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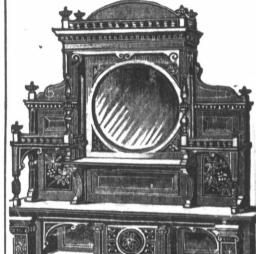
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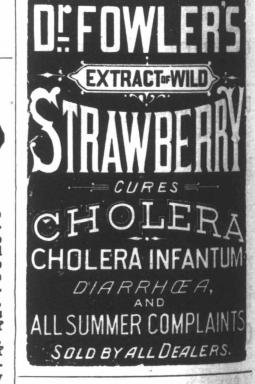
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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1887.

The Rev. W H. Wadleigh is the only gentle man travelling authorized to collect subscrip tions for the "Dominion Churchman."

Home Rule Tends to Separation.—One of the most remarkable manifestoes ever issued has just been presented to Lord Hartington by nearly 200 religious constitution." and, looking beyond his resident graduates of Oxford and Cambridge, who own communion, writes thus:--"The Indepencomprise the bulk of the most eminent members dents, who hold on principle to the congregational of those universities. to be Liberals in politics, but protest against their variation in our history,' experience from it the party being compromised by Mr. Gladstone's Irish very same evils, I am assured. Accordingly their tactics. They say:---

estimable public service, both by opposing Mr. towns, and depends mainly on the preaching Gladstone's Bills and by the manner, at once firm ability and personal attributes of its many eminent and moderate, in which your opposition has been ministers of large congregations. I have a strong conducted. We appreciate and still hope to see impression that upon them, as upon us, there lies crowned with success your endeavor to save the the same fatal sign of blight-of inability to name of Liberalism from being perverted to des- gather in the poor and keep them in the fold of cribe a doctrine of lawlessness, and to protect the Christ." Liberal party from association with enemies of the English name, and with breakers of the law. We condemnation of the conduct of the English divi thought of which, he said, made the Apostle burst men recognise their responsibilities to God, and Parliamentary institutions into contempt. confide in your Lordship as the leader of a party service, however glorious; for in those days brother beloved," and they, who minister to others, talent, a party which may soon come to be recognised as the true representative of the great traditions of English Liberalism. By its help, under society—not a mere human society, not a society there, instead of mutual distrust and accusation as the true representative of the great traditions of English Liberalism. By its help, under a society—not a mere human society, not a society there is mutual respect and esteem. Righteous founded by men or of men, but founded by the Boaz comes among his workpeople and says, "The

recklessly and too completely into the Irish view was a pleasure that had no end." that the policy which they are recommending to us clergy who have been forbidden by the party rulers direction of decentralization, but we acknowledge to you fully and fairly that we will not tolerate separation— ( loud cheering, during which the audience stood up waving hats and handkerchiefs for several minutes)—and that we distrust the principle of nationality as applied to this question because we think it does tend to separation.

DISSENT A SCATTERER NOT A SHEPHERD.—Dr. James Martineau, the well-known Unitarian Minister, who recently put forth a scheme for congregationalizing the Church of England, now confesses its failure in his own denomination. He congregational system—or want of system—into which our religious life has set." He regrets 'our isolated congregationalism," and "the monstrous inequalities in our major and minor societies," whereby "while some ministers will be spoiled others will be starved." He points out "the evil effect on character of our disentegrated They declare themselves system, which with us is only an 'accidental influence on English religion in the country is in "We consider that you and other eminent Lib- significant, and altogether eclipsed by that of erals who have acted with you have rendered an Methodism. Their power concentrates itself in

appland the support you have rendered to the consecrated church of St. Andrew's, Willesden, the message is accepted, and made the rule of life, Orimes bill of the Government, and your assertion Bishop of Lincoln preached. Bishop King took there the evil spirit of jealousy, suspicion, discord, of the principle that Liberalism does not desire to for his text Eph. iii. 20, and delivered upon it a and unrest shall cease to cry and rend. Wherever see the law inefficient. We applaud also your plain but forcible discourse on the Church, the very taught by the Word and led by the Spirit of Christ, sion of the Home Rule party in conniving at the forth from the ordinary level style proper for a their obligations to each other; where Christian misuse of the forms of the House of Commons, and letter into something like the language of song. masters no longer regard those who work for them that waste of its time which threaten to bring our Of course the Chnrch which St. Paul cotemplated as mere machines, but, as Paul bade Philemon We was not a building, however magnificent, nor a regard Onesimus " not now as a servant, but as a rich in parliamentary distinction and rich in rising Christians were obliged to content themselves with have ever before them the example of Him Who Government promptly suppress obstruction, and will of God. It was a spiritual society founded by Lord be with you," and they answer, "The after vindicating the rights of the majority in Christ himself; but though that society had been Lord bless thee," and it is seen that it is God, and Parliament, restore the authority of the law in nearly nineteen centuries in the world, people were God only (no human policy, no social schemes, Perhaps it may dawn upon the intellects of cer-tain Canadians that the Wardens, Provosts, Mas-of it? Did they imagine that if they read some and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together ters, Principals, Presidents, Fellows, Professors, little sketchy book of Church history, they would in unity.

of Oxford and Cambridge are better judges of the know all about it. Dear souls, no! Knowledge Home Rule question and the Crimes Bill than the of the Church could only come through earnest illiterate and obscure persons who in our Legisla prayer that God would give them the sptrit of ture and in our press have made a hero of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Mr. Gladstone for his advocacy of the one and op that the eyes of their minds might be enlightened, position to the other. The following is taken from and that they might know and love Jesus, of a speech by Lord Hartington, at Manchester, a Whom the Church was the mystical body. After few days ago. "I fear that the movement in dwelling long upon these and similar topics, the Ireland for Home Rule, so far as it is a powerful Right Rev. Prelate concluded by enforcing love for movement, is a movement in the main for complete religion, its offices, and its sanctuaries as the only independance, a movement for nationality danger- true and lasting source of peace. Sin might be a ously tending towards separation. I fear that the merry thing for a few moments, but there was a price will be one dollar; and in no instruce will this rule majority of the Liberal party, in their desire to horrid duliness after it; whereas those who gave be departed from. Subscribers at a distance can easily do justice to Ireland and remedy the faults of past themselves up to the love of God would find the see when their subscriptions fall due by looking at the misgovernment, have thrown themselves too joy and pleasure of it, and would find also that it

on this question. I fear that they, with Mr. What a contrast between the Apostle who when Gladstone at their head, have embraced too speaking of the Church "burst forth into somepassionately the principle of nationality, and I fear thing like the language of song," and those of our is one which is tending towards separation. We, to mention the word Church in their pulpits! The on the other hand, are ready to go far in the consciousness of unfaithfulness makes to some the name of the Church irritating and offensive.

THE NEED OF EDUCATED MEN IN THE MINISTRY. And then I would ask, was there ever a time when we had such need of educated men, who have read history and know the truth, to enlighten the ignorance and to dispel the delusions which are so painfully prevalent, especially with regard to Christianity and the Church? Was there ever a time in which the warnings of our Lord and His inspired Apostles should be more loudly repeated, "Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living laments the "difficulties inseperable under the God." "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit;" beware of the oppositions of science falsely so called, though never afraid of true science itself, for that must in the end bear witness to the unity of the Word and the works of God. Remember the prophecies-"There shall arise false Christs," "unruly and vain talkers, who, with good words and fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the simple," of whom St. Peter speaks, as though he were referring to our own times and towns, that, "through covetousness, with feigned words, thew make merchandise of the people." For there is many a Judas in our midst, professing to be the advocate of economy and the champion of the people, and ever crying, "Why this waste? it might have been sold for much and given to the poor," not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag, and bare what was put therein:-

> "He loveth transgression that loveth strife." He speaks of peace, while covet enmity, Under the smile of safety, wounds the world.

But, wherever God's messengers deliver God's message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on BISHOP KING ON THE CHURCH.—At the newly earth peace, good will towards men," and that strangely ignorant about it. Did ever those which ignore Him ), Who maketh men to be of

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#### OUR NEXT ISSUE AUGUST 11th.

In consequence of taking our ANNUAL HOLIDAY, our next ISSUE will be the 11th August.

### PLAGIARISM IN THE PULPIT.

VOLUME of sermons recently published a discourse taken almost bodily from Dr. Talmage. The Canon who committed this marvellous theft must be a preacher of rank to challenge criticism in England by publishing. In spite of this scandal he was nominated for the Bishopric of Sodor and Man by the Rock, the chief organ of English Evangelicals, things of beauty to be joys for ever. and an honour to the party it represents. This plagiarism is mysterious for its utter folly. A friend of the Canon's writes: "It is careless-Canon Fleming's exceptional powers in preaching should have any need to steal from a friend's productions. And it is downright preposterous to imagine that he would steal from the sermons of such a man, and perpetuate a and unmasked." A preacher who stands in a superior of Dr. Talmage, whose popularity the States, where verbal fire-works command vast audiences, who attend service not to worship God but to have their ears tickled by a Canada, as is manifest by the clap-trap announcements of the subjects of their sermons "themselves," and not "Christ crucified."

seems incapable of being stirred by fear of dangers to which it is not specially liable. nor does a prize fighter stand in dread of per-In regard to such offences is notoriously inactplagiarised. The number of those whose culture enables them to understand what plagiarism means is small, while even of these only a limited portion are able to detect such literary thefts. So that the plagiarist runs little danger of exposure, when exposed, the vast public do as a party writer, or his fame as a sectarian preacher, he is certain to win applause by deeds in ideas or language is even repudiated by some. authors by American publishers! The Conby Mr. Long on this topic. Perhaps no instance ever made a greater noise, on discovery, than the use of a brilliant passage from M. Thiers by D'Israeli, in his oration on the death

that D'Israeli's own phrases were equal in made the vehicle for giving our congregations style to those he was charged with using as the noble lessons of instruction and inspiration his own, we said "this is a case of a diamond found in the sermons of great masters of pulpit merchant charged with filching a stone no oratory. When this is done beyond the limits better than those in a mine of which he is pro- of a few quoted sentences, the source should prietor." To quote Thiers in the House of be named, as we have heard done by preachers Commons was to quote Scripture in Church, of no mean rank in English churches. the orator assumed every auditor to know the passage quoted. There was no intention to by the Rev. Canon Fleming, contained deceive, and it is in an intention to deceive that the shame of plagiarism alone consists.

