warnings of Through the beautiful valleys of Paradise. God in a dream, and had "departed into their own prevent this Child from ever doing him mischief of peace and joy." was to send forth an order that all the children in Bethlehem and its neighbourhood from two years and under should be put to death. Then surely he could not fail in his most wicked, cruel purpose, for our Lord would come amongst the children of that age. But again, in the night, when men sleep and dream, a way for the Child Jesus' safety was to be shewn by an Angel of God to Joseph, the carpenter, the earthly father of our Lord. These are the Angel's words, told to us'in the second chapter of St. Matthew: "Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him." So Joseph hastened to obey the command, and that very night he and the National Road bridge, in Indianapolis, the Virgin Mother took their Holy Child into Indiana, recently, and getting beyond his Egypt, there to remain till Herod's death. And depth, swam around in a circle in his efforts to the other children were killed, torn from their find his way out. His distress attracted the homes and mothers. We do not quite know how attention of a horse near by on the bank, who many were murdered; different writers give different accounts. Perhaps it would not be too much to say about twenty children were sacrificed.

Does it make you very sad to read this story? but finding this proceeding ineffectual, he Sadder still the poor mothers must have felt to see boldly took to the water and swam out to his their darlings carried off to be slain, only to satisfy relief. After swimming around with him for the wicked king. Yet "the Child he sought alone and hymns will seem to have more meaning now went free."

But the Holy Innocents' Day should give us and in what direction the land lay, and the two also happy thoughts. Why are they called Innohorses came to the shore side by side, amid the cents? Because they were too young to know sin and its dreadful power, and unknowingly "gave says, "their infant life." Indeed, they suffered, death to see," loved these first-fruits of His Church on earth.

> "He raised them in His holy arms, He blessed them from the world and all its harms; Heirs though they were of sin and shame He blessed them in His own and in His Father'

And our hymns to-day are full of thankfulness for the Holy Innocents, also for the little ones who through all the ages since have been called by Jesus.

"Glory to Thee for all The ransomed infant band, Who since that hour have heard Thy call, And reached the quiet land.

"O that our hearts within, Like theirs, were pure and bright; O that, as free from deeds of sin, We shrank not from Thy sight."

Yes, we must all, His children, try to destroy what is wrong and sinful in us, "so that strengthened by His grace, by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify His Holy Name.''

Some of you know what it is to have lost a little brother or sister, and the lonely feeling for long after, the blank space never to be filled up. How strange and sad no longer to have the care of the baby. And you may forget sometimes for a minute, and think you must hear the familiar laugh or cry, and you go straight to the cradle. It may be still in its usual place, but empty now. No more will the little one lie in it you loved so well. No more will the baby-smile welcome you, nor will the loving little hands be stretched out to you again. Then, as all the sadness of your loss comes back to you, you feel that the trial is almost too great for you. How often tears will fall; and how weary the daily work seems, no longer brightened with nurs. ing and playing with baby. And your father and mother too are very sad; life is just now very dark and dreary for you all. Yet the child or children

"The children bright, With their harps of gold and their raiment white, As they follow their Shepherd with loving eyes

country another way." Of course, Herod would not They are happy, so very happy. Will not it make think of looking for the Royal Child in the bare and you happier to think of them! Sorrow has come rough inn at Bethlehem. No! the only way to to you, but it can never reach them in that "Home

> "No home on earth is like it, Nor can with it compare; For every one is happy, Nor could be happier there."

There are some very beautiful lines on little children dying, called "Going Home," perhaps you would like to read some of them.

> "They are going—only going— Out of pain and into bliss: Out of sad and sinful weakness Into perfect holiness. Snowy brows-no care shall shade th Bright eyes—tears shall never dim. Rosy lips—no time shall fade them; Jesus called them unto Him."

"Little hearts for ever stainless.-Little hands as pure as they,-Little feet by Angels guided, Never a forbidden way! They are going—ever going-Leaving many a lovely spot; But 'tis Jesus who has called them Suffer and forbid them not."

