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Responsibility for Accidents.-It is sad when a man accidentally shoots his friend, or a hero is killed in the attempt to rescue ; but the fact that one can usually point out " too late" how each disaster might have been avoided, proves that some one has blundered.

Haly Mast" Bishops. -An English verger who had the Church flag at ha'f mast on the occasion f a confirmstion visit from the Bishop suffragan, explained the " use " by styinz:-"We only flies t half way for he -he is not the real Bishoponly the suffering Bishop"

Assyrian Christians seem to be gravitating very steadily towards the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, as well as towards the Anglican Church in Engand. Quite a number of men and women from that quarter are being trained and educated in the United States for work in their native land.

Tea Intoxication-to judge from recent remarks of Sir Andrew Clark-is no false alarm of danger, but is a real peril. "Black China Tea" seems to be free, according to Sir Andrew, from the dangerous qualities of the new Indian teas-which produce " a form of nervous disturbance most pain ful to witness.'

Malthusian Theory Upset. -The argument of Malthus for the limitation of population was that population increased in geometrical ratio, while ood only increased in arithmetical ratio-ultimate result, starvation! "Further consideration" tends to put these premises in reverse orderaway goes another scientific (?) theory !

Propeamory Diferf. - It so happens that both Wr. Driver anl Ir. Chyne have hat occagion without any collusion - to treat of the authorship of the Brok of Psalm 4 . While the latter leaps at the wildest conclusions in the most confident man, ner, the form.r states his argum nts dispassion. ately, and formulates the possuble inferences with modest hesitation
A. Mok Damiviant. - The general idea of he Fivolutionists is that all life forms have been
 one. The insect fossils of Colorado argue, as it were, the other way : that (millions of ?) ares ago, in the beginning. there were almost iufinite varleties created, which have been ever since dyin out : So Darwin gets upset

Preserved ( Mampth) Meat. - A hundred years ago there was discovared in Russia, the whole car case of a tender youn; manm th preserved in an ice-cliff-thousands, if not millions, of years old. The people (Tunguzes) got hard up for flesh meat presently, and cut up for use the mammoth calf found in the natural refrigerator. The "remains" are kept in St. Petersburg museum.

Sacred Tablealy Vivants, after the style of Ben Hur in Canada, are being devised and produced in various English towns. They are founded, chiefly, upon remarkable scenes and stories in Church History, such as the "Martyrdom of St. Agnes," to which we lately referred when speaking of the beautiful tinted engraving (" Diana or Christ ") which we offer as a premium.
Thanksgiving por Spurgeon's Recovery is to be rendered in his parish church-St. Mary's, New-ington-where prayers had been offered on his behalf. He has written a friendly letter to the Vicar (Canon Falmer) from Mentone, in which he speaks of his recovery as very slow, but absolutely sure, " for," he says, "our Lord does not half hear prayers, but He answers them wholly.

The Whole World Open to missionaries,' said a speaker at a recent C.M.S. Layworkers' Union, "for the first time. Thibet might be an exception, but there had been two Moravian mis sionaries there : these men were dead, but their widows remained there as witnesses for the faith.' Other speakers emphasized the fact that the British Empire was in contact with every nation in the world.

The Double Basis of the C.E.T.S. has an ear est champion in the present Bishops of Manches ter and St. Asaph. The latter says " if they cut off the moderate platform they cut off their right arm, because great movements in England were carried to success by the strong moderate men.', The former says those members of the Church ought to be ashamed who do not favour the C.E.T.S.

How Cathrdrals are Builx.-" How does it happen," said a friend to Heine, as they stood admiring the Titanic strength and minute gracefulness of detail to be found in Amiens Cathedral
"that we do not erect guch edifices in our day?"
"The men of that day," Heine answered, "had convictions, while we only have opinions, and something more than opinions are required to build a cathedral.'

Oer Lepprosy Martyre. - The death of Mr. Wilwhere, of Robben Island, has brought to light many interesting details of his heroic life ; nor has he been long without a successor-the Rev. W. N. Watkins having himself succeeded there his own brother-in-law, Canon Paker. The chaplain of Lancing College writes to the Times to the effect that there is " room still " for others to "follow in their train.

Bishop Trmple on the Booth Scheme.-In his recent charge the Bishop of London, while approving of the general principles of " General " Booth's scheme, puts it in its proper level as an ordinary expedient. "The Army, as far as I see, lays hold of a large number of people, but does not keep them.
if they are only to rescue small numbers here and small numbers there - that we have already been doing.

A True Sicientist on Prayer.-Professor Agassiz has left on record his opinion from experience, that " belief in God-a God who is behind and within the chaos of ranishing points of human knowledue, is a wonderful stimulus to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the Unknown . . I never make the preparations for that . . without breathing a prayer to the Being who hides His secrets.

Scotch Churchmen Get Their Innings.-It has been a long wait-that of the Scottish Episcopal Church since the days of disestablishment and disendowment-but the clouds are at last rolling by. While the Presbyterians are rending one another either on the subject of organs or of the Westminster Confession, the old Church has been making headway, hand over hand-new churches, new mission stations, everywhere.

Pastoral Staves seem to have reached the same place of acceptance in the Church as that long occupied by surpliced choirs-these things are no longer a badge of party. Churchmen of all kinds use them. Bishop Temple and Bishop Ellicott have both accepted these insignia of office lately. The latter-accepting also amitre and cope-expressed his intention of using these things to enhance the dignity of the services.

The Italian Mission " as a phrase descriptive of the present Roman Catholic Church in the British Empire, is justified by a Roman publication, Humphrey's Divine Teacher, bearing Cardinal Manning's imprimatur. It says: "I do not believe it to be true that we represent the pre-Reformation Church of England in the sense of being a ontinuation of that body. The Church of England represents it. We are a new mission.'

The Old Catholic Movement is meeting with check-in the way of persecution-in Bavaria, where the Ultramontanes are using their influence to prevent the priests from wearing the priestly garments. Count Henry de Campello in Italy and Pere Hyacinthe in France are active and successful in their separate spheres. The latter is to deliver a series of lectures in London next January on Theosophy and kindred subjects.

Testamur to Father Hall. - The letter of cer tain American bishops protesting to the Bishop of Oxford against this eloquent "Cowley Father" being recalled to England, is an emphatic testi
mony to the value of his work. They speak of his practical wisdom, his manliness, his spirit ual earnestness, his character. his excellent sense and judgment " as giving him great influence not only in the diocese of Massachusetts, but in the Church at large.

Mane Law a Farlure. - The Prohibition policy for which Maine became famous, nearly fifty years ago, is pronounced a dead failurr by the local Pi armaceutical Association. President Partridge says "it is a moral, political, semi-religious fraud

It has shown total inadequacy for its avowed purpose of promoting real temperance and good morals. It is a miscarried effort to legislate the Kingdom of God into the heart of man by in direction." A sweeping indictment!

A Mason Indeed is the Rev. F. W. Ragg, vicar of Marsworth Church (Bucks). For seceral years he has been working at the church fabric with his oun hands as a skilled mason. He has restored both inside and outside work ; windows, walls, bat lements, buttresses, roof and even the tower itself. When the funds failed, he went to work literally The Chapter oi his deanery proposes to fill his beautiful east window with memorial glass memorial of his singular achievemen :

Fasting Communion, as (ireen-Armytage re minds us in the Church Times, was not a cast iron rule of the primitive Church-provision was ex pressly made for cases of "infirmity or other necessity." Even in the " Roman obedience," priests on the South African coast are permitted breakfast before celebrating. So, it is pleaded, our bishops can waive the rule for " invalids, travellers, and single handed priests offering later after a previous service the same morning

Wirty Inventions." -Those who patent small but useful things have large profits. The inventor of the stylographic pen gets $\$ 200,000$ per annum of rubber tips for pencils, $\$ 100,000$; a clergyman invented a toy, and has an income at the rate of $\$ 100,000$; another toy brings $\$ 50,000$; another $\$ 75,000$. The heel and sole plate invention netted $\$ 1,000,000$; the children's copper toe cap, $\$ 2,000$, 000 ; the Singer nachine, $\$ 15,000,000$ ! God gave the original power (Prov. viii. 12); what royalty " is paid Him ?

Polychurchism " is the term which the Bishop of Chester has recently applied to union-mission movements-as " a practically unlimited aggrega tion of perpetually subdividing religious organiza tions.

I regard this undenominationalism which is at present the one State-paid religion in the country, as the great imposture of our day, the offspring of an unhallowed alliance between .bad logic and worse theology, the youngest pretender to religious supremacy, the smooth-faced minion of a designing secularism

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## BISHOPS ANCIENT AND MODERN

o little sensation has been occasioned by the declaration of Bishop Talbot (of Indiana) the other day that the Church in the I nited states ought to have iehbishops. Menasked themselves whether such a statement could be justutied by any reasonable view of the subject. Those well versed in primituve Church history would answer the question in the attirmative, and begin to con sider what changes would be wrought in the status of American Christianity if the Episcopal staff were multiplied tenfold all at once. We do not propose to advocate an increase of the Episcopate on the lines of the Church of Rome - by the crea. tion of hundreds of bishops in partibus - bishops of nothing ! Such a proceeding would only make a laughing stock of the oftice-which, in the Church of Rome, does not matter much, as their bishops are in reality only tools of the Pope, who absorbs into his papal office all real episcopal authority in the Communion of Rome. What we do mean to advocate with all our might hence. forth as a special crusade, 1- the practical revival of the idea of

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It is not necessary to go the length of the Hatch theory as to the origin and evolution of the Episcopal office, although modern misuse of the office has inevitably suggested a reaction in that direction-a revival of the notion that Epps. copacy was developed gradually out of the matrix of the Presbyterate in the early Church. The only question is, how early, and by what process. the change. if any, was made - the fact being that leading priests of the A postolic Church were natur ally advanced to the Apostolic or Episcopal bench as the dying out of the Apostolic "College of Twelve " made it necessary to transfer their func tions to successors. There is something, however in the recent pertinent enquiry of an eminent Canadian Methodist minister (Rev. Hugh John son), " How else could there have been at an early Council forty-two bishops for the province of Proconsular Asia, and 470 Episcopal towns in th province of North Africa ?" He solves the diffi culty-cuts the knot !-by assuming that the bish ops of those days corresponded with our parish priests. The actual explanation, however, is dif ferent.

