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University Bishops.-Among the 34 English diocesan bishops, there are 18 Oxford men, 13 from Cambridge and two from Dublin. The Oxford men are nearly equally divided among the various col leges, each of them having one, two, or three among the Oxford 18. On the other hand, Trin ity College claims six of the Cambridge men, St John's three, and there is one each for Caius, St. Peter's, St. Catharine's, Corpus and Emmanuel Colleges.

Non-university Bishops are more plentiful than one would, at first blush, imagine. Besides the new Bishop of North Queensland, there are mentioned Bishop Bransly Key, of St. John's, Kaffra ria ; Bishop Pinkham (?), of Saskatchewanand Cal gary ; Bishop Bompas, of Mackenzie River ; Bishop Ridley, of Caledonia; Bishop Branch, of Antigua; Bishop Crowther, of Niger, \&c. The list might be considerably enlarged probably from the Protes. tant Episcopal Church in the United States.
"The Great God is no Chiseller."-Lucia's quick rejoinder to her lover in Crawford's book, " Marzio's Crucifix," hits-as the author evidently felt-at the root of a prevalent sceptical objection. " What is done quickly is badly done ; the chiseller must work slowly and painfully for elaboration of his work." That is the human argument-argumentum ad hominem, but not ad Deum. In an instant He completes or performs-to human sight-what man thinks and calculates should take hours or ages to bring about. So limited is human sight !

The (iambina; foplemic has become a very serious evil in some parts of the world, almost as widespread as lía (irippe. In America - even in this Canada of ours we are familiar with the "I bet you," which one hears-like the epidemic sneeze-everywhere. In England people are lamenting that the infection has spread even to the honoured and hitherto respectable games of cricket and football. Are we not suffering from the same evil in the regions of baseball and lacrosse? i'robably the trouble originates and Hourrshes among the leisurely classes on the old principle of "C'ome easy, go easy."

Carinnal. Cippechiatho, Archbishop of Capua, las an interesting article (in Merr!y Eingland for March) on "the ('hurch and the Workman." Along with a transparent "bid" for the working man for the Ckurch (Roman) Catholic, there is much good sense in the subject of the article. For instance, "the rich man assuredly may provide for his own necessitics in his own condition; but that which remains orer he owes, by the express commandment of Jesus Christ, to che poor." He goes on to speak of "Sociology" as a new science inspired by ('hristianity, and derived from the Gospel.

Went to Sleep and Never Woke" is the record in regard to a man who lately ate six goose eggs, and then drank the shells full of whiskey. The combination of gluttony and drunkenness were admirably calculated to produce the result attained ; and there was a singular propriety of the choice of a suitable biped to furnish eggs and shells for the occasion. The proceeding was probably the climax of a wager of a kind which has become so common as to suggest the -inevitable conclusion that such things-one can hardly call them men-have succeeded in making their craniums like the shells-empty !
"The Italians have no Church" is said to be a practical way of describing the general alienation of the people of Italy from the Church of Rome; the drift from religion-as it is misrepresented to them-has become so serious. The terrible vaccuum is being filled in some places through the efforts of the convert, Count Campello, and his agents. The misery, however, of the situation is that this noble evangelist can cover so little ground. He requires an army of assistants to fill all the posts availables. His energies are in fact almost entirely confined to the province of Umbria.
A Good Showing is made by the so-called Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Over 4,000 clergy, half a million communicants, and nearly 200,000 baptisms, over 100,000 con-firmed-this is a syery fair result in the way of increase during the year. Besides there are nearly 500 candidates for Holy Orders, and the ecords show an increase of income amounting to two million dollars! The general growth of the Church far exceeds proportionately that of the population at large, or of any other relizious section of it in particular. It looks like " the Church of the Future.'

Offertory Bags versue Offertory Plates.An episode in the parish church of Kensington brings to the front the question-interesting to
churchwardens-of the comparative financial value of the two systems of collecting church offerings. A shrewd business man once gave it as his opinion that for poor congregations bags were best ; for rich congregations, plates. A well dressed man or woman will often smuggle into a bag a tiny bit of silver which he or she would be ashamed to put on an open plate. The plate saves their shame, and the churchwardens profit by the process !

The Jesuit Always Falls" is a saying which has almost passed into a proverb against an ambition too greedy and grasping. It has been the character of the Jesuit organization to orer-reach itself; and its edifice, slowly and painfully erected, topples over and crumbles into dust. The worst of it is that meantime other institutions have to suffer all around them while they are unscrupulously "climbing up" to the coveted supremacy. As Goldwin Smith puts it in his "('anada and the Canadian Question": "Although the Jesuit always has failed, his failures have been tremendously costly to humanity.

The Manitoba School Act seems likely to prove the crux where all the troublesome educational questions of Canada will eventually find their climax and decision-let us hope reconciliation. The Act is not to be disallowed at Ottawa, but its constitutionality is to be tried judicially. Meantime, if constitutional and allowed, the Act, if oppressive to the minority, can be obviated by appeal and redress from the Dominion Government by means of "remedial laws." It may be worth while discovering whether this remedial business cannot be made useful to a Church minority as well as a Romish minority-the AngloCatholic as well as the Roman Catholic interest.

Church now Open, Come in, Rest and Pray.' Such is said to be the legend on a weather-beaten placard usually hung out at the door of St.George's, New York-Rev. W. S. Rainsford. A recent wayfarer who noticed and tested it-finding Mr. Rainsford inside the entrance with a good word and a hand-shake for everybody-comments thus : "-Nothing like that in Toronto ; there in many of the churches they chain up the doors on Sunday nights and keep them closed till next. Sunday," Is this indictment true? Probably an exaggeration; but there is too much truth in it. We need, in all our cities, more parsons of the hearty, straightforward, rough and ready kind-" with no frills on him"-as this writer puts it.
"Our Incomparable Liturgy" gets rather cavalier" usage in an article by "J.H.H." in the current number of the Church Review. Listen: "There is no heresy ${ }^{*}$ in any one of all the 250 Liturgies (now or formerly used in the Catholic Church.) In many respects ours-which we speak of so fondly-is the poorest of the whole lot; yet all the rest are prohibited, and ours alone is allowed. . . . If one of the blessed Apostles should appear in the United States, and should celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the form which he was accustomed to use while on earth, he would be liable to presentment and trial!" Let us be thankful that the Lambeth Conference did not make a "point" of this same liturgy. Their four points leaves us free to unite even with Rome!

