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MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1890

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

PREBENDARY WALSH has been appointed to the Bishopric of Mauritius.

THE Church Pastoral Aid Society has decided to enlist the assistance of ladies in carrying out its Home Mission Work.

THE Diocesan Synod of New South Wales has elected the Right Rev. Dr. Stanton, Bishop of North Queensland, to the vacant Bishopric of Newcastle.

THE Court of Appeal has refused to make absolute the rule for mandamus requiring the Bishop of London to hear fresh representations respecting St. Paul's Reredos.

TER Royal Cornwall Gazette says it is reported that Miss Pedlar, who died lately at Liskeard, Eng., aged 80, has laft £20,000 towards the completion of Truro Cathedral.

THE Archbishop of York intends, on his resumption of public duties after his long illness, introducing into the House of Lords a Bill substituting deprivation of benefice for imprisonment in cases of clerical contumacy.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN presented the prizes at the Clewer, Eng., St. Stephen's High School for Girls, which establishment is conducted by the Sisterhood of St. John the Baptist. Her Royal Highness took tea in the school before

PRINCERS LOUISE not only opened the bazaar in Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, in aid of the West Highland Churches, but also assisted in relling work for some hours during the evening. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by her husband, the Marquis of Lorne.

THE Colonial and Continental Church Society find the greatest difficulty in obtaining a suitable successor to the Rev T. Howard Gill, tor the Paris chaplaincy. They want a man of money; they want also a man of good family. The two qualities are not always found in con-The post has aiready been declined by four or five clergy, although the stipend is £1,000 a year. But the expenses of moving are large, and the post would only be tolerable to a man who was a success.

This conversation was held recently in Ely Cathedral between a couple of rastics, while gazing at a stained glass window :- She: John, is that a Bishop? John: Sartinly. She: What's that lovely thing in his 'and—same shape as our shepherds? John: Same thing; Bishops alus 'as 'em. She: What for? John: Why to hook up sinners and such; same as shipperd does when ter old ewes go wrong, (A pause.) She: Has this ere gentleman what lives here got one of 'em? John: Coorse he 'as. (A longer pause.) She (timidly): John, don't you think we'd better go hout?—Church

One of the London (Eng.) correspondents of

of the Evangelical party towards the Lamboth judgment is quite as varied as that of the High Churchmen. Some men of influence are auxious that the Church Association should receive no countenance in their appeal. So long as the rules are only permissible, and do not compel a general levelling up, they are for acquiescence. But this attitude is very far from being universal.

An Ecclesiastical Relic. - While remov ing the rubbish preparatory to the election of an avenue of offices from High atreet, to Scale-lane, Hull, Eng., the builder's laborers discovered an ancient arch of brick and stone. Alderman Symons, a well known local antiquarian, has no doubt that this relic is all that remains of the palace of the former Suffragan Bishop of Hull. The arch will probably be preserved and placed in one of the

THE Church has lost yet another prominent preacher in the person of the Rev. E. Capel Cure, Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. He died on Sunday, November 30th, at Cairo, whither he had gone to recuperate his health. The deceased divine commenced his clerical career in 1858 as vicar of St. Peter's inthe East. Oxford, and in 1866 he became a preacher to the University. From that time until his appointment in 1884 to his Windsor living, his time was divided between St. George's, Hanover quare, St. George's Blooms bury, and St. Paul's, London.

THE Church of England Pulpit of the 29th November contains two articles in favor of the Bishop of Lincoln. It says:-"It is no doubt very exasperating to the promoters of the case to find themselves, and their mode of action, sternly reproved, when they had hoped the iron hand would be for their antagonist, and the silken glove for themselves; but all tolerant churchmen, whatever be their grade, will be glad that expression has been given to the feeling that these "frivolous and vexatious" proceedings are not only scandalous in their occurrence at all, but most reprehensible in their mean way of spying and collecting evi-dence."

A CABLE from London under date December 25th announces the death of the Right Honorable and Most Reverend Dr. Thomson, Archbishop of York and Primate of England. He was in his 72nd year, and was first conscorated as Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol; but shortly afterwards was raised to the Archbishopric. Death is very busy with the leaders of the Church in England and on this continent. Besides Canon Liddon the death of Dean Church, of St. Paul's is announced. In the United States Bishop Beckwith has lately passed to his rest; and only a few days ago in Canada the Rev. Dr. Carry, of Port Perry, in the Diccese of Toronto, died anddenly whilst on his way to administer Communion to a parishioner. He was a leading Theologian and Controversialist of the Canadian Church.

THE Spectator London, Eng., says:-"The

importance to the performance of the manual acts in the conscoration, and needlessly the interpretation- to which the Archbishop seemed at first to be leading up-that before the people' means not 'in sight' but 'in presence' of the people, and that the rubic was to ensure that the bread should be broken in the course of the conscoration, and not brought already broken from the vestry. The merit of the judgment, however, lies not so much in its positive conclusions as in the method by which they are reached. An extreme Ritualist may dislike being told to discentinue the mixing of the chalice in and as part of the service, but when this prohibition is made to rest on absence of any such practice in the Oriental and Greek liturgies he cannot complain that no deference has been paid to antiquity. The judgment is from first to last an ecclesiastical judgment, whereas the judgment of the Judicial Committee were civil judgments."

DI COVERIES AT'ST SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK. Sir Arthur Blomfield has been most successful in his researches at the Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, Eng., The elegant pillars of St. John's Chapel have been discovered intact with the traces of the fire which they went through in the fourteenth century, and Canon Venables of Lincoln recollects their being bricked up for fifty years. Close to these delicate works there are traces of Roman bricks and tiles placed in the walls of the church and the bases of two enormous pillars at the west end have been found, which must have formed the foundation for a western tower; while Norman work and dog-tooth tracery abound at the western end. Some fine transitional work also has been discovered forming the western door, which the architect has been requested to re-open, though that was not in the original

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES IN ESSEX.-The work now being carried on of renovating the Parish Church at Fairstead, Resex, Eng, has led to several interesting discoveries. On the removal of the pluster from the walls an original wall with mural paintings and decorations was brought to light. On the south wall were traces of a large painting, part of a soroll, four "dedication crosses," and a female head, all in dark Indian red. Remains of a scroll in blue were found on the north wall, and also three "dedication crosses" in rud. In two places the plaster has been left-one at the south east corner having on it a remarkable inscription, being a "bidding prayer" for King James I., the other at the north east corner, where there is a text in Old Euglish characters and spelling. Over the chancel arch have been discovered five paintings illustrating (1) our Lords triumphal entry into Jerusalem; (2) the Last Suppor; (3) scene in Getosemane of Judas kissing our Lord; (4) Christ being crowned with thorns; the fifth consists, apparently of incidents in the "Way of sorrows," closing with a picture of our Lord being violently dragged by a rope by a soldier, and fulling forward.

In accordance with custom, some 300 disthe Yorkshire Post understands that the attitude judgment seems to us to attach an exaggerated charged prisoners, men and boys, on Monday

night, December 1st, supped on roast beef, plum pudding, and other dainties, at the expense of St. Giles' Christian Mission; in the Mission Hall, Drurylane, London, This society started a quarter of a century ago its work of reclaiming criminals. At the subsequent meeting, over which the Lord Mayor presided, it was stated that of the 21,000 criminals dis charged from the four metropolitan prisons this year, no fewer than 7,700 had been brought under the benign influence of the organization and induced to turn over a new leaf According to the report, the mission has stolen a march upon General Booth, having for the last thirteen years worked upon the lines now suggested by the head of the Salvation Army for dealing with the "lapsed messes." Reference was also made to an article which recently appeared, the writer of which deplored the fact that insufficient attention is bestowed by the society upon the wives of convicts while the latter are in durance vile, and instances were quoted to show that every solicitude is evinced for the well-being of the gaol bird's wife and children, Amid cheers, the L rd Mayor suggested that in future the annual dinner should be called a "supper for the sorrowful" or "the hopeful classes," and not, as heretofore, "for hopeful classes," and not, as heretofore, "for the criminal classes." Among those present were the Lady Mayoress, Sir William Charley, Sir John Bridge, Mr. Sheriff Farmer, Mr. Haden Corer, and Captain Shaw, C.B.

EVERY Sunday afternoon at the Finsbury (Eng.) Polytechnic-a purely Church institutioh—there is a concert of sacred music, followed by a lecture which may be, and often is, on a secular subject. On Sonday, Nov. 30th the lecturer was Lady Frederick Cavendish, who told the story of her travels in South Africa. She visited Capetown, Kimberley, Bloemfontein, and Grahamstown. At Kimber ley she found her brother, the Hon. and Riv. Albert Lyttleton, who was formerly curate of Hawarden. He was living in a small house built of mud, and containing but four rooms. With characteristic energy, Lady Frederick Cavendish threw herself into his life. After "a good deal of sweeping," she beautified his house, established a sort of salon for weekly receptions, made a garden, and taught a class of little blacks in the school. She returned to England from Capetown with the two envoys from the King of Matabeleland in what they called "the great kraal that pushes through the water." Though Lady F. Cavendish was modest and ascribed most of her success to the help of Lord Lothian, it was easy to perceive from her narrative that but for her the two ambassador chiefs would never have gained access to Hor Majosty, and that officialism and Court etiquette would have thrown away s great opportunity of pacifying and civilising the most important part of South Africa.

THE LINCOLN JUDGMENT.

(We have received the following from an esteemed correspondent on the Lincoln Judgment.—Ed. F.C.

After a wise and thoroughly judicious delay for the purpose of completely weighing the abundant historical and liturgical evidence offered during the course of the suit, and for enabling the Archbishop and his five Assessors themselves to search to the very end into the history of every one of the obscure points sub mitted to them, judgment on the case of the Bishop of Lincoln has been delivered in the Court of the Metropolitan of all England. It is probable that no more weighty and impor tant document has been placed before the Na tional Church since the period of the Reformation, and it is unlikely that there has been any Primate who would have been more patiently has no ar determined to arrive at a just and impartial Churchman.

conclusion, or whose mind would have had, from its own tastes, habits, and training, a more sympathetic attitude for the calm discussion of points of legality in ritual observance. It was long ago pointed out how desirable it was that such matters as these should be argued before an ecclesiastical tribunal, as in other cases of the kind it was understood that the parties whose action was in question had declined to plead their full defence. That defence has now been given in full, and a whole flood of antiquarian light has consequently been poured on a subject that was both d fficult and dark. But the great value of the present judgment is not so much to be found in the points which it allows, or in the charges which it dismisses, as in the fact of the determination which it shows throughout to state the exact historical and legal position without any view whatever to policy or consequences. who knew Archbishop Benson were confident from the first that this would be the case. He would sift to the very bottom every point or practice brought before him, and his conclusion would be dictated by the preponderating weight ef evidence alone. It is an incalculable advantage, in all cases of obscurity and dispute, to know once for all the exact and precise force of the existing law. To persons of calm, theological judgment, the points themselves are of no very great moment. As long as the beautiful Communion office is preserved intact, it does not matter whether the Holy Table is placed, according to the rubic, in the body of the church, or according to the change of Archbishop Laud, against the east wall. The addition of the simple symbolism of lighted candles to churches which teem in every stone and outline with things symbolical, the singing of the solemn prayer to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world in one part of the service in addition to its recital a few minutes later, are points of variation too minute for the serious attention of men of ense. The important thing is that, through the exhaustive labours of counsel on both sides and through the calm and unbissed researches of the Metropolitan and his Assessors, members of the National Church now know exactly where they stand in regard to the points in dispute. And, as the Archbishop points out, if any are dissatisfied with the state of the law, as expounded by the highest and most impar tial ecclesiastical authority, it is not in a court of justice they can expect to find a remedy; for that of course can only declare the actual meaning of existing regulations—but in a successful appeal to legislative authority.