> The Reviewer alluded to remarks that "Shakspear, Moliere, Virgil, Pausanias, Theocritus and Lord Tennyson are all liable to the charge of theft." But, we may add, they took the future to be divided amongst a considerable raw material as it were, and wrought it into number of congregations, has given deadly

their cautionary lesson and for the discovery funds will tend to the fostering and retention they make of the basis upon which many a of incapable and incompetent clergy. It is ness, culpable carelessness, and nothing more. pulpit reputation is based among the sects. marvellous to see how some men seem incap-It is simply ludicrous to suppose that a man of At a public dinner held at B-, England, able of logical thought. The editor alluded to the Independent minister of the town made a was a worshipper of the one clergyman who great sensation by his speech on Education. grasped the whole of the St. James' endow-We sat silent while rapturous cheers greeted ment. Does he consider that the endowment each eloquent phrase, for we suspected they made the late Rector of St. James' incapable were not his own. On reaching home we found and incompetent? His contention is that if a despicable theft, bound to be soon discovered the speech in a volume of Dr. Guthrie's ser-Rector get, say \$15,000 a year from an endowmons, and on placing the book in the hands of ment, he is not injured as a spiritual workman, prominent pulpit in London, must be the the Mayor, who had been Chairman at the but if 15 clergymen each get \$1000 a year feast, he read aloud a few sentences and ex- from that endowment, they thereby are made arises from the low literary taste prevailing in claimed, "Why, this is Bain's speech!," Un incapable and incompetent! "The bigger the luckily having a grudge against the plagiarist, dose the less the effect," is his theory of endowhe literally hunted him out of the town by ment poison. It is highly entertaining to denouncing the fraud. At a book auction in reflect that our contemporary was practically popular orator. We have the same class in Toronto many years ago, a set of Dr. South's a party to the litigation, in the hope that he sermons were offered for sale. A Wesleyan and his college would share in the funds, if St. minister asked our opinion on the author, and James' won. Does he think such sharing in by many sectarian ministers, who preach their value, South's name naturally being to these funds would have made him "incapable him unknown. He bought them. In a few and incompetent?" No endowment is needed The sin of plagiarism sits lightly on the weeks one of these sermons was reported at to produce such a result. conscience for several reasons. Human nature length in a morning paper, as having been Our disappointed and therefore atrabilious preached on the preceding Sunday evening, and neighbor asserts that there are churches in the report statedt hat the discourse had greatly Toronto with congregations of only 9 to 20 gipsy fears not the burglar, nor he who writes raised the reputation of the preacher! Not persons. We beg to tell the writer that he not, the forger, nor the tramp, the pickpocket, caring to injure a man whose folly would find has again been hoaxed. One word of really him out we kept the fact secret, so this sermon friendly advice. A newspaper editor should sonal assault. The conscience of these classes of Dr. South went all over Canada as the com- do his own reading, to take his history from position of the pastor of a Wesleyan flock in persons from whom he seeks such information ive. Few living authors run any risk of being Toronto. This sermon has been preached as is known to most schoolboys, subjects him frequently since without detection. Sermons to great risk of being crammed with jocosities, by Dr. Liddon and other Church of England such as his nonsense about a mediæval church. divines are constantly preached without any To take his facts from gossip subjects him to acknowledgment by nonconformist ministers, the risk of publishing absurd and malicious Our clergy might secure far higher reputations rumours, such as his tale about Toronto as sermonizers were they equally ready to congregations of only 9 persons. Does not not appreciate the nature of his offence, and if plagiarise. But scholastic training has given our friend see that he opens a very dangerous his stealings add to the attraction of his work them a literary conscience, hence the sermons spot in the party armour by such references? of our clergy, though less ornate than their We decline to take advantage of such clumsy neighbours, are more truthful and honest. fencing, because to expose the malignancy of of larceny. The idea of there being property Although the mass of Church attendants would the allusion would compel us to mention the never detect plagiarism, nor censure it if they names of several of our contemporaries' most Look at the wholesale robbery of British did, still there are few Church congregations ardent party friends, for whom we entertain without some auditors whose culture enables personally the highest respect. temporary Review for June has an able article them to discern differences in style between His article is nothing but a cry of "sour stolen and original matter, and who would grapes;" his coterie tried hard to get possesseverely condemn any flagrant attempt to pass sion of the endowment in question, but failed, off the former as the latter. While then our and now he bewails the fate of those who pulpits are not disgraced by wholesale plagiar- succeeded as having acquired that which will

# SLANDER OF ENDOWED CLERGY.

THE decision given by the Supreme Court, by which the funds hitherto given to one Church, St. James,' Toronto, out of which a large private fortune was accumulated, are in offence to our local pseudo Church contempor-We remember two cases worth recording, for ary. He asserts that the spreading of these

of Wellington. We pointed out at the time ism, as those of the sects are, they might be make them incapable and incompetent! Let

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declares that endowments have the miraculous power of paralyizing the brains and consciences of all their unfortunate recipients. If however, we see any sign of a clergyman piling up a fortune out of his endowment income, we shall not shrink from proclaiming that he has been demoralized by this assistance. But we know that "at home" there are hundreds of clergy, the most devoted in the world, martys to duty, who have not one penny to live upon save an endowment. Let our contemporary travel a little, his horizon is too narrow, his experience too scanty, his reading of Church history so wofully shallow, that in matters of this kind he is incapable of giving an opinion worth listening to. He would serve his party better by retiring "beyond Jordan" for a season, until he becomes competent by prolonged study to deal intelligently with the affairs of the Church of Engiand. Besides learning that mental and moral paralysis are not the natural effects of an endowment, he would discover that a clergyman is not necessarily provided with all the gifts and for a living on his flock, as he now believes, ie., if his words have any logical coherence. Was St. Paul dependent on the people? Did he not work with his hands in order to be independent? According to our contemporary the only true source of authority to minister in the congregation, and the richest fountain of clerical wisdom and power is the popular voice. What a pity it seems to waste time in educating candidates for the ministry who might acquire all they need at a vestry meeting manipulated by party agents, and who, alas! after making efficient pastors are liable to be made suddenly in-

> THE LIMITS OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH.

competent by entering an endowed parish

XIE hope still earnestly that neither from the Archdeacon of Westminster nor from the Dean of Lincoln, who was, we fear, the first offender in this respect, shall we hear anything more about "unchurching the Presbyterians" or any one else. The verb to unchurch has every vice a word can have. It is ugly, modern, vague, misleading, and irritating. In the only sense vhich by any rules of formation it could have it would be applicable to one sex alone. For there is but one meaning in which the English language recognizes the original verb to church; and it is a meaning wholly unsuitable to Presbyterians at large.

Surely it would be far better and more hopeful if, instead of either using or abusing this clumsy and uncomely phrase, Churchmen would try to think whether there is such an act or state as schism; whether it is to be regarded (subject to ample allowance for all qualifying and extenuating circumstances) as sinful; what are its distinctions from heresy and apostacy; and what are its effects upon the position and privileges which are conferred

recent discussions of Convocation a curious some lacking more, some less of the entire inability to see the difference between the privilege of Churchmen; some putting more, conditions of the Church's corporate, and con-some less hindrance in the way of their baptistinuous life, and the conditions of an in-mal grace. It is this conception of a partial dividual's sharing, more or less fully, the severance and alienation, compatible with a cerblessings which, from the central mass, flow tain share in the supernatural endowments of far and wide, more or less realised, less or the Church, which seems to us to need recogmore hindered. Hooker would undoubtedly nition and study. To quote once more the and truly have said, had he been present at thoughtful and precise words of Hooker:the recent sessions of the Lower House-"For lack of diligent observing the differ-cutteth off clean from the visible Church of ence, first between the Church of God Christ is plain apostasy, direct denial, utter mystical and visible, then between the visible rejection of the whole Christian faith as far as sound and corrupted, sometimes more, some- the same is professedly different from infidelity. times less, the oversights are neither few nor Heretics as touching those points of doctrine light that have been committed," (Laws of wherein they fail; schismatics as touching the Ecclesiastical Polity, III. i. 9). Hooker's quarrels for which or the duties wherein they three notes or conditions of membership in divide themseves from their brethren; loose, the visible Church are well known: - "We licentious, and wicked persons as touching speak now of the visible Church, whose children their several offences or crimes, have all forare signed with this mark, 'One Lord, one saken the true Church of God, the Church Faith, one Baptism.' In whomsoever these which is sound and sincere in the doctrine that things are, the Church doth acknowledge they corrupt, the Church that keepeth the them for her children; them only she holdeth bond of unity which they violate, the Church graces needful for his office by being dependent | for aliens and strangers in whom these things | walketh in the laws of righteousness which are not found," (III. i. 7). Thus Hooker they transgress, this very true Church of would unhesitatingly have recognised as Christ they have left, howbeit not altogether members of the Church thousands among us left nor forsaken, simply the Church upon the who reject the discipline and, in part, the main foundation whereof they continue built, doctrine of the Church of England. But he notwithstanding these breaches whereby they would have said that they are members of the are rent at the top asunder," (V. lxviii. 6). Church in spite and not in virtue of their belonging to a schismatic community. He would agreement as to the nature of the Church have been very far from that slipshod and unscientific generosity which drains the meaning considered and borne in mind. If it be a real out of the Church's name by regarding it as and valid distinction, then it would seem to a level and homogeneous mass, whose life set us free to insist, without fear of seeming and strength and glory are equally diffused harsh or cruel, on all the true notes of the throughout all its members, however they may central and historic Church, as essential to her sever or isolate themselves, however they may integrity and rightful authority. It would disown the channel through which their new suggest and warrant the true answer to the birth came to them, however far they may stray from the historic and continuous tradition, lacking the valid Eucharist and the authoritative Absolution. In this matter, as in many and explain the real character and harmfulothers, Hooker sees and insists on a distinction ness of schism. It would make clear the true where ordinary talk huddles things indis. principles which should guide a parish priest criminately together. Within the vast and in his relations with those of the flock comvaried multitude who constitute the visible of the body, as it were something which he calls "the very true Church of Christ." There is thus a distinguishing line to be drawn, or rather to be recognised, within the wide limits of the visible Church, including as it does all who have entered by the gate of one side of the distinguishing line there may sound members of the historic Church, those who are in full communion with her, accepting her discipline, believing all the articles of her faith, living by her rule, joining in her worship, nourished by the spiritual Food at her Altar, the Eucharist consecrated by a duly ordained priest. On the other side are those who,

all endowed clergy take warning, this authority by baptism. There appeared at times in the various degrees unsound, deficient, or corrupt;

"That which separateth utterly, that which

We cannot help thinking that the hope of would be increased if this distinction were duly tenth of the proposed questions :- " Why is it our duty to belong to the Church of England?' It would make it comparatively easy to define mitted to his care who are by schism hindering Church he discerns a central society, the heart the energy of the grace given to them in baptism, and failing to realise the full privilege of Chtistianity. Above all, it would help us to discern and to teach with more distinctness what are the inherent glories, the unique prerogatives, the unfailing treasures of "this very true Church of Christ," from which the life and baptism, and profess the faith of Christ; and on light have issued forth to nourish and to cheer those who for a while misunderstand its misbe very many grades, "degrees and differences sion and reject its claims, even though the no way possible to be drawn unto any certain grace which through it they have by baptism account." On one side of the line are the received is the very power which keeps them still within the vast body of the visible church.

-The London Guardian.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We regret that the extreme length of the letter on Education prevents its insertion. A friend has called our attention to a marriage notice announcing that the ceremony was performed by so and so, though still members of the Church, are in a clergyman, assisted by Mr. so and so, who is a

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layman, a student of Wycliffe, and said to have and Mercer upon the trapeze. A repetition of the charge of a certain Mission. such a thing is legal? We cannot say not knowing what the the layman did to assist the celebrant, possibly he only acted as clerk and said Amen in the right places. It was execrably bad the kindly attention and hospitality of Mr. Alec Bestaste to insert a layman's name as assistant in a serer. This gentleman is the fortunate possessor of marriage ceremony. But as bridesmaids are said the most beautiful picnic grove on the river, which is to assist on such occasions, the layman whose name was advertised may have been like them, -merely one of the ornamental adjuncts of the ceremony. We understand that he is without experience as to the usages and teachings of the Church. Should he ever acquire this knowledge he will wait until he is duly authorised before as sisting in a marriage ceremony—except as one of

# Kome & Foreign Church News

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, July 15.—A cablegram was received to day from Rev. Dr. Edgehall declining the bishopric of luncheon was served in the dining hall. Nova Scotia, which was offered to him last week. is much to be regretted, but it was hardly likely that Dr. Edgebill would leave so important a position as he now occupies, being practically Bishop of the British Army.