And then when you go to church, the services for you. When you hear the Gospel read in the Baptismal Service, you can think of your loved ones safe for ever in the arms of Jesus, who once said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me:" and just before the cross is signed on the up" for Jesus, as one of your well-known hymns forehead of the newly-baptized child, and the Priest says, "We receive this child into the congregation though not in will. Pure and stainless, "they of Christ's flock," your thoughts will go to that are without fault before the throne of God." And the Lord Jesus, "Who lived for them a sadder and now one of the lambs in His fold for ever. You can trust your treasures with Him who is the friend for little children, "Who never changes, and whose love can never die." Learn to look forward and long for the home where they have gone, and one day you may join them, all trials and troubles over—no more parting there.

> "It is a holy, happy place, Without a sorrow, pain, or care; There you may see the Saviour's face, Who loves to take good children there."

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MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Choir practice 8 p.m.

11th 1st Sunday after Epiphany 16th Evening prayer in St. Pauls, 7.80 p.m., Choir practice 8 p.m.

18th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, H. Com. at

21st St. Paul's Sunday school anniversary and Christmas tree.

23rd Evening prayer, a choir practice. 25th 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, and St. Paul's Day, Holy Communion at St. James, Dundalk.

27th Service at River view. 28th Meeting of St. Paul's S. S. Teachers at parsonage at 8 p.m.

29th Service at Melancthon at 7 p.m. 80th Evening prayer, a choir practice.

Septuagesima Sunday, Sermons in Shelburne and Dundalk, by Rev. H. Wylis for Mission Board, Holy Communion in St. Paul's, Shelburne.

Feb. 3rd Service at H. Johnstone's, Tristioge, at 7 p.m.

Service at G. Delanys Corbetton. Evening prayer, Choir practice. Sexageisma Sunday.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We desire to call the attention of church people, to the very important circular on the subject of Foreign Missions, signed by all the Bishops, and which was read in all churches on Sunday last, such a letter coming from such high authority, must have great weight with all earnest Christians. We hope, there mas gifts.

9th Evening prayer in St. Paul's, 7.30 p,m., fore that as Sunday January 11th is the day appointed by the Bishops, for collections for Foreign Missions, that our congregations will give liberally to this good

DIOCESE OF HURON-HOME MISSION FUND.

The Rev. H. Wylie, at Clark sburg, will preach on behalf of this fund in Shelburne and Dundalk, on Sunday, Feb 1st.

We would remind the members of the Church that this Mission has been, and is at present, largely assisted by this fund. It is at present beavily in debt, and unless church people give much more liberally to its support, the Bishop cannot open new missions, and even old grants may have to be with drawn, and thus the church will be impeded in her work. Thus Dundalk should be formed into a separate mission, but this cannot be done, until this Mission Fund is lifted out

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of St. Paul's School teachers was help at the parsonage, Shelburne, Dec

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28.

It has been decided to hold the Sunday School anniversary and Christmas tree on January 21st, on which occasion it is expected that the "Peaked Sisters," from San Francisco, will favour us with a visit—we expect a large attendance of our friends.

The Rev. H. G. Moore begs to thank Mrs. Wm. Jelly, and Messrs Berwick & Co., for kind Christ-

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BIBLE LESSON. "Paradice Held," Graesis ii. 8, 25

We saw in our last lesson how God apmanner, remember our higher hopes and des- work for God, Ps. ciii. 20, 21. God, in whose possible, Eph. iv., 31, 32. tinies. It should remind us of the Sabbath image we are formed, is the great Worker, St. Rest of Heaven, which shall be like God's own John v. 17, and, whether it be in earth or primal rest, full of satisfaction and joy.