It is satisfactory to find that, while ancient and harmless customs for which since the Reformation there is sound English authority are allowed, the introduction of any distinctly new ceremony is forbidden. That water should be mixed with wine before the cervice is one thing; that it should be mixed as a cermony in the course of the service is an unwarrantab e liberty. That, after all the misunderstandings with regard to the position of the ministrant at the Holy Table since the time of Archbishop Laud, he should still be allowed to stand before it, is clearly in harmony with sound reason; but that he should conceal the manual acts, after the Romish fashion, as if he were performing a miracle, is against both the letter and the pirit of the English Liturgy. That hymns should be sung in our services is a matter left by common consent to the discretion of the minister. That candles should be lit before the service as an ornament has many Protestant English precedents; their lighting as a ceremony during the course of the service is illegal. There is no provision at all in our Liturgy for making the sign of the cross except in Baptism, and the practice has been dismissed by implication; for making the sign of the THE OFFICE AND THE PERSON.

Another fundamental cause of error respecting the Christian ministry has arisen from confounding persons and functions. Thereby many have fallen into the sophistry of arguing the abuse of a thing against its use, and its deterioration against its institution, and of thus making the office accountable for the sin, or weakness or unworthiness of the officer. So early as the beginning of the 5th century it was remarked that the Christian ministry had especially suffered from this false mode of reasoning. 'There is,' says St. Isidore of Pelusium), 'this difference betwixt the Ecclesias. tical ministers or magistrates, and ministers or magistrates of State; if these (the latter) offend the whole world can distinguish betwixt their persons and their functions; no disparage ment talleth upon any but the offenders: but if Ecclesiastical persons become obnoxious, then people confound their persons and their functions; and transfer the shame of the faults of some, even upon all, yes, upon the whole Order

To say nothing of the manifest injustice of this confusion as regards the clergy generally . it is an occasion of much serious evil to all who fall into it-when men are led to undervalue the office of the Christian minister, they are sure to undervalue the spiritual blessings which that office is made a visible and appointed channel of conveying, and so to incar the risk of robbing their own souls, and of becoming involved in errors tending to every kind of dissension. Of differences thus arising, it may be said in the words of Bishop Hall when speaking of certain disputes concerning Church government: 'These ill raised quarrels would die alone, if men could as easily learn as Christian wisdom can teach them, to distinguish betwixt callings and persons, betwixt the substance of callings and the not necessary appendances of them; betwixt the rules of government and the errors of execution.

But unhappily, the statement of this distinction is easier than its practical observance. The difficulty arises, . . . from mistaking the nature of the grace communicated by a divine commission; but the social position of the Christian minister may. . be noticed as one cause of it—standing as he for the most part does, in not only a public and official, but also a private and personal relation to those under his charge, the person and office are so blended in consequence of personal and official acts, proceeding from the same individual that it is scarcely possible to honor the office and not the person, or to slight the person and not the office. The minister of God, ought indeed to be treated in every case with a regard for Him whose servant he is: and where his conduct is in accordance with his office there can be no excuse for acting otherwise.

The authority with which Christ has invested His ministry is not for the benefit or glory of those who minister, but for the comfort and edification of those ministered unto. The effi ciency of ministration does not depend on what is in man, but up in a secret blessing and energy coming from God. This is a truth which tends to humble the man, just in proportion as it exalts his office; while it contributs to the largeness of the privileges of the lay members of the Church, by showing them to be not dependent on any natural or acquired powers of man but upon God only: 'that their faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God,' The Christian minister ought always to hold himself subordinate to his office, nor can any fondness for personal display under whatever name it may be veiled fail to degrade the man and to dishonor his cross, especially in absolution and benediction, function. . . . Even when any personal has no ancient precedent at all. — Family qualification is put prominently forward there is danger of the person of the minister being

unduly exalted; and of his office as the servant of a Divine Master being overlooked, and of a fathless regard to the instrument instead of God who employs it .- Denton Rev W.

THE REAL PRESENCE.

Now there have been three interpretations placed upon our Lord's words of Institution, and the question is, which of these is the true

1. That our Lord's words are literally true,

but in a spiritual sense.

2. That our Lord's words are literally true. even in a material sense

3 That our Lord's words are merely figura tive Nor literally true.

The first preserves both parts of a Sacrament, the "outward and visible" and "the inward and spiritual" as equally real.

The second takes away the reality of the out-

ward part of the Sacrament.

The third takes away the reality of the inward part of the Sacrament, making it only a sign or figure of something that is really absent

The first is content to leave the manner in which our Lord fulfile His words a Mystery, as a matter beyond our comprehension, the fit

subject of our faith.

The second and third, though in different ways are essentially rationalistic—they are attempts to bring the manner of Christ's Presence in the Sacrament within our comprehension; the second, by a perpetual mirace, the third, by the denial that there is any mystery or any inward" part at all.

The first is the primitive and Catholic Doc-trine of the Real Presence of Christ's Body and

Blood in the Holy Sacrament.

The second is the Roman corruption of that Doctrine, called Transubstantiation, or the change of the substance of the Elements into the substance of the material Body and Blood of Christ.

The third is the Zwinglian denial of that Doctrine, a view held by all Protestant Dissen-

That the first is the Doctrine most clearly in accordance with the words of Holy Scripture is proved

I. As against Transnbstantiation,

a. Because the Elements are from first to last spoken of under their material names.

The Wine is still the "fruit of the vine"; and the Bread is still Bread; after Consecration, as truly as before.

Our Lord Himself said, after the Consecration, "I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." St. Matt. xxvi. 29.

St. Paul says of the Bread, after Consecration, "We are all partakers of that One Bread." 1 Cor x. 16.

Indeed it is noteworthy that the reality of the natural substances of the elements were used by early writers as an argument in combating heresies—even by a Pope of Rome, Gelasius (A.D. 494-496)—especially the Eutychian heresy, which denied the existence of two distinct natures in our Lord. The argument of Gelasius was, As the elements pass into a divine substance, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and yet remain in the properties of their own natures, so they show that the pri cipal Mystery, whose efficacy and virtue they truly represent to us, namely, Christ, remains One. because entire and true; while these things, (i.e. the two natures, of which Christ consists. remain in their true properties" Quoted by Bishop Wordsworth, Com on St John vi 51.

As against the mere figurative view, \mathbf{H}

a Because the Sacramental Gifts are as dis-finctly called "The Body" and "The Blood" of Christ, as the elements, whereby the Gifts are bestowed are called Bread and Wine

b. There is no analogy, as some men have

asserted that there is, between the words here used by our Lord and other expressions which are plainly figurative, such as "I am the True Vine," "I am the Door," &c. These words are plainly metephors or figurative language picture-words. But when our Lord spoke of His Body He spoke of what had an actual,

true, existence.

It has been well said, "To save us from the uncertainty as to what is to be taken figura-tively and what is not, all figures which occur in Holy Scriptures are of two sorts. Either they carry with them their own evidence that they are figures (as in what is plainly picture language) or Almighty God directly tells us that they are a figure. Until some distinct case be adduced, in which proper terms used to designate an actual subsisting thing, are, without any hint or notice, to be understood unreally, we shall not be justified in tampering with the Word of God; and they who do so tamper pre pare the way for the denial of truth which they themselves believe."

For instance, they who say the words, "This is My Body," are to interpreted figuratively cau scarcely give a consistent answer to those who affirm, as some have done, that the words, "The Word was made flesh," should be taken figuratively.

But probably the objection that many have to the Doctrine of the Real Presence is owing to an idea that those who believe in it mean thereby a gross, carnal, material Presence.

It is often forgotten that "there is a spiritual

body, as there is a natural lody."

A Spiritual Presence is not opposed, as some seem to think, to a Real Presence, but to a material Presence. A very learned writer, Archdencon Wilberforce, "Doctrine of the Incarnation," has said, "It is laid down by all writers that when spiritual presence is spoken of, it is not meant that spirit is subject to the conditions of bodily existence, i.e. to be present in place and defined by outlines, but only that the energy of the spiritual object which is present is in some specific place exerted and perceived."

And, "the mean whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is faith," (Art. 28). "It is not," as the same writer says, "that the receiver's faith makes bread become Christ's Body, but that without faith, as the instrument for apprehending things unseen, men cannot receive Christ to the sanctification of their souls." For "the same thing is true of God's gifts by grace, which is true in a measure even of His gitts by nature—they need for their reception those peculiar faculties which He has Himself provided. Light were useless without eyes, and that presence of Christ which is truly bestowed in the consecrated elements is inoperative without faith on the part of the receiver."-The Church Messenger, Qu'Appelle.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PARREBORRO N.S .-- The Christmas festival was ushered in with a carol service at 8 p. m. on Christmas eve, when the Church was filled from end to end. For many days willing and skilful fingers were hard at work decorating the Church, and though not so many persons took part in the decorations this year, the effect has been, on the whole, better than ever before, especially would we mention the beautiful chancel arch.

At 8 o'clock the carols commenced. They were: Sing we merry Christmas; Hark, a burst of heavenly music; Early in the morning early; When Christ was born of pure Mary; with the anthem Sing O Heavens and be joyful After each selection the Rector O Earth.' gave a reading.

After the carol service the organist, Mrs. on one's self.

Gibbons, was presented with a little address, setting forth that she had played, voluntarily, for 2 years, and with much benefit to the services, and the congregation asked her acceptance of the accompanying gold watch (made by Frankfeld of New York), ergraved upon whose face was 'Presented to Mrs. Gibbons by the congregation of St. George's, Parraboro, Xmas, 1890

A new altar cloth adorned an enlarged altar, upon which was a brass alter cross given to the glory of God and in memory of Emily and Sophie Rhodes, by an American friend of the Rector. The spaces on either side of the chancel were filled in with windows upon which were [straw] texts, compiled by the rector's wife.

On Christmas day there were two celebrations, at 9 and 10. 30.