### QUEBEC.

Quebec.—Mrs. Boomer has received from Mrs. Wilfor the jubilee thank offering to the W. and O. Fund total to date \$1108.24.

### ONTARIO.

churches of this parish, attended by large congrega- opinions from masters and boys. tions. Hymns suitable to the occasion were sung, including the hymn by the Lord Bishop of Ossary, "O, by the Hon. the Chancellor, who, after referring to the was well filled. The leading officers of the 56th, in ern Canada. cluding Col. Campbell, Major Burritt and Capt. Kidd, are members of Christ Church congregation. On July 6th the congregation of Trinity Church, Merrickville, held a grand picnic on the agricultural grounds in honor of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Everything passed off pleasantly. The net proceeds—the principal part of it is to be applied towards the erection of a fence around the church and rectory—amounted to the handsome sum of \$200. The new rectory, one of the scholarship. handsomest in the diocese, is nearing completion.

The executive committee threw themselves heartily into the work of preparing and arranging the day's pleasure and presented their patrons with a pro which stood upon the table with the prizes, and exgramme which was perfect in every detail. At 6 30 pressing both his hope and his conviction that it was yesterday morning the children of the Christ church destined to remain in the school for the next two and St. Paul's (Rochesterville) Sunday schools, as- years, and so become finally, according to the terms sembled at the first named school and marched to the of the donors, the property of the Trinity College Queen's wharf, being met on the way by the scholars School Cricket Club. of St. John's and St. Alban's. At the wharf were waiting children from St. George's and St. Bartholemew's. speech, in which he again urged the fact of personal The whole embarked on the steamers Empress and Dagmar, and started for Besserer's grove. Regard his life in the spirit of the great painter who said, freshments were supplied to the children on reaching "I paint for eternity." the scene of the picnic. The programme during the day included athletic sports of all kinds, football and National Anthem and three rousing cheers for the lacrosse matches and performances by Messrs. Mills head master.

We are asked if jubilee airs was given, the children being lead by Prof. W. G. Workman. It was estimated that the picnic was attended by three thousand persons. The pleasure and comfort of the thousands of English Church Sunday school picknickers, was greatly enhanced by bound to become the most popular picnic grounds in the vicinity of Ottawa.

#### TORONTO.

PORT HOPE.—Speech Day at Trinity College School.— The annual speech day at Trinity College School took the guests. The incident is not without significe place on the 14th July, when the proceedings were as enthusiastic as usual. The weather was propitious. By eleven o'clock the chapel was well filled for divine service. Choral Matins was intoned by Rev. Prof. Roper with the school choir, after which A. G. Mortimer of Staten Island, preached a most able and eloquent sermon on the text, Phil. iii. 13. The reverend gentleman spoke strongly on the development of character during school life, naming three points as the special marks of a Christian gentleman—unselfishness, earnestness and trustworthiness; he showed how the first meant loyalty to the school and patriotism towards the country, how the second should be the characteristic of all right action, whether work or play or prayer, while the third was that which gave utility and emphasis to the other two. After chapel,

At two o'clock all met in the speech room for the The Church of England Synod will accordingly meet distribution of prizes and other honors. Among those again in Halifax, on Aug. 10, to fill the office. This present were noticed the Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Sweatman, Hon. G. W. Allan Chancellor of the University; the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, Rev. Professor Roper, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, with a large number of other clergy and friends of the school. At a meeting held after the distribution of prizes the visitors present agreed to found and equip a thoroughly complete gymnasium for the school, and oppointed an executive committee.

In the speech room the Bishop of Toronto took the liams the sum of \$433.26, being the amount gathered chair, and after some introductory remarks by the Rev. the Head Master, the main business of the distriof Algoma, from the various branches of the Womens' bution of prizes was proceeded with. Below will be Mission Auxiliary of that diocese. This makes the found a complete list of the winners. There was the usual display of generous feeling at each reward, culminating in hearty applause when the head master. in highly complimentary words, presented the bronze medal (awarded annually by vote of the masters for steady perseverance in industry, courtesy and in-Merrickville and Burritt's Rapids.—On Sunday, tegrity") to F. B. G. Allan, who, both as head prefect June 19th, Jubilee services were held in the two and captain of the cricket eleven, had won golden

After this was concluded the first speech was made God, the King of Nations," and the National Anthem. entire satisfaction he had found in his own sons with fielder, D. F. Jones. At Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids, there was a par regard to the training and tone of the school, urged on ade of the local military connected with the 56th Batt., all the pupils, past and present, the duty of uncomheaded by the Burritt's Rapids band, lately attached promising loyalty, both to the school and to the mother to the 56th. A heavy rain interfered to some extent institution, the University of Trinity College, as the with the attendance at the service, yet the church only Church of England places of education in west-

Rev. Provost Body, referring to some remarks of the head master in regard to the lateness of the combined universities' examination, said that it bore this good fruit, viz., the bringing of the T.C.S. boys into competition with those of other schools throughout the province, the result being, on the testimony of several of the examiners, that the boys of this school were head and shoulders over their rivals in point of

Rev. Canon DuMoulin followed in an admirable speech, in which he referred to St. Paul's division of OTTAWA .- The picnic of the Anglican Sunday man's nature in the words, "that your whole spirit, schools to Besserer's grove on the 5th July, was soul and body may be preserved, etc.," and said that blessed with exceedingly fine weather, and was a suc there was ample testimony that none of these was cess in the highest sense of the word, all the children neglected in the training supplied by Trinity College as well as people of a more mature age declaring that School, emphasizing the last point, viz, the body, by they had spent a very enjoyable day. It would have telling with what profound delight and enthusiasm been rather hard indeed if such had not been the case. he had heard of the school's triumphs in cricket, and

Rev. A. G. Mortimer followed in a short and polished

The proceedings closed with the singing of the

The following is the complete prize and honour

Prizes for General Proficiency.—6th form, the Chancellor's prize, W. H. White; 4th form, the Rev. F. A. Bethune (scholarship), W. C. Damble; 3rd form, E. C. Cattanach; 2nd form (upper), M. S. McCarthy; 2nd form (lower) H. W. Hague; 1st form (upper), H. E. S. Asbury; 1st form (lower), T. H. Burnham.
Second Prizes for General Proficiency.—2nd form

(apper), H. G. Kingstone; 2nd form (lower), A. M. Bethune; 1st form (upper), L. M. Lyon; 1st form (lower), G. W. Coen; 2nd form (extra prize) G. E. P. Stevenson.

Divinity.—6th form, the Lord Bishop of Toronto's prize, W. H. White; 4th form, Rev. Canon Du Moulin's prize, A. F. R. Martin; 3rd form, J. J. P. Armstrong and W. C. R. Graham &q.; 2nd form (upper), H. M. Killaly and H. G. Kingstone æq.; 2nd form (lower), J. G. Battell; 1st form (upper), L. M. Lyon; 1st form (lower), T. H. Burnham.

Mathematics.—6th form, the Governor-General's medal, A. T. Kirkpatrick; 4th form, Rev. Prof. Jones prize, H. D. Symmes; 3rd form, R. B. Griffith; 2nd form (upper), W. R. Boulton; 2nd form (lower), Mr. J. Ham Perry's prize, F. H. Bethune; 1st form (upper), P. C. H. Papps; 1st form (lower), arithmetic, Rev. Prof. Jones' prize, G. W. Coen.

Greek Grammar.—Rev. A. J. Broughall's prize, not awarded; 2nd form, Head master's prize, H. G. Kingstone.

Latin Grammar.—Rev. Prof. Boy's prize, W. H. White; 1st form (upper), Rev. J. Simpson's prize, H. E. S. Asbury. Latin Composition .- Mr. Worrell's prize, J. Mat-

French.—1st, Mr. Elmes Henderson's prize, A. T. Kirkpatrick; 2nd prize, H. G. Kingstone; 3rd prize, Mr. Sutherland Macklem's prize, C. Wood; 4th prize,

R. A. Downey. History and Geography.—1st prize, Rev. Prof. Clark's prize, W. C. Dumble; 2nd, W. C. R Graham. English.—1st prize, Mr. James Henderson's prize, H. E. S. Asbury; 2nd, A. B. Hayes; 3rd, T. H. Burn-

Natural Science.—3rd form (botany), H. M. Killaly; modern form (natural philosophy), Kev. Provost Body's prize, H. D. Symmes.

Writing and Drawing .- Writing, O. W. David; 1st drawing (Mr. Sutherland Macklem's prize), E. B. Daykin; 2nd drawing (Mr. Sutherland Macklem's prize), A. B. English. Bookkeeping.—Modern form prize, F. J. H. Bedson.

Book of Common prayer .- Rev. W. E. Cooper's prize, W. H. White. Church History.—Rev. J. D. Cayley's prize, W. C.

R. Graham. Holy Scriptures.—Rev. Prof. Roper's prize, F. G.

Kirkpatrick. Music.-Mrs. Read's prize, P. C. H. Papps; the bronze medal, F. G. B. Allan.

Cricket.—Captain, F. G. B. Allan; best batsman, F. G. B. Allen: best bowler, G. H. P. Grout: best The following is the honour list:

Divinity.-Forms VI. and V.-Farncomb, Gourt, A. T. Kirkpatrick, White. Form IV .- Damble, Da Moulin, G. B. Jones, A. Martin, Middleton, Pringle. Form III.—Graham, Griffith, Cattanach, Gurd, Parfitt, Armstrong, Fletcher. Form II. A-Killaly, David, Stevenson, Henderson, Kingstone. Form II. B.—Asbury, Battell, Becher, A. F. Bethune, A. M. Bethune, Browne, Bullen, A. Burwell, A. Fraser, Hague, H. Jones, C. E. Martin, G. Proctor, Seton, Simpson Wise. Form I, A.—Renison.—Form I. B.—G. Coen, Fetherston, Haydon, Jewett.

Bookkeeping.—Nesbitt, Seton. Natural Science.—Bedson, Bell, W. Boulton, English, Irwin, G. McLaren, Scott, Shears.

Botany.—Asbury, Bell, Bedson, A. F. Bethune, A. M. Bethune, Dumble, Hamilton, Scott, Spicer, Usborne.

French.—Form IV + Damble. Form II. A.—Hague, Killaly, M. S. McCarthy, H. McLaren, C. Sanders. Form II. B.—Asbury. Form I. A.—Daykin, J. Fraser.