To-day our subject consists of a picture of God means every one of us to do some work primal blessedness. Man as made by God for Him, and as we see the first thing required was good and beautiful, and he was happy until of Adam was diligence. But why to keep or he disobeyed God. The catechetical lesson guard it? This implies watchfulness, and for this day, on the third duty of the Christian possibility of danger, and there may be a hint covenant, obedience, chimes in well with our of dangers against which our first parents subject, for to day we think of Adam and Eve needed to be on their guard, verse 16. This as good and happy because obedient; this was was God's covenant with Adam, it consisted their test. How they stood it we shall see. of a precept to be obeyed, with the reward of The Lord Jesus Christ obeyed his earthly par- life for obedience, and the punishment of death ents, and calls for a loving obedience from all threatened for disobedience, verse 17. Here His followers, see St. John xiv, 15.

watered, fruitful country called Eden, which Rom. vi., 23. means delight. We do not know exactly where Eden was situated, but the most prob- then in a wonderful way God made woman out able conjecture is that it lay somewhere in the of man. Adam had given names to all the region now watered by the Euphrates and the beasts and fowls, verse 19-20, he saw that Tigris, which is the same as Hiddekel, between each had its mate, but none fit companions for Arabia and Innia. Somewhere in Eden 'the him. Man was not made to live alone in the delightful land,' was a garden specially pre- world, verse 18, the natural powers and faculpared by God, stocked with the choicest of fruit ties of the soul, language and understanding trees, in the perfection of beauty and fruitful- of speech, the operations of love and friendness; in this garden, called Paradise, God ship, all these required the presence of a complaced the man whom He had formed. Adam panion for their use, God therefore gave him a was not formed in Paradise, but placed there help, one like himself with whom he could

death, St. Luke xxiii. 43.

and as long as he continued to eat of it, he Let this lesson teach us that as God placed which was a test of his faith and love.

heaven, we are meant for service, Rev. vii. 15.

was the test of his obedience, and here we see (1) Adam's Home, verse 8. In a beautiful well the inflexible law " the wages of sin is death,"

Adam's Wife.-Adam was made first, and afterwards, a further proof of his Maker's lov- speak and consult. God made Eve, and gave ing care for him. We may observe how our her to Adam, to be the mother of the human

Lord uses the word Paradise as expressing the race. Here we see what a holy thing marriage resting-place of the souls of God's people after is; and how it is a union which God means to be sacred, and happy, verse 24, is quoted by Near the centre of the garden grew two parti- our Lord in St. Mat. xix., 4, 6, as the words cular trees, verse 9. 'The tree of life,' of of the Creator, Himself. How different the which man could partake when he pleased, world would be if all accepted them as such.

preserved his immortality. 'The tree of know- A lan and Eve in Paradise, and gave them ledge, of which he was forbidden to eat, and dities to perform, and as their happiness depended on their obedience; so He places us (2) Adam's Work, verse 15. Twofold, to culti- where we are. He gives us a position to occupy, vate and to keep the garden. Work is not a talents to trade with, work to be done. He curse, but a blessing; work was an addition to gives us homes, father and mother, brothers pointed one day in seven for holy rest and his pleasures. Before the Fall, man obtained and sisters. Let us each my and make our worship, the day when we should, in a special an abundant return for his labour. Angels do home as much like the garden of Eden as

A charge to keep I have, A God to glority; A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky.

FAITH.

A lad stood on the roof of a very high building, when his foot slipped, and he fell. In falling he caught by a rope, and hung suspended in mid-air, where he could sustain himself but a short time. At this moment a powerful man rushed out of the house, and standing beneath him with extended arms, called out, "Let go of the rope; I will catch you" The boy hesitated a moment, and then, quitting his hold, dropped easily and safely into the arms of his deliverer.

THE simple inherit folly; but the pruden are crowned with knowledge. The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous."-Prov. xv. 18, 19.

WHAT a folly to dread the thought of throwing away life at once, and yet have no regard to throwing it away by parcels and piecemeal. - John Howe.

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Childrens' Department.

QUESTION.

One Monday morning not so very long ago the ministers in a certain Atlantic city met, as their custom was, to compare their Sunday's work.