The Rev. Charles Saddington has arrived, and will take up his residence at Port Greville,

PORT GREVILLE .- On Christmas day the memorial window, erected in Holy Trinity Church by the children- of the late Mrs. Eben Kerr, was exposed to view at the eleven o'clock service. It is from Castle & Son, Montreal.

At the carol service theorganist, Miss Annie Kerr, was presented with a set of castors as a mark by the congregation of their appreciation of her services.

We trust that under the direction of the Rev. C. Saddington this parish will put forth their best powers to reach the giving capacity once attained under the active pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Wade.

A pair of chairs of ecclesiastical design were to have been presented on Christmas day, but could not be procured in time.

During the past summer the Sunday school has been well attended, and the superintendent and teachers feel encouraged by the apprecia-

tion of their willing efforts.

LONDONDEARY.-The Christmas services in this parish consisted of celebration of Holy Communion at 3 o'clock, and matins with sermon and Holy Communion at 11.

The congregation at the 11 o'clock service was good and the service very hearty. Fortyone received the Holy Communion at the two services.

A large staff of willing workers undertook the decorating, and the result is a fully and beautifully decorated church,

This parish has recently had a change in its rectorship; Rev. Mr. Purkinson having removed to St. Mary's, Fredericton, his place here being taken by Rev. W. J. Ancient, late of Rawdon.

Previous to the new rector coming into residence the parishoners repapered and painted the interior of the Rectory and also retinted the coiling and walls of the Church. Since then the old pipe organ has been replaced by a powerful reed 'Bell' organ, and the old chandeliers have been replaced by three large Rochester lamps, thus rendering the side lamps unnecessary. This change has added to the appearance of the Church as well as to the comfort of the worshippers at the evening

The new rector has been well received by the people, and a meeting with much encouragement.

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Happiness is a perfume which one cannot shed over another without a few drops failing

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

BAIR VERTE -Co the evening of the 22nd Dec., the children and teachers of St Luke's Sunday School, Baie Verte, spent a most enjoy able time at the residence of Rev. C. A. French Through the kindness of Mrs. Medley, of Fredericton, Mrs. Thomas Walker and the Ladies' Committee of the Church of England Institute, St. John; Mr. Marks, of St Stephen, and of Mesers. Tremaine & Foller, druggists, Amherst, three Christmas trees, well laden with gifts and beautifully illumined, were provided for those present Before viewing the trees and receiv ing the presents therefrom the guests had an excellent supply of refreshments served to them. This event has caused quite a stir among the young people of the Church, and they wish publicly to thank those who so kindly remembered them.

SE. John.-The third of the series of Advent lectures in Trinity Church was delivered Sun day afternoon, the 21st Dec., by Rev. J. M. Davenport, His theme was 'Skepticism and Faith,' and the criticisms of the Bible were dealt with in a most able manner .- Globe.

Christmas Services - Special preparation was made for the celebration of Christmas and Christmas tide by the churches of this city. In some practices of special music had been held for weeks, and in nearly all the services on Christmas day were largely musical.

St. John's (Stone Church) was decorated as usual, and the choir, which now consists of some 25 voices, ably rendered the music of the day, under the supervision of Mr. Ford. Be sides the ordinary Canticles the Psalms were sung to special chants from the Cathedral Psalter, and the anthem was Vincent's, 'There were Shepherds.'

St. Paul's.—This church was appropriately decorated with evergreens and texts around the chancel. A celebration took place at 7.30 a.m. at which Dykes' Communion service in F was used, and the Nunc Dimittis was sung at the conclusion. At the 11 a.m. service Processional and Recessional hymns were used. The canticles were sung to Joule, the Te Deum to Tours, and Dykes' Kyric and Credo were used.

Trinity Church was also decorated and special music of a high order was rendered. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., the Gloria and Gloria in Excelsis being sung to Woodward, and the Nunc Dimittis used as a Recessional. At the 11 a.m. service the special Pealms were chanted, and the anthem was Best's, 'Whilst Shopherd's watched.'

St John the Baptist was also decorated, and two services were held at 8 and 11 a.m., the former being a choral celebration of Holy Communion; Morley's Communion service being nsed.

St James .- The decorations here were extensive, the windows, gas fixtures, font, pulpit, and reading desk, all being neatly trimmed with evergreens, whilst texts were placed around the chancel, above the Communion table and elsewhere.

Two services were held; an administration of Communion at 11 a.m.

CARLETON .- St. Jude's - In this church the decorations were as usual fine; a beautiful reredos was erected in the chancel, and the pulpit, reading desk, lectern and font were all trimmed with spruce and red berries. Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 a.m., and at 11 a.m. full service with Communion.

CHRISTMAS IN MONTREAL.

anthem being Barnby's "Sing and Rejoice." The Rev. Canon Anderson and the Rev. G. A. Smith took part in the service and celebration, the sermon being preached by the Rector (R sv. Dr. Norton.) Some evergreen decorations were placed around the Church, and flowers adorned the alter. Service was also held in the Cathedral on Christmas eve at 8 o'clook at which some carols were sung.

St. George's. - The service here was fully choral and the music especially adapted to the season. The very Rev. the Dean preached from Luke 11, 14 The Offertory was, as is usual in S'. George's, for the poor of the parish The new Reredos erected to the memory of the late James Hutton, E-q., adds greatly to the beauty of the chancel. It was dedicated to God's service on Christmas Eve.

St John the Evangelist - Service was held on Christmas Eve at 8 o'clock followed by a mid night celebration of the Holy Communion commencing at 1130. Celebrations also took place at 6, 7 and 11 o'clock on the morning of Christmas Day, Matins being said at a quarter past ten. The 11 o'clock Communion was full choral, the Rector of the parish, the Rev. Edmund Wood, M.A., being celebrant, assisted by the Revs. Dr. Wright and A. French. by the Revs. Dr. Wright and A. French. Warwick Jordan's Communion service was used throughout. The Rector preached from the text 'Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.' The Adeste Fideles was sung at the Orertory. The decorations were confined to the Sanctuary and choir. A large number of candles were used about the Altar at evening service.

Trinity Church.—Special preparations for the Festival were made in this parish, and the musical portion of the service was elaborate and well rendered. A new anthem by Mr. Reed, at present the organist of the American Presbyterian Church, was rendered for the first time and was highly spoken of. The Rav. Canon Mills, Rector, presented from the text Heb. x: 5. Communion was administered at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. Martin's Church.-One hundred and seven communicants assembled for the quiet celebration of the Holy Communion in this Church at 9 a.m. At the usual eleven o'clock service the Church wa-filled, and the music by the surpliced choir of 50 voices was remarkably good, and, except in special parts, heartily taken up by the congregation. One charm of St. Martin's services, indeed, is the congregational singing, which on this occasion was very noticeable in the familiar hymns 'O Come, all ye Faithful,' and 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.' The anthem Sing O Heavens' was admirably rendered by the choir, a little boy's vo:co singing a short solo in it very sweetly Daring the offertory a member of the choir whose musical talent is well known in Montreal, sang a short solo; and 'It came upon the midnight clear was splendidly taken by the leading boy of the choir, supported by a hearty chorus. Altogether the music was not only well but devoutly rendered, in keeping with the true spirit of the day.

The Church was beautifully decorated special features being the pulpit, font, chancel screen and reredos. There was abundance of evergreen and holly, and every detail of the work bore marks of skill and loving interest. It should be added that the banners were chastely adorned with fresh flowers.

The Rector preached from the words 'Right eousness and peace have kissed each other, laying special stress upon the truth that unrighteousness and peace could never be irionds.

Mr. J. H. Campbell, the painstaking and

gation attended service at 11 o'clock, at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached. Holy Communion was administered and the Offertory was for the poor of the parish. Here, too, the service was largely musical-

St Jude's - The Church was decorated with evergreeas and appropriate texts. The service was largely musical and well rendered, special hymns and anthems being used. The R:ctor, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, preached from the text St. John iii.-1.

THE funeral of the lateRev. R. Lindsay, M. A. Riral Dean of Hochelaga, took place on Fricay, the 26 h inst., to St Thomas' Church. It was proposed at first to have the services at the Cathedral, but this did not accord with the wishes of the congregation and accordingly the change was made to his own parish Church as was proper and right. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean, Archdescon Evans, the Rector of Montreal (Dr. Norton) Canon Bile. good, Canon Mills and a large number of others of the clergy were present as also representatives from the Protestant Ministerial Association. The Church was well filled, there being a large attendance of friends as well from the country as the city. The chief mourners were Venerable Archdencon Lindsay, brother of the deceased, his son, and his son in-law, Mr. L O. Armstrong. The choir of the Church attended and during the service several hymns were

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.-The Protestant chapel of the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary was the scene of a pleasant incident on C rustmas day, when Rev. Canon Falton, the chaplain, was made the recipient of an address, accompanied by a watch and chain. The watch bore the inscription: "Rev. Canon Fulton, chaplain, from members of the Protestant chapel, St. Vincent de Paul; Christmas, 1890." Miss Blain, the organist, also received an address and a purse containing \$23. The chapel was handsomely decorated with plants and flowers provided by the W C.T.U., and as the men of the chapel left there was distributed to them a quantity of fruit, the gift of his Lordship Bishop Bond, Mrs. Frank Bond, and Miss Bond.

DIOCKSE OF TORONTO.

Toronto -The Lord Bishop of the Diocese issued a Christmas Pastoral to the Churchward. ens and Lay members of his Diocese, conveying his Christmas congratulations and good wishes. He arged all Christian people not only to keep the feast with family rejoieing and merry making, but in the sense of God's inestimable gift to them, to be ready to communicate of their good gifts to others who need, in the sense of His unbounded love to show charity to all men; of his full forgiveness, to exercise a spirit of forgiveness to others and extend the right hand of reconciliation to any with whom they may have been at variance, and to make it their endeavor that the circle which they influence should be happier and better for the commemoration of Christ come in the flash, our Brother, our Immanuel.

In accordance with the usual custom the offertory on Christmas day was devoted to the personal use of the elergy.

St. James Cathedral.—The Christmas service here is reported as unusually grand. There were no less than six y-two members of the surpliced choir present, under the direction of the efficient choirmaster, Mr. W. E Hasband, and the service was admirably rendered. The offertory hymn was Gounod's Nazareth, in which Dr. Crawford Seadding took the Baritone Monteral.—Christ Church Cathedral.—
Three celebratings of the Holy Communion took place, namely at 8 930 and 11 a.m., the latter being full Cathedral felivice choral throughout Dykes service was used, the sergreen, noting and latter. A large congreeach of us to remind us of our Caristmas duties.

Therefore this Christmas appeals to us as no other day could do, and asks us to join together in family union and gratitude and joy and fellowship and love, as a remembrance of Him whom God gave as a sacrifice that the Great Spirit from above might descend upon the cold hearts of men and warm them into a flame of Christian life and Holy love.