History and Geography.—Form IV.—A. Martin, Pringle. Form III.—Graham, Parfitt, Mason, Arm. strong, Gurd, Shears. Form II. A .- Stevenson Kingstone, Barker, Henderson, M. S. McCarthy, Farini, A. Cleghorn, Killaly, Daykin, Wood, J. Boulton, Marcon, Miller, Lewis. Form II. B. Asbury, A. M. Bethune, Battell, Browne, Curran, Lyon. Form I. A.—C. Allan, S. Corn. Form I. B.— Griffin, Hayden, Hayes, Jewett, Neilson,

### NIAGARA.

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since the year 1880. The parishoners decided to hold remove to Montreal, was presented with a photo-call it, if only I can lead my boys to fight the devil of the incumbent, Rev. R.S. Locke, M.A., Mr. Spencer presided. A very happy time was spent. The attendance was sufficient to fill the drill ball of the village, all classes and religious bodies being represented. The entertainment provided was remarkably good. The financial gain was about \$85, which goes to supplement an amount previously collected for a stained plement an amount previously collected for a stained plement an amount previously collected for a stained together with a kindly worded address as a lady who has so materially helped me ever since the glass window for the chancel. The window will be engraved, together with a kindly worded address, exerected in a few weeks, when the congregation will pressing their sorrow at his leaving Wingham, and ing to let the £100 follow you to your new "wigwam," have cause for a service of devout thanksgiving. It trusting that the climate of the Pacific Coast will soon and hope a rich blessing will rest upon your missionis not often that a parish has two such excellent restore Mrs. McCosh to health. Mr. McCosh replied ary efforts where they may be carried on "This is works brought to completion in the same year. The very feelingly, thanking his friends for their extreme friends and former residents of the place will be glad kindness to him, not only now but ever since he came to hear of this prosperity.

#### HURON.

legally the Cathedral of the diocese. The agreement acknowledges further sums received since 22nd June between his Lordship the Bishop and the rector and churchwardens has been signed. Under the agreetown, \$3; offertory from Tyroonuel, per Rev. J. Chance, ment St. Pauls has a twofold capacity, first, that of a \$7 60; from Kincardine, \$28 70; Woodstock, \$37, per parish, and second, that of a diocessar Cathedral, Mrs. Eakins and Mrs. Fletcher; Simcoe, \$30.42; whenever it is required for the purpose of a festival Sarnia, additional \$1; St. George's (St. Catharines) ordination, &c., it is in the cathedral capacity, when offertory, \$12; Mrs. Helen Anderson, Fort Erie, \$10; the direction is under the Bishop, but at other times proceeds of a nursery concert given by eight little it will be, as it has been, a parish church. His Lord | children, \$1.74; Mr. and Mrs. Granger, \$2; offertory ship can on any two Sundays of any month, on giving from St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, per Rev. F. W. four days notice, preach himself or nominate a Greene, \$58.- A gift of \$12 22 comes from the mempreacher. St. Paul's Church was sometimes, ere now bers of the Galt Sunday school, sent, as their excelknown as the parish Cathedral. When these thirteen lent superintendent, Mr. Woods, writes, "without any counties were set apart, as a newly constituted dio other solicitation than a simple announcement, and all cese, in the year 1857, the rector of St. Paul's, Rev. in sums under 50 cents, showing that scholars gener Benj. Cronyn, was elected Bishop, and retained with the bishopric, the parish until 1881. During this reaches \$674, with only, as yet, thirteen parishes period St. Paul's Church held, also, the twofold positions of the diocese of Huron. Many, now that on the death of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cronyn, he pro-posed the erection of the Cathedral of the Holy dividual gifts as previously acknowledged. Trinity, and he caused his chair to be moved up to that building. Owing to those grounds being expropriated for railway purposes, this Cathedral project had to be abandoned, and St. Paul's Church is now legally the Cathedral of the diocese.

The Huron Synod and our Missionary Diocese.—At the late meeting of Synod, it was proposed by Rev. Canon Innes, and unanimously carried out that the grant of 700 per annum to the Episcopal Fund of Algoma, be continued for five years. It was proposed by Rev. John Gemley: any clergyman of five year's standing in this diocese, who may remove from it to claimant upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of this the diocese of Huron upon the conditions which would be required of him had he not removed. The aforesidation from the Indian department of the properties of the Indian department of the Indian said claim to remain in force for seven years after said removal or until such time as a Widows' and Orphans' Fund be established for the aforesaid diocese of Algoma. The motion was ruled out of order by the Bishop. by the Bishop.

Imlach's motion to appoint fifteen on diocesan relations, and enlarging the Provincial Synod to take in been taking more pupils than we had the means to the whole of British North America was taken up. support; consequently our maintenance fund is now Mr. Jenkins supported the motion in an admirably \$1,400 in debt, consequently Mr. Mitchell must leave of such a measure. Rev. J. Wright and Ven. Archibe reduced; I must be debarred also from any further deacon March opposed the motion. The motion was travelling for the present; I have travelled always

Religious Instruction in the Public Schools.—The subcommittee for the diocese of Huron appointed by the Provincial Synod to take into consideration the question of religious instruction in the public and high schools, met in the chapter house, the Rev. Canon Innes being chairman. A report embodying a recommendation or scheme for carrying out a system of re-ligious instruction in schools by voluntary agency was unanimously adopted and advised to be forwarded to the secretaries of the general committee.

Wingham.—Huron Deanery.—It is expected that the sand times the struggle and the fight, the fall and Lord Bishop will appoint Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, of rising again, the momentary yielding to temptation Gorrie, to St. Paul's Church, Wingham.

LONDON WEST -Miss Nellie Valentine having resigned the position of organist of St. George's Church was, a few evenings ago, presented with a gold watch, in recognition of her services.

WINGHAM —About twenty-five members of St. Paul's Church assembled at the residence of Henry Davis, amongst them, and regretting very much that he is compelled to sever the ties which bound them so happily together.

London.—Churchwomens' Jubilee Offering to the W St. Paul's Cathedral.—Our old St. Pauls is now and O. Fund of Alyoma.—The treasurer thankfully tion. When Rev. Dr. Hellmuth was elected Bishop time is given them, promise to work heartily for the

### ALGOMA.

The Indian Homes.—The good news is for the opponents to my Indian work, for those who think that money is being squandered and wasted in the endea vour to christianize, educate and civilize the Indians, for those who regard it as a matter of indifference whether the Indians become Roman Catholics or Protestants or remain pagans. The good newe is this -that the Indian department, notwithstanding the substantial verbal promises made to me last fall, has the missionary diocese of Algoma, shall continue a written to me that it has been unable to make a recommunication from the Indian department means North-west, I, two years ago, engaged Mr. H. D. Mitchell as my assistant-superintendent to help me Proposed Church Union of British North America.— in my labors when at home, and to take sole charge during my absence. I have never been able to get condensed speech of powerful argument on the need me to work alone, and the number of our pupils must postponed to be placed in the next convening circular. mainly at my own expense, and my purse is getting low. I have written all this to the Indian department, and I wish to make it known now to the members of our Church. I make no fresh appeal, I will wait God's time. I have been through deeper waters than these and by the grace of God can still feel bottom.

and satisfaction to myself, and I think will afford satisfaction to my very warm friends who take so much interest in my work. 1. We have lately had abundant evidence of God's work in our midst, both among our boys and girls; not the calm of easy indifference about religion, but evidences of spiritual conflict going on with the great enemy: better a thouand the bitter tears of sorrow; than the easy going lip service of the Christian worldling. What say you to 17 boys coming up voluntarily to receive a sound flog-17 boys coming up voluntarily to receive a sound flogging because they knew they deserved it? Eleven evenings running we had prayer in the class room—

fifteen to twenty boys each night—prayers in English fifteen to twenty boys each night fifteen to twenty boys each night fifteen to twenty boys each night fifteen to twenty between the fifteen to tw

a Jabilee social and thus publicly express their grati- graphic group of her class nicely framed, together with and overcome sin. 2. For the proposed Branch Home fication. They invited their late pastor, Rev. P. L. an address containing expressions of the love they en at Elkhorn in Manitoba, we have \$2,000 in hand, and spencer, now of Thorold, to be present. By request tertained for her and their regret at losing so kind and a free grant of land has been offered me right in the town. My good friend, Mr. Rowsell, is exerting himself to get the Home started, and we have a clergyman ready to take charge, provided the Bishop approves. The Indian department's refusal to help is of course a drawback. Still God can open for us a first inauguration of my work writes me, "I am willary efforts where they may be carried on." This is in reference to my proposed removal to Banff, on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, with the view to inaugurating a new work among the thousands of heathen Indians scattered throughout those regions. am willing to go and to take my family, and to place the Shingwauk Home in other hands if it be God's will. I want to go out there and fight the Roman Catholics. The Roman Catholics with the Government at their back, are a strong enemy, but David overcame Goliath with a sling and a stone.

E. F. WILSON.

Aspdin.—The churchwardens of St. Mary's Church beg gratefully to acknowledge the present of a handsome carpet for chancel from Miss Girdlestone, per Messrs. Petley & Petley, Toronto.

#### FOREIGN.

The bishop of Newcastle has received £2 000, part of a sum of £5,500, subscribed by an anonymous donor toward the completion of the chancel of the Cathedral.

The Princess of Wales, who was accompanied by the Prince, her three daughters, the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, and the eldest son of the King of Greece, laid the foundation stone of a new church at Sunninghill, near Windsor, June 18th.

By the death, at the age of 77, of the Rev. Henry Hubert Cornish, principal of New Inn Hall, Oxford, the Hall ceases to exist as a separate foundation, and will be merged into Balliol.

In the beginning of the century there were only 150 Protestant pastors in France, now there are

Among the clergy now living who were in orders in 1837, when the Queen ascended the throne, is the who was appointed to the living he now holds in 1819 the birth year of the Queen.

Dean Vaughan has again consented to accept the office of Select preacher at Cambridge, and he will deliver two sermons before the University during Michaelmas term. The other Select Preachers for 1887 to 1888 are the Bishop of Hereford, the Dean of St. Asaph, and Prof. Creighton.

The 28th annual commemoration of the English Church Union took place on June 15th and 16th. Special services on behalf of the Union were held at 440 churches in London and the country. The annual meeting was held at Prince's Hall, London, Viscount Halifax presiding.

The parish church of Great Bowden, Northamptonsbire, has lately been thoroughly restored at a cost of over £2,000. A new font has been subscribed for by the children of the parish, and the organ entirely Good News.—The following are a source of comfort rebuilt. The church was reopened on the 9th inst., and satisfaction to myself, and I think will afford when the Bishop of Nottingham officiated as Celebrant at Holy Communion and preached at Evensong.

> On the first Sunday in Trinity Term, according to ancient custom, some of the judges went in state to St. Paul's Cathedral. All wore their robes of office and were attended by their trainbearers and clerks. The sermon, on "He that ruleth over men must be just." 2 Sam. xxiii, 3.

and prayers in Indian, boys crying, "God be merciful to me a sinner," or "Lord remember me when Thou that of Churcham. Twelve months ago the church comest into thy kingdom. Call it Methodism, call it was an absolute ruin, and there had been no service salvation armyism if you will, I care not what you held in it for several years.

On Tuesday was reopened, after complete reparation and extension of the aisles westwards, the ancient church of S. Leonard, Sandbridge, near St. Alban's. The arcades and the north doorway are of the late Norman period. There is a remnant of a round-headed chancel arch, which was constructed in the early Norman period of old Roman bricks, similar to those with which the tower and some other portions of St. Alban's Abbey were built.

AURTRIA-The formal consecration of the English church erected in Vienna, as long ago as 1878 by public subscription, took place June 11, Bishop Wilkinson officiating. The service began by the reading of the ambassador's request to the Bishop of London for the consecration of the building, which will henceforth be known as Christ Church. Sir Augustns Paget and Lady Paget were both present at the ceremony This is the first time that an English church has been consecrated in Vienna. On Sunday, Bishop Wilkinson preached at the morning service, and in the afternoon held a confirmation service.