- What Wonderful Women there are Amone the Christinns!" was the exclamation of a famous heathen advocate, Libanius, when he heard of the constancy and devotion of Anthusa, Mother of St Chrysostom. The saying has been always true. There seems to be something in Christianity especially adapted to develop the noblest traits and possibilities of the feminine side of humanity. "Faithful women"-since blessed Mary, "the Lady" of the Church, "Our Lady" in the Church's calendar-have always brightly adorned the pages of Church history. They have well kept up the tradition of Easter morn. Truly, " the woman who is not a Christian, is a traitor to her sex

The Christian Sabbath.-We have largely lost sight of the fact that the Deuteronomy or sscond version of the Decalogue seems to indicate or hint at the propriety or at least possibility of a future change of day for adequate reason-such as Christ's Resurrection has afforded. In the Deuteronomy version-which might with due reverence be called the revised version, as distinguished from the Exodus version, which first appeared probably on the First two tables-the sanction for the Seventh Day rests on the delivering of the Israel. itesfrom Egypt, not on the creation at all. "J.H.H. reasons that God make the alteration in a Chris tian direction.

Marriages of Consangulitity and Affinity are shown (by an article in the March Westminster) to be practically on much the same level. Marriages of blood relations are wrong because they have a tendency to perpetuate and accentuate the pecu liar taints of disease which exist in every family but the same taints are produced by the same associations and environments. The only wise course is to promote cross-marriages, marriages of persons unlike, marriages of persons not perma nently or closely associated hitherto, or exposed t those common taints which make them cognate without being actually related.

Professor Huxley very Sore.-The March number of the Nineteenth Century reveals the beaten professor grumbling that the G.O.M. did not regard " the rules of the game"-hit too hard The "small end of the horn" is not congenial to his lofty spirit; he must say something. So, from complaining that the Bible story is hard on the swine, making them get drowned without any fault of theirs to warrant it, he turns now to plead that the devils had rather hard measure dealt out to them, because they are represented as having been "badly taken in." They asked for refuge from the sea in the swine, and behold the swine straightway make for the sea. The professor's article reaches an appropriate " bathos" of its own, when he makes "the future hang fatefully.
on our final judgment of the Gadarene tale !
The Light of London.-A writer (Smiley) in the New York Missionary Review of the World exposes the sophistry of the Booth appeal in the following words: "In the City of London, where are to be found the darkest spots in Darkest Enig. land, the herculean efforts of the Churches to rescue the perishing are as astounding as the gigantic evils to be grappled with. There are literally hundreds of organizations employing thousands of missionaries, colporteurs, Bible women, nurses, Scripture readers, deaconesses, and teaehers, who are striving night and day, on the streets and in the tenements, to raise from the mire the souls and bodies of the 'submerged tenth.' In no city in the world is there exhibited a more aggressive

Christianity, or are more exangelistic agencies effectually organized, or more money spent for philanthropic purposes, than in so called heathen London.
February Simultankous Mertinge-briefly expressed by the initials "F.S.M."-are over in England, and the ('hurch Missionary Cileaner takes stock of the interesting proceedings. The net result seems to be that, notwithstanding the eloquence and self-denial of the delegations, there was need of a larger measure of spiritual power in the meetings. "We saw few signs of holy enthusiasm, or of a ltumble but profound sense of obligation to the Lord, or of a realization that we want something more than interesting speeches and hearty applause.
ought to throw more on the younger lay men and romen. Mutatis mutundis, the same might be said of other organizations than the (hurch Missionary Society.
Metlakahtla as itis. The C.M.S. cileaner for March is devoted almost exclusively to news from their North Pacific mission, of which for thirty years past Metlakahtla has been a great centre Many of our readers will probably remember the trouble which arose about 10 years ago through the rebellion against the Bishop (as well as the C.M.S. Committee) and perversion from the Church of the half-educated Christian layman. Mr. Duncan, who had been rashly put in charge He carried with him a majority of the people and finally moved off with them to Alaska in 1887. Now all the reports agree that the place is in purity as well as peace. Bp. Ridley says: ". I do not know a people who honour the Lord's Table more consistently than these.

## BEING SEEN OF THEM FORTY DAYS.

The interval between our Lord's resurrection and His ascension is marked for us by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, as covering this pecu liar period of forty days. It has been noticed by commentators that this particular number or period seems peculiar to occasions of special pro bation or preparation for special events. We are reminded of Moses waiting on Mount Sinai, the spies searching the promised land, Elias on the way to Horeb, the preaching at Nineveh, the days of maternal purification, Christ's fast before His ministry began. It has also been noted that after the ascension, Jerusalem was given 40 years longer before its utter destruction by the Romans. These particular forty days of our Lord's life are known as
the great forty days.
They were certainly unlike any other : they were days when His presence was wrapt in mystery, when His person had become so changed in appear ance that He could only be recognized by the tone of His voice in the tender utterance of a loved name, in the characteristic action of breaking bread, by close scrutiny of the wound prints of His crucifixion, or by some other such peculiarity as had become associated singularly with His human personality. True, He " associated " with them, ate and drank with them "after He rose from the dead "; but His association with them seems not to have been continuous. His coming and going were mysterious, almost like that of a Spirit, rather than ordinary "flesh and bones." Yet, His manifestations or appearances were evi dently very frequently repeated, and were arranged with a specific object, for we are told that on these occasions He was speaking
the thinos concerning the kinghem of god. It is curious how little we find in the New Testament which can be directly referred to this period, as of things expressly uttered or prescribed then and there. At the same time, we find a certain correspondence of a general character between what we find in C'hrist's c'hurch, and what we are told was the special and pecular occupation of our Lord during these forty days. The significant references to "the Traditions," the stereotyped form of the Church in history from Apostolic days to these, the authoritative force and value of the "customs of the churches of God"-these and many other things in the later Scriptures seem to point back distinctly to these forty days, and to no other period of the association between Christ and His apostles. This consideration leads us to understand how majestic is that
insomuch as He thought proper to delay His re. turn to the Courts of Heaven, the crowning event of His ascension, the descent of the Holy Spirit, His own enthronement and session on high, in order to inform the officers of His Church, at the very foundation of it, about all these fundamental doctrines and principles of Truth, Order, Discip. line and Life, which have ever since formed the sacred Depesit, so carefully guarded by His Church's Apostles and their lineal successors. With full force and effect we must apply to the directions of those forty days, what our 34th Article of Religion says about such matters in general: "Whosoever through his private judg. ment, willingly and purposely doth openly break
the traditions and ceremonies of the church
which be not repugnant to the Word of God, and be ordained and approved of common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, that others may fear to do the like, \&c." If we are so careful, and rightly so, of local ecclesiastical fashions and ways of doing things, how much more careful should we be to observe with reverence all the Catholic traditions which have descended to us through the stream of time for nearly 2,000 years from those forty days, when Christ was Teacher and His Apostles the students of His Theology.