St. Mary Magdalene. - A midnight celebration was held at this church, and Holy Communion was also administered at 8 and 10:30 a.m. The number of communicants being large. The Rev Prof. Lloyd preached at both services, and in the afternoon a service was held at which carols formed the chief character-

Church of the Ascension .- The musical portion of the services here was excellent, being well rendered under the direction of Mr. E R D ward, organist and choirmaster. The anthem was taken from the 'Messiah,' and Gounod's 'Nazareth' was also surg.

St Marks. Parkdale, was very tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The musical service was splendidly rendered; the chanting of the boys showing excellent training The Rector, the R.v. C. L. Ingles, preached, and was assisted in the services by the Rev. Prof. Symonds. The authem was Elvey's 'Arise shine, for thy light has come.'

OBILLIA -The organ recital in St. James' Schoolroom, on Monday evening, Dec 15th, as a most decided success. The room was filled to overflowing long before eight o'clock arrived, and many of those coming later were unable to gain admittance. Miss Dune's ex quisite singing of 'The Morning Star' much at preciated, as also her rendering of the two parts in 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah. Her playing was also admired, especially in her second piece, 'Offertoire in E minor,' which showed much skill in the management of the different stops. Mr. Deeks has a high, pure tenor voice, of a somewhat uncommon compass. His rendering of the March from 'En' was very brilliant. Miss Thompson played extremely well, and Mrs. Smith, lately from Port Perry, is evidently no novice in the art of organ playing. Mrs. Horner, also from Port Perry, has an exquisitely sweet contralto voice. Mr. Metcalfe sang Gounod's 'King of Love,' with much feeling, and Miss C. Stewart sang Cuenen's 'Come unto Me.' Mr. H. J. Elliott, pleyed a selection with much taste. Altogether it is long since anything of the kind has parsed off so successfully. The collection amounted to over \$20 The chairman, on behalt of the choir, thanked those present for their liberality and attendance, and expressed the hope of seeing them again at an early date at a similar gathering. The Doxology and Benediction brought the proceedings to a close. The young people of the parish, and more par ticularly those instrumental in getting up the entertainment, may justly feel proud of the success of the recital.—Orillia Packet.

The following circular has been issued by the W. A. M. A.:-

To the Secretaries of the Parochial Branches

DEAR MADAM .- The fact of the great want of funds to carry on the missionary work of the Church is every day becoming more apparent, and the needs more pressing. Our Society, as an Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, must, Our Society, as therefore, exert every effort to supplement what is now being contributed to the mission cause. At the last meeting of the Diocesan Board, a resolution was passed recommending to the Branches the plan called 'An extra cent a day, whereby, in a systematic way, much money could be contributed to help on the great cause of missions. This plan was sug. a new Anglican Church here recently.

heaven, whispering in our dull ears; it is a gested at a missionary meeting in Newton hand from heaven laid upon the shoulder of Centre, Mass, U.S.A., in November last, the idea being that the money thus given be saved by self denial in car fares, candy, gloves, neck-ties, table delicacies, etc., etc. At that meeting forty persons pledged themselves to join the Band, of both sexes, of all bges, and the aumber has since increased to 114 which will give for the year the sum of \$416 20 -all extra. Since then, by means of circular letters, the plan has spread, until there are now about 30 other Bands.

> The method of work is very simple; namely in every Branch those who are willing shall give their names to the Branch Treasurer, who with keep a list of the subscribers, and give each one special envelopes, which will be re turned to her containing 30 or 31 cents at the end of the month. She will send the amount received through these envelopes monthly to Miss Dewar, 112 St. George Street, Toronto, will forward the sum total received monthly to the Diocesan Treasurer, in whose books it will be entered as the "Extra cent a day" Fund.

> It this simple method were adopted by every one of the 1 500 members of the W. A. in this dionese, the total contributed in the year would be \$5 475—all extra, and from small self-denials surely a tour fold reward. The subscribers need not, of course, be limited to the members of the W. A., or, indeed, to women. On the contrary, let us all endeavor to secure, as far as practicable, the active co-operation of every Caristian. My life was given for thee, what hast thou done for me?'

Sincerely your fellow-worker, EMILY CUMMING! Secretary.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The funeral of the late Rev. Wm. Davis was held in St. James' Church on Satur day, the 13th. His Lordship the Bishop of Haron, the Dean of Haron, Archdeacon Marsh and all the city clergy were present. The six sons acted as pall bearers. The body was laid in Woodlands, by the side of his late wife, who was buried less than a year ago,

On Sanday, the 14th, Dean Innes conducted the services and preuched a most practical sermon from 2 d Cor. chap. v, 7. In the course of his sermon he paid a high tribute to the saithsulness, energy and loyally of the deceased. He said few men had been permitted to see such success attending their labours as he. He was ever at his post, always faithful in preaching Christ crucified as the sinners Saviour and lived as he preached. Of him it might truly be said: 'He walked by faith and not by sight.' He preached twice the Sunday before he was stricken down, and those who heard him were much moved by the earnest appeal for each to live the Christ life that might be prepared for the end which was quickly coming. The Dean's sermon must have been very comforting to the afflicted, and the whole congregation seemed deeply affected during its delivery.

Christ Church Mission Bands held a sale of work in the schoolroom lately, which was well patronized and a good sum was realized in aid of missions. Reports of work done by the bands were lead by the officers, Miss Flo. O'Brien, Secretary, and Miss M. McFadden, Treasurer, for the Boys' Band. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful church service to Miss Smith, the lady manager, by the Girls' Band. Excellent missionary addresses were given by Misses Brownloe and R. Howard, of Huron College. The programme included piano selections by Miss F. Smith, and an excellent song by W. Tibbs, Bert Logan, V. Winder. A pleasant evening was

Wiarton.—Rev. Raral Dean Cooper opened

PRESTON,-The building erected by members of the Church of England here was opened for, divine service on Sunday 21st. The Bishop of the Diocese preached both morning and evening, spending the afternoon in Hespeler, where he conducted services.

SIMCOR.—Rev. Wm. Davis, Rector of Woodhouse, while visiting his son, Toronto, was taken suddenly with a severe pain in the back of the head just as he was retiring on Thurs. day night, 4th inst. His suffering was intense, and the physician who was called in, discovered that an artery in the head had burst, allowing the blood to reach the brain. In such cases, especially where the person is advanced in years, there is little chance of recovery, and the friends in this case were very much alarmed. The rev. gentleman gradually grew worse day by day, until death relieved him from his sufferings at 6 o'clock last Thursday evening, just a week after he was taken down. Deceased was a man of fine physique, and gencrally enjoyed good health. He was a most zealous and faithful clergyman, an able preacher and ever anxious to be at work in the interests of his Master. In this Diocese, where he had labored for the past thirty years, he was widely known and universally respected. He was a valued member of the Masonic Fraternity, and at the time of his death was Chaplain of Ezra Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of this town. Less than a year ago his wife died while visiting a son in Mitchell, since which time the old gentleman grieved so much that it is no doubt had much to do with his death. The body was taken to London on Saturday.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

OUR CANADIAN HORES .- I thank God for the spirit that has been aroused throughout the country on behalf of our Indians. Things are different now to what they were a few years ago. Only a little time ago nearly the whole expense and responsibility of missions to Indians in this country was borne by our great English Societies. The Ray, A. Jamies h for instance, at Walpole Island, was supported by the S.P.G.; the Brantford missionaries and the Rev. James Chance, at Garden River, by the New England Company; the Missions in Rapert's Land and the Northwest by the Church Missionary Society; and at that time the only institutions for Indian children was that supported by the New Rogland Company at B antford. Even so lately as ten years ago there were no Government Institutions for Indian children, and the day schools such as they were most poorly kept, and poorly attended. But now, what a change! The letters of Mrs. Cummings and Miss Patterson have told of the many training schools for Indian children in active operation along the whole line of the C.P.R., in Algoma, in Rupert's Land, in Assimbois, in Alberta, in British Columbia! And there are others too which those ladies did not There is a large Church of England Institution for Indian children, supported by Government, 200 miles north of the C. P. R. track, at Battleford; and others beside are springing up at various points, outcome of that fervent earnest prayer which availeth much.'

And now what I feel so anxious about isand surely after twenty two years of my life epent among the Indians I may be allowed to be a little anxious and even enthusiastic about this cause-what I feel so is, that we must go on, carry on the work, not let it flag just now, when it seems as though Almighty God's blessing was about to be poured out in a specially rich measure upon it. If Christ is pointing us to the Indians of this country whom we have so long neglected and telling us, bidding us, gather them into his Church, so that before His appearance in glory, there may be one flock and one fold, all the people of this country, of whatever nationality, color or lan-guage gathered together in one common fold,

the Christian fold, waiting to receive Him, shal we dare to neglect His commands? The will of our Master is that these dear little black eyed, black haired, brown skinned, Indian children should be not merely baptized and then left to grow up in ignorance and faith like the waifs and strays of our great cities, but that they should be brought under Christian train ing and Christian teaching; that they should be taught to recognize and experience all the good things and the plessings which Christian ity, if true Christianity, ought to bring in its train.

I am pleading now not for my own special work which the Lord has opened to me in His providence at my Shingwank and Wawanosh Homes, and at Elkhorn and Medicine Hat. It is not for myself or for my own work that I ask. But for the work of the Master among our Indians far and wide throughout the country. I want to see the Church in Canada take up this work in an earnest manner.

And I crave permission to speak my own mind in regard to the work that has to be done. There may be many that will not agree with me, but nevertheless I will speak, and it may be I have the mind of God in this matter; it seems to me that in this work among the Indians we must not be too cramped in our plans or confine our operations to too narrow spheres; the Indians are a free people, a roaming people-hunters, warriors by nature-and might it not be well to accept a little of their free spirit in our dealings with them; what know they of the confines of parishes and dioceses: what care they even about the border lines between provinces, or the boundaries of countries. They are to-day here, to-morrow away. If confined to a limited district it is not by their own choice. And again for this work to succeed, I do so feel that there must be absolute unity and oneness of aim; that all unworthy and petty jealousies must be dropped -that we must not be trying to build up one part of the work to the detriment of another. There is enough to bear with in the peculiar temperament of the Indian people; their instability, their apparent ingratitude for all we try to do for them, without our having the additional burden of hearing hard things said or receiving the cold shoulder when we looked for sympathy and warmth of feeling. I think we missionaries who are actually in the fields are ourselves one at heart, we know what Indians are and we can but compare notes and sympathize one with another and try to strengthen one another's hands; but it is those who are not in the field, who have never been in the field who would prefer sending their gifts to the poor Indian when 100 miles off, to receiving him into their houses, who have never felt their hearts glow with true love and compassion for these poor despised people; they are the ones who ir jure and hurt the cause by their coldness and supmeness, and their mere business like way of looking at the matter. And I would go a step further; I would say again as I have said before, that I think all Protestants, of whatever denomination, should go hand in hand in this great work of reclaiming from the 'waete and howling wilderness' and training up to a holier, better and happier life these children of the forest and the prairie. I am not playing false to my own Church by advo-cating this. My forefathers have been Church of Ringland people for centuries back, and I am as devoted to the old Church as I am to the old flag; but I do think that as Christians, and especially in our dealings with these poor Indians, so lately reclaimed from heathenism, that we should work hand in hand with our fellow Christians and let the Indians see that we work hand in hand with them; all petty jealousies and all foolish rivalries sunk, sunk, because the cause is too great a one for us to admit them or think of them.