Wales.—On June 28 the Bishop of Llandaff held a service in the ruins of Tinturn Abbey, where no service has been held since the Reformation. The ven erable ruin is known to all visitors to Monmouthshire who go down the valley of the Wye toward the Windcliffe and Chepstowe Castle. It is roofless, but still magnificent, and most picturesquely situated. The presence of Bishop Lewis, at jubilee time within its walls, is a reminder of the continuity of the Church as well as of the throne.

Increase of Clergy.—The annual reports of the English Church Societies give comparative statements of their present condition as contrasted with that at the commencement of the Queen's reign. In some cases the figures are remarkable. Here is the statement of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. The figures are for 1836 and 1885. They tell their own tale.

1836.	1885.
Number of benefices with cure of	
souls in England and Wales10,657	14,018
Number of beneficed clergy 8,147	13,549
Number of curates employed by resi-	
dent incumbents 1,006	5,798
Number of curates employed by non-	
resident incumbents 4,224	359
Average annual stipend of curates £81	£14
What a stupendous increase of Clergy.	
resident incumbents	

Mr. George Muller, founder of the famous orphanage at Bristol, where 2,000 children are constantly fed and cared for, has returned to Bristol after a no less than 130,000 miles, and addressed congregations numbering in all over 1,000,000 persons. His

report of the Religious Tract Society of England received a check, but of late there are signs that it that they were exceedingly well received. Before the Christian part of the community had time to send their orders the whole consignment was sold, and Tract Societies are the two greatest factors in the evangelisation of this country is a fact that onght to be more dwelt upon at home than it is.

The munificent gift of \$50,000, has just been made by Mrs. Strangways, late of Greenway, Shurdington, near Cheltenham, for the purpose of building a par-from Whittaker's Almanac, showing the numbers of sonage at Shurdington, a chapel at Bentham and in the Anglican Church, and of the Methodist body recreasing the endowment of Badgworth. Her noble gift has been supplemented by one of nearly ten acres question: "What is the reason that the Methodists of land by the Rev. Mr. Wilson Coberley, to be a in Canada increases so much faster than the glebe for the proposed parsonage. In the same dio- Anglicans." He further says: "There must be some cese, that of Gloucester and Bristol, the bishop has reason or reasons, for it is notorious that thousands reopened the ancient church at Bulley. This church of recruits in the Methodist body are from the was built by an abbot of St. Peters, very soon Anglican Communion." The latter quotation emafter the Norman conquest, and its restoration has bodies the pith and marrow of the answer he sympathy, for his missions and missionaries. How been made possible by the generosity of two laymen. seeks, and for the reason of it, we have not many in Canada are like a certain lady in England. The history of Gloucester and Bristol has had the for the case but I think a seeks. The bishop of Gloucester and Bristol has had the far to go; but I think a wrong inference may be and her co workers, they pray each week for three further entire of correction of corrections of correct

church in Bristol, the sixth consecrated in that city within a few years as the result of the Church extension movement.

# Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

#### WHAT IS THE REASON?

Sir,-A correspondent asks why the Anglican Church in England advances, and is gaining on the sects rapidly, and why in Canada not only is it in the minority, but those who have been regular Church people in the Old Country turn over to dissent. He is not the only one grieved at the fact, and until the laymen once for all take the matter up the Church of England will dwindle away. As a layman of the Diocese of Ontario may I ask if the following reasons are not to the point? First, people come here accustomed to pay but little for their clergymen's support, and they find a community standing low and of no great account, which by reason of the fewness of its members makes a larger demand on the settlers' purse, and consequently he turns to the absorbing community. Once more, employment is more easily obtained among a large and wealthier community, and Methodists do all they can to secure those employed by them; the rest gratitude does. But nothing contributes so largely to depress the Church of England as the bad management of the rnlers. Apathy and coldness distinguish them in this Diocese and others. A clergyman told me a few weeks ago that eleven or twelve parishes are now vacant and without likelihood of being filled. These might have been provided for by exercising some forethought. There is no attempt to do more than supply prosperous places by removing clergymen and leaving the country places to take care of themselves. Thus, when a clergyman is placed in the empty church a discouraged people begin, after a long time, during which they have no desire at all, to revive. All of a sudden he is taken away to fill some place else, and the whole congregation is turned over to the Methodists again. They get sick of this process. New comers are told we have no clergyman, the church is closed, and new and old are lost. So the Church goes on from bad to worse; the church people ask for bread and receive a stone. In many places the clergyman appointed is preaching tour. He and Mrs. Muller have travelled not calculated to revive dispirited and neglected people. They may be good men but unfit for their position, men worn out, men of quite different present tour has been to the United States, where thought from the congregations they are alloted to. he had intended spending the winter in preaching. The Methodist organisation does far otherwise; if a Yielding, however, to a pressing invitation from Aus. place does not prosper it is watched and a man tralia, he went by way of San Francisco to Australia placed at once by removal to stop defection before it and New Zealand, thence to the Straits of Malacca, has far gone. Their parishes are not left to take Japan and China, and returned through Europe, thus care of themselves. The president of the Conference having completed a preaching tour round the world. does not trust to chance for some stray man to ask Although 82 years of age he says he has experienced for work on the principle anything is good enough no fatigue from his preaching labors. for work on the principle anything is good enough to stop a hole. We are amused by congratulations and abundant mission funds which are in a great In the portion relating to Japan, the forthcoming there is no one to use them. Why are clergy measure the result of salaries in abeyance because bears striking evidence of the growing taste for West- If the heads are unable to do this duty and provide ern literature. The study of the English language for the Church, the only remedy is for the laymen of which was carried on so vigorously a few years ago the diocese to take the matter in hand, and by constitutional means secure a change. I hope the will be revived. Some time ago Mr. Thomson, the Society's agent, ordered a number of "Present Day Tracts" and the committee were delighted to find position will not be afraid to speak. I have not a list of the vacant parishes, but perhaps some one who knows them will supply the names and it might be enlarged chiefly to men in business and seamen on board ships dead. Some good reasons will then be plain why the Church of England does not prosper. This has been going on for years, it is time it stopped. -LAYMAN OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO AND CHURCH

Sir,-In last week's issue, your correspondent "Lance," after quoting Church statistics for 1881. further satisfaction of consecrating a new and large drawn from the wording of his question, from which missionaries, and this has been going on for some

it is implied that the Methodists continue to increase faster than the Anglicans; this I cannot admit to be the case. But it is unfortunately true that the strength of the Methodists has been drawn from the Church of England, dating from the early settlement of this Province of Ontario, up to a comparatively recent period, by reason of the want of organization in the Church to meet the exigencies of the case, and the existence of an admirable organization which exists in the Methodist body, whereby the spiritual needs of our pioneer settlers in the woods were met. and they were kept from spiritual starvation. These settlers, of whom a very large proportion had been bap tized and brought up in the nurture of Church princi ples, became incorporated with the Methodists, hence reducing the number of Church adherents by thousands. This state of things had been inexistence, during, at least, one generation, and this has been the main cause, and source of strength we see in Methodism to-day. The Church of England has within the past generation revived from a lethargy, which even her best friends must admit to have existed, and have deplored; but she is now "alive," and making up for past deficiencies, alike in organization, administration. and above all, in spiritual life. The Methodist body, henceforth, cannot look for recruits from that source which has contributed so much to make it the important body it is to-day. While admitting, as I do, that the Methodists did good pioneer service in the cause of Christianity in the early days of our settlement here, I am one of those who hope to see them come back to the Mother Church, whom their Great Founder never left, who advised and warned Hisfollowers, never to leave, and in whose faith He Himself died. I rejoice to have noticed for several years past, indications of a desire for Christion Union among our Protestant brethren, and my fervent prayer is that it may soon be consummated. Toronto, July 11th, 1887.

#### ORGANIC UNION OF CANADIAN CHURCHES.

SIR,-Anent the review which appeared in your issue of last week on Dean Carmichael's Book "Organic Union of Canadian Churches," allow me to quote the following from a letter, which appeared in the Church Times of June 24th: "The Bishop of Long Island, in his Convention address delivered May 24th, spoke wisely in regard to Church unity. He urged caution; deprecated the sentimental ideas of unity which threatened to become a substitute for formulated faiths and definite theological principles, and positive immemorial traditions of ecclesiastica government, and old teachings about the Sacraments. He said, "it is certain that this Church would never for the sake of union with non Episcopal bodies, constituting a small faction of Christendom, do anything to drive it further off than it is to day, from the old historic branches of the Catholic Church, with their more than 300,000,000 souls.

It is time to hold out cautionary signals—unity to be worth anything, must be founded on truth." Yours, SUTHERLAND MACKLEM.

### INDIANS AND INDIAN MISSSIONARIES.

SIR,—There is a great deal told us about missionaries in a goodly number of books, but if people want to find them, and this not very far away, they want to turn to the only real live Indian Missionaries we have in Algoma-I mean Revs. F. Frost, of Sheguiandah, and R Renison of Nepigon. The former is doing more than any man's work ought to be, against even the wish of the Bishop, and has a sick wife besides; the latter is living on a mere pittance of a salary where flour has been as much, I believe, as twenty dollars a barre, and has some three or four children to support. These men pass year after year at their posts, and no one hears of them (unless they write an account of themselves to the paper), and the Church at large cares nothing for them. Is this right. Certainly not. We ought to pray for and sympathize with these men and their little ones. Shame on every one of us that we do not do more for them than we do. Let us now mend our ways, and try to brighten up the homes of our brethren, wearied at times with the burthen and heat of the day. I have much pleasure in enclosing you \$2, as the beginning of a "Fund" for the benefit of Mr. Frost. Will not some others add a few \$5, and pay the Doctor's Bill. I wish I could send \$50. Let more than this be given Yours,

Home, Sweet Home. The Bishop of Algoma cannot do everything. Be is often cast down at the way his missions are supported. He wants more men-men who are not afraid of a little hardship, and he will get them I am

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#### QUASI-HICH CHURCH IRREVERENCE.

SIB,-I was very sorry to read, in your issue of July 7th, a letter from Mr. Clifton, in reference to St. Barnabas. I do not think that it helps the matter to publish it throughout the country in the columns thought that now Moses would have peace and quietcommenced his work, he ought to get a fair trial. As family complain. They raise their voices against upon it, instead of desiring to test its truth by sending the building itself, it is of course in a most Moses because of his wife (xii. 1). Miriam is probing spies into the land. unfinished condition, owing to the want of funds, no ably the leader. Their desire is to be equal to Moses. doubt, but will, I think, when completed make a dignidoubt, but will, I think, when completed make a dignithey have not the spirit of which Christ speaks (St. field church. Room was a neccessity, and architectural Luke xiv. 11). But God hears their murmurings. considerations will come into operation with more money. I must deny that Mr. Clarke is irreverent. He shows what hopour He will put upon Moses, and the responsibility of the services on his own shoulders. speeches. (Numb. xii. 6-8). As time goes on, all the details will settle themselves, of considerable experience, and has, moreover, been very acceptable to every congregation to which he has ministered. As regards the administration of the choice. Hely Communion to two persons, I think that even that is defensible. The rubric says three or four always God's honour and glory. according to the priests discretion. Another rubric says that persons intending to communicate, ahall send in their names beforehaud. If this is not done, STH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. how can the priest know how many intend communicating? If two people take the trouble to get up early and go to church, on a cold morning for instance, why should they be deprived of the Holy Communion, because a third person would not take the same ioin the churchmen of Toronto in devout thankfulness that Mr. Clarke has been enabled to get on as satisfactorily as he has done. If Mr. Clifton visits St. Barnabas in a year or two, and finds the service faulty, help and sympathize, instead of blaming and criticzing in the way Mr. Clifton has done. Yours truly, F. G. PLUMMER.