## CHORAL SERVICE, PROPER AND IMPROPER.

From the very beginning the Church used music in her services. The early Christians risked discovery by their persecutors rather than forego the use of music-a proof of the importance their rulers attached to that clearness and order in the rendering of Divine service which a musieal rendering can alone secure. Reading is liable in time to degenerate either into a mutter or gabble, or an offensively colloquial mannerism. The only effective check was to set every word of the service to music regulated by authority. So Birkbeck, a recent writer, teaches us.

## musical speech.

Mr. Walter Parratt, the present organist of Windsor, has stated that Mr. Gladstone's voice, in his "upas tree" speech of 1867, covered the octave from tenor, $E$ to the $E$ above, and that he nearly always began his sentences in this higher E , and at their close descended to G sharp, thus exceeding the regulation ecclesiastical fall of a fifth by a semitone; while he ended his more solemn and impressive sentences in the E below. Dr. Liddon's sermons were literally chanted. Cicero says, truly, that even in speaking there is a kind of indefinite singing. The Greeks were a nation of musicians and orators. In some parts of England the rhythm of
rise and fall in the ordinary conversations of the peassntry is very noticeable, and has been defined by musical notation quite easily.
has takon a cast-iron character, which the leading singing and performing artists find it necessary to disregard in order to give adequate personal expression to their interpretations. Every voice and instrument has its own vein of interpretation proper to it and none else. In concerted pieces this, of course, has to be disregarded, all following the same tune, pitch and expression exactly together. The fourline staff was not even invented till the 11 th century, and it was as late as the 16 th century that diamond-shaped notes were introduced and square-tailed notes to express unusually short and long notes respectively. Since then progress, in elaborating and defining both time and pitch, has been rapid

In the Prayer-Book of 1549 the lessons are ordered to be "sung in a plain tune after the manner of distinct reading . . . to the end that the people may better hear." This is a relic of the past, which shows the original ob ect of all church music. In earlier times music was regarded, not as a means of " drawing " a congregation, but as an act of reverent and careful worship, and every melody was carefully adjusted to its place. The spirit of the words used, the meaning of the passage recited, gave form and shape to the body of sounds in which it was clothed The only true purpose of church music is to ex press the spirit of worship reverently and fitly.
has grown to enormous proportions and import ance, and with its attendant choristers dominates the service in a very masterful way. It costs as much as a church (is about as big), and the organist gets as much as the parson. The present state of affairs throughout Western Christendom is in great contrast with the primitive Church, wherein instrumental music was absolutely prohibited, as is still the case with Eastern Christendom. The scene in a fashionable congregation, especially " at the Anthem," beggars description from the point of view of Ritual. A gigantic " kist o' whistles' in the west gallery is the real centre of attraction the choristers are mere "satellites," the clergyman a mere circumstance quite subsidiary for the occasion. At the chief periods of musicolatry, the whole assemblage wheels round to face the great "paniandrum" in the gallery, exalted far above all heads. Its sounds are the utterances of a delphic oracle. Nobody knows what they mean but they are so-you know! Words? yes, there are words, but they don't count. They had some meaning, too, originally, but it is the music that charms. So our modern worship is the ancient worship turned upside down. A modern "Service of Praise" is the reverse of a real choral service, wherein " plain song " predominates. The spiritual meaning is everything ; harmonic elaborations are out of place, and mere " correct" instrumentation is an impertinence. We have got too far away from ancient precedent to be right.

## dIOcesan lay readers.

On the 22nd of March last the Bishop of London entered upon a new and noteworthy departure, in the matter of ordinations, in St. Paul's Cathedral. It is said to be no less than the revival of one of the ancient minor orders which were in
their day most useful to the Church. In the con fusion of the troublous times of the Reformation these were lost sight of and became extinct. The order which has been revived is that of Reader. Its office and commission are different from those of the ordinary lay-reader, and are distinguished from them in that they are ordained for life, and their sphere of labour is co-extensive with the diocese, and they are empowered to conduct extra services in consecrated buildings and to deliver addresses on religious subjects and the work of missions generally. Twenty notable laymen, names of distinction, and well known in connec tion with Church organizations and revived Church life in England, were admitted. Among them were Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, Chairman of the Lay Helpers' Association, and Vice-Chairman of the House of Laymen; Mr. Eugene Stock, of the C.M.S. ; Mr. W. M. Gee, of the C.E.T.S. ; Mr. P. V. Smith, of the C.M.S. ; Mr. Sydney Gedge, M.P. ; the Earl of Stamford, of the S.P.G., and R N. Cust, LL.D., also of the S.P.G. The Church Reriew states that a special form of service was held, and the Bishop delivered an impressive exhortation to the lay-readers, at the close of which he said: "See that ye live worthily of your high vocation, believing earnestly what ye are set to teach, adding good example to spiritual precepts, and ever remembering what that Church is of which you are now to be officers, and who is the head thereof." We are informed that the new Readers are to wear a distinguishing badge; whether it will consist in something attached to their lapels or in a peculiar style of dress, is not stated, nor does it matter. The one thing which gives us cause to rejoice is that a way is opened for our earnest laymen who have acquired influence in our various communities, to enter upon a wide sphere of Christian labour and usefulness under the Episcopal sanction and direction. The work of the clergy everywhere needs supplementing and reinforcing by the efforts of able and devoted laymen who are well instructed in the Word of God and in the Book of Common Prayer ; who take measures to acquaint themselves with all the missionary endeavours of the Church now in progress and the most successful methods of promoting them. Nothing could be more appropriate than that the London of Ontario, which has imitated old London in so many ways, should at its forthcoming conference of Lay Helpers, imitate it also by its Bishop instituting this new and definite order of Readers. It would much enlarge the scope of lay work and bring into the field men of knowledge, experience and proved ability and character, and save to the Church energies which, being restless and undirected, are often exerted, or at least employed, in ways and courses of action which do not subserve her best interests. With active parochial guilds, guilds unions or diocesan guilds, and diocesan readers under the bishop's license, the Church would have a staff of lay workers who would materially assist the Church in recovering her lost ground. With the bishops and other clergy working with; and guiding them with their counsel, a unity and steadiness of purpose would be manifested in the whole Church, which in itself would be a sopurce of strength to enable her to regain the alienated masses who in childhood were admitted by her into the Kingdom, but have not learned to call her Mother. It is time that the Church arose in her might of love and endeavoured by all the best approved instrumentalities to embrace these her children. With set purpose, organization, system and the strenuous co-operation of the laity and clergy, moving
on with mingled discretion and zeal, a mighty work could be accomplished for God. The " 300 villages" destitute of the ministrations of the Church should be sought out. No doubt a little leaven could be found in every one of them, which could be made to extend its influence with proper treatment. Ageneies must be multiplied to enable us to hold our own with the meeting houses on every second and third corner throughout the land, to say nothing of regaining what we have lost. The uncared for masses and the stran gers in our cities and towns should be more dili gently sought out, and promptly and cordially welcomed in the church and made to feel more at home among Church people. Here is work for parish guilds, diocesan guilds and diocesan readers. The clergy cannot be everywhere at the momen when their presence would be of use, and at the same time duly prepare for and attend to their public duties. They need all the assistance that can be devised in the way of lay co-operation; and as we have followed with deep interest the move ments in this direction in the Motherland, we hail with satisfaction any signs of similar activity in our own country. We therefore look forward with pleasurable anticipations to the results of the London Lay Helpers' conference.