"The most notable event with me," said Mr. M——," was the ad vent of Esq. Pond at our last evening's meeting. You all know him as our most prominent criminal lawyer and as an avowed unbeliever.—He listened very attentively to all that was said, and I felt that something had brought him to a consciousness that he had a heart. When I invited any one who had a burden to share it with the Christians present, he said:

"'Yesterday morning, as I started for the station to take an early train, I paused near the depoe at the stand of a bright-faced little bootblack whom I often patronize As he finished shining the first boot he rested his hand upon his brush, and, looking very earnestly up into my face, said:

""Do you love God, sir?"

"'I had never been asked that question before, and, although I am not often puzzled. I was at that time having no idea what to say; but I managed to ask what difference that made to him.

"""A good deal, sir," replied the little fellow. If you love Him, you will be acquainted enough with Him to ask Him that He will find a decent tenement for mother and me. We will have to leave Long Alley some time the next week : the old hive where we live is to be torn down, and rent is high for a DAISY LAMSON'S MONEY feller in my business, and I am in a good deal of a fix, for I don't know what to do, granny is so lame that she can't do anything. Yesterday I heard a man, who was talking to another man while I was would do anything for anybody that loved Him. I've thought about it all night, and I came out uncommon early this morning. stopped until I found some one a year. who did love Him, and so dared to ask."

"'"You will have to wait for another customer," I said, "but don't give it up. Keep asking, for in a city with asmany churches as there are here some one must love God.".

"' I gave the little fellow a dollar and made all haste for my train; but, although I sped swiftly away across the country, I was not able to get away from the child's strange question. I wondered why I did not love God; I had heard what he had done for me, and although I have the name of being an infidel, I have not given thought enough to such matters to claim even that title. I felt mortified that I did not know the Lord well enough to teach the little fellow the way to positively safe.

go to Him for himself. The question, "Do you love God, sir?" would not let me sleep last night THE LITTLE BOOTBLACK'S it took me to church to-day and has brought me in here this even ing. Can anything be done for

"Strange, Strange!" said the minister who mas sitting on the opposite side of the round table, "for I had an almost similar experience at my last evening's meeting, only mine was a young business man, and the question had stimulated him to seek and find."

"I had the bright faced little bootblack himself," said a grey haired domine, exultantly. "He came first on Saturday evening. A good brother had brought him in, who had found him weeping and quite discouraged because he could find no one who would admit that they loved God. The testimonies in the evening were evidently a delightful revelation to him. He came again last night with a clean face and hands and neatly combed hair. After listening for soms time, he said, 'I think I have found it out—I believe I feel acquainted enough with God now to ask Him myself.' And he did so in the most touching and quaint little prayer of faith I ever listened to. The prayer was answered, too; for the lame grandmother was moved this morning to a better tenement, and the happy little bootblack declares his intention of telling his experience and asking his vuestion, 'Do you love God?' as part compensation for what has been done for him by the glorified Redeemer, whose great sacrifice even the poor little bootblack could understand."

BOX.

Daisy had a tin-box given her at Christmas, and she said she was going to use it for her missionary money. She said that the missiongiving him a shine, saying that God aries were to have a part of all the money she got. So every once in a while some money, a penny or a threepenny piece, and even once or twice a shilling, went into the bent upon asking every one who box. It was to be kept closed for

> On Christmas night, a year after she had got the box, her father opened it for her and counted the money. There was five shilling s and ninepence halfpenny, which was a good deal for a little girl to save who did not have much

"Oh, I am so glad!" she said. This will be my Christmas present to the heathen."

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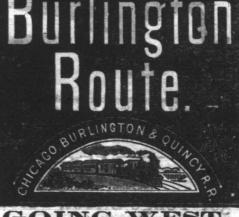


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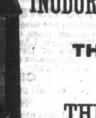
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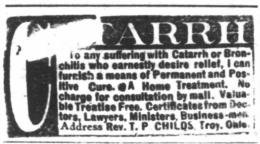
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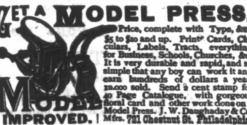
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