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was not so large as that of modern times. As time went on, people were too conservative of the old state of things and thought too much about the gradually increasing Episcopal dignity-too
litte about the proportumately wereaning tenponsi bhltues. The anceont indow was. it nope of actuen more hitc oull Jwan dratene, head of ten prieste. The locan in perthap an mona fon th till a pap, caumed th the enlargement of docesan pepulations whthent correspondmg in crease of the tpascopsate so "Chorepheopos. or rural bishops, were dinsed as the number of Christans mereased in the smallor bwas and larger villakes which ewt were nether large enough for regular wers, nor near enough a large town to the included in the suburbs or paliehta. The Councll of laselicea the the fourth century thought fit we check this widency to create little rural bishoprics alongside those of the chief towns. In truth, the only standand cier properly observed was that of making a workable diocese, and a workable number of bishops. Thas rule of practice has been. th the "hurch's loss, wo much lost sight of for centuries past, but the roaction has begun!
wo the necessity of modern (burch work, and the result is not only the multeplication of new dio. ceses, but a vast increase in the number of suffra. gan bishops notwithstanding the locai trammels of Sitate and the tradtions of social ntatus. It will not be long extablinhment or disestablish ment before every consderab e wan in E.ngland will become a clty in the lingh-h sense that is, will have its bishop. To say that there will be a bishop for every 100 priests or parishes 200 bishops or more very soon, would be a small thing to say. Fingiand's 'hureh requires many more than that, and when ful yawake will have them. They are thorough, when they go to work It only needs such a lead to set the whole Com munion in America and Australia " on the move " in the same direction. It is full tirge to atilize in Canada the large endowment of wows like C'barlottetown, St. John. Wtawa, Peterboro", (iuelph. Barrie, Ac. In places like Quebec. Hali fax, Kingston. Toronto. Hamiton and London, there are immense parochal endowments going o waste for want of such use. There should be fifty bishops in Canada wo day, and might be at once, if we thought more of the arork and less of the dignity of the Episcopate

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is an illustration of the careful and cautu us way in which Finglish Churchmen proceed in such matters. The persons concerned aim at endow. ments yielding $\& 4,000$ per annum and a residence. One of the existing churches-it. Philip's-has a revenue of $£ 2,7777 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{~d}$ : the Bishop of Worces. ter promises $\mathbf{\ell} 500$ per annum to the scheme presently ; the Rector of St. Philh's will tbe content with a minimum income from his benefice of £1,500, the rest going in equal proportions to certain daughter churches and to the bishopricabout $£ 1,200$. The public are asked to supple ment these funds by furnishing $\mathbb{E} 50,000$ for endow ment, to yield (at 8 per cent.) $£ 1,500$. So the foundation of the bishopric according to English notions comes within measurable distance. The figures quoted are, of course, far beyond the requirements either of an ancient or an American bishopric : one quarter or eren one-tenth such an income would suffice, where the travelling expenses are reduced to little or nothing, and the expenses of dignity do not exist to any appreciable extent. As a matter of fact, many American bishops have smaller incomes than the priests of the wealthier congregations in their dioceses-an anomalous fact which only shows how much material is being wasted in such powerful parishes which should be
utilized for the increase of the Eppsopate! The
rectors of such churehes, would, as a rule make


## ChRISTMAS DAY

That preseription in our Prayer book in the table of Fasting Wayn "All tha Friday in the year, excop "hrosma, l"y" speaks more than
volumes coull express as w the genius of the Christian religion, the effect of the Ciospel's influ ance, in overcoming darkness with Light. sorrow with Joy. evil with Cioorl. It shows how exquisitely ous idea from obscurity, how anxious to give i all due prominence. The duty and utility of self. denial, and sef chastening is well-provided for Easter has its I ent, every great festival of saintly life has its vighl on the Eve; every week even has its Friday ; but even the great weekly humiliation which commemorates the sacrifice on Calvary must give way when, as this year, the Day which beralds again and again the First Coming of the Saviour happens to concur with that day of the week. No fasting can be thought of on the day when all thoughts are necessarily thoughts of Peace, (ioodwill-Glory w (iod, Joy to men So the year 1 s91 is signalizel by the omission of
$\qquad$
that day of the month seems -as one would natur ally expect, to have been marked for Christian merriment-and so we have always had Merry hristmas. We can readily understand how the Virgin Mother would always remember and mark the yearly recurrence of the Birthday of her won drous Child how outside the roof of their home, there would be some - her c susin Elizabeth at least--to sympathize with her on the occasion of the family festival day. As years rolled by it would not -could not -be forgotten, or lost sight of for a single year. So when we open the pages of Clemens Alexandrinus, a hundred years or so after the death of the "Beloved Disciple," we are not surprised to see a reference to the Natal Day of God in human form. We find the echoes of its memories and celebrations in the sermons, too, of Gregory Nazianzen, Basil, and Chrysostom They in those days dignified it with the special title of Theophany or manifestation of God, corresponding to Epiphany, twelve days later

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could not be behindhand in this, above all kinds of merriment. All that is best and brightest, strongest and sweetest, of human joys, of famly pleasures, circle round and centre at the English Christmas. The strictly religious aspect of the Festival being secured by the stereotyped three Eucharistic Celebrations-midnight, dawn, and midday-corresponding to the actual birth, the revelation to the shepherds, and the full blaze of conscious worship thereafter; the rest of the Festival became blended by almost imperceptible shading with personal, family, and friendly rejoicings.

## gIFTS

became the natural mimiory-reverent and tender and sarred-of human hearts contemplating the Divine "Gift of His dear Son." "As I have loved you, so ought ye to love one another " : "as I have done to you, so ought ye to do for each other"-this seemed to echo down the ages as the inevitable and irresistible santiment proper for the occasion. So every earthly parent would re-
would make a great mistake if it were to let this attraction of Christmas in Fingland may well form a telling heading for cheap midwinter rates on Atlantic steamship lines, but we should not fail to do all we can to reproduce the same sentiment and effects here to re-unite long severed bonds of family affection and friendly regard, by whatever

## REVIEWS

Bouquet of Kindergarten and Primary Sovgs with Notes and Gestures. Introduction by
Mrs. J. L. Hughes. Pp. 48 . Toronto Selby \& Co. Hughes. F this collection and think the arrangement admirable. Some the songs are old friends, but there is a happy ring in them all, and the gestures must accentuate the feeling in a way that mere rhythm and tune could not accomplish. The gesture-notes are very clear, and attached to the songs by letters for gestures, and figures for movements, while fuller directions accompany*some of the songs.

##  <br> PROM OUR OWN CORRRSPONDENTS.

## FREDERICTON

Fredericton.-Meeting of Clerical Assoctation of et for the 18th Session in the town of Kensington on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Rev. H. Harper celebrated Holy Communion in St. Mark's Church at 8 a.m., t which there were a large number of communicants. The business session was held in the rectory at 10 m. Members present : Revds. Messrs. A W. Daniel, President: T. B. Reagh, J. Simpson, Fred. E. J. Lloyd, J. Forbe 3, Thos. Lloyd, H. Harper and C. F. Lowe, Secretary. Mr. Hamlyn, of Charlottetown, was unavoidably absent, as was also T. H. Hunt of that city. After prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion some necessary business matters relating to New London Parish were left in the hands of Rev. T. B. Reagh, the result to be communicated to the secretary as soon as possible. The establishment of a mission in Charollow wa hetill forther efforts in that direction
A long discussion followed with reference to mat A long discussion followed with reference to matwhich the president requested Rev. C. F. Lowe to read his paper on "The attitude of the Church towards our separate brethren." The speaker took a rapid glance over the state of our divided Christenom and suggested several ways whereby distances might be lessened. The paper was full of hope and said that while, perhaps, we might find almost im possible walls of parcition, all might stand shoulder to shoulder when atheism or vice, or misery, have to be battled with.
The paper provoked much interesting discussion, and after hearty thanks to the speaker, it was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting The brethren were joined at dinner in the rectory by several laymen, and all were most hospitably treated by Mrs. Lloyd and family

At the afternoon session the following motion was unanimously passed :

That we, as members of the Clerical Association of P. E. I., do sympathize with the Rev. J. Simpson of Charlottetown, at the recent uncalled-for and un just attack by the Evangelical Churchman and malig nantly followed by the Island Guardian, on his per sonal character and omial capaciat we congratulate of the Church of England, and that we congratulate him on the complete vindication he received at the hands of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, who writes 'I never entertained the stightest suspicion Bishop, and were otherwise than loyal to me as your ishop, anan I regard the statementiance, as a gratuitous inven tion, which has no justification in anything that has ever taken place between us.'