## REviews.

St. Chrysostom and St. Augustine form the first volume of a series of biographies of Christian leaders just projected by Whitaker of New York. Toronto : Rowsell \& Hutchison.
The editor of this volume is Dr. Schaff, the well-known Professor of Church History in the Union Theological Seminary. The volume is prefaced by a noteworthy dedication and tribute to Bishop Lightfoot, a constant friend and co-labourer of Dr. Schaff in Church History and Biography. Dr. Schaff's treatment of the life of St. Chrysostom may be considered rather free by some, and by others rather crude, and yet such a style of treatment has a definite value of its own, and is perhaps best suited to the character of the Sainthaps best suited to the character of the siamond." Chrysostom is described as fundamentally a rheChrysostom is described as fundamentally a rhe-
torician, secondly a teacher of Christianity: two torician, secondly a teacher of Christianity: two
things which combined to make him the prince of things which combined to make him the prince of pulpit orators, though not successful in deaing
with exalted personages and difficult affairs. His pulpit was his throne. Still his writings-necessarily very imperfect versions of his sermons or addresses-have considerable value as literature. On the other hand, St. Augustine is known to us chiefly by his writings, which have a polish and finish which gave him a place among theologians like that of Chrysostom among preachers. The year 386 links these two saintly lives : the year in which Chrysostom was ordained to the Priesthood which Chrysostom was ordained to the Priesthood
at Antioch, and Augustine's conversion to Cathoat Antioch, and Augustine's conversion to Catho-
lic Christianity took place at Milan. They had one other link of great importance to both-a pious mother : what Anthusa had been already to Chrysostom, that Monnica was to Augustine. Well did the latter remember his mether's dying request, "Ut ad Domini altare memineritis mei and well had her "prayerful tears been answered in him who is still known at Bona (the ancient Hippo) as "Rumi Kebir," the great Christian.

## The Amgrican Eprsoopate : a sketch book by Bat-

 Rowsell \& HutchisonThis is a most valuable contribution to American Classic History by a most able pen. There is a valuable note on the "Nag's Head Fable," invented by a Jesuit conspirator; copies of concordats, declarations, \&c., connecting " the Christians of the Episcopal persuasion " in the United States with "the Catholio remainder of the Church of Sootland," and many other scintillations from Dr. Batterson's learning and research. He claims Dr. Batterson"s learning and res the so-called "prethe titie of "Arc
siding Bishops."

## Reason and Authority in Religiok. By Prof Sterrett, of Seabury Divinity School. New York: Whitaker ; Toronto : Rowsell \& Hutchi

 son.This is an attempt to bring " Lux Mundi " into line with the chain of Aristotle, Hegel, Baring Gould and Stanley : and an effort to differentiate Mr. Gore's line of thought from that of Martineau in his "Seat of Authority." The attempt is interesting.

Magazines, dc.-The Arena for March is a very readable number, well sustaining the reputation of previous numbers." Dr. Mason's article on
"Hypnotism" follows up a very interesting subject : almost the question of the day beyond all others. Dr. Bixby's essay on Buddhism in relation to the Gospel is an exemplary instance of the way to meet the class of sceptics who deny Scripture inspiration by pointing out resemblances to other systems of religion. Various papers bearing on Poverty and Socialism are well worth pondering. Living Age has been procuring its weekly bouquet, gathered from the gardens of the Contemporary, Sunday, Fortnightly, Temple Bar, (ientleman's, Belgravia, Nineteenth Century, Scottish Church Quarterly, Cornhill, Blackwood, Longman, Church Quarterly, Cornhill, Blackwood, Longman,
Punch, Nature, Melbourne Argus, Edinburgh, Punch, Nature, Melbourne Argus, Edinburgh,
Leisure Hour, Murray, National, Chambers, Speaker, Saturday, English Illustrated, St. James', Army and Navy, \&c. This list of "credits" tracted from the last four or five months, proves the liberality, industry, and wide range of the editor. The Churchman comes with its steady going movement of solid freight, chiefly in the way of Scripture exegesis from the standpoint of a moderate "Evangelical," with an occasional glance at ancient or modern Church History. Its leading article on the "Permanent Claims of the Old Testament " is very wholesome reading, and necessary for these times. The Church Eclectic for April is quite up to its usual level of excellence. The opening article by Dr. Brand takes up the very opportune and interesting sub ject of "" The Last Passover," considering par ticularly the question "Did our Lord eat of the Paschal Lamb on the night in which He was betrayed ?" Readers will find this paper a very in teresting study. The other articles, original and selected, are well written, while the miscellany correspondence, notes and summaries departments are unusually good. The Century for April is re plete with most interesting melange in the way of articles, with beautifully clear and vivid illus trations. The French Salons, Congo Fetishism, LeonardodaVinci, The Wordsworths and De Quincy -these, with some good stories, articles on Alaska and Panama of rare excellence, form the staple of the month's reading, and make an attrac tive number. Canada is a nicely printed and well edited monthly just entering the field, and "all alive" with the thoughts of the times. 50 quarto pp. per month for 50 cents per annum seems a liberal supply. From cover to cover the seems a liberal supply. From cover to cover the pages smack of Canada, and well justify the title.
Patriotism, Miramichi, Montcalm, Quebec, An Early History, The Canadian Elections, \&c.these titles tell the tale.