# SKETCH OF LESSON

7th. Sunday after Trinity. July 24th 1887. Divinely Called.

Passages to be read.—Numbers xi. 16-27; xiii-10.

Service of some kind is rendered by every one, no matter how high his position. Kings and Queens are the servants of the Most High God; and under them, in various places of trust, are persons appointed for particular duties. Some work with their heads, others with their hands; some remain at home, others are sent abroad; some are in high and honored places, others have low stations and com mon duties. Now all servants of Her Gracious Majthing may be noticed. They must all be interested

To day our lesson describes how certain servants, not of man, but of God, were appointed.

1.—Help for God's Prophet.—You remember Moses sorrow when Israel murmured. He longed to be rid of the leadership. Indeed he even wished to die. Wisely, however, he cast his burden upon the Lord ed was more faith. God also promised him assist ance in looking after the multitudes of Israel. By (Ex. xviii. 25 26,) but they were merely rulers, or judges. Teachers or prophets were now wanted, scence of forty days. men possessed of spiritual gifts.

understanding. By this sign, known to and witness

would put His spirit upon them," (Numb. xi. 29).

He shows what hopour He will put upon Moses, and He is nervous, and perhaps unnecessarily alive to a how his place is higher than that of a prophet. To a sense of his responsibilities, but his manner struck prophet He will make Himself known in visions : to me as particularly reverent. At present, he has all Moses He will speak mouth to mouth, and not in dark

God has spoken. Aaron and Miriam tremble. The and Mr. Clarke will be relieved from all but the ser-cloud departs from the Tabernacle, and, looking upon

Two lessons may be learned from the narrative:

JULY 31st, 1887.

A Land to be Possessed.

Passage to be Read—Numbers xiii. 17-27.

Long before the Israelites left Egypt, God promised whole history of the parish, the difficulties in the house of bondage," but also that He would bring them separation from St. Anne's, the deadness of that into a land flewing with milk and honey, where they parish, the small income of the church, etc., he would should be free, possessing the land for themselves.

> the land, (Exod. iii. 8, 17), and His promise (Exod. xxiii. 23) that they should overcome the inhabitants great. thereof? Moses, their great leader, encourages them send out spies to see if it is really so good a country case in S. Matt. xix. 8), commands that the messengers be sent (v. 1).

II. The Search, (xv. 21-25).—Twelve leading men are chosen, as God directs, a man from each tribe (xv. esty, the Queen, must be appointed or chosen by the State. They cannot choose themselves. Another country," and descending again, probably into the had got the birds packed solid, three feet deep, thing may be retired. Jordan Valley, pursue their course northward till they over a territory forty miles across. As if I should in the Queen's business, and must put that first, came to "Rehob at the entering in of Hamath." (v. otherwise they are unfaithful servants. tains of Lebanon and Hermon, they pass through the centre of the Promised Land, by the fertile hills and valleys of the later Galilee, Samaria and Judea, covered at that day, probably more than at present, with the vine, the fig and the promegranate. Arriving at true! length at Hebron, their feelings are doubtless deeply (xi. 11-15); and God showed him that what he wantbut they perceive it is surrounded by high and strong walls, and is inhabited by giants. Gathering a cluster Jethro's advice, helpers to Moses had been appointed of grapes and other fruit at Eschol as they pass along (v. 24) they at last return to the camp after an ab-

III. The Report, (vv. 25 23).—How eagerly the peo-So an assembly of the people was held before the ple are waiting for them! How fast spreads the news may tell you who your grandmother was, and may be the people was held before the ple are waiting for them! How fast spreads the news may tell you who your grandmother was, and may be the people was held before the ple are waiting for them! tabernacle, and the presence of God, in the form of that they have come! How quickly the whole as copy the inscription on your grandfather's gravea cloud, was again witnessed. Moses and seventy sembly gathers round them! Then to Moses and the stone, and may tell things which are written in the chosen elders drew near, and God poured upon these people their report is made. The land surely does family record. They may reveal many things in seventy men His Spirit, and gave them wisdom and "flow with milk and honey," as God had said. But the past—for the devil knows about the past—but the people are strong, the cities are walled and great, they cannot foretell the future. I did hear of one ed by all the multitude, through their prophesying, and giants dwell in the land. The Israelites are disthe people understood that the seventy were proph-ets—not simply rulers under Moses—but servants of ling, "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for the didd within a few hours; but when they got we are well able to overcome it" (v. 30). What if the stomach-pump, they pumped out of her sto-

One endeavored to stop them, and jealous of the there are difficulties before us, has not God promised honour of Moses, informed him of their doings. But that we shall overcome them? (Exod. xxiii. 23, 24). the answer of Moses showed that he possessed the rest of the spies misrepresent the land, saying true spirit of a servant of God. He did not care for "It eateth up the inhabitants thereof:" exaggerate himself. His chief thought, his sole desire, was the the strength of the inhabitants, saying, "All the peoglory of God, and the good of the peorle. And so ple we saw are men of great stature, and we in com-he said to this messenger: "Would God that all the parison with them were but as grasshoppers," so that Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord "we be not able to go up against the people, for they would put His spirit upon them," (Numb. xi. 29). II.—Jealousy of God's Prophet.—One might have believers and two unbelievers. Which will the people follow? This we shall see next time. But what a of a newspaper, and as Mr. Clarke has really just ness. But fresh trouble springs up. Two of his own pity they did not at first believe God's word and act

# Jamily Reading.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE.

(Continued.)

Now we have to discuss this subject from all vice itself. As far as the prayers are concerned, I her, Aaron perceives that Miriam has been struck points of view, but mainly from the direction of think the difficulty arises from the unfinished state with leprosy for her sin. At once he turns to Moses objections. Men love objections; and so they say of the chancel, and the want of a proper kneeling and begs him to intercede for her with God. Moses there are difficulties, and absurdities, and errors, stool. This will, no doubt, soon be remedied. I don't then prays for the sister who has wronged him, and and contradictions in the Bible. You have all think Mr. Clifton can fairly apply the expression after seven days, this awful disease is removed, and heard such assertions. After speaking once in the many oung clergyman to Mr. Clarke. He is a man Miriam restored. city of Boston, an ex-minister came to me and 1. How God's servants are called, i.e. by Divine told me that the Bible was not true, for there was that story which Moses told about the quails. Is-2. What spirit they should possess, i.e. to seek rael lusted after flesh, and the Lord sent them quails to eat, and they fell by the camp a day's journey on each side, or over a territory forty miles across, and they were two cubits deep on the ground, and the Israelites ate them for a full month. I have in my possession an infidel paper which was published in Boston, in which there is about a column of arguments and figures on this "quail story;" giving an estimate of the numtrouble? I may say that if Mr. Clifton knew the that He would not only deliver them "out of the ber of bushels of quails that were piled up over the country, and showing that when they were divided among the host of Israelites, each one would The journey to the land was a long and difficult one have 2,888,648 bushels of quails, which they were (Deut. i. 19), but at length we find them arrived at its to eat during the month; giving each poor Israelite very borders, in the Wilderness of Paran by Kadesh. 69,620 bushels of quail to eat at each meal for I. On the Threshold of the Land.—Perhaps they need thirty days, and therefore the Bible was not true! then let him find fault, but at the beginning of a a rest after their long journey. Yet surely they are [Great laughter and applause.] That is the sort church's career, it is the duty of every churchman to too eager to enter and take possession. Do they not of food our skeptical friends love to eat. That is remember what God told them about the goodness of the meat on which these Cæsars grow so wondrous

I said to this gentleman, "The Bible does not to enter at once, fearing nothing, but believing God's say any such thing!" He replied that it certainpromise, and trusting in Him (Deut. i. 20-21). Alas ly did; but I answered that it did not say any such for the unbelief of this people! Why do they so frequently distrust and rebel against God? Again they
are unwilling to take Him at His word. They will
send out spies to see if it is really so good a country. as God has proclaimed it to be, and whether the in habitants are such that they may hope to overcome eleventh chapter of Numbers, and there read that them (vv. 18-20). Moses, not perceiving, perhaps, instead of the birds being packed like cordwood on from the terms in which the request for the spies is the ground, three feet deep, the account says that made (Deut. i. 52) the unbelief underlying their ac- the Lord brought the quails from the sea, and let tion, willingly assents to their desire (Deut. i. 23): them fall by the camp, as it were "two cubits while God, yielding to their weakness (see a similar high," or about three feet high upon, or above the face of the earth. That is, instead of flying overhead and out of reach, they were brought in about three feet high, where any one could take as many say that a flock of wild geese flew as high as a church spire, and some one should insist that they were packed solid from the ground up, a hundred feet high! This is a sample of the kind of argu-

The book, to my mind, bears the marks of inspiration in the foresight which it exhibits. book foretells things. You cannot do that. You cannot tell what will be next year, or next week. "The spirits" cannot tell who will be the next president, or governor, or emperor. They may tell a great many things which are past. They

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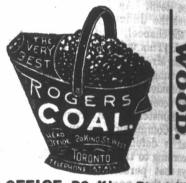


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are words written by kings, by emperors, by princes, by poets, by sages, by philosophers, by fishermen, my children fled from the sound of their father's Egypt, educated in the schools of Babylon, trained up at the feet of rabbis in Jerusalem. It was written by men in exile, in the desert, in shepherd's tents, in "green pastures" and beside herd's tents, in "green pastures" and beside the state of the s herd's tents, in "green pastures" and beside "still waters." Among its authors we find the tax-gatherer, the herdsman, the gatherer of sycamore fruit; we find poor men, rich men, statesmen, preachers, exiles, captains, legislators, judges; men of every grade and class are represented in this wonderful volume, which is in reality a library, filled with history, genealogy, ethnology, law, ethics, prophecy, poetry, eloquence, medicine, sanitary science, political economy, and perfect rules for the conduct of personal and social life. contains all kinds of writing; but what a jumble it would be if sixty-six books were written in this way by ordinary men. Suppose, for instance, that we get sixty-six medical books written by thirty or forty different doctors of various schools, believers good clothes; that his children run to meet him in allopathy, homosopathy, hydropathy, and all the other "pathies," bind them all together, and then undertake to doctor a man according to that book! [Laughter.] What man would be fool enough to risk the results of practicing such a system of medicine? Or suppose you get thirty-five editors at work writing treatises on politics, or thirty-five book that will do such work as this, bring it along. if you can find any leather strong enough to hold the books together when they are done.