May Almighty God use my feeble words to

the promotion of His glory and the spread of His kingdom among the Indians. EDW F. WISON. Shingwank Home, Dec. 18th, 1890.

NEPIGON — The R. W. R. Renison acknowledges the following contributions towards our rebuilding fund: the Rev. E. F. Wilson from friends in England, \$28.61; Shingwank Home Bazaar \$31 37; John Summer, Esq., Carleton Place, \$10.

CHICAGO BOY CHOIRS,

The official book of music and programme for the their annual musical festival of the Chicago Diocesan Choir Association came from the hands of the printer to-day. Besides contain ing the music to be given at the coming festival the book illustrates the status of vested choirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the West and gives an exposition of a truely phenomenal growth since the work of boy choirs was instituted. The coming musical festival is to be beld at the Auditorium on May 20 next. The programme and music is thus early given in order that those who are to participate may have plenty of time to prepare their parts and to make all other needful arrangements for joining in the pleasures of the occasion.

There are thirty three vested choirs in the Chicago diocese, twenty-seven of which are members of the association, the remaining six being either at a great distance or unable for some other reason to take up the work. These twenty-seven integral parts of the association include more than one thousand boys and men This showing, when compared with the meagre dimensions of the association even so short a time ago as 1883, is more elequent of the interest taken in choir work than any language could indicate, for in that year there were but three vested choirs in the diocese. At the first festival held a year ago, thirteen choirs participated, and at the second festival, last May, seventeen choirs took part.

The programme is as follows: --

Il a.m.—Fall choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Jame.' Church. Communion service, Haynes in E flat. Whitsuntide anthem, 'And all the People Saw the Thunderings' (Stainer). The service will be sung by the united choirs of St James' and Grace Churches. Sermon by the Bishop of Chicago.

1 p.m.-Reunion and banquet of the clergy

and choirs at Battery D.

7 45 pm.—Choir festival of sacred music at the Auditorium, with the following order of music:

Organ Voluntary, 'Grand ChosurGuilmant Hymn 406, 'O Praise Ye the Lord' Handel Choice and congregation.

To Doum Landamus, in E flat.....G. M. Garrett Recitative. 'Comfort Ye My People,' aria, 'Every Valley Shall Be Exalted'—'Mes-

'Every Valley Shall Be Exalted'—'Mesaiah......Handel Harry C. Cassidy. Chorus—'And the Glory of the Lord,' 'Mes-

Organ Solo—Sonata, A minor......Merkel C. E. Reynolds.

Sinctus,
Benedictus,
Agnus Del,
Address-J. L. Houghteling, of St. James'

Church
Anthem—'Lift Up Your Heads'........Hopkins
Recitative, Thus Saith the Lord,' aria,
'But Who May Abide'—'Messiah'......Handel

E. R. Sharpe,

Choirs and congregation.

This music is of course of the highest order. It is difficult to imagine little boys of from seven to twelve years of age mastering the intricacies of the great 'Messiah' or interpreting after a fashion to elicit great commendation Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle.' West's Magnificat' and Nunc Dimittis,' both in E flat, were sung for the first time at the recent festival of the London Choir Association, and are just out.

To show from what a small beginning the association sprung it will be necessary to recapitulate only briefly. The first vested choir inaugurated in the West was at Racine College, Wisconsin, It was in 1862. The first boy choir in Chicago was started at old Trinity Church, on Jackson street, in 1865, but the boys were not vested. In 1866 a choir of boys was introduced in the cathedral and was trained by Mr. Whitehouse, son of the bishop. Two years later six of these cathedral boys were vested and celebrated the occasion by entering the chancel singing 'Jerusalem the Golden' Shortly after this Canon Knowles assumed charge of the choir, increased the vested singers to sixteen and established full choral evening service.

The second vested choir was organized in the Church of the Ascension in 1869 and the third in Calvary in 1879. In 1884 S. James', Grace Church and S. Clements' inaugurated vested choirs. Out of the tentative movement thus begun came the wonderful Chicargo Choir

Ansociation of to-day.

That church choir membership will give a boy a musical educa ion as to execution and taste second to no other method or system need not be questioned. The names of some of the Ruglish writers of church music were known first when their owners were choir boys. Stainer, Goes, Calkin, Garrett, Hopkins, Tours, Barnby, Wesley, Bridge, Gladstone and a score of others, whose compositions are a part of almost every Christian service of to-day, were in their youth humble members of vested choirs. Chicago's own Blatchford Kavanagh would never have been seen above the mass of Chicago boys had it not been for a church choir. Music is a wonderful educator, and church oboir music more than all .- Chicago Evening

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.

This feast is celebrated in The Church to commemorate the active obsdience of Jesus Christ in fulfilling all righteousness, which is one branch of the meritorious cause of our redemption; and by that means abrogating the severe injunctions of the Mosaical establishment, and putting us under the Grace of the Gospel.

The institution of this feast is of very considerable antiquity. In the 6th century a special and appropriate service for it was in use. It sometimes took the name of the 'Octave of Christmas' as the eighth day from that festival.

If this festival be considered merely as the commemoration of the Circumcision of our Lord, its institution, or at least its revival commenced with our Reformation, or on the publication of our English Liturgy, and was first observed in January 1st, 1547-50.'—Stauton Ec. Dict.

Of the feast of the Circumcision there is early observance; but after the 7th century there appears distinct directions against it, as it fell on the 1st of January, which was a festival of

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mad riot among the heathen, it was natural not work, or that any colony of such men, even that it should not be kept as a feast mong Christians, when the excesses of the heathen were uncontrolled. There should be a celebra-

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Cyclopedia).
The date of this festival is, of course determined by Christmas. But it is not till some time after the establishment of the Christmas Festival that the day has any designation, except as the Octave of Christmas. Possibly anti-Judaic feeling might shrink from dwelling on our Lord's Circumcision; and the day seems for some time to have been observed as a fast, in protest against the riotous heathen celebration of the 1st of Ianuary; of which protest there is perhaps still an echo in the Collect. The earliest notices of it as 'THE CISCUMCISION' appear to be Gallican. With us now it blends with the idea of New Year's Day, tending to golemnize the opening of the year by the thought of responsibility and struggle against sin.

The Collect freely rendered in 1549 from a Benediction in the Saram use, first notes the Circumcision of our Lord as an 'obedience to the Law,'-to an infliction of pain intended as a warning against sin-not for his own sake but 'for man,' as the beginning of His suffering for us. Then it prays for the 'Circumcision of the Spirit,' which is not merely obedience but obedience through mortification of our ' hearts and members,' our souls and bodies, recognizing sin in us, and our need in struggling against it to submit to law and to suff ring .- Bishop Barry.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE notice that the tide of feeling in England is changing if it has not already changed in regard to the so called 'General' Booth scheme, for the social Regeneration of what he is pleased to call 'The darkest England.' It was a matter of great surprise to us to read the gushing ap proval hastily given by some of the leaders of thought in the Church, and out of it. It appeared to us upon the face of it to be one of the most doubtful character and feasibility, and to be based largely (as we believe, the work of the Salvation army itself is based largely) upon assumption and exaggeration, We very much question the reliability of the figures and statistics given by Mr. Booth as well in regard to the state of affairs in London, as in regard to the work of the Salvation Army itself. The scheme appeared to us to wear upon its face, the aspect of an attempt to advertise and ex tend the peculiar work over which Mr. Booth presides with little less than papal power. Judging from what we have seen of those who in this country at all events are in poverty, it would be a pretty wild assumption to say that this was the result to any such extent as Gen. Booth supposes, of want of employment; and we fancy that should his scheme proceed it will be found that thousands of those whom he regards as quite ready to accept work if offered will refuse; and that it will require vigorous measures before the unwilling, the idle, and the vicious, will accept of any such proposals as he makes.

THE Cable announces that the Times of London, of date Dec. 27th, published a three column article severely criticising Gen. Rooth's scheme and in it the writer says: Gen. Booth cannot think he is to be authorized to collect by force the lunatic and irredeemable slaves of crime and drink. He cannot expect us to believe he can compel men to work who admittedly will in your issue of November 19th, though Bishop's College, Nov. 25th.

under the stimulus of the lash, which General Booth is too elever to ask for, could be compelled to be self-supporting. The article accuses Gen. Booth of a childlike ignorance of tion of the Holy Communion upon this feast. farming, and of recklessness in entering on a as upon all days when any part of our Lord's contract for the purchase of land for a farm life and actions are commemorated.'—(Church colony in Essex at £15 per age. It admits there is likely to be a certain percentage of success in farm and colony schemes, but questions whether Gen. Booth is the right man to control the operations. The editorial states that the article is the first instalment of a critical examination of the scheme by a well qualified writer, and says: We do not affect to egard the scheme with anything but profound distrust. We arge the public not to conclude in a fit of hysterical emotion that Mr. Booth deserves to be intrusted with an immense sum of money, but wait to hear everything that can ne urged against the scheme.

> IT appears that the General sought the endorsation of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, who more wise than some of the inferior clergy, decided and took the opportunity of pointing out the fact that as the scheme was dependent largely upon the peculiar religious ideas and system of Mr. Booth, which he most certainly did not endorse, it was of doubtful success. We will reproduce in our next number, the answer of His Grace.

> The readiness with which some notable clergy of London fell into the trap and sung the praises of this scheme, and lamented that it had not been formulated by the Church, thus reflecting upon Her, seems to betray astounding ignorance on their part, of the work actually being carried on by the Church in East London and in other parts of that great oity. Bishop Billing interviewed in regard to Mr. Booth's scheme pointed out not only his distrust of the whole thing, but also the work which was actually being done and had been done for years past in East Lion. don, and the sufficiency of the Church in its regular plan and system for meeting the evils complained of provided the clergy received that support which they were entitled to expect at the hands of those who claimed to be Her sons and daughters. We also reproduced a report of a meeting in December at "St. Giles' Mission," Drury Lane, London, and which Society was started a quarter of a century ago, tor the work of reclaiming criminals, and which claims to have brought during the present year no less than seven thousand seven hundred persons of that class discharged from the four Metropolitan prisons under its benign inflaences; and who had been induced to turn over a new leaf. It also appears from that report that for thirteen years past, this organization has actually been working upon the lines General Booth now trumpets to the world as his new idea for dealing with the lapsed masses,
> We fancy that St. Giles' is by no means an
> isolated instance of the great work which the Church of England is doing and has been doing in this direction; and that if the clergy engaged therein were to communicate the result of their labors to the public, it would appear not only that efficient work had been done, but that there was very little necessity for the present much lauded scheme.