## QUEBEC.

Sherbrooke.-A meeting of the St. Francis Dis rict Association of the Diocesan Church Sociely ries Aid Oherroike on December 1st and 2nd

The opening service was held on Tuesday evening the serion being preached th Church, Sherbrooke, Williams, M.A., Oxon, Rector of St. Matthew's Board met and devoted the day to a discussiou of he work and progress of the Church in the St rancis district. The annual missionary meetin was held in the evening, the Lord Bishop in the hair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Thos Blaylock, Rector of Danville; Rev. L. W. Willia o M.A., Rector of St. Matthcw's Church, Quebec; and ir. Leo H. Davidson, Q.C., Montreal, lay secretary of the Provincial Synod. The meeting was one of the of the Association was most the district. The repor of the Association was most gratifying, and showe hat about $\$ 30,000$ win

Sherbrooke.-Deanery of St. Frinhix place church circles are very active during the second week in December, It is the week of "The Auniversary of the Church Society." Sherbrooke is regarded as the capital of the deanery, which consis the following constituencies :-Acton, Ascot, Bar ford, Barnston, Bury, Bishop's College, Coaticooke, mon, Danvile, Drummond Killorey ram, Eaton, Filch Bay, Halley, Kingsey, Lennox ville, Magog, Newport, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Stan-
stead, Waterville and Windsor Mills. In these places therervile and Windsor Mills. In these Archdeacon of Quebec, who resides in Lennoxville. Of these thirty, no less than twenty six were in ttendance at some or other of the functions of Tues. day and Wednesday, Dec. 8 and 9 .
On Tuesday, afternoon, Dec. 8, was held the busi eess meeting of the local branch of the Churc . Society, on which clergy and laity both sit; the chair was taken dividual clergy then read their reports of work done aring the year giving particulars of spirital prouring and yemporal welfare of the various parishes or missions under their care. This year the prevailing note was one of cheerful progress and solid gratitude. The Secretary of the Church Society embodies the main aspects of the reports into a general report for the Deanery. The Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A., the Secretary of 'he Church Suciety, has a happy faculty of representiag the general sense and spirit of the reports. Tue gene al report, as well as the individual ones, are sent to the central body of the Church Society and embodied in the annual volume published in Queb.c. It was noticeable that the total sum raised in the district was over $\$ 28,000$ in 1891 as against $\$ 22,000$ in 1890 ; but about $\$ 250$ less was raised for extra-parochial pur poses this year than last; this however, leaves out of acconnt the liberal sum of $\$ 4,500$ rais of ery for the special total and under extra-parochial objects, and thms otal, would improve the showing of both very consider ably.
atd 8 o'clock on Tuesday a special Evensoug was clergy were Bishop of Quebec and about twenty robed chancel. Prayers were said first by the Rural Dean and then by the Rev. A. Wheeler, of Island Pond, Diocese of Vermont, a welcome guest amongst us. Rev. D. Horner of Durham, and the Rev. F. G. Scott, M.A., of Drummondville, read the lessons. The preacher was the Rey. Lennox W. Williams, M.A., Rector of St. Matthew's, Quebec. His text was: "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto my God which cost me nothing." 2 Sim. xxiv. 24. After an interesting historical summary of the context the preacher pressed home the duty of sactifice in the spheres of worship and Christian work. His assertion of the universal priesthood of the members fully fully guard functions of the ministerial priesthood struck oll as being peculiarly happy in expression struck all as booll. A goodly congregaand unanswe this iservice
At. $8.15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Wednesday, a celebration of the Holy Communion took place. Celebrant, the Rector of Sherbrooke, the Rev. Canon Thorueloe, M A.; Deacon, the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon Foster, Deacon, the Rural Dean, the Rev. A very fair number of the Deanery Board met together at the Holy Table.

At 10 a.m. the Deanery Board assembled. This body consists (1) of all the clergymen of the deanery congregation in the deanery ; (3) one other specially elected member for each congregation ; (4) members specially elected by the Board itself at the time of meeting. So that if all the members who are eligible should attend, the body would havea large preponderance of the lay element, and one of the great objectir of this Board is to strengthen and deepen the interest of the laity in all Church matters and Onuroh interests. The Bishop and Archdeacon were ooth
rial is being h should be
the laity were alse proeent. hesiden the Reve. Messers Lennox Williams and
Davidson, of Montreal Davidson, of Montreal. After prayerra aud roll call.
the Secretary, the Rer. Priuctial Adams. DC. L... was re elected. Sonn the last ycar's minutes took place, one result of whicl the Church Depository and the adrantage of a sy the Archdeacon raised in the room to further these interacte.
Interestiog reports were presented th the Bcarid. con Roe, D.D
2. On Progress of Church Education-
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by St. Hilda's College, was still wauting in this Pro by St. Hilda's College, was still wavting in this Pro-
vince. The new school buildinge will be ready in January, 1892.
M.A. Compton Ladies College by Canon Footer, M.A. This institution doess that work tor girls wheting the (Grammar School does
with encouraging success.
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Papers were aiso resd in all cases characterised by deep spiritaality and largeniudedness.

1. On corporate action in church work in the
diocose, by Rer. A. H. Robertson. L.S. T.. Rector diocose, by Rer. A. H. Robertson. L.E.T. T. Rectro of
Eaton; adrocating occasio oal linerclianges of preach ing work, and regular weetingss of clerical members of subdeaneries accompanied oy some public func history, sc
2. On Catechising and Sunday school Instruction (a) by Canon Foster; (b) by Canou Thorneloe spirit, aggressive in a good sense and tone.
3. Akin to these, and very masterly, sympathetic and eloquent was the paper on " Young men; what them in Church work," by the Rev. N. P. Yates, the St. Andrew's Brotherhood was well-timed; h spoke of the humility and love that should char acterize our efforts and said that in a spirit of hones enquiry we should meet with intellectual and spirit nal sympathy to lead such to Christ by gentle mean: and earnest devotion
Throughout the day, for there were two sessions, frequent and interesting discussions. A Sunday school conference was arranged to meet at Ayer Flat in June, 1892. An impulse was also given local Church of England Temperance work. All felt
that the Church was locally alive, and were hopeful that the Church w
of wider triumphs.
At 8 o clock the public missionary meeting took place; the church hall was crowded to excess. The ynopsis of the Chare Canon Thornes. The choir sang a missionary anthem, and during the meeting we sang four missionary hymns. There were three speeches, each very interesting in their line. (1) Rev. T. Rlaylock, M.A., gave a masterly sketch of
the work in Japan. (2) Rev. L. W. Williams, M.A., the work in Japan. (2) Rev. L. W. Williams, M.A., gave a very touching account of the recent efforts of
Rev. Messrs. MacMahon and Herbert Smith in Western Madagascar-the S.P.G. magazine, the Mission Field gives this effort as a subject for special prayer for this month; the work is full of peril ; (3) our lay brother and well known champion of all treal, gave an earnest, eloquent, well-sustained adtreal, gave an earnest, eloquent, well-sustained ad. in mission work. His address was full of hone thrusts and unanswerable arguments, and telling illustrations. Thus ended the most successful "anniversary" held in Sherbrooke for some years.

## MONTREAL.

St. George's Young Men's C. A. held its annual meeting recently, His Lordship Bishop Bond presid. ing. The chairman opening the meeting, made a was no such thing as luck. What passed for it was simply the improving of opportunities. The misuse of opportunities was frequently caused by selfishness, and as every day of their life they would have opportunities for doing good, he urged upon them to ombrace these. The Rev. L. N. Tucker addressed a few words to the congregation on the inside working of the Association. They had comfortable rooms and a plenitude of wholesome literature. At their monthly meetings they had two sets of study, one secular and one religious. Mr. W. H. Walkley, the secretary, then read his annual report, reviewing the history of the year's work. The average attendance at the meeting was thirly. The Rev. Mr. Cuningham lad Rural Deau Renaudiade short adresses, the latter pointing out the mission work to be done in young people being badly needed. Sohmer Park was
doing great harm, and they needel a colloter attrac a short address Rov the work of the society. Ho whit had been estabhished and handed orer froe of defit through the efforts of St. (ieorge's loung Mon, athi lar result in St. Henri in connection with the mission there. They needed $\$ 3,060$ for it. and he betiever would get it

St. hnkis. The regular meetug of tha churol
was, by a happy thought of the pastors, turned int a temperance meeting on Weduesday uight. The Rev. T. F. Cunningtam, Rector, in riew of the deat Ty and devastating power of strond drink upon our country, churches and homes, strongly urged upou his people the great necessity for immediate and promp action upon their part to stay the kiant evil the onward march. He deplored the apathy of the church in the temperance work, acknowlerged and called upon those preseat to rally around him, and by earuest work and prager help to save the chand ren. He pointed out that their Rand of Hope waw ed their help aud conusel, and said hat wopo in so right as for osus cesan right way for Jesus. Mr. N.Mory followed in nest addrows, in which he pointed out the numeron temptations in cur city to those accustomed to the use of drink, and pleaded for the Band of Hope. J. (illiland said a few words to the parents wolit ing for Mr. Cuaningham their hearty and willing co peration in assisting to train up the boys in tempe ance habits. There are 160 names on the roll of the at 4.30 p.m., and those willing to take part in thim glorions work amongst the young have here a plen did opportunity. The pastor means work, and intends o keep the temperance work to the front. There will be special services carried on in this church all ner
week.

The Imoresh Cillege. About two hundred prom ent members of the Church met in St. reorge choohouse on Monday evening, the Thiss inst. lege. His Lordship Bishop Bond presided, and among those present on the ptatform were Canon Henderson, Ven. Archdeamon Evans, Rev. F.. I. Rex ord, Rev. E. Bushell, Rev. (i. O. Troop. Dr. Johnston. Mr. George Hague and Mr. A. F. (iault.
His Lordship, after the opening prayer, delivered a lengthy and eloquent address, in which he spoke in eulogistic terms of the College and expressed a de ire th
serves.
Canon Heuderson presented the report of the con dition of the College. The College was founded eigh ceen years ago by Bishop Oxenden. Its assets amount to about $\$ 50,000$, t. e endowment $\$ 29,000$. Its annual income is between $\$ 5,000$ and $\$ 6,000$. At first the only officers were the bishop and the principal. it has the bishop as president ex officio, a vice presi dent, two honorary vice-presidents, a board of gover or, an licational council, a corporation, a princi pal, a resident tutor, and five assistant non-resident enade sioce is incorporation in 1879 it has nade slow bat slesdy progress. It is now recogniz uthorized of Proviacial synod as one of the six cal prover al province.
The College, however, needs a larger amount of inancial aid than it has yet received. The Canon escribed the wants of the college. "We want," be dowm the lone. We the teaching staff want $\$ 100,000$ one teachers. We ap this sum. Remowment more in order to make up this sum. Remember, also, that there is more anoual repairs. We this. We want money for and enlargement of the present brilding alteratio want a new one. We want a principal else we We want a chapel a library a pricipais residence cation hall, a reading-room, a recreation, a conv short, we want everything and nothing les. In everything, which any other institution of thi possemse. Good work has been done in this colle hitherto. It has producad men like Rexford, Tuek er, Forneret, Newnham, Sweeney, Cunningham, Tack riviere, Sanders, Webber, Rogers, Yates, Fyles, Bare ham, Horsey and Garth. But it will do much bette work still if you only give us the utensils wher better to do it. But it is unreasonable to expect the work to be done as it ought to be done without a sufficiency of means.
At the conclusion of the reading of the report, Mr George Hague delivered an eloquent and stirring ap peal, asking aid for the College. He offered to co tribute $\$ 5,000$, provided that the balance of $\$ 100,000$ required be.raised in three years, The Re
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## ONTARIO