But again, it required fifteen hundred years to write this book, and the man who wrote the closing pages of it had no communication with the man who commenced it. How did these men, writing independently, produce such a book? Other books get out of date when they are ten or

mach poison enough to kill two or three. That twenty years old; but this book lives on through

some evidence that the Bible was true. After some through that door. One man comes from Maine vears after, as I took my seat in a railway train, ing a block of marble of peculiar shape. Suppose he came and sat down beside me and began to I pile up these blocks in order, until I have the can have it; but no one else can have it at any fully chiseled, and I say, "How did these men, price." It had knocked his infidelity into atoms, who have never seen each other, chisel out that and he was a believer in Christ, and a member of beautiful statue?" You say, "That is easily explained. One man planned that whole statue, The revelations of prophecy are facts which ex- made the patterns, gave the directions, and dishibit the divine omniscience. So long as Babylon tributed them around; and so, each man working is in heaps! so long as Neneveh lies empty, void, by the pattern, the work fits accurately when com-and waste; so long as Egypt is the basest of king-pleted." Very well. Here is a book coming from doms; so long as Tyre is a place for the spreading all quarters, written by men of all classes, scatterof nets in the midst of the sea; so long as Israel ed through a period of fifteen hundred years; and is scattered among all nations; so long as Jerusa- yet this book is fitted together as a wondrous and lem is trodden under foot of the Gentiles; so long harmonious whole. How was it done? "Holy as the great empires of the world march on in their men of God spake as they were moved by the predicted course,—so long we have proof that one Holy Ghost." One mind inspires the whole book, stops and makes up his mind to turn from the Omniscient Mind dictated the predictions of that one voice speaks in it all, and it is the voice of

Again, I conclude that this book has in it the We call this Bible a book; but here are sixty six very breath of God, from the effect that it produces different books, written by thirty or forty different upon men. There are men who study philosophy, men. A man may say, "I do not believe in the astronomy, geology, geography, and mathematics; book of Esther." Well, what of that? We have but did you ever hear a man say, "I was an outsixty-five others left. What will you do with them? cast, a wretched inebriate, a disgrace to my race, A man says, "I find fault with this chapter, or and a nuisance in the world, until I began to study with that." Suppose you do? If you were on mathematics, and learned the multiplication table, trial for murder, and had sixty-six witnesses against and then turned my attention to geology, got me a you, suppose you impeach one of them, there are little hammer, and knocked off the corners of the sixty-five left; impeach another, and you still have rocks and studied the formation of the earth, and sixty-four; impeach another, and you have sixty-since that time I have been happy as the day is three—surely enough to hang you if you are long; I feel like singing all the time; my soul is guilty. Do you not see tdat you cannot impeach full of trumph and peace; and health and blessing this book unless you do it in detail? Each book have come to my desolate home once more? bears its own witness, and stands by itself on its Did you ever hear a man ascribe his redemption own merits: and yet each book is linked with all and salvation from intemperance and sin and vice the rest. Blot out one, if you can. I am in- to the multiplication table, or the science of matheclined to think it would be difficult to do this. matics or geology? But I can bring you, not one This book seems built to stay together; it is in- man, or two, or ten, but men by the thousand who will tell you, "I was wretched; I was lost; I The authorship of this book is wonderful. Here broke my poor old mother's heart; I beggared my family; my wife was heart-striken and dejected; by statesmen; by men learned in the wisdom of footsteps; I was ruined, reckless, helpless, home-I will give you rest;" perhaps it was, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world;" it may have been, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlating life." He can tell you the very word that saved his soul. And since that word entered his heart, he will tell that hope has dawned upon his vision; that joy has inspired his heart; and that his mouth is filled with grateful song. He will tell you that the blush of health has come back to his poor wife's faded cheek; that the old hats have vanished from the windows of his desolate home; that his rags have been exchanged for when he comes; that there is bread on his table, fire on his hearth, and comfort in his dwelling.

this book has wrought the change. [Amens.] Now this book is working just such miracles, and is doing it every day. If you have any other ministers writing books on theology, and then see The work needs to be done; if you have any other book that will do it, for Heaven's sake bring it out. But for the present, while we are waiting for you, as we know this book will do the work, we mean to use it until we can get something better.

He will tell you all that, and he will tell you that

(To be Continued.)

### CONVERSION.

'Are you a converted man?' that is a question often asked by people who don't really know what xvi. 5; Deut. xxviii. 64; Luke xxi. 24; Daniel ii., 7; conversion means. The fact is they have invented

cause the Church's meaning is very different from theirs, they think that nobody is ever converted in church, and that Church-people don't believe in it.

Now there is a good deal in the Bible about conversion, and there is no mistake about what it means there. The Revised Version of the New Testament makes it quite plain. It simply means a turning; not a state of excitement or a certainty about being saved, but just a turning. To be converted is to be turned, and a converted man is a man who has been turned.

If, while bound for town ten miles due north, you are by mistake walking along the road due south, you must stop and turn round if you ever mean to reach the place you started for. But the turning round is only the beginning, after all. It puts you in the right way, but if you want to reach your journey's end, you will have to walk on-all the faster, too, to make up for the time lost while you

were going wrong. Now the man who is leading a bad life, breaking God's laws or neglecting Him altogether, is certainstops and makes up his mind to turn from the Devil's way to God's way-in other words unless he is converted—he will be lost. This making up his mind may be quite sudden, or it may be gradual, but whichever it is, it is only the first step. It does not make the man good, it only makes him begin to try to be good. It puts him on the racecourse, with his face towards the winning-post, but there is still the course to be run before the prize can be his. He is all right so far, he is in a state of salvation, but it is a mistake to call this 'full salvation,' for he may go astray again as he was doing before. And if he does he will have to repent—to turn once more as he turned at first.

Now we all believe in this sort of conversion. We all know that a sinner—say a drunkard or a cheat-must resolve to give up his bad ways and change his life. But we are not all drunkards or cheats, and we don't all want the same sort of medicine for our souls, any more than we do for our bodies.

There are, we should hope, many who have never turned away from God, and so do not need to be turned to Him. I don't say they have never sinned, for that would not be true of anybody. But they have been always trying to be God's servants and to do His will, though they have not always succeeded. From the time of their baptism

right way, and perhaps have stumbled in it, but they have not given up trying, and turned their backs upon it. And, therefore, never having wilfully turned away from God, they cannot need turning, or converting, as the openly wicked or the careless do.

This is how God would have us be. He does not want His children to go away from him first, so that He may tnrn them and bring them home again. It is no part of His plan that we should learn wickedness so as to have something to repent of and give up. It is certainly not needful to be a great sinner first in order to be a saint at last.

If we have wandered away into a far country, like the Prodigal Son, it is good to return, and our Father will joyfully receive us if we do; but He would much rather we never became prodigals at all. It is good to be converted, but it is better still not to need conversion.

So the conversion which is necessary for some men is not necessary and cannot take place with others, who have not sinned as these have. But there is another sort of conversion spoken of in the Bible, which nobody can do without. Our heart has to be changed, our character to be raised, our whole nature to be made like Christ's. Our face may never have been turned away from God, but we are still far away from Him, and we have to draw near. We have to become perfect as He is perfect. All this is not to be done in a moment. A moment, perhaps, is long enough to decide in to begin the work, but to do what we have undertaken will take all the days of our life.

This sort of conversion is slow, like the growth a meaning of their own for the word, and then, be- of a tree, and it is not always possible to fix the

<sup>\*</sup>Jer. li. 37; Nahum ii. 10; Ezek. xxix. 15; Ezek.

thankful for, for it is a promise of heaven.

gether with those faithful ones who have never de- may have had. liberately gone astray, to 'follow on to know the Lord.' This is the Church's way. It is not a showy way, nor a noisy way, but it is the Bible way, and not the invention of men.

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.

### HOW I KNOW I AM A CHRISTIAN.

BY THE REV. A. W. SNYDER.

tainly you can. Do you believe the Christian later with great ceremony. Two Archbishops, a Faith? Have you been baptized? Have you had Bishop and a Dean took part in the service, and confirmed to you the grace of God, and the mani- the water used on the occasion had been brought fold gifts of the Holy Ghost, in the Laying on of from the Jordan. In a letter from Prince Albert this district just after leaving Oxford. His class-Hands? As a baptized, confirmed and commun- to his grandmother he says, "Your little great granding member of Christ's church, are you trying to daughter behaved with great propriety. She was live a Godly and Christian life? Your Lord and awake, but did not cry at all, and began to crow Saviour commanded baptism. If you are a Chris- with delight at the bright uniforms around her. He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall related in its pages of the early days of the Prin-If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a English home, where one can feel really combranch and is withered;" "If ye love me keep my fortable and at ease. Prince Albert's organ playcommandments;" "If ye know these things, happy ing especially delighted him, and the Queen's singbuilt and several mission chapels. His chief assare ye if ye do them." Try yourself by these, and ing of his own songs he describes as faultless, and istants in this work were the men and women whom

and sense. With that I could be satisfied."

should you trust it? How would you know that nursery; for before she was one year old a baby- Across the bridge where he had once been chased it was of God? Might it not possibly be of Satan? brother arrived to keep her company. Albert by a furious mob, bent on his murder, his body was You have been told that assurance is an inward Edward, Prince of Wales, was born November 9, reverently carried, while the police were obliged to feeling sent of God as proof of his acceptance, and last; and one of the godfathers of the Royal keep back the crowds of sobbing people who pressed that without it you can have no certainty of acceptance. You have been told this, but by what authority? By none at all. Certainly by no Scripplace in St. George's Chapel, Windsor; and at the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "No such funeral," says a London paper, "has the desire of Prince Albert the Hellerick Chapel, "has the Hellerick ture authority. It is simply an invention of men, the desire of Prince Albert the Hallelujah Chorus ever been seen in England. The whole population and a very silly one at that. The only reasonable was sung at the close of the service. "If there is of East London turned out, stopping work for that word of his Saviour. That you can trust. It is away criticizing the music; but the Hallelujah filled, and thousands followed on foot—miserable enough. It is the only thing you ought to trust. Chorus cannot fail to fill their hearts with the men and women whom he had lifted up from bar-Would you sooner trust your variable feelings than praise and glory of God." In spite of all the barism to life and hope." the sure word of God? Is it not said expressly pressing cares of State the Queen was a "mother" There are many careers open to young men on that "He that trusteth his own heart is a fool.' to her children in the truest sense of the word; entering the world, but there are none nobler or But this is precisely what you want to trust. It is and no little ones in any private home enjoyed that lead more directly to heaven than that of this folly and madness. See that you do it not. Be- more tender care and love than was showered on modern crusader.

time when it began, and we need not trouble our- ieve God; trust Him and rest in the sure word of these nurselings of a palace. selves whether we can do so or not, for the question His promise. But you want to be "rid of your stantly with their parents,—much more than that really matters is, not 'Have you been convert-fears," Possibly you have no right to be rid of And even when they were travelling the Queen ed?' but 'Are you being converted?" Is your life them. You certainly have no right to be rid of And even when they were travelling the Queen becoming more like what a Christian's life ought them unless you are trying by God's help to love never failed to find time to teach her little to be than it was in former years? It does not make a pin's difference whether we can tell exactly, as some can, the day and the hour when the Holy ble; they have good cause. But you have no cause increased in numbers, and the music of many make a pin's difference whether we can tell exactly, as some can, the day and the hour when the Holy ble; they have good cause. But you have no cause increased in numbers, and the music of many many many deliver the Christian Faith Spirit first began to work in our soul; the only whatever, provided you believe the Christian Faith and by God's grace are endeavoring to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord born on the 25th of April, 1843,—the Princess ourselves as we are, He is working. Even though blameless. Unless you are trying to do that you Alice, a special darling to the household. Then we may still be very faulty, He is working, and we ought to fear and tremble too. Manifestly it is folly are being converted in the true Bible meaning of for a man to trust to his feelings and fancies; to the word. It is not a thing to boast of, or to pre- think that he is right with God, because of some desume upon; but if our daily life shows that we are ceitful feelings that he may have had, when possibly being thus converted, it is a thing to be humbly the truth is he is not serving God at all, but mam-love. mon. "When the wicked man turneth away from So the Church does believe in conversion. She his wickedness that he hath committed and doeth does her best to warn sinners of their danger and that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul make them turn from their evil ways; and then alive." Until he does that it is certain he cannot when they have turned, she tries to lead them, to-save it at all, no matter what inward feelings he

### HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

AT HOME AMONG THE CHILDREN.