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To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,-I am thankful for Messenger's statement of his belief at the close of his last letter,

bewildered by it. He says, "I am content to believe that somehow the Hily Spirit does make the baptized His Temple." I thought that was the point at issue between us. There must be some meaning in the words which my dulness fails to comprehend. How can the bodies of the baptized be His temple without His Indwelling Presence being there?

Messeuger asks, "If the baptized have the Indwelling Presence of the Spirit, how can we pray for the Holy Ghost to be given again through the Laying on of Hands?" The solution is simple enough. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are frequently called by the name of their Divine Giver. The Scriptural account of the matter is, that the Holy Ghost dwelling in the Body of Christ and in every member of it, that is, in all baptized persons, distributes His gifts to those members severally as He wills. The Indwelling Presence is in the Body of Christ since the Day of Pentecost, and only in individual believers by virtue of their being made parts of that Body. But the Gifts of the Indwelling Spirit are divided, one to each apparently, and doubtless through the Laying on of Hands.

Messenger demurs to Dr. Pusey's statement that "the Church has always taught that the Holy Ghost is given in Baptism," and he makes his own appeal to the Fathers. Does Messenger suppose that any reasonable person can be persuaded that Dr. Pasey made that assertion in ignorance of or without having fally considered everything that St. Cyprian, St. Cyril and every other Father had said upon the subject? Does he not know—he must, for I called special attention to the fact—that it is with special reference to the very passages Messenger quotes from those Fathers that Dr. Pusey states that they are not to be understood as Messenger understands them? But not Dr. Pusey only. Those passages of St. Cyprian and others, "which seem to teach that Baptism confers simply remission of sins, and that the gift of the Spirit is reserved for Confirmation,' have been considered over and over again by our own and other great Catholic divines, who have all come to the same conclusion as Dr. Pasey. So does Bishop Bethell [e. g.] in his classical work on Regeneration in Baptism, (cap. vi, 90, 5th ed.) with special reference to St. Cyprian, And Dc. J. H. Newman, then our own, does the same for those passages of St-Cyril quoted by Messenger. His note, marked by his usual force and acuteness, is worth extracting (St. Cyril's Lectures, Oxford Tr., close of Lecture iii, page 33):—"The Fathers speak as if Baptism was primarily the Sacrament of remission of sins, and upon that (the italics are his own) came the gift of the Spirit, which notwithstanding was but be un in Baptism and completed in Confirmation. Hence, as in the text, Baptism may be said to be made up of two gifts, Water, which is Christ's Blood, and the Spirit. There is no real difference between this and the ordinary way of speaking on the subject; water, which conveys both gifts is considered as a type of one especially; conveys both remission of sins through Christ's Blood and the grace of the Spirit, but is the type of one, viz: the Blood of Christ, as the oil in Confirmation is of the others."

I think your readers, who follow this correspondence, will place more reliance upon the judgment of the greatest Patristic scholars of the Age, when a question is raised as to what the Fathers really taught, than upon any number of apparently plausible passages extracted by Messenger or myself. Neverheless it you are willing to give me room in your columns, I shall only be too happy to prepare a series of passages from all the Fathers stating in plain words that the Holy Ghost is given in Baptism. But first I am sending you a catena of Anglican Divines which no one will pretend can be explained away. HENRY ROB.

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THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AS THE BASIS OF CHURCH UNITY.

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As I am to write of the Holy Scriptures as the Basis of Church Unity, it would seem proper to preface what I have to say by a brief consideration of the problems and difficulties to be met, bearing always in mind the existing evils and the end to be accomplished.

Leaving out of account for the present the Oriental Church, including as it does nearly one third of the professing Christians of the and see the necessity of Church regulations, world, we have around us three distinct bodies or classes of persons to be considered.

1. We have those who adhere to and advocate the supremacy of the Bishop of Rome as essential to Church Unity; they hold that our Lord made St. Poter the prince of the Apostles, and gave him not only presidency, but authority also over the others, and through them over the whole Church of believers in Him; that St. Peter became Bishop of Rome and transmitted to his successors through all time the presidency and the supremacy which he had exercised. And recently his adherents have declared that he is infallible whenever he speaks authoritatively and in his official capacity; so that no one can have any reasonable hope of final salvation who does not accept they hold that the safest and most proper and follow his decrees.

- 2. Then we have what are called ultra-Pro testants, who bold that when our Lord spoke of building His Church [Matt. xvi. 18] He did not refer to any visible organized body of those that should believe in Him, but rather to an invisible number, known only to Himself; that He caused His Gospel to be preached, and finally to be committed to writing, leaving the believers to organize themselves into Churches, as many and as various in form and discipline as they might think most expedient and con ducive to the welfare and final salvation of men They do not regard "the Historic Episcopate" or any other form of a ministry that has any visible or tactual connection with the Apostles, or the ministry our Lord ordained and sent to preach His Gospel, as at all necessary.
- 3. Then in the third place we have a class of Christians who claim to have "the Historic Episcopate" with an actual and a tactual line of descent from the Apostles. They hold that the Church spoken of by our Lord [Matt. xvi. 18; xviii. 17] and often referred to in the Acta and Epistles [Acts iii. 47; 1 Tim. iii. 15] was a visible and organized body.

In fact, this view is inevitably implied, if indeed it is not expressly stated in the Declara tion of our House of Bishops [General Convention, 1886, p. 80]: "We do heroby affirm that the Christian Unity now so earnestly desired can be restored only by a return of all Christian Communions to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence; which principles we believe to be the sub stantial deposit of Christian Faith and Order committed by Christ and His Apostles to the Church unto the end of the world, and there fore incapable of compromise or surrender by those who have been ordained to be its stewards and trustees for the common and equal benefit of all men,"

But the views of the Holy Scriptures entertained by them (which is the subject now more especially before us) differ quite as much among these bodies or classes of Christians we have named, as they themselves do in regard to the Church which our Lord founded. And in fact this diversity of views in regard to the Scriptures is, if not fundamental, yet essential to the diversity of their views in regard to the Church itself.

The advocates of the Papal claims hold that besides what is contained in the Holy Scriptures, there are traditions outside of their teachings, and especially such as have received the approval and sanction of the Pope, that are as essential and as necessary to salvation as the things that are contained in the Scriptures themselves.

Then the extreme Protestants hold on the other hand that the Bible alone is the guide for Christian believers,—that each one is to take it, study it, and interpret it for himself as best he can, under the influence of prayer and the guidance of the Holy Ghost. They scarcely hold to any "Church authority" in the proper sense of the word. They do indeed hold to such as each pastor or congregation may make as a matter of expediency and as conducive to edification.

Then finally we have those holding a some what middle ground-like that of the Protestant Episcopalians, who, as it will be remem bered, proposed the four conditions of union, one of which we are considering. They hold and expressly declare (Art. VI) that "the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation." But they also hold that there are many things spoken of or alluded to in the Holy Scriptures which are essential, in some one form or another, to any Church organization to the preaching of the Gospel, and to the administration of the Sacraments, which are not expressly stated in the Scriptures. And

of these things is what may be called tradition; that is, the records that have come down to us outside of the Scriptures,-such as notes of usages, canons and opinions of early Fathers.

If we turn our attention to the Old Testa. ment Scriptures we find that although, as it now appears, there may have been portions of the earlier books in existence before the time of Moses, yet that the books, from first to last, from Genesis to Malachi, with the possible exception of the Book of Job, were written in the Jewish Church, by members of the Church, and after its organization by Moses in the wilderness, and after the priests and Levites had been set apart not only for the administration of the worship in the Tabernacle, but also to be the instructors and guides of the people in matters that pertain to their Faith and religion as well as in regard to their duties as men and citizens; and that all these books, with, as before said, the possible exception of Job, were written for their instruction and guidance in their responsible and arduous duties as priests and ministers.

If now we turn our attention to the New Testament, we find very much the same result. We find that our Lord declared, some time before He died, His intention to build His Church on the confession of His Divine Nature which St. Peter had just made. He soon after, as it appears from St. Mathew's record, gave to His Apostles extensive power, not only of legislation, but of discipline as well, subordinate of course to any instruction He had given them or might thereafter give them [Matt zvi. and zviii, 15-21]. Then in Acts [ii. 47] we find the Church spoken of as already existing and established, so that "the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."-or were being saved.

The Apostles went forth and preached the Gospel as they were commanded; and it was not until some twenty years at least after their mission that any part of the Holy Scriptures of the New Testament as we now have them were written.

Our Lord, so far as we have any record of the words He attered never gave them any charge to write anything. They were to preach and proclaim by word of mouth the Gospel, make disciples of the people among all the nations or races of people on the earth, bapt zing and thus bringing into the Church those that should believe the Gospel as they were to preach and to teach it; and the promise was, "Whosoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

But the earliest attempt to reduce the Gospel to writing, that the Church of the believers might have the benefit of reading it for themselves, did not occur for some twenty years or more after the Gorpel had been preached, and Churches—that is, local Churches, as branches of the one Church which our Lord founded and which St. Paul declares to be the pillar and ground, stay or support, "of the truth" [1 Tim. iii. 15]-had been established in nearly all parts or the earth.

It is commonly supposed that the very first to be written of the books we now have in our Canon, or collection of Holy Scriptures of the New Testament, was the first of St. Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians, about A. D 52, nineteen years after the Crucifixion. The Gospels as we now have them were not written until somewhat later. It is sometimes claimed, indeed, that St. Matthew wrote, for the converts from Judaism who lived in Palestine, a Gospel in the Hebrew language, or what was called Hebrew at the time. But we have not that Gospel as he wrote it, if ever he wrote one; and what we have is of a later date, say about A. D. 60. And the other Gospels were written later on, until perhaps that of St. John sometime in the last decade of the first century, perhaps A. D. 92.

I think we have satisfactory evidence that guide to a right understanding and observance there was at a much earlier date than even the

sarliest of the Epistles, both a stated form of words for use in the administration of the Holy Supper, and also a "form of sound words" [2 Tim. i 13], which was used in baptism at least, if not in the Holy Eucharist, and commonly accepted both as an expression and as a test of the faith of those who were to be received and retained in the holy fellowship of the Apostolic Church; dissent from which was "heresy" in the technical sense, while divisions and contentions among those who were still retained in the Church was called schism; and St. John speaks of some who "went out from" that fellowship as being in some sense "anti-Christ" [1 John ii. 18].