fade here durimg the lant mot montin, onpecially al headquartors. A very neat and mervicoable church has been buit on the mom commanding powition in the villase, aud in vimble for milon around. The tyle of architecturn in ciothe. The npiro, contain ing the twell. in octagoual, and in coverod with gal everal miles away. The corner stone wan bide Ang 'ifli by Rov. fiural I toan Blimn, and the batling was then jrooe ded with. On October 21 int the Rishop of Niagara vinted the village abd confirmed axteon candidatos. The ceromony wan hold in the church, though in an untimabed state. On Iuonday. the Sth inst. the Fontiral of the Conception of H. . Mary, the inhabitauth were called together by the swoet tones of the bell in onder to take part in the pening of the new 'hurch of st. Mary. It in an exceodingly protty and attractive church both exter. ually and internally. The cething in of pine, and is
ofled and varmintiol. A very weat rood acreen lividen the wave from the chancel. Ther in seatitg accommodation for about 100 perwons. In t ... ocea sion almont every aralatle seat wan taken service
commenced at 10 oclock with Hymu A and M. commencel at 10 oclock with $I$ ymu $A$ and $M$. proceeded with. The Canticles and the (ilorias to the Psalms were all chanted. An organ wan lent for this occasion, abd was presuded over by Mrm. Fornter Blise, of I'etawawa, who asnintet materially in mak ing the thinical portion of the norvice wo succemful. sing to Jesus:' was stung. during which the clergy rotured to the vontry. The Rev. Rural Doan having the she the and daring the singing of the hymm, " Rejotece ye pure in
heart," proceectod the nanctuary for the Holy heart, proceeted the nanctuary for the Holy
Communion office. The Rev Rural loan was celebrant ; the Rev. J. A. Shaw, kompller and the Rev. brant the Rev. J. A. Shaw, kompeller and the Rev.
C. T. Iewis, epistoler, whint the Rev. C. J. H. Hutton was preacher for the occanion. The sermon was very well delivered, and dwelt upou the Church's seanons and her ministry. Many forciblo arguments and pawages from scripture were brought to bear upon the subject. It was an admirable wermon and most appropriate for the occavion. The nervice itself was the first of the kind ever held in Calabogit, and made a very favourable and ind. lible improssion upon many a soul there prewent It was a most beautiful and bright, though very reverend and solemn, nervice. Several of the newly confirmed par. took of their firyt communion. A touching sight was that of an old wotnan, wcarcely able to walk, being led to the altar to partake of the Holy Fiucharist. The Rural Dean inspected the Register and reported as follows: "The new church is well finished, and a most suitable building for the requirements of the congregation io this part of the Lewis is to be commended and encouraged for the energy and zeal displayed in the few months of his incumbency." There is a debt of 8400 . Help is
uryently neded. The missionary in charge is the Rev. aryently merded. The missionary in charge is
Charles T. Lewis, Calabogie P.O., Ontario.

## Stapmozt. - grotal arent sermons. On Wedues

 day, December 2nd, the Rev. C. Saddington, of Eganvilhe, preached an invigorating sermon in St. Stephen's. On Thursday, December 8rd, the Rev. J. P. Smitherman preazhed in St. John's. Figanville. On Thursday. December 10th, the Rev. Arthur Shaw, of Cobden, preached in St. Stephen's, Stafford, and the Rev. A. Mercer, of Aruprior, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, both days services at 7 p.m. "Come thou with us and wo Stafford, for the see House. There is some life here.Cobden.-The Rev. A. Shaw has completed the Parsonage bere. It is the result of hard work Honour to whom honour is due.

## TORONTO.

-The Dorcas Society of this Church congregation met December 15 to prepare the many large boxes stored in the school room for shipmen y depositing their beneficences of handiwork, cloth ing, newly purchased and old, candy bags, oranges literature, etc., to be received and distributed by the interest of at Perrs ptations loward which th which presented a more practical the packing which presented a more practical than sesthetic informally served as the resem, cheerily bu more opportunity for mental digestion then hour gave of busy packing the president. Mrs Arehdeaen Boddy, gave a useful address.

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## niagara

Hasiltin. Rev. F. J. Fessenden, B.A., of Chip,
pewa, delivered a lecture in the Church of the As
cousion ceusion wchool rooth recently. under the auspices
of the Worman Auxiliary society. His subject was
" the History of the Clurch "The Hintory of the Church." and he treated of its
life from the carlicut times, including the noble efforts pat forthat differeat periots in the cause of missions,
and supplementug th. theme by an allusion to the and supplementunk lit. theme by an allusiou to the
Woman's Auxiliary. The lecture was an entertain ing and instuctive one, and the audience apprecia
tive. Abrout fifty hue light views, representing tive. Abrut fifty hume light views, representing
illuatrations of tuglivit cathedrals, scenes in the
lives of early missionaries, etc, aided the lecturer's lives of early missionariey, etc, aided the lecturer's
efforts. A collection way taken up to defray exprorts. and the proccedings, were euded by a hearty vote of thanks teadered to the reverend gentleman. The W. A. held their quarterly meeting at the attendance and pleasaut meeting. Miss Patterson, of Toronto, gave a mont charming account of her letters were read from Miss Sherlock and Bishop Bompas.

St. Citharink. - Marn thas.-The Women's Giuild of this active congregation forwarded on the
15 th of this month their usual Christmas present to the Rev. Mr. Chown. of Ma4koka, consisting of three the Rev. Mr. Chown. of Muskoka, consisting of three
largo barrels fillod with clothing of all kinds, confections and toys, for distribution among the needy poor of the congr gations, for Christmas trees, etc.

## HURON.

Loxios. The eighteenth anniversary of the
opening of the Memorial Church was celebrated with special morning and evening services. The congregations were very large, and entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Rev. Canon Richardson, rector, conducted the service in the morning, and
the sermon was preached by Rev. H. G. Miller, M.A., the sermon was preached by Rev. H. G. miter, M.A.
Principal of Huron College. His text was Malachi Principal of Huron College. His text was Malachi i., 1, 2: "The burden of the word of the Lord to Is.
rael by Malachi, I have loved you, saith the Lord." He said:-Met together as you are to commemorate the anniversary of the opening of this church and its public consecration to God's service, it is the burden of the Lord that I would try to deliver to you-nor fail to come home. At no time surely could it fail of fail to come home. At no time surely could it fain of most joyful acceptance. But at a season, such as
this, not a heart of those who hear me but must be this, not a heart of those who hear me but must be
specially disposed to receive it, to hear it and to go specially disposed to receive it, to hear it and in formars in the and strength of it. Your thoughts will fly up to the throne of God's grace, upborne by the wings of praise and thankfulness for the richness and multitude of His mercies, vouch safed to you-the mercy of faithful ministry of a pastor who, however conscious to himself of defects and shortcomiogs, has handled truly the word of God, and by manifestation of the truth commended himself to every man's conscience in the sight of Godthe mercy of an attached and undivided congregation careful as a body to msintain good works, forward in its zeal for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth, forward in the duty of diffusing the glad tidings of salvation, as well as eager for itself to receive them-a congregation so well and thoroughly organ ized that not one member, young or old, can say that If he care to size it there is no room to be lound amidst your network of agencies for the fullest employment of his time and his talents. Mercies these are truly tode thankful for ; mercies more than man can number ; more-assuredly more-than have been
 Whave heon asked to take part with you to day in
your services, for indeed, it seems a fitting thing that
thereshould be at thiscommemoration season a direct and open association between the church erected to the pious memory of the honored and saintly Bishop
ronyu when he was gathered to his heavenly rest, his that college which was inangurated by him in his lifetme to provide for the training of young men
for the ministry. who may go forth and preach Christ and Him crucitied. This church and that college-I r through them both he " being dead,
Long be it ere that voice is silenced. yot speaketh. Long be it ere that voice is slenced.
Long be it ere the trnths which he loved - the plain and simple truths of the unadulterated Gospel of in living echoes of his living voice; and distant also
be the day when the college which he founded shall have ceaked to be that which he designed it to be, ncroachments of a for the Diocese at large against of its ever closely accompanying opposite-the frosty learts who have celty. All honor to the faithfal of this church, that the fragrance of the memory of him who was the first to be called in the good provi-
dence of God to preside over the Diocese of Huron, dence of (rod to preside over the Diocese of Huron,
should be preserved to generations yet to come. But honor, the supremest honor, all honor, praise and glory be to Him who, "ascending up on high. led captivity captive, and received gifts from men." And He gave some apostle ${ }^{2}$, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the minstry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." It is
for one of such gifts at this season we thank Him, for one of such gifts at this season we thank Him, and from the ground of the heart we now pray to
Him :-Forever be such gifts continued to us. Continued to the very end - continued in Cbrist's Church throughout the world. But be they also continued to us, in this parish, city, province, mighty Dominion the gift of men who will own a whole-hearted allegiance to Christ-unswerving loyalty to the pure and simple Gospel of Christ, and unfaltering zeal in the se us - the giftst. Forever men whom it will be to our profit to follow, because they truly followed Christ-men who ere they pass from earch shall have built up for themselves everlasting memorials in lives reformed, in hearts consoled, in souls saved against the day of Christ's appearing-men who will approve themselves true ministers of Christ and faithful stewards of the mysteries of God. For ever be such gifts continued
to us, " until we all come in the unity of the faith and to us, "until we al come in the unity of the faith and
of the knowledge of the So of God, with a perfect of the knowledge of the So God, with a perfect God," and are given to comprehend the love of Christ which passeth knowledge-that love of which I now would speak $t$, you, for it is the burden of the Lord would speak t you, for would deliver to you; the burden is the same now would deliver to you; the burde Israel of old The reverend gentleman then, in a faithful and scho larly manner, proceeded to a fuller exposition of the subject of the text. He set forth the meaning and subject of the text. He set forth we meaning and," and showed how that the love of the Father mani fested in the advent and incarnation of Jesus Christ was the highest and most blessed testimony to the declaration, "I have loved you."
In the evening Rev. Principal Miller again preach ed in continuation of the morning subject, taking the same text. The Bishop of Huron was present, and took the closing part of the service.