The 21st of November, 1840, was a red-letter day in the life of the Queen and Prince Albert, for on that day their first child-a sweet little hells. Children were born and grew to middle age daughter-came to gladden their hearts. Victoria, in these precincts who never had heard the name of Princess Royal of England, was born at Bucking-"Can I know that I am a Christian?" Cer- ham Palace, and was baptized about three months tian you have received it. As to that other She is very intelligent and observing." We get Sacrament ordained of Him, He said, "Do This." some glimpses of the palace home-life at this time If living faithfully, you heed this His injunction. in the Queen's Journal; and many anecdotes are be saved, and he that believeth not shall be con-cess Royal. The Queen writes with the enthusiasm demned;" "Except a man be born of water and of any other young mother about her first-born of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of child, rejoicing in every appearance of growth and God;" "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of improvement. "Albert brought in dearest little Man and drink His blood ye have no life in you; Pussy to see me," she says, on one occasion, "in whose eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath such a smart little merino frock, trimmed with eloquence with which to reach them; he was slow eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day;" blue, and a pretty cap. He placed her on my bed, stammering speaker, but he was bold, patient and Whosoever shall confess me before men, him and she was very dear and good. And as my earnest. Year after year he lived among them. will I confess before My Father which is in heaven; precious husband sat there, with our little love Even the worst ruffian learned to respect the tall but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will between us, I felt quite moved with happiness and thin curate, whom he saw stopping the worst street I destroy before My Father which is in heaven;" gratitude to God." One of the most charming fights, facing mobs, or nursing the victims of Asiatic "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that pictures of the Royal household, however, is given cholera. abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth in a letter of the eminent musician Mendelssohn. forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing; He speaks of Buckingham Palace as a pleasant three years. Night-schools were opened, industrial the other like words of your Lord and Saviour, and given with charming feeling and expression. The he had rescued "from the paths that abut on hell." you need be in no manner of doubt as to whether Prince, he says, played a "chorale" for him by A visitor to the church said, "The congregation heart, and "managed the pedals so well it would differs from others in that they are all in such "But," it may be said, "of course I know all have done credit to any professional." Lady deadly earnest." this. It does not meet my case, however. I need Lyttleton, too, speaks of the Prince's playing as Mr. Lowder broke down under his work, and something more; I want to know that I am a something quite exceptionally touching. "He rapidly grew into an old careworn man. He died christian; want an assurance that I can feel seems to pour out his inmost soul," she says, "and in a village in the Tyrol, whether he had gone for nobody but the organ knows what is in him." The a month's rest. He was brought back to the Docks Suppose you had some such assurance? Why little Princess was not long to reign alone in her where he had worked so long.

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(To be continued.)

#### A LIFE THAT TOLD.

Thirty years ago the region about the London Docks contained as large a heathen population as any district in Africa. Back of the huge warehouses were "innumerable courts and alleys filled with fog and dirt, and every horror of sight, sound and smell. It was a rendezvous for the lowest types of humanity."

The wealthy and influential class in this settlement were the rum-sellers and keepers of gambeling. Christ, except in an oath. Thirty thousand souls were included in one parish here, but the clergyman never ventured out of the church to teach.

A young man named Charles Lowder, belonging to an old English family, happened to pass through mates were going into politics, or the army, or to the bar, full of ambition and hope to make a name in the world; but Lowder heard, as he said," a cry coming from these depths, that rang in his ears, go where he would."

He resolved to give up all other work in the

world to help these people.

He took a house in one of the lowest slums, and lived in it. "It is only one of themselves that they will hear; not patronizing visitors."

He preached every day in the streets, and for months was pelted with brickbats, shot at, and driven back with curses. He had unfortunately no

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simple way, how he found Jesus, or the river and had a nice bath. rather how the dear Saviour found day, when he was all alone, met him, and helped him in such a way that had done it. As you read his touchknow Him in the same way?"

The first thing he did, after hearing whoJesus was, was merely to whisper the advice of the teacher in the school, "to keep on trying to know Jesus, and not be afraid to tell Him all that had taken no real form in my mind. was in his heart;" and "so," he said, was His Saviour from sin; and ever my blanket on my bowed head. since then God has been with him like a near Friend, so that he has never again been lonely or unhappy, notwithstanding his blindness.

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near to see how it was done. The of the sparks flew into my eye and I became totally blind.

I was sick three months; I cannot tell how great the pain was. No words can tell! Oh, how dreadful, too, it was to me that it was always night! It was like death. Often I was sometimes harder to bear than the dreadful pain in my eyes.

At times like weddings and feasts, when the people would all go and I we shed when alone together. longed to die, and often felt as if I see; it will not be a dream!"

cocks began to crow, and thought I could not wait for the next meeting lead many of them to love and follow

should like to try if I could go alone and take my bath. The river was about half a mile away. I got up and WE call the special attention of our set out. The air was fresh and pure, young friends to the story of the little and the birds were waking up to sing blind Zulu boy, He tells, in his own their morning song. I went safely to

I do not know when I had been so him, for it is this we want each one of happy as that morning; I was pleased you to notice. Although he knew to have got on so nicely alone; I nothing of God, yet all the while, God wondered how it was that I had such knew and was loving him, and one nice thoughts, where they came from, where everything came from! As I quietly walked home thinking on these afterward he knew it was God who things, it seemed as if I was not alone, that some one was with me, was helping little story, notice how easily the ing me, and that was the reason I had little Zulu learned to know Jesus, and gone on so well this morning. Yet I dren that they may go out into the ask yourself, "Why cannot I learn to could hear no sound that told me any world well bred men and women? one was near.

I now believe these were my first thoughts of God. It was like a little a few words to Him one night when trust! I hardly know what it was he was all alone. Then he followed like. From the children in the school I had heard that there was a God. But the thought was very vague, and

About this time "Inkosazana," a "light and trust kept coming, coming missionary, began to have meetings at into my soul." This is the way for our kraal for the women. They were you, too, to get light and trust. There sometimes in my mother's house. One is no better, no other, way. After day I was there at the meeting; they that, he learned the third chapter of spoke to me, but I would not say St. John, which taught him that Jesus much; just sat as I often did with

The words did not go out of my mind; I thought of them continually. A night or two after this, I had a dream. I thought I was trying to How strange that a little heathen walk by myself, and I fell into a dread-Zulu boy should tell children in ful mud hole. I tried to get out, but Christian countries how to find Jesus! could not; slowly and surely I felt myself sinking. I called, I struggled, THE BLIND ZULU BOY'S STORY. but all in vain. No one came to help me. Suddenly I thought that I could My name is Tungwana. I was see, and there, quite near me, stood born at Natal, South Africa. My some one who was a stranger. He tather was chief of a tribe of a thou- reached out his hand and said, "Come to me; I will help you." Eagerly I When I was eight or nine years put my hand in his; I had little old I went to work in a sugar mill strength for doing more. Safely and which the English government built tenderly he brought me out of the at the station for the people. One mire on the dry land. I tried to day, while there, I saw a man working in iron; I was interested, and went face, quickly the thought came, "This can be no earthly being. It must be man was working fast and the sparks He who is the Friend of the troubled, were flying. That was the last thing the Friend of sinners." I felt that I went to the teacher in the school I ever saw, the last ray of light. One He was my Friend. Then I awoke and knew that I was still blind, that how to pray. He told me to keep on I had only been dreaming.

thought that this same being, Jesus, heart; and so light and trust kept was near me, was my Friend; and I longed to know more about Him. could scarcely wait for the next meetcried with the pain in my heart, which ing. I asked her to tell me more chapter, I saw very plainly that Jesus about Jesus.

love, a stillness came into my soul to take my sins away, to take me and when I thought of His being my Friend. keep me. I trust that I was then could not, I felt as if my heart would She told of His opening the eyes of truly born again. break. My mother would never go the blind, and then she said, "It may and leave me, and many bitter tears not be in this world, but some day you a time when I did not feel that God I will again see. Jesus can make you was with me and heard my prayers.

"all would end. I would just die as was to hear all these glad tidings! to think of that is pleasant. I have the beasts die." Sometimes I ran They were continually in my thoughts, even grown happy in the thought of hard, saying I did not care where I and were to my heart like rain in a being blind. If I had not been blind, went or how I fell and hurt myself. dry and barren land. Yet I felt that I might never have sought and found I would fall in the tall grass many a I did not know how to speak to Him Jesus Christ. To have found Him is time, and lie there hoping I might who was so great, so pure, so holy; more to me than eyes or any earthly never get up again. But my mother yet I hoped that He would understand thing. would be sure to find me. I knew me. So that night, and when alone

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Since that day I have never known I never now feel lonely and sad as I could kill myself. "Then," I thought, Oh, I cannot tell you how sweet it used to do, I have continually so much

My one great desire and joy is to nothing of God; all was dark, dark to I often put my head in my blanket tell others of Jesus and how they may body and soul. I knew not that I and whispered a few words to Him. find and follow Him. I trust that The desire to know better how to God will help me to be pastor over One morning I waked when the pray, grew very strong upon me; I the people of my father's tribe, and to

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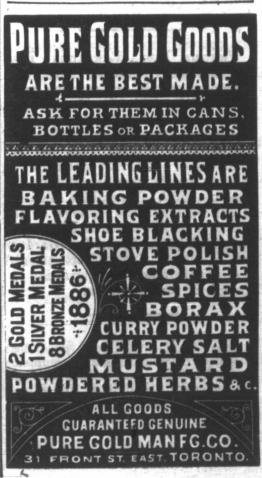
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#### VALUED WORDS.

"My dearest of mothers." I heard the words repeated in soft tones by my next-door neighbor at an island farm-house where we were sojourning. "My dearest of mothers." My friend was a widow, and her son, an affectionate, talented fellow, was engineering in Idaho. In one of his late letters he had said at the close: "And now, my dearest of mothers, good-bye.' Did he guess, I wonder, how the little petting phrase would please the heart that loved him so? Did he think that she would say it over softly to herself as she sat alone in her room?

The home days were over. The babies with their sweet ways, their joygiving and trouble-making had grown to noisy boys, then to self-asserting making their way; brains busy, thoughts absorbed, hearts full; yet here was one who remembered the mother, still in middle life, loving and needing love the same as when her boys were her very own in the dear child's house He wrote her long letters, describing A NEW his adventurous, changeable life, the strange companions by whom he is surrounded, the wonderful scenery of the wild western world. It was all intensely enjoyed; but better than all were the love phrases that showed the son's affectionate heart. I wonder if the "boys" know how dear they are to their mothers, and how little attentions, little gifts, tender words, flying visits, cheer and warm the hearts that have borne the test of years and sorrows.

Life is a little chilly to the mothers whose homes are the things of the past. Even if they remain in the old home, the rooms seem very bare and silent after the children are gone. It is as if summer had flown, with its nest and song-birds, and autumn winds were blowing. Then the love of the sons and daughters is like sunshine or warm fires to the hearts that saily miss them. Let us hope there are many sons who write, "My dearest of mothers."

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