But the Scriptures that have come down to

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us were all of them, or at least nearly all of them, written for a local-I will not say a temporary-purpose. Thus St. Matthew is commonly beld to have written primarily and chiefly for the Christian converts from Judaism who lived in Palestine. St. Mark, though with less unanimity of agreement, is said to have written under the immediate guidance of St. Peter, and at Alexandria for the Christians who were living in that part of Africa; while St. Luke's Gospel is said to have been written at Rome under the special guidance of St. Paul, St. Paul's Epistles, as is well known, and is also manifest from the Epistles themselves, were written to local Churches,—as that at Rome, that at Corinth, etc.,—and were more or less intended for the discussion and settlement of questions which, if not of a temporary nature, were yet specially interesting and important for those to whom the letters were This remark applies with special addressed. force to the Epistles to Timothy, to Titus, and to Philemon.

Yet doubtless what these holy and inspired men wrote was (for the most part shall I say? I Cor. vii. 40) dictated by the Holy Spirit, and remains as of inestimable value as of indicating what was "the substantial deposit of Christian Faith and Order committed by Carist and His Apostles to the Church unto the end of the world," to quote again the declarations of our House of Bishops on this subject. But the fact was and is, that the Gospel was preached for many years before it was written and committed to writing as Holy Scripture at all; and the Church was founded and organized in some form or another, and more or less completely in all the larger cities and countries of the Roman Empire, which then included pretty much the whole world.

The controlling fact is that the Apostles and the ministry themselves were not only to preach the Gospel, but they were also to organize the Church, or local branches of it. one in each city or province. When the writers of the Holy Scriptures speak of this matter at all, it is either by way of allusion to what had been done, or by way of instruction to some one who had been ordained, and received authority for the work of organizing Churches, selecting and ordaining Elders and Deacons, as well as giving directions for their professions of the Faith,—for their worship and the principles of the godly life which they were to observe and enforce.

Herein we have the reason why there is to be found in the New Testament no express or full description of the Church, its organization, and its methods. The people for whom the Scriptures were written, with the exception of the two or three books I have just mentioned, had nothing to do with organizing the Church. It was not their work or duty. They could not do it. It was done for them by the Apostles whom our Lord had chosen for that purpose, and to whom He gave the command to go and teach all nations to observe whatsoever he had commanded them. And as in the case of Timothy and Titus at least, we find that the Apostles gave like authority to others, uninspired men whom they chose for the Work.

Scriptures, thus written, began at a very early tion which they long to deal with, and which date to be collected into a whole, in several at least of the great centres of Christian population, as Antioch, Alexandria, and Carthage. But we have no definite information in regard I know I could make good use of it in strengthto this collection. We have indeed a few hints in the Holy Scriptures themselves in regard to the circulation of these Scriptures, the desire to get them, and the anxiety to read and understand them [Col. iv. 16; Luke i. 1-5; Acts i.; 2 Peter iii. 16]

But it is most natural that the Christians in any one city should be extremely anxious as soon as they had heard of any writing by one of the Apostles, or perhaps by any one so intimately associated with any one of them as to be specially valuable as a teacher, to get a copy of the work. epistle, or gospel, as the case might be. And thus, as we know, collections began to be made in a large number of places; these collections, at the earliest date at which we can get any certain information concerning them, differed in some less important details from one another. And in some few cases, books not now received into our Canon, as the Epistles of Clement and of Barnabas, were received and read in the public worship; while others that we do now receive had not been received, or at least adopted as part of their sacred Scriptures in some few of the early collections that we know of.

We have, indeed, early lists of the books received, and there were two or three attempts by local and provincial synods to define the But there was no such action by any Canon. one of the General Councils of the Universal Church.

(To be continued)

BISHOP BILLING ON 'GENERAL' BOOTH'S SCHEME.

The Bishop of Bedford has been interviewed by a correspondent of The News on 'General' Booth's scheme, and as will be seen from the following his lordship is against it :-

'Has the Salvation Army,' I asked, 'any real influence in the East end?'

'Certainly not,' replied the Bishop. 'In the East-end proper it is hardly known. Ask Mr. Robinson, the rector of Whitechapel, and he will tell you that he does not know a dozen people who belong to the Army, My own experience at Spitalfields-in the midst of that great lodging house district—was the same. I lived amongst the roughs in the slums, but I scarcely ever came across anyone who had been reached by the Army, Ask my successor, Mr. Scott, and he will confirm my opinion. The fact is that the Salvation Army pick up those who have been influenced by the mission halls and other agencies. They gather a large number from the Nonconformists. It is quite a mistake to think that their lasses and their other converts are Londoners. They are brought from the country. Very largely the adherents of the Army are imported from villages and country towns. This is my special complaint against the Salvation Army-that they proclaim that they are the people who

reach the slums. I say they are not.'
'You think, then, that the Church of England is able to cope with all the distress and degradation of the East end?'

'Undoubtedly! We can do all that is neceseary if the clergy only receive adequate support We have a number of shelters for all classes, as well as labor yards. Only to-day I have been opening a new labour yard. But then we don't publish sensational reports. The workers who most deserve help and would use it to the greatest advantage are the men who would shrink from issuing sensational statements When such appeals are written by the clergy it is because they are heart broken and soul

The several books of the New Testament worn by the burden of the sorrow and destituthey would promptly and successfully meet if our Church would send them the necessary help. If someone would only send me £2 000 ening and extending our agencies. It is not difficult to 'get at' the Rast-enders if they once believe you to be honest and straightforward, For instance, I am on the best of terms with the atheists. I met them one night, and we had a vigorous and very useful discussion which lasted over two hours. There was some very hard hitting, of course, but all in perfect good temper. At their invitation I met them a second time, but when I went the leaders had all disappeared, evidently because they did not like to be disconcerted before their followers. Then I have had large mass meetings of working men, and it was a pleasure to preside over their discussions. There were on one occasion a thousand bona fide working men present, and after several capital speeches there was an opportunity for free discussion, and at the close I summed up. We talked of the spiritual and social work of our Church—then we took as our subject, 'Why do not people go to Church?' The men gave us their reasons, we replied, and a great deal of good was done.

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'What do you think of Mr. Booth's new scheme?

'Well, so far as it is good it is not new. My experience of the Salvation Army shelters is by no means in their favour. I am told by those who know—for instance, by the Whitechapel Union—that the Army shelters do not attract real Londoners, but only the riffcaff of the Kingdom. They come to London, go to the shelter, are turned out, and then come on the rates. The consequence of all this outery of late is that people are thronging to the East end for the loaves and fishes. After the great strike money poured into the East end in un-regulated and indiscriminate charity, and we have not got over it yet. We have to deal with a residuum, it is true, but unorganized charity will only make matters worse. I am persuaded of this, that such a scheme as Mr. Booth has proposed can never be carried out successfully, unless it is backed up by an authority which no voluntary action can exercise. Suppose it is possible to carry out such a schemethen you must have recognized and magisterial authority.'

'Then as regards Mr. Booth's emigration scheme-what are your views on that point?'

'My dear sir, his proposals are by no means new. Our East London Emigration Society has sent out 24,000 people, and one of my best helpers-a good man, who comes down and works at his own charges-went out and spent his holiday in looking up these emigrants. But then we don't publish details of the various cases, or indulge in puffery. I believe the real remedy is to deal with the people before they come to London, and sink into the great abyss of the East end. When I was at Spitalfields we used to keep a sharp watch on the lodging houses. If a family arrived we would try and rescue them at once before they began to deteriorate; and if, after a careful search, there seemed to be no prospect of work, we sent them back to Newcastle or Edinburgh, or whereever they had come from. The residuum Mr. Booth is going to elevate consists very largely of those who won't work and those who can't work. They come to the East-ond for the casual labor, and for any charitable relief they can pick up, and for the most part they are physically and morally incapable of continuous labour. The fact is the colonies would not receive them.'

Then you don't think the new scheme should have the support of our Church?

I should not be averse to a conference which should carefully consider the matter, but to commit the whole thing to Mr. Booth is a most unwise thing to do. He very rightly says that

reformation of character must be at the foundation of all material reform, but then the work is to be done on Salvationist lines, and I for one don't approve of those lines. I don't believe in his theology-I object to the awful irreverence of Salvation Army meetings; and there is one thing I specially object to-that is, the way in which parental authority is set aside. I regarn that as a very serious matter. As you know, the General exercises unlimited power. his command must be rigidly obeyed, and I have known happy homes entirely broken up through this.'

The Bishop went on to tell me much that was deeply interesting about the work of our Church in the East end. He is very hopeful about the future. There is in every direction a remarkable movement in the direction of social and aggressive Christianity. It is our supreme duty to support those noble men who, in a quiet, uno-tentations way, are trying to reclaim the outcasts, and by the preaching of the Gospel and by practical kindness to win the people to Christ. What a blessing it would be if someone would send Dr. Billing that £2,000 which he so urgently needs! We can not ignore our brethren in the East end, and 'pass by on the other side.' They have an iresistible claim upon our sympathy. Let us throw ourselves, heart and soul, into the glorious work, and take the Gospel of love into this stronghold of misery and sin.

F. A. A. in Family Churchman.

FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

A SOLITARY WAY,

There is a mystery in human hearts. And though we be encircled by a host Of those who love us well and are beloved. To every one of us from time to time There comes a sense of utter loneliness. Our dearest friend is stranger to our joy, And caunot realise our bitterness.

"There is no one who really understands. Not one to enter into all I feel.' Such is the cry of each of us in turn. We wander in a solitary way, No matter what or where our lot may be; Each heart mysterious even to itself Must live its inner life in solitude.

And would you know the reason why this is? It is because the Lord derires our love, In every heart he wishes to be first. He therefore keeps the secret key himself, To open all its chambers; and to bless With perfect sympathy and holy peace Each solitary soul which comes to him.

So when we feel this lonliness, it is The voice of Jesus saying "Come to me." And everytime we are "not understood" It is a call to us to come again: For Christ alone can satisfy the soul. And those who walk with him from day to day

Can never have a "solitary way,"

And when beneath some heavy cross you faint.

And say, "I cannot bear this load alone," You say the truth. Christ made it purposely So heavy that you must return to him. The bitter grief, which "no one understands," Conveys a secret messesage from the King, Entreating you to come to him again.

The Man of sorrows understands it well, In all points tempted he can feel with you. You cannot come too often or too near. The Son of God is infinite in grace, His presence satisfies the longing soul; And those who walk with him from day to dav

Can never have a "solitary way."

A good word is an easy obligation, and costs us nothing.

HOW CECIL CROSSED THE CONNEC-TICUT.

BY MAS. FINDLAY BRADEN.

Ceoil Hadley was my brave young brother. Away back in the 'forties' there wasn't a lad in our whole State of Massachusetts more intrepid than he.