## algoma.

Christmas Pastoral to the Laity of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma.-My Dear Bretriren,-We are once more approaching the commemoration of the birth of Christ, that geat fact in which we find the root miracle of our cominally and for par race collec it has done for us individually, and for our race collectively, you will doubtless be reminded on the day specially set apart for its celebration. Let it sumice to say here that in it lie the spring and fountar richest from which have come to you, not onl your brightes earthly blessings, but still more, all your. brightest religious liberty-the blessings of education-the ele vation of public opinion-the impartial administra vation of pubic justice sanctity of marriage- the peace tion of justice-the sanctity of domestic life-the rescue of woman from the degradation imposed upon her sex in pagan lands-better still than all these, your spiritual bles sings, such as adoption into God's family, "the house sings, such of faith," as "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ"-the remission of sins-the assurance o

Ciod's favor " the hop" of salvation"-all these
things are yours because "when the fulness of time was come," He who was " (God of God, Light of light, very (iod of very (iod," yet " for as men and carnate by the Holy ( ihost of the Virgin Mary": of edgment when will doabtless make grateful acknow everal houses you meet on Christmas day in your and thanksgiving prayer in hearty, reverent praise titude takes a substantial form. The diocessan castom has been hitherto to have a special offertory, larger and more liberal than at other times, and to preseut it to the clergyman as a Christmas gift appropriate to the day, as a token of the loving regard and good-will of his people. I trust that the custom will be carefully observed this year als?, and that will gifts from your stores, fields, and farmvards, will be added, it being clearly naderstood that all over and above the stipend ordinarily -that is, honouring yo sr piritnal pastor yon paid. In so honouring your piritual pastor, you honour Him
whose messenger he is, and ensure for yourselves the fulfilment of the promise, "Them that honour Me I will honour.
Praying for you and your households an ever-increasing enjoyment of the blessings flowing from the 'unspeakable gift" of God's dear Son, and wishing you, in the fullest sense, a happy Christmas, I remain, dear brethren, yours faithfully in the Lord, E. Algoma.

## RUPERT'S LAND

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.-This morning before the Manitoba full court, an application was made by a mem-
ber of the Church of England to quash the city byber of the Church of England to quash the city bylaw for levying taxes on the ground principally that it is illegal to assess members of the Church of Eng. land for support of schools which are not under conare of the there are not taught religious exercises prescribed by such cently by the Roman Catholic Church of the Province. The Chief Justice delivered judgment of the full court, grantiog the application and quashing the city by-law.

## fritishy and Ifreignt

The Bishop of Nova Scotia's address is 55 Hill Park Crescent, Plymouth, Eng. He expects to be able to return to his diocese May 1.

The Additional Curates ${ }^{\text {' }}$ Society has benefited by legacies from the late Miss Mary Collins, of Knaresborough, to the extent of $£ 2,000$, and from Miss Stone, of Castle street, Norwich, $£ 200$.

Lord Savile has sent $£ 200$, as lord of the manor, to the restoration fund of Egmanton Church, North Notts

Lord Mostyn has given the site, and Lady Augusta Mostyn a donation of $£ 1,000$, for

At Tuesday's sitting of the Prussian Protestant Synod, Doctor Frick annourced that the revision of the Bible is now completed. The new revised edi matical emendations, is expected to appear in Janumatical ext.

The Bristol Meroury states that at Bristol Cathe dral on Sunday, "for the first time for many years, the Communion table bore an altar cloth, and a pair of candlesticks. The candlesticks were, we under tury ago, but it is upwards of forty years since they tury ago, but it is upwards of forty years since they wean."

Wednesday Lord Penzance decided in the Court of Arches that the Bishop of Norwich was justified in refusing to institute the Rufflk, to which he had been presented by Emmanuel College, Camhe had been presented by Emmanuel Cixie, a Roman bridge, on
Catholic.

The Earl of Stamford, in the capacity of a London diocesan lay preacher, occupied the pulpit of St . Botolph's Church, Aldersgate, on Wednesday afternoon last week. He was robed in a surplice, belonging to the Bishop of London's Order of Lay belonging to the Bishop of an address to business men Preachers. He Missions." The short service was con ducted by the Rev. T. Selby Henrey.

It seems that Bishop Boone, head of the American Protestant Episcopal Church in China. passed a way
while on his annual visitation to the ports on the While on his annual visitation to the ports on the Yangtsze river. He had been in bad health for some time, and is said to have caught cold while
a great fire at Hankow, on September 26 ch .

The Rev. R. H. Charles, of Exeter College, Oxford is preparing a new edition of the Ethiopic text of the Book of Enoch from a more complete and more cor rect M.S. in the British Museum, brought from Mag dala, and not used for the latest edition by Professo Dillmann. The preface will contain a new view
concerning the fragments out of which the book has concerning the
been composed.

The new English Church at Puerto Arotara, Ten eriffe-the first in the Canary Islands-was formall opened and dedicated on All Saints' Day. The season having hardly begun, the congregation numbered only about sixty, but the church will seat nearl 300. The service was performed by the permanen Chaplain, the Rev. T. Gifford Nash. The church will be consecrated in the course of next year by the Bishop of Sierra Leone, whose license for its use in the meantime was duly read

At a meeting of the Peterborough Cathedral Ke storatiou Committee, on Wednesday, Dean Argle offered to give $£ 500$ towards the removal of the organ to the triforium and the purchase of a smal organ for use during the reconstruction of the grea organ. The offer was accepted with thanks. Stall for the choir were also accepted from the Free masons of England, the Corporation of Peterborough and Mr. Gates, the Chapter clerk. The Dean fur$£ 50$ for providing a litany desk.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new church at Bournemouth took place recently in the presence of a large and influential gathering. The new building, which is to be named St. Augustine's Church, is to be erected at a cost of $£ 5,000$ by the Rev. Canon Twells. The stone was laid by Mrs Twells, wife of the donor, who was presented with silver trowel. The church is expected to be com pleted by next July, and will seat 400 persons.

## Correspminetres.

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All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over
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    We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.
B.-If any one has a good thought, or a Christian senti
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## Hymn: "Three in One and One in Three.

SIR,-I knew both Rev. Dr. Rorison, of Peterhead and his son, Provost Rorison, of St. Ninian's Cathe dral, Perth, but never heard before that the former was author of this hymn. It is usually ascribed to Mr. Marriott, but at best it is uncertain

| James G |
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| 1891. |

East Toronto, Dec. 10th, 1891.

## Church Consolidation

SIr,-Rev. Dr. Langtry, in letter No. 3, on this subject, attempts to demolish the Bishop of Ontario's scheme of Church consolidation and calls it " ill-considered and absurd." It must be apparent to many of your readers that Dr. Langtry is beyond his depth discussing the relative powers of Supreme Courts, Parliaments and Legislatures, and that his remarks allowance for differences absurd. I make every what shape the scheme itself should take, regard to to point out to Dr. Langtry that before he presumes to call the Bishop's suggestions ill-considered and absurd he should be sure of his own position. He asks, "Is it not the House of Commons at Ottawa, the Legislature at Washington, the Parliament at Westminster, that controls the legislation of Provinces and States and prevents their mutually inthat "Supreme secular courts are only asked to interpret the Provincial or State statutes. They cannot annul or disallow them." Now Legislatures as well as Parliaments have their classes of subjects for legislation assigned them, and as regards such subjects, are supreme ; but if one body encroaches on the other, by attempting to legislate with regard to a subject assigned to that other, it is the courts that set it right. In all countries having a written Constitution one of the most important powers of

Supreme Courts is that of declaring an act infon or it. The Bishop is quite right in what he says on this head. I do not agree with him, however, in all he suggests. It would be better, in my humble opimion.
to do away with the Provincial Synods altogether. and substitute a general sybod, giving it exclusive jurisdiction in matters of doctrine. Worship and dis cipline, and any other subject in which there should be uniformity, and of courso the the other subjecta powers. I can see no objection to the other subjects Dr. Langtry will consider the subjects of marriage and divorce alone, in the I'nited States, he will find how far astray he is in regard to the controlling power of Congress over the different States, and how little it has to do with " their mutually injurious enactments." Too many governing bodies in one count.