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## QUEBEC

Lennoxville.-Archdeacon Roe requests us to say that his resignation of his Professorship in Bishop's College has nothing to do with age. The Archdeacon has since accepted an appointment under the Quebec Diocesan Board of Missions, which will enable him to give his whole time to the work which he has hither to been doing as Archdeacon.

Dudswell.-The Rev. R. W. Colston, M.A., lately in charge of the mission at Ascot and Westbury, has been appointed to this mission in succession to the Rev. T. A. Williams, now of St. Matthew's, Quebec.

Richmond.-A branch of the'St. Andrew's Brother hood has been organized in the parish of St. Anne's Richmond, the Rev. J. Hepburn, M.A., rector, and is in a prosperous condition.
 report to the Church Society of the thooese for the
year 1890, which is as follows : "haring the year have kept up the work begun in the early part of 1889, and visited the mission ouce a month, preach. ing a twelve days mission ou we returu of the
Indians in June from their long winter's trapping. The bulk of the Indians are trappers, and are away from the Reserve during the win er months, but ew have taken up farmung. These, with the rag during the wiuter. I am anxious to make thit statement, as an idea prevails that 1 am ou duty at Lake St. John during the summer only. My work at this place naturally takes up zonsiderable time quires arge amount of and arecial missiou more than a fortnight. Thus something more than a fourth of the year was taken with this work, and the number of miles travelled in conuection with it 7,400. I have officiated here at 51 services, at 24 o which were celebrations of the Holy Communiou With but one or two exceptions all who are commu nicants communicated at every celebratiou. The A. Wilson, agent of the Hudson's Bay Post at Pointe Blue. The little church mentioned in last year's report as about to be erected is still unbuilt. It wa found that its construction, owing to distance, and difficulties of transporting lumber, and other causes, would far exceed the estimate we had put upon the work. We were consequently obliged to a wait the result of renewed appeals before proceeding with in ${ }_{H}$ ery beautiful plans were kindy presenternall soo be able to or Quebec, and wemope which the church will be ready for consecration the beginning of July. Subscriptions have been received to the amount of $\$ 1,050$. As the church will cost $\$ 1,300$ when completed and furnished, we require $\$ 2.50$ still, and money is difficult to raise. But we have strong hopes that this sum will be forthcoming. A printed statement of accounts will be sent to all the sub scribers as soon as the work is well in hand Among the gifts to the Indian Church are the follow ing, and for which we are deeply gratified: A very chaste set of silver altar vessels, altar-linen, and cassock and surplice, from the Guild of St. Mat thew's church, Quebec : a beautiful red altar choth, altar linen and vestments, from the kilburn Sister of London, England ; a carpet for the kneeling step from Mrs. John Hamilton, Quebec ; and two alms bags from Rev. G. H. Parker, Compton, P. Q. The Indian student mentioned in the last Church Societ I was reluctantly compelled to return to his friends. owing to the limited time now at my disposal, and chiefly for lack of funds to meet necessary expenses. This year there were a few more Church Indians a the Lake than I bad seen before. They informed me that several families from Lake Mistassim intend to make their future headquarters at Lake St. John. Should our numbers be considerably increased, we shall not regret the foresight which led us to mak the seating capacity of the church greater than our present requirements demand. At the risk of taking too much valuable space, I should like to draw attention to a few points which bear directly upon the prevailiug idea that Indians are generally an unsympathetic people, and that they care for none but themselves. Whenever indians have not been spoilt by contact with white men, they consider themselves under a most solemn obligation to assist in any way in their power every one needing their help. I have had many occasions for noticing this trait, especially with regard to their treatment of children. Thus every Indian evinces the utmos concern over the little troubles of the youngest child quite as much as if the child were his own. Fre quently a delicate child is left at headquarters dur ing the winter, any Indian taking charge of it as a matter of course, and treating it exactly as he treats his own. It is no uncommon thing to come across Indians who have reared whole families of orphan children, who have no claim upon them except that of their common humanity. Old Pas-che-Ka Napish, the guide to Lake Mista ssim, is an instanc of this: Neither theold man nor his good natured wif are by any means models I should care to hold up for imitation, but in this one respect they are cer tainly worthy of honour, for they have taken charge of no less than a dozen orphan children itting them for the requirements of their simple anner of life, and I believe, in every case, havin them sufficiently instructed in the Cree longuage, o the Moose dialect, to read their Bibles and Prayer books. This is by no means an unusual case. rench half-breed was pointed out to me last sum ner who had reared ten orphans, and it is a conmon thing to see people in charge of a smaller number And yet these people who have voluntarily turned thei lodges into orphan asylums are utterly tnconsciou
that their action in this respect is deserving of any Npecial commendation. Last summer, I noticed any bright little hoy of 10 or 12 years, who had been
brought fom Lake Mistassim to Rupert's House Thinht fom lake Mistasim to Rupert's House wherever he went. As Indian wouen be carried burdens when ont trapping with their husbands and households. I anked her if whe intended to leave her boy at the post during the winter. To my sur hor back wherover she went. Indeod the Indian mothers are quite accuntomed to carry th ir childre in this way. All the Church children born at Lake st. John during thirty years were regularly carried on their mother's backs to one of the mission st tions in the diocese of Moosonee for Holy Baptism, trip of not loss than n00 miles. It is painful to say that last winter, owing to the prevalence of the influ enza, and other causes, many of the Indians suffered from want, a few cases amounting to actual starve tion. I cannot refrain from mentioning one case Which was related to the last summer. Among hose confirmed a year and a half since, there was a niddle aged woman whose husband was absent, Rug been sent from the Pont at Lake Mistassim eptember they started for the winter quarters, all went well until January, when the family, consisting of father, mother, and their dozen year old son, were ttacked by the prevailing influenza. To make hat famine stared them in the face. Ncarcity of game een in their net for many days, nor a beaver in one of their traps. In this sad plight they were refuced to the common expedient of eating the skins hey had prepared, and a quantity of choice fur was peedily destroyed. One morning the Indian esolved to make one further effort on behalf of his wife and child, and although tho ill and weak to do therwise than crawl over the snow. As he did not eturn during the day or succeeding night, the foman made preparatoons for following his trail; eaving the boy in the cabin she net ew hours, came upon his dead body. He had used all his powder, probably in attempes to attract his wife's attention. Instantly the sorely troubled oman retraced her steps. Arriving at her lodge, se clasped her boy to her arms, and for a moment ave way to feelings of despair. But this was no ime for despondency, and she prepared for immeiate action. After one short but intensely earnest rayer to the crod of the widow and the fatheriess, he paid one final visit to her net and traps. To her arprise a large trout was safely snared, and a fat eaver was caught in the nearest trap. Leaving the body of her husband in the camp, they set out after few hours preparation, and painfully and laborousy made their way to the nearest trappers. It was utensely cold, probably 50 degrees below zero, when hey arrived. Taking the boy for their guide, some ndians started immediately in light marching order fter the body, and although they travelled over the hard crust, yet it was not until after a march of ten ays that they reached it. Incidents of the nature of hese I have attempted to relate, probably give a air idea of the Indians at this station. It is indeed ad and very humiliating to reflect that we have not earched out these people before this late day. May the mission church we are striving to build not lanuish for want of funds to complete it, thus adding to our humiliation.