Our country home was in the beautiful Connecticut Valley; and there too Cecil lies buried to day. Mother, though a widow, was well to do, for our good father had been one of the Hadley's of Hadley. And they said that hand some brother C-cil was his image. I've got his face still in a locket, just as it was done by a Boston artist the week after he crossed the Connecticut. It's the river I mean, though it's broad and deep enough there at the bend.

I will tell you the whole story, and you'll agree with me that Cecil that day proved himself a brave, true son and brother. It h .ppen ed in the fall of 42, when the big exchange in Boston was completed. I remember that mother, Cecil and I went to see it together. And how we admired its front of Q tincy granite its high iron roof and fire-proof staircase. Yes, yes, I haven't forgotten! And the very next day after our trip to State street Cecil crossed the Connecticut.

The travel and excitement had been too much for mother, and she was suddenly taken ill. It was quite early in the morning, and Cecil and I awakened with many forebodings. Our nearest doctor lived just across the river, but it was six good miles around by the old bridge at Hadley.

Mother lay gasping for breath, and her dear face was white and wan. 'Vinie, Cecil,' she whispered, 'it is my heart! If relief does not come I may go from you suddenly! My son take Gray Pilgrim and ride as fast as you can for Dr. Sprague!

And Cecil only stopped to kiss her bloodless lips, then he was off to the stable. Something told me to tollow, and I crept after him on tiptoe.

Pilgrim was already out of his stall and my brother astride of his back. He just paused for a moment at the gate. 'Vinie,' he cried, 'I can't go by Hadley bridge,! It would be precious time wasted! And we have no boat! Pray for me! I am going across the river!

I sprang forward, but Cecil dawhed by me down to the Connection,'s edge. He did not even glance backward, but boldly plunged into the water.

I fell on my knees then and prayed as I never had be ore. 'O my God, spare brother Cecil, that he may safely reach the opposite shore. Spare him. Spare him for his mother's sake and mine Do not give him death for his bravery. Let him bring Dr. Sprague in time, that he may save our mother's priceless life.'

And I looked out on the river just as the last words left my lips. Cecil was half way over, for Pilgrim was doing nobly. Iremember too that it wasn't his first plunge into the water But would be carry my venturesome brother safely accross? Ah, yes, that was the question Even yet both might be lost in the mad endeavor. I could only wring my hands and pray again and again. Dr. Sprague's tall white house, on the opposite shore, seemed very far distant. But on and on Ceoil went, his head and shoulders, and Pilgrim's long neck and mane, outlined against the eastern sky. The sun was just rising, and both horse and rider seemed surrounded by a halo of golden light.
At last I saw them struggle up the river bank.

And again I fell on my knees. But this time it was with a prayer of heartfelt thankfulness to the Great Preserver.

When I looked across the river again Cecil and Dr. Sprague himself were dashing down the long road which led to Hadley.

And then I once more breathed freely. Caoil would not return by the river, as I had feared, So still praying in my heart I returned to poor mother's bedside. Her breath came in quick gasps, and a single glance from her dark eyes asked me where I had been.

I was seeing Cecil off,' I said simply.

And mother sighed. 'He will have a long ride and a bard one, but I fear that Dr. Sprague will come too late. He cannot be here in less than an hour, and by that time-'

Mother fell back among the pillows then, and did not speak again for moments. How I longed to tell her of brother Cecil's brave deed-how that good Dr. Sprague was even then on his way to her relief! But I dared not whisper a syllable. The least excitement might terminate ratally! And so thankful but silent, I waited the coming of hoofs adown the long lane.

They did come at last after another half hour of suspense. I met Dr. Sprague at the outer door, You are in time,' I oried, while some hot, pent-up tears fell upon his outstretched hand.

He stooped and kissed me, as my own father had done many a time and oft. 'You must not ory,' he said gravely. 'Save your strength for nursing my patient above stairs. Cecil is a brave lad, and he has given you good cause to be proud of him. But his mother does not know?

'No,' I answered, 'she shall not know for days yet. And Ceoil—how is he?'

'Wet to the skin, of course. Give him some dry clothing and a cup of steaming coffee. I will attend to Mother Hadley.'

And with that he burried up the stair, while I went in search of brother Cecil.

I found him in the stable rubbing down Gray Pilgrim. And I drew him to my breast, wet as he was, while I spoke his dear name again and again.

'Vinie,' he said, 'you prayed for me all the way over! I felt it! And God took care of Pilgrim and me! I have been thanking Him all the way home. I tell you, Vinie, I had some queer thoughts out there in the middle of the river. But mother's white face spurred me on, and before I knew it I was at the foot of Dr. Sprague's lawn. He will soon have mother up and about, and then we will all be happy again.'

I kissed Cecil's hands and face, and at last drew him into the house. He did not go to mother until after breakfast. Dr. Sprague was still with her. 'I was just in time, my boy,' he said at leaving. 'A tew minutes more and it would have been too late. Your brave deed was not done in vain. But you must not repeat it. Should your mother suddenly grow worse we will agree upon a signal. You need only noist the red flag your grandfather Hadley carried in the war of 1812

'Capital I' cried Cecil, 'Vinie and I would never have thought of that. But you will be sure to see it?'

'My office windows face the river, and your mother will constantly be in my thoughts.

And then he left us with a smiling 'Good-

day!'
When cecil bent over mother she kissed him 'You were a speedy messenger,' she tenderly. whispered.

We will thank Pilgrim, my brother answered, a merry twickle in his hazel eyes.

And then, unknowing the danger he had passed, our mother fell asleep, his hand closeclasped in hers.

Recovery was slow and tedious, and seven times was grandfather's battle torn flag unfurled there on the river bank. 'It's better than crossing the bend,' Cecil would say with a droll face. And I certainly agreed with him.

Mother did not learn of what he had done that anumn morning for weeks after.

She was then visiting in Hadley, and the

subject of brother Cecil's bravery came up in the course of conversa-At first it seemed to her in tion. credible.

What? My son crossing the Connectiont on horseback? Imposible!' And then she hurried home only to have me verify it proudly, as a true sister should.
'Mother' said Céoil, 'it was just

nothing at all. Why, I would die for you!

Those were his loving, manly words. God bless the dear lad's memory to day .- Church Year:

-:00:-"THY WAY, NOT MINE."

It is human to shrink from pain, but it is divine to suffer the will of God willingly. We eulogize strength of will. An "Iron will," how envied! Very good is it, it found in the way of righteousness. Then, the stronger the better. Worthy, in that event, of the one who set his face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem.' Otherwise, the more resolute, the more devilish. The more imperious, the stronger, more terrible and destructive the recoil. Satan has a mighty will.—Alas, what ruin, what woe! The safest prayer that can arise from our heart of hearts,' and the one working for the greatest safety, is that of our Redeemer, 'Thy will be done;' and that, too, however rough the path, dark the night or heavy the burden.

'Thy way, not mine, O Lord! However dark it be; Lead me by thine own hand; Choose out the path for me, I dare not choose my lot; I would not if I might Choose thou for me, my God! So I shall walk aright.'

When perplexed as to duty, bowed down as to any of life's sor rows, rebellious as to disappointed hopes, defeated purposes, irremediable losses or thwarted desires may the image of the great burdenbearer in Gethsemane rise before the mind, strengthen and quiet the heart. It thorns in the flesh are not extracted, grace sufficient will be granted so to endure as that larger blessing shall accrue to the sufferer and greater glory to him. The formation of the Christ-image, then, demands in us a willing dental of will. By the example and grace of Christ, we will say in the dark and cloudy day or in the clear shining; Not as I will, but as thou wilt.'-Rev. William M Campbell,

GRACE SUFFICIENT.

I told my people the other morning, when preaching from the text, "My grace is sufficient for thee, that for the first time in my life I experienced what Abraham feit when he fell on his face and langhed. I was riding home very weary with a long week's work, when there came to my mind this text, "My grace is sufficient for thee"; but it came to me with the emphasis laid upon the two words: "My grace is sufficient for thee." My soul said: "Doubtless it is. Surely the grace of the infinite God is more than sufficient for such a mere insect as I am," and I laughed

and laughed again to think how far the supply exceeded all my needs. It seemed to me as though I were a little fish in the sea, and in my thirst I said, "Alas, I shall drink up the ocean." Then the Father of the waters lifted up his head sublime, and smilingly replied, "Little fish, the boundless main is sufficient for thee." The thought made unbelief appear supremely ridiculous, as indeed it is. -C. H. Spurgeon. :00:

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SOUTH INDIA.

On Thursday, Sept. 4th, the day before the Rev. J. Barton left Paiameetiah for Bombay, a meeting for formally taking leave of the Tinnevelly Christians was held in the large Misslon Church. A bandsomely bound English Bible, with a suitable inscription was presented to Mr. Barton; and an address was read, which we hoped to insert, but find we have not EDSCO.

In addition to the six native pastors of Tinnevelly whose names are given in the annual report (page (158) as having died last year, we now learn from the Rev. E. Seil that three others also were removed by death. They were the Revs. J. Nullathambi, Swamidasen Nullath ambi, and P. Gnanayutham; they died on February 26th, May 14th, ard June 21st, 1889, respectively Yet another native pastor, the R v. A. A. Carr, was removed from the Society's list, as he is now labour ing at Calicut, not in connection with the C.M. S.

- :0:-NORTH INDIA.

The North India local zed Gleaner says: 'It is often represented that the big towns of India are barren fields as regards converts. We do not think this is the case with regard to Caloutta, at any rate. The work goes or very quietly, but there is a pretty constant stream of converts. Baptisms create so little sensation now that one scarcely hears of those that take place b youd our. immediate circle We may mention some, however, which have taken place recently in connection with the C.M.S. and C.E Z.M.S.'

The editor proceeds to give a short account of three Kobls who were baptized at Entally Church, Calcutta, in June; of a Nepalese woman, a young Brahmin student, and a Bergali lady (a widow), who were baptized at Trinity Church, Calcutta, in July, August and September respectively; and a young tember respectively; and a young Bengali Babu who received baptism in Barrackpore Church in August. The last named has had much to bear from his former Hindn friends, but has borne the perse tion very patiently, Miss Good, of the C.E.Z.M.S., writes More recently two women, sisters, from S.B.—Orders from all parts promptlyese-



Monirampore, have been baptized

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past fifty years. The rice crops

have been largely destroyed, many

houses have fallen, and much sick

ness prevailed after the subsidence

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discomfort, scarcity of food, and

the unwholesome substitutes for

their ordinary diet to which the people were reduced. Appeals made in the newspapers by the Revs A Clifford and G. H. Parsons

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is specially gratifying to notice that the Bengali Christian com-

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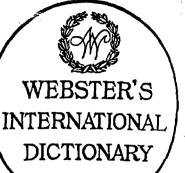
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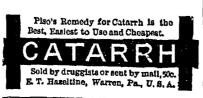
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