## Unauthorized Lay Preaching

Sir,-The inquiry of your correspondent $\cdot \mathrm{K}$ " from Fiast Simcoe is a very pertinent one :- -By what auth
ority are they sent, many of these ority are they sent, many of these lay preachers in
our Canadian dioceses? The reply to this question our Canadian dioceses The reply to this question piracy at work in Canada, on thoroughly Jesuitical hnes, though with loud mouthed Protestant $p$ rofes ons-quiet, noiseless, gradually encroaching, draw bents everywhere. Very sopn there will $h$ al erents everywne. ery soon there wil be a wom nless will drocates-nowhere ' Linch priples and their alrpy copal anthority and her Church principlea re copal authority and other Church principles be up
and donng. Let them begin to prepare at oncr for our coming synods ; master the exact details of qualif cations for voters at our vestries and electors of lay delegates. The lists should be carefully prepared. notices given for signatures on the designated Sundays in January, lists posted in good time, parochial tribunals at hand ready, kc., dc. Then we shall wot be left-as we are increasingly each year in our syods

1 th Dec., 1891

## Rupert's Land Indian Industrial Sehool.

SIR,-1 am sending you herewith a copy of our ast. If you could print the whole of it or even gire an abstract of it, for the benefit of your readers, have no doubt that it will interest many, and I shall eem it a favour. We are very thankful that the ear's work has gone on as well as it has. We have had many things for which to be grateful. Financi Financial Star, our position is not satisfactory. The Financial Statement included in the report shows a balance in the Treasurer's hands which is only there ecause we had many unpaid accounts at the close the month. Had these accounts been paid we hould have had an overdraft of nearly a thousand dollars. A good part of this is due to necessary ex. penditure upon plant and material, for carrying on ur industrial works. It is in one sense an asset, but ecannot, of course, dispose of this property without and is, to make great alm has been, ance of the school industries assist in the mainten uture, if all goes well, However, as every one knows, very largely help us. some considerable outlay in hops and farm, with such plant pook and differen will enable us to wis stock as We have felt this, and have been obic
he expenses I have referred to I have once before appealed
your columns; may I do so again? owards the payment of these things any contributions Maintenance Fund. We have still about half sixty children for whom we have no definite promises support beyond the Government grant. $\$ 50$ is he sum we ask from friends for each child to supple nent this grant, and I should be very thankful to receive promises of such an amount regularly, or such smaller sums as those interested in our work cel they could promise
Christmastide is just upon us. Christmas offerings would tak this leep apprecistion of thenity of expressing our very ranches of the $W$ the help renderad us by different and parochial wy Auxiliary, both diocesan ndividual friends Their schools, and by many to strengthen and encour king as durig done much and much of encourage us during the past year, ender the Master must bervice we have been able to pathy and kindness. pathy and kindness.
will be found in, I think, the whole of these friends been omitted, I should be very plany should have would kindly write to me.
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El mall ho pleaned to netd a coply of our repert to With many thankn wo you, nir. for wow kindly placing Mace at my disponal.
Middle ('hurch, Mat

## The Cardiff and Monmouth Mission

Sik, A fow details of our Minaion doingn will, I am sure, interest your reacerm, wany of whoth are
constantly contributing to our support. Our Mor mon friends have just paid us another vinit in the person of two fildern, and their cotning, an of yore, caused no incobsiderable ntir amongnt l, latter day saints and (ientiles, as non bolievers are deniguated. 1 forget whether I told you that nome time nince an Elder ordained a farmer to the ministry with power to marry, etc. This power, and also that of the
f.Iders themselves, I have been disputing in a nerion of public lecturos. 1 confess the Marriage Act in yery vague, as it merely alluden to thone persons oapable of performing the marriage service an " ministern of all denominations." It appears under this designa tion the Eilders of the Auti polygamy branch of the "Sainta" hailing from Lamon. I'S.A., have ofticiated at marriagen in various quartern in Canada, claiming that they are justified in mo doing by the very words of the Marriage Act, betng tmantern of a
denommation. When, however, they alinared in my district I disputed thin claim, havimg in the meantime put myself into corrempondence with the Government respecting it. 1 disputed it on the ground that, inasmuch as a frenh Act had to be pansed authorizing Quaker and Salvation Army offictals to perform the marriage nervice, thus showing that an ministers of their reapective denominations they had no power to perforth the marriage worvice under the
old Act, neither could Latter day Saint Eildern legally anite persons in marriage without a fresh $\lambda c h$, seeing that their sect could not cutne under, or be included in the old Act, if the two nocts previounty mentioned could not. After a somewhat lengthy correspond ence with the fovernment. I have gathered that the Attorney crencral in ina, when replying to the question of the legaily of the lather day Saints mare the sain age Act, the Sainta were not taken into considera the wording of the Act, it became a malter for the law courts, and not the Government, to decide whe ther the Saints. Elders can officiate at marriage It appears, then, that in so important matiages. that of marriage, we have our local Government framing an Act that it is unable to interpret, so that any curious sect, no matter bow utterly ridiculons its teaching, can claim equal privileges with the ordinary Christian bodies, unless expensive litigation decides otherwise, and yet our rulers are supposed to be the guardians of the people's morals, and to see that they are not imponed upon.
But there is a wors feature of the case. The farmer alluded to as being ordained by the Mormon Elder, soon after his entrance to the ministry, which he entered without any previous examination or education, married a child of thirteen and a half years to a man over thirty. I wrote to the Government, asking if there was not a law which prevented children of tender years being married? freaived a reply, stating that so long as the parents did not object, nothing could be done, as there was no age specified under which it was illegal to marry. Since my lectures, I am informed that this branch of the Saints has members in Toronto, and that they are growing.
who caused, a preacher of the Church of Christ. who caused much trouble at Deer Lake, one of my stations, has just left for good, as his converts were ble have come within our bound wry rith Healers have come within our boundary, and have, for the present, won the hearts of certain weathercocks, who think, however, that they will a Mr. Gould, who did not stay quite a year. When one reflects that there are not quite a year. When thousand souls in the two townships mare Monmouth, and that here are worling permanenty the Church, the Methodists and the Presbyterians to have one's regular work periodically upet by flying visits from Mormons, Plymouth Brethren Faith Healers and many other curions Bects your readers will understand the difficulty and anxiety of work among backwood settlers. The strange experi. ence has at all events convinced me of the absolute necessity of sound Church teaching both as regards doctrine and history. While converts to Mormon. ism, \&c., have been made from the different dissenting bodies around us, I am thankful to say that we have not lost a single Church person. I attribute this fact to my having settled here, with church, Sunday school and iparsonage. I have been thus enabled to which I which I could not otherwise have done had I been
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2. How many times nhould a member that is con
high," that precafen the blessing at the close of The
Ans. '2. The minnam, according to the Rubric se oue." The matrmum would be daily. One of the Rubrice layn down the clerical standard: "In Cathe Iral and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, where there are many priesta and deacons, they shall all receive the Communion with the priest every Sunday at the least, except they have a reasonable cause to second Book, and we cannot ree the force of 'r every sunday at the least," unless it point to a daily Com nutuion, or one alno on the Saints days. As a prac tical rule in Canada, we would say that the clergy should have a woekly Communion at the least, as contemplated by the Prayer Book, and the laity whould wever turn their backs upon the Lord's table when the Christian feast is prepared. The Com Protestant invention, and the Church mas no th is a rotestant invention, and the Church has no know dge of it ; the Holy Communion is a necessary con comitant of evory least, be it Sunday or Saints day municate, yet few of the clergy give the opportunity
ik, Is it proper for any of the congregation, e. g. a member of the choir, to come into the church hrough the vestry, there being also a choir door
Ans.-If there is a vestry and also a choir vestry ith separate door. then any mamber of the congre gation is entirely out of place in passing through the ergyman's vestry, which usually has a door passing hat each to his own work and keep his is hat each one do his own work and keep his own lace, and the vestry whould reserved for the ch. hat

## §undan Brthool Tesson.

ist Sunday after Christmas
Dee. 27, 1891.
Tbe Curistian Covinant-Sonship-Heirship
In the last lesson we Yearned that by baptism we re made " members of Christ." In to-day's lesson two other results of baptism are to be considered.
Sonship.
We learn from the Catechism that in baptism the baptized person is also made " a child of God." By the sin of our first parents all mankind became sin ners. (Rom. v. 19; 1 Cor. xv. 20.) Unhappily w cannot live very long in the world without indin ut the truth of this fact, and learning by painfu experience how prone we are to sin, and new are in deed so common in the world, even in a professedly Christian land, that we fail to realize as we ough how great and hideous an offence they are to Almighty God. But the result of sin must be to unfit the sinner for the presence of God; and all man kind by sin are thus alienated from God, and as children of disobedience" deserve only His wrath and indignation. (Col. iii. 5, 6.) So dreadful have been the consequences if $\sin$ in the world that when our Lord Jesus Christ took upon Him our human ature, mankind had well nigh lost all knowledge o God, and of the fact that He was their Father and heir Creator. Among the Jews alone, of all the peoples of the earth, had this. knowledge been preserved; all the Gentiles, our own forefather among the rest, had lost all knowledge of the true God. The great majority of mankind were there ore like the Prodigal Son who left his father's house but unlike him, they had even forgotten their Fathe altogether, and that they were His childrea, an owed Him reverence and obedience. But thoug mankind had thus well-nigh forgotten God, He,
 good parents stolen by wicked me: and trained up
by them in all sorts of villainy, so that he becomes
extremely unfitted for his parents society, and for-
gets all about them. The father still loves his
child, lougs to find him aud restore him to his place chnd, lougs to find him and rentore him to his place
as his son can never forget him - continually
searches for him. Al last when found the child does with him, and has become a criminal, so that he what anguish of misd his father would feel. The crimen-imagine then the father's favourite son bear the punishment in order that his poor fallen This is might be restored to his father's house. Father and God the son for fallen man. (S. John

Heirship. The Catechism also teaches us that in our baptism we are also made inheritors, i.e., heir
of the kiugdom of heaven. (See Heb ix follows from our being (God's children ; for we become follows from our being God's children; for we become S. Paul significantly adds, "if so be that we suffer with Him." We must not forget that.
Our life as Christians is not to be a life of self pleasing-it is to be governed by a constant and suffer all things that in His Providence we may be called $\mathrm{u}_{4}$ on to bear, rather than disobey Him.
We cannot do this by our own unaided exertions but God the Holy Ghost is always ready to help us to do right, and to make intercession for us when we do wrong. (Rom. viii. 26-27.
But what is it to be an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven? We are made by our baptism member of God's kingdom here on earth, in that we are admitted into the Holy Catholic Church, but that kingdom extends beyond this world. It is in heaven that the members of this kingdom are to receiv their perfect reward and happiness; for there they are to be admitted into the very presence of God Our life on earth is a season of preparation for that momentous event. We must ask ourselves, Do love God with all my heart? Am I ready and will ing to obey Him in all things? Am 1 striving by
 pe to Him? Do I hate sin? DoI love that which is good?

## Family Keading.

## Changed Lots ; or, Nobody Cares

Chapter vill

Often cold, often hungry, the contentment which had lulled Dorothy's fugitive recollections of the past to sleep left her, and she began to think sometimes of the pleasant things she could remember as in a dream.