C'hurch Society.-Edwin Pope, Esq., superintendent of the G.N.W. Tel. Co. at Quebec, has been appoined Treasurer of the Church Society and the Clergy Trust Fund, in succession to his brother, the late Alex. Pope, Esq.

## MONTREAL

Montreal.- S', George's.--Presentution.-On Easter morning, an agreeable surprise awaited Rev. L. N. Tucker, in the vestry of this church. Mrs. F. Bond, Mrs. Justice Davidson and other ladies of the congregation, had left for him a cassock of the finest material, a university hood, and two surplicees. "Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness."

Trinity Sundary School Festival.-A very pleasant time was spent on Thursday, 9th inst., on the occasion of the annual festival of Trinity church Sunday chool. The rector, Rev. Canon Mills, presided fter being regaled with good things, such as ioe cream, cakes, dc., the members and friends were ontertained by an exhibition of very fine stereopticon views, through the kindness of J. T. Hagar, Esq.

Montreal Junction.-The Uhurch of England is o be congratulated on their judicious choice of a site for a church and school house at Montreal Junction. It is proposed to build the school house immediately, and to use it for educational and
churoh shall have been erected. The lot conveyed by Mrs. Howell and Mr. D. S. Leach as a gift to
the bisbop of the diocese, is sufficiently large to the bisbop of the diocose, is sufficiently large to
admit of the construction of a school house, aud a church of the size of St. James the Apostle is beautifully situated on the high land overlooking the
Ipper Lachine Road, and is easy of access from all Upper Lachine Road, and is easy of access from all
parts of the Junction. It is believed that a resident clergyman will be appointed forthwith

Iude's.-The Rev. (i. Osborne Troop preached in St. Jude's church last Sunday evening. He pre laced his sermon with some remarks on free seals. h. Jude's church and that the seats were made in . Judes church and that the seats were to be free, Jude's his expression of congratulation. He always felt strongly on the subject of free seats. He went ro far as to feel that the system of renting pews was as wrong as free seats was right. He might be as wrong as free seats was right. He might be
allowed to express himself so emphatically as it was not merely from sentiments, but from happy experi nnce. This experience embraced one year at St . Martin's, where the income of the church for the year just closed exceeded that of the former year
(when the renting system was in vogue) by $\$ 850$, bewhen the renting system was in vogue) by 8800 , besides being able to pay 82,000 wawards the reduction ly poor district in St. John, N. B., with the free sea y poor district in enjoyed the greatest blessings, and system he had enjoyed the greatest blessings, and feal themselves absolved from church support by the fenl themselves absolved from church support by the
introduction of free seats. They would be wronging inemselves to lessen their gifts. The great blessing this system had was that the poor man who gave his this system had was that the poor man who gave his
five cents was in every sense equal to that fellowship with the rich man who gave a dollar or more out of his fulness. The church member ceases simply paying for his pew or seat, and begins to contribute to the maintenance of God's house. The free seal step was going forward. In Toronto there were ten free churches and others that were free in the even ing. In many other places the movement was tak ing root. He would always pray for the continued and increasing furtherance of this blessed work

## ONTARIO.

Eganvilele.-The Rev. Charles Saddington, of the diocese of Newfoundland, was inducted by the rura dean to the charge of this mission on the 9th April The Rev. Mr. Robinson has removed to Combermere after a short incumbency here, where he has made very many friends. This mission has been lately re-organized, and the work so apportioned that it is expected the congregations connected with Eganville
will be greatly benefited, while the settlers in dis will be greatly benefited, while the settlers in dis lant outstations will be provided for from anoth quarter. Heretofore Mr. Robinson has been doing the work of three men.

Petanawa Mission-The progress made in this mission since last Easter is very gratifying. The attendance at the several Good Friday services in different parts of the mission doubled that of last year, and on Easter Day the congregations were very much larger. The number of communicants slightly exceeded former years. At the Easter vestry meet ings the financial report showed that during the year there had been contributed in the mission $\$ 1,023.97$, an increase of $\$ 567$ over the previous year. Of this sum $\$ 264$ was for priest's stipend, $\$ 62$ special collections, and the remainder expended in church property. It was decided that a larger sum must be raised this year for stipend, and the wardens were requested to make special exertions in this direction. The property about the mission house has been much improved, out buildings have been erected and the land cleared, stumped, and five acres fenced. As two years ago it was all a green bush without any buildings, it will be seen something has been done, though a great deal remains to be done. At St. George's church, 18 miles from All Saints', a new fence has been erected, and it is proposed this year to put in a stone foundation, clapboard the building and add perch and vestry. One new church is being proceeded with, six miles from headquarters, and will be ready for use about July, and another will, it is hoped, be commenced eleven miles from headquarters, though in opposite direction, soon as seed time is over. This, however, depends largely on the contributions forwarded us between now and then. At present there are six fully organized congregations having regular Sunday services, while but wo of them have churches. Mr. Bliss counts on receiving sufficient support to enable him to carry out the work proposed this year.

## TORONTO.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will (D.V.) hold his ext general Ordination on Sunday, June 28th. All candidates will please-apply to the examining chap.
lain, the Rev. A. J. Broughall, 99 Bellevue Avenue for copies of the Siquis and Letters Testimonial

St. Watthias Women's Auxiliary recently had a
gathering of about 200 of their adherents and friends gathering of about 200 of their adherents and friends Dirty Old Book." The eloquent and versatile Profes. sor handled his subject in his usual graceful and felicitous manner, cutely unravelling the mystery of in morals, patriotism and religion. The audience was evideutly thoroughly well pleased. The clergy was evideutly thoroughly well pleased. The clergy
have reason to congratulate themselves on the activity and usefulness of the lay element, both male and female, and the large attendance which has and female, and the large attendance which has past year-a very trying one in so poor a parish. continues to improve. It is hoped he may Earope) parish a flying visit this year.

St. Maryaret's.-Confirmation service was held
last Thursday evening in this church, at which 48 candidates were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. A few impressive words from his lord ship strongly urged them to fulfil the obligations which they had taken and to carry them into practice during their everyday life.

St. Peter's.-The Church of England Sunday school Association held its regular monthly meeting in the school house last Thursday evening, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy in the chair. In the absence of Rev. Provost Body, who was announced to lecture Rev. E C ind and instructive address was given by Rev. E. C. Cayley, M.A., upon " The Reformation which several city clergymen present took part.

Cirace Church.-The adjourned meeting of the vestry was held last Monday evening in the school room on Elm street, the rector, Rev. J. P. Lewis, presiding. The churchwardens' financial report howing the year's receipts to be $\$ 5,170$, was read and adopted. The principal item therein was the xpenditure of $\$ 1,200$ upon improvements to the interior of the edifice, improvements which had greatly added to the appearance and comfort of the building. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :-Rector's warden, Mr. Baldwin Jackes; people's warden, Mr. H. C. Fortier ; sides nen, Messrs. John Irwin, T. R. Clougher, A. F Wallis, P. G. Godard, H. A. Taylor, C. H. Hubbard H.A. Knowles, Capt. F. F. Manley and Dr. Nesbitt ashers, Messrs. Geo. Waddell, G. G. Webster, Shortt, George Taunt, P. G. Godard and J. H. Wil liams; delegates to the Synod, Messrs. Thomas Kennedy, jr., Robt. Birmingham and John S. Bar ber. A report was presented upon the seating sys em in the church, showing that a welve mont rial of the free seat system had resulv harge congregations and syw in every way an improvement on the pew rent sys em previously in use. It was therefore nani y resolved to abolish pew rents and add Grace Church to the increasing Hers arcient in My. A in then Modern in place of the He was Execul commitlee, wis pore the the er. Hearty hood Shepherd the Sewing Societp and the Sundey tood school, for their faithful work in the past year, and a very warm tribute was paid to the untiring
labours of the rector and his assistant, Rev. C. O. Kemp.

Brampton.-Ohrist Ohuroh.-The adjourned Easter meeting on Monday night took place, and it was a very short one. Ahe the Choir Sunday sohool Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, the Chorr, and young peoper's and the meeting closed.

Shanty Bay.-Easter Vestry Meeting.-The wardens' report showed an increase of \$777.32, including receipts on stipend, and on church repairs; the expenditure, everything paid up, is about equivalent. The out going wardens and sidesmen, Messrs. $G$. Raikes, Polk, H. Goode, W. Goulter, G. Brooks, were re-appointed. It is proposed to expind five or six hundred dollars on improvements on the parsonage It was decided on the motion of Col. O'Brien, M.P. to prepare the incumbent's garden, as a feature in the reception on his returning home. At East Oro the report on the 13th inst. showed receipts amount ing to $\$ 212.48$, with an expenditure about equivalen leaving the balance of thirty dollars on hand las year untouched. The outgoing wardens, Messrs. H Crawford and J. Shaw, were re-appointed, and they
parsonage repairs, in case the improvements be decided on, and also about a picnic, on a grand scale, which it is proposed to hold at the parsonage grounds early in Jane, both as a welcome to the incumbent on his returning home, and to start the aforesaid funds. At after meetings Messrs. G. Raikes, W.
Wiggins, and H. Crawford were re-appointed deleWiggins, and H .
gates to Synod.

## NIAGARA.

Grimsby.-The members of St. Mary's Guild, Grimsby, Ont., met on the afternoon of March 31st, 1891, at the bouse of Mr.G.S. Morphy, to take a final farewell of their President, Mrs. Edgelow. When all had assembled, the Vice-President, Mrs. Morphy, read an address, and presented to Mrs. Edgelow on behalf of St. Mary's Guild a beautiful gold watch, suitably engraved, as an expression of their love and
esteem for her, and wishing her every blessing in esteem for her, and wishing her every blessing in
her future sphere of work. Mrs. Edgelow, who was her future sphere of work. Mrs. Edgelow, who was completely surprised at receiving this valuable proot of their kind esteem and affection, made a suitable Morphy's hospitality, they dispersed to their differ. Morphy's

Orangeville.-On Easter the services in this church were bright, as usual, and well attended. The offertory was more than twice as much as on any previous Easter. The children of the Sunday school, as has been the custom for many years past, visited the jail and sang a number of very sweet and beautiful carols and left a quantity of fruit and cakes or prisoners, most of whom are paupers. In the vening a children's service was and an im ense congregation attended. On Monday the gular vestry meeting was held, and the church warden's report showed a very satisfact.