The stove in the van sometimes went out for want of coal, and when she shivered, she thought how beautiful it would be to stand before a very big fire, such a one as she could remember seeing somewhere ; and when she described this "beauti ful big fire" to Jem, he would smile patiently and say he had seen it, too, many a time, when he looked down into the kitchens of the big house where the " grand gentlefolk" lived.
She cried bitterly over the sudden disappearance of her beloved rabbits, though finding food for them had long been a painful care to her; but was much too húngry to refuse the welcome meal they provided.

It was a faint consolation to her that poor old loving half-starved Rover could have the bones.
When she met, as she now often did, in the town, little girls of her own age, warmly and com
fortably dressed, she looked at them with wonder she felt as if she knew exactly how nice arm, to have no rents in her frocks for the wind creep through, no holes in her boots for the

And they took no notice of her at all; they were warm and they did not seem to mind at all that she was cold, nor did they care how hungry she , they just looked at her and passed on, while she could see food. ()h! such lots of beautiful things to eat, till she ached all over with the long. ing to put out her hand and take something for herself and for mother, and Jem and little Jenny, even for all the rough children who laughed at her and called her " Miss Stuck-up," for she knew that they too were often hungry and miserable, and nobody cared much, they had no good mother like vance, no brother like Jem
She wondered if those girls in their nice clothes had money-boxes at home; her money-box was one of the few things she distinctly remembered, and often thought of now money was so scarce.

When she was quite good, she told herself the fairies would let her go home, and then she would bring all her money and pour it into mother's lap, and she and Jem should have plenty, lots of meat and potatoes, and warm clothes and good boots.

Planning what she would do with the vague " lot of money," she thought she remembered in her box, was a great solace to her just now, and whiled away many a dreary hour as she followed mother or Jem up and down the streets.

But it was sometimes very hard to forget present hunger in these dreams, and one day passing a shop where a large basket of potatoes stood invitingly outside, she put out her hand to take one, only one, she was so hungry
But just at that moment, before her little hand, blue now with the cold and covered with chilblains, had touched the coveted food, the master of the shop came out, and, whether he had seen the greed in her eager eyes, or whether it was his usual way of speaking to those who might be supposed to be tempted by his potatoes, I do not know, but he said sharply, "Be off, you little thief!" and in an agony of terror and shame, poor Dorothy darted on to Jem, who was a few yards before her and clung to his protecting arm; while a fugitiye memory suddenly passed through her brain.

She was standing by a bed in a darkened room and was saying slowly again and again, "Thou shalt not steal. Somebody called mamma was lying on the bed, only it was not called a bed, and she taught her those words because somebody said she had taken some sugar; and mamma had been very shocked and everybody had said she was naughty. "Why's it wrong to take things, Jem when they have plenty?" she asked, when she had recovered from her fright.

The perlice will put you in prison if you're caught, and mother says it's very mean to take other folk's things," replied Jem, with a twinge of con science. Just now and then, when hard driven he had stolen an egg for Lill and said he had found it, but not even to his mother had he owned the theft now he coloured at the thought as he continued warningly, "Don't you ever go for to touch any warningly, "Don't you ever go for to touch any-
thing that isn't yours, Lil, or the perlice will run thing that isn't yours, Lil, or the perlice wil
you in, and we shall never see you no more.'
ou in, and we shall never see you no more."
Dorothy shuddered as she thought of the danger she had been in, but the answer did not satisfy "

But I know it's written in a book, 'Thou shalt not steal.' I know it's in a book. Is that why the police run people in ?"
"In a book; what do you know about books, Missie, dear; what rum things you say," said Jem, laughing.

I can read quite well, of course I can," she replied crossly, and Jem did not contradict her; this was one of the strange fancies Lil had got into her head when she was ill. She thought she could do such wonderful things, and at that moment gentleman got off his horse at a shop door and looked round for some one to hold it, and Jem hopped for ward as fast as he could and offered to take it.
" But, you are lame, and I want the horse led and down. I shall be away some ten minutes, and I cannot have him catoh cold," said the gentleman a little impatiently.
-11 lead him. sil: I'm used to horses, sir said Jem eagerly. $\because$ He shan't stand a minute I'll walk him up and down." But the gentleman looked round, evidently in search of some one else

Please, please, do let lem lead him," implored I orothy, laying her hand confidingly on the strang. Jem.
The gentleman laughed as he gave the bridle to the oy, and when he came out he gave him a shilling. telling him half of it was for his little sister. and then he asked the children a few questions as to where they lived, telling Jem that he came int the town about the same time most days, and that if he were at hand he should hold his horse again When Jem told his good fortune at home he said emphatically : "It was all along of Lil, moth er; she brings good luck wherever she goes
Day by day what she saw in the shops awoke in Dorothy a keener remembrance of her past life and if it had not been for the constant occupation of trying to get money to procure food for the nex meal. she would no doubt have lwelt more that she did on these confused memories.

## Merry Christmas.

Christmas bells ring silvery musi
O'er the crystal snow
Mingling with the songs of memorie
Of the long ago
Hearts are glowing and the trampings
Of the restless feet
Beat, in quickened time, their marches
Through the busy street.
Merry, merry Christmas
Ring the joyful bells
Merry, merry Christmas:
Down the valley swells.
Christmas trees, with treasures loade Bend their branches low,
Bend their branches low,
yielding gifts which love has fashioned
May they ever grow
How the children's faces brighten
How their voices ring
In the chorus of the anthem
Which they gayly sing !
Merry, merry Unristman
Merry, merry, Christma
Welcome, one and all.
When the music all was ended
And the lights burned low
Then there came a little maideu
O'er the frozen snow
And she found a kindly shelter

- For they bade her stay

Heard her story, sad and truthful Then again they say

Truly blest then Chistmas
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## Christmas Joy

should be glad and rejoice, not with reck ess merriment, but in all solemnity and deep gratitude, for at this time we commemorate the birth of the word's Redeemer. It seems fittin'g to observe the anniversary of the Saviour's birth in the same spirit as that which accompanied the the same spirit as that which accompanied the
event itself. And with the angels of God, we should sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good-will toward men." For upon the birth of Christ, God was made manifest in the flesh, which enabled us to behold His glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth. And upon this manifestation in the flesh, and consequenily His natural life among men, He was enabled to become a sympathizing Saviour; and finally suffering a physical death He became the perfect captain of our salvation Therefore the beautiful example of His matchless life and irreproachable character, the sympa thizing and perfect Saviour He is, and the perfect revelation of God to men He made, all depend upon His temporal life, which, in turn, depended upon His birth. Are we not correct, then, in say ing this event of the world's history should be commemorated? If it is right to gladly remember the returning Fourth of July, because it is the
birthday of Imerneas evil fresomom, how much more ought the sprituaf commonweath of Ram Iudea, with loy unspeatable and full of elory"

## Evas Sacriflee

How dol boot liva Wimed ashed laushonelo s she dutberd into the family situn: room. arraved in her tirst silk dres for her first real societ hal. A great event was this much talked of party $w$ he given by the nabob of Newcome
station, in the minds of the voung people of that tacion, in the mands of the young perple of tha

## Look: Jus perfectiv lovely... responded he

 fourteen Vear old sster Xell with girlish effusive ness. "lsn't she sweet. mother? Her dress is on your cheeks before, Fias, and your eyes a $\therefore 0 \mathrm{Oh}$ ! Nell! give us a rest." interposed Tomwho was rather inclinet th the use of slang phra ses. .'Fiva. hes sotten herself up in stunning style banged and befrofled equal to the city girls who il be at the hall. She don't look a great deat worse than most giris do now a days, but
lenerable man! You have come down to us from a former generation! "laughongly quoted fiva. who was very fond of her bright young brother and whon enjovent his sallies

- But mother. i l look well " she asked.
- Well enousth, child, said Mrs. Wiool calmly chs a trle kew Rongader, never alowing beanty and brightness
answer to tivas appeal, but on no account woul
she have given voice to the thought.
. I m afraid fiva is getting vain." sad be (1) me a silk dress and all that lace and all those foo'sh fixin:. look out of place on a plain country


## ${ }^{\text {irl. }}$ I don t call Liva very phen. sad Xelle pertly

 " lou know. father. che earned the mones her self," said Mrs. Wood." I know -1 know. Well I suppose girls will
ne girls." with which sage reflection Mr. Woon surned to his paper again
"Fiva, there's a boy in the kitchen who want o see you." said Charlie, appearing at the door

I tall. awkward. ill-dressed boy sat by the stove -Why. James." sam Eva, taking his big. dirty Wand in hers. . have vou wdiden from home thi land in hers. "have vou blden from home thi cold day
marm. Rachel's powerful sick, and sh was tuck that bat this mornin that pap and man both low she caynt live through the night. And she's ben a couxin' at me to come down hyar for you: cried, an took on powerful, seems like she caynt die, thout seein' ' Teacher,' as she calls y
The pink roses in Fiva's cheeks blanched sudden ly. Could she give up this party for which sh had planned and of which she had dreamed so long, to gratify the whim of a sick child? Rachel Fisher had been a pupil of hers, very unattractive dull and homely, but docile and affectionate. She had seemed to fairly worship the pretty, soft had seemed to farrly worship the pretty, soft volced girl teach r ; indeed her devotion was often
irksome to F,va, whose footsteps she followed as closely as a faithful. dog would have done. noon, at recess, in her walks, the queer little crea ture was close at her side, cont nt if her hand might rest in her teacher's. It made her nervous, she told the home folks, to see the little, thin, sal. low face with its light eyes always peering into hers. The drawling southern tones and the queer dialect annoyed her, as did the untrained girl's uncouth movements and countless Jittle disagreeable peculiarities. But Eva was far too gentle and kind-hearted to repulse the poor little creature whose life at home she well knew was barren enough of affection. Such a home! Jake F'isher and his wife were what the southern negroes called " po' white trash," lazy, shiftless, uncleanly. and their two roomed cabin fairiy reeked with vile odors. No wonder, then, that Eva paused be odors. No wonder
fore making a reply

The boy eyed her doubtfully ; "I reckon you're goin' to the doin's down thar to the station," he
said, taking note of her ahoeny drons. the flowers in her hair and at her throat

I was intending to go, hint if liachel is so stek and wants me. I must not disappoint her. Warm yoursalf ly the nowo until I get ready." and Fiva Hitted from the rom followed by her mother and

Have you rally given upgoing to the party 9 . and Mre. IV roul
los, mother. Iou wouldn't have me slight por chald's dying request
Oh, no, but iknow it is hard for you, daugh.
The droopng lids drooped a little lower, but they could not shut back two glistening tears Mrs. Wood saw them and kissed the girl woftly, i most unusual thing for ber

It is just soo bal." sail Nell. " Mr. Hatha way will be so disappotnted when he comes and tinds you rone
The roses suddunly appeared in Kiva's cheeks. Make the best excuse you can for mo, mother, I would watt till he cotnes, but it te a long, cold drive to lone l'raine and poor little Rachel may be dead when we get there.
the glanced a litule regretfully at the pretty Iress र्lll was folding as she was muftling her. self in the homely comfortable wrapping best suited for a long ride in the rude aled and a visit to the dirty Fisher cabne. And the nervous dread of teelng lhath grow stronger upon her as she rode over the white pranie under the blue sky studded thick with stars. So cold so ghostly seemed the night

Mammy. dye reckon teacher il come? tiste thachet trisher's wan hips framed this ques shon for the hundredth time, or so it seemed to the gaunt, hollow eyed woman by the bed in the little low ceiled, mud walled cabin.

I dun no, honey. I reckon she will." and a War courwed down the mother's sallow cheek, her luenish nature stirred to unwonted depths.

They re hyar now," said a rough bearded man the clay fire place, who for once had laid by his pipe and tobace
"Oh. Teacher! Teacher: Louve come! I'm so plad! ". and poor Rachel's uyes, which seemed now so larke and glassy. framed in that wan face eagerly devoured her. '. I wanted you-to bold my hand-when I'm pasain' over. I won't be a unte skeered if you're hyar. Mammy's been ellin the heaps about the angels. I reckoned they must be most like you: and mammy, sh ays I'll be an angel to up thar. D'ye low-I'l porl and handsome thar, Teacher.

I think you'll be beautiful, dear Rachel." said liva, her wars falling fast

- I reckon you know, sald the child. "I'd like to be a little diffrunt. I low pappy and mammy kin git on without the hyar. an' Id like er go. What kind of a place dye reckon Heaven Teacher?
Poor Fiva! Her situation was most trying The things on earth had engrossed her heretofore. with only occasional thoughts of the life beyond

The Bible says. 'There will be no night there nether sorrow nor crying, for God shall wipe away all bears from their eyes.'. These words seemed to rise from her lips as by inspiration
. Teacher! it mus; be sich a happy world ' ye know, when I heerd of the great doin's they was goin' ter hev at Newcome, I lowed I'd like to be thar an' see the ladies in their fine clois, an' hear the music, and see the table spread, an all that, but now I'm goin' whar thar's doin's every day, whar thar's allers music an' flowers an' folks dressed finer'n they do here for parties. I shall like it so much better'n bein' here.
Crude and fanciful were the strange child's no tions of the new life she was entering, absurd they might indeed have seemed to some people, but Liva, watching the rapt face kindled by its eager eyes, was imprespsed as she had never been before. The "doin's" in which she had so longed to participate seemed trifling, paltry, there, while the portals were ajar to those blest mansions waiting to receive the sonl of the child who lay beside her. Was it an absurd fancy-this thought of poor Rachel's-might not the passionate love of beauty starved here, be fully gratified in the land where he was going"' Vague thoughts like these flitted


#### Abstract

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## Chilidren's 周quattureut.

Little Dick Steadfast

## queer little pair were Dick Stead

 fast and his small sister Nellie. Dick at the time I am writing about, was ten years old, and Nellie was seven Nelle was a funny little object, withher round, moontike face, and light almost white-hair hanging down over her bright blue eyes. Dick had black hair, black eyes, and a small pinched face. The children had no mother their father was a drunken fellow seldom at work, and generally crue and harsh to his little ones. Their wretched, poverty-stricken home was in a narrow back street of Birmingham One day, early in December, Dick learnt that his father was going away to find fresh work, and that in his absence they would live with a widow named Mrs. Jones Poor Dick! No wonder he was not overjoyed at the prospect. Mrs. Jones was a relative of his father's. She was a woman with sharp features and much sharper tem per, who kept a very small shop, in which she sold toys, sweets and vegetables. She had no children, yet she hardly ever did a kindness for the motherless little boy and girl. However, when Steadfast told her of his intended departure, and asked her to take the children in for a week till his return, she was in a more amiable frame of mind than he had expected to find her
"I'll have them for one week," she said; " but understand this, Richard Steadfast, that if you don't come and fetch 'em away in a week from now out they'll go

All right," answered the man give you leave to turn 'em out if I'm not back

So Dick and his sister were installed at Mrs. Jones', and a very unpleasant time they had of it. An idea took possession of Mrs. Jones, and tor mented her exceedingly, that her graceless relative did not mean to return. When a week was over, and no signs of him appeared, she felt that her fears were confirmed. Alas, for Nellie and Dick! Scolding from morning till night, threatening to tuin them into the street, thus Mrs. Jones vented her anger upon them. Glad indeed were they to escape from the house, and their days were spent in wandering up and down the streets, now and then having a copper thrown to them by people who pitied the ragged little couple

I hate Mrs. Jones,' said Nellie one day, as they sat on the wall of the back yard; " don't you, Dickie?

We hadn't ought to," little Dick Steadfast replied. When mother was alive, and I was as little as you, I re nember she used to tell me about the Bible and God, and I have always remembered this text, 'Return good for ". W
Nellie. Nellie.

I can't tell you about it like mother did," said Dick, with troubled brow, " but 1 know it means that though Mrs. Jones is cross and wicked to us, we ought to be good to her and try to back love her, that's it, Nellie.
shan't," cried the little girl. for she ain't been good to us, Dickie." Dick said no more; he didn't see how to make Nellie understand.

The days went on till one wretched morning, that Dick remembered for a
long time. They were eating their we fo
ing."
meagre breakfast in the little rom be ran down the lighted streets thll the hind the shop, with faces and hands reached the house with the white stop. blue with cold for to was Christmas Dick naked th see the lady and the ground when Mrs. Jones burst in brought it back." he sobthed, "but I vith a let and an'
children that she whil the frehtened and I daren't keep it. Sollo oospital from them father had thet in a and from a fad from the ladter was greatly wouched by his confession. and tears whot in her went on the irate lady. "two helpless eyes as she said. " My brave little boy
children always on my hands. ". you shall not suffer for whing th

## hek eyes were full of hars, and truth.

he turned to run from the room. Alas! After hearing their sad history, and passing the window in his haste he how friendless and homeless they were nocked down Mrs. Jones best flower she said. "I have a friend, a kind and pot, a present from her dead hushand, good lady, who has a happy home for containing her most cherished fern. little boss and girls like yout and you With a cry of rage the woman darted shall go there, and never be cold and orward and dealt the poor little culprit hungry any more
sharp blow. He staggered under
he shock, then, seizing Nellie's hand. Little Dick Steadfast and his sister Weat spent a very happy Christmas in the cried on t never go back, Sellie, "Children's Home." and now they ecried, amust his sobs. "We ain't have almost forgotten that dreadful got no father or mother, and mu-t Christmas Five, and Nollie has learnt Celiie nas crying. too, not because of her father's death, but she was cold and hungry. They walked about for hours till evening came, up and down Aunt Marv's Story ; or, a Drive wit Santa Claus Christmas.

Where shall we sleep. Wickie? asked little Nell. " I'm so hungry. What sball we do
Dick tried to smile bravely.
mind, darlin'." he sadd, putting his arm
round her Criaps porm
as a copper. I'll ask this lady here.
A tall, well-dressed lady, with a pretty girl by her side, was just entering ber house. Dick darted up the steps Please, ma'am," he said. " will y ive us a copper? Me and Nellie so hungry, and we ve $n$ where to go.

Go away at once," said the lady I have nothing for you "; and sh ntered the bouse. But her daughter was touched by the disconsolate littl figures, and as they turned away she said, ' Mamma, I wish you had given them something, poor little things."

Do you think they are really in need. Maud ?" said her mother : "wel I wish now that I had given them copper or two, but it is too late, and
dare say their parents sent them out to beg.
ick turned a way caugh sight of something bright in the snow and hastily picking it up, discovered it to be a beautiful red plush purse, con taining gold and silver coins.

Oh, Dickie," cried his sister, " let us take it away quickly, it belongs to the lady" ; and away they ran.

The snow was falling fast now, an Nell," whispered Dick. Come in here Nell," whispered lick; and they crept into a small niche between two shop windows, which was a warm and com fortable shelter, and so much in the shadow that they would not be noticed. Before long their troubles were forgot
ten in a deep sleep. As the lad slept. He took her hand, and immediatel there he dramt a that he met her in heaven, and when reindeer, with Santa Claus by he he awoke his face was

Nellie," he cried ; oh, Nellie, we well as in was dark, she could see a mustn't keep the purse. I'm glad we well as in the daylight, and she seemed aven't spent none, for what would went flying through enjoyment. The mother say; let's run and take the air, till the back ?
o, no," replied Nellie seopily
The lady wouldn't give us none, and we found it, Dickie; it isn't like steal
" Yes, it is, darlin'" said Dick He took her hand and stepped into Return "I'd forgot my little text, until chimney. Down they both went He took his sister's Come along.'" bedroom, where they large and tidy He took his sister's hand, and they stockings hung on they found three


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last he hung the stocking in its pla
ith a bunch of grapes beside it.
come, we must go," said be to his companion, and taking her hand led her to the chimney. Ip they went as f they had wings; and once more they were in the sleigh.
They only went a little way this ame before they stopped on another housetop, and down the chimney they went as before, but at the bottom what a contrast they found to the room they had previously visited.
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in which lay a baby
Santa Claus, " the we have just left. This girl has to take care of the little ones just as the other one has, but she performs her duty differently ; instead of helping and amusing, she teazes and vexes hem."

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