Bullock's Corners.-Christ Church.-The annual vestry meeting of the above church was held on Monday, April 13th, 1891, at 8 p.m. Mr. C. S Basse, reader in charge of the mission acted as chairman. Under the able managemen of Mr. Fred. Thornton, a decided improvement has taken place in the church finances. Mr. J. Morde was appointed incumbent's churchwarden, Mr. Fred Thornton continuing in office as people's church warden. It was unamimously decided that the free pew-rent system started during the past year be continued. This system was started during the ncumbency of Rev. W. Revan. The deficiency in the church finances resulting from the pews being free is met by voluntary subscriptions, the present system for the first year showing a balance of $\$ 96.48$ over and above the amount received when he pews were rented. The meeting closed with prayer at $10.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Beamsville.-St. Alban's.-On Good Friday, for the first time in the history of the village, divine service, consisting of the an full sermon, was celebressed sacrament at 11.30 ' $\mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. was the only service, the incumbent having to celebrate at Smithville, and to return thither for evensong. The music was well rendered. The services were hearty as usual, and not the least pleasing feature was the presence of many nonconformists, some being members of other religious bodies ; all of them remained until the close of the service. On the evening of Laster Monday the usual vestry meeting was held, at which the church officers of the preceding year were re-arpointed, with the exception of the vestry clerk, Mr. D. F. H. Wikins receiving that office. It should be added that the re-table was beautifully decorated with Bermuda lilies and other plants for the Easter service ; also that at the vestry meeting, the best of feeling prevailed. Laus Deo.

## HURON.

Sarnia.-The annual vestry meeting was held in St. George's school house on Easter Monday. The warden's report showed that the total income of the parish for the year was $\$ 4,711$. After paying all current expenses they had a balance on hand of $\$ 135$. The church debt was reduced by about $\$ 1000$, and the consolidated debt now amounts to $\$ 6,032$ on a property valued at $\$ 32,000$. Messrs. R. S. Gurd
and A. C. Clark were re-elected wardens; Messrs. A. and A. C. Clark were re-elected wardens; Messrs. A.
C. Clark and Robt. MacAdams were elected delegates C. Clark and Robt. MacAdams were elected delegates
to Synod. The Sarnia branch of the W. M. A. S. to Synod. The Sarnia branch of the W. M. A. S. had a social gathering on Tuesday evening, Apri 7th, at which some useful and fancy articles were
for sale. The net proceeds amounted to $\$ 55$.

ALGOMA.
Mrs. Sullivan desires to acknowledge with very

Silver Cross Circle, Cornwall, of one box of clothing one bale of linen for the proposed hospital at the Sound district, one barrel of wearing apparel.

Broadrent.-Mr. Arthur Cobb desires to acknow ledge the receipt of copies of Canapian Churchmas
and other papers from Mrs. Wheeler, Ottawa, late of Collingwood; a large and regular supply of monthlies from Rev. L. H. Kirby, Collingwood. Mrs. Grant Old Rectory, St.Albans, England, and Miss Magrath also some useful books, the gift of a lady in England The infers of Church pred ther illustrated paper numbers of Church and other illustrate paper great. All such will be gratefully received by Mr. Cobb, Inholmes, Parry Sound district.

Canadian Indian Research and Airs Socrety.-The annual meeting of the C. I. R. A. S. and the Indian Conference, which were to have taken place in To onto on the 14th and 15th of May, have been post poned till Sentember. The local committee o was then decided that, September being Exhibition month, and travelling rates much more reasonable in consequence; also Indians being better able to leav their farms than in May, it would be a far better and more convenient time for holding both the annual meeting and the Conference.

## RUPERT'S LAND

Holland.-The Easter Day service was well at tended. The musical portion of the service, under the charge of Mrs. Dransfield, was excellent. Thirty took Holy Communion. The Rev. H. T. Leslie, B. A., preached the sermon. Offertory for widows an he direction Easter Monday, the choir, unde evening. Mr. Mrs. Dransfield, gave a mu Garriot sang with "The Kelpie's Bride" and "The Song of the Bell. Mrs. Dransfield sang " Strangers yet." Duets were sung by Miss Cummings and Mrs. Dransfield, and Miss Garriot and Mrs. Dransfield. The choir sang May Day," "Come, Dorothy, Come," and "Good Nem in the Crown", the solo was sung by our mis. Gem in the Crown"; the solo was sung by our mis-
sionary, Mr. Dransfield. Messrs. Fletcher, Burnell Hall, Charters and Longmore sang in good style. Proceeds for the purchase of chant books.

## British and oraing.

## Mission Notes.

China.-There are in China about 1,700 walled cities, with walls from 20 to 50 feet high and 10 to 15 feet thick, faced with solid masonry of brick or hewn stone. Of these 18 are provincial capitals, containing from several hundred thousand to a million inhabitants each. After these come the 50,000 to several hundred province, containing from the Hiln cities, about eight in each each; and lastly tens of thousands each. The Spirit of Missions say that if the 1,000 new missionaries asked for conference at Shanghai were sent, there would not conerence at shanghai were sent, there would no unprovided. We are also informed that some of the strongest churches in China have been founded by Chinamen who have been converted to Chris tianity while living in California. In four or five cities evangelistic enterprises are provided for by Chinamen. The Rev. F. L. Hawke Pott, of St. John's College, Shanghai, sends to the Spirit of Missions an interesting report of the examination of Chinese students and boys, conducted by the Rev H. C. Hodges, of the cathedral. At the closing ex ercises, Feb. 3rd, the Bishop presided. The Rev Messrs. Hodges and Morrison (chaplain U. S. S. S and Yen, of the missi. The Rev. Messrs. Thomson the Bishop presented young men who have completed the yoang' course and passed an the the regular four years course and passed an examination in al
studies, averaging 75 per cent. of total marks. of the young men, Pan-nion Tsu, will teach the beginners in English next year, and the the Tung-to Woo, will go on as a post graduate takin higher branches and perfecting his English and Chinese. The boys were examined in many branches and Mr. Hodges considers the result of the examina tions very gratifying. He further says: "The firs class passed remarkably well in physiology, natura history, as well as in geometry, all the boys being able to go through the problems of Euclid, and that gave evidence of careful training and more tha ordinary intelligence." Mr. James Pott, who lately visited Shanghai, speaks very highly of the Rev. Mr
holds a very prominent position among native c'liris tians- "a man among men." His church and worh are in the American Compound in Shanghan the the natives there, that they feel no need of Christian truths, they have no conception of God, and no iden of personal responsibility; they devire no change, and prefer to live and die as their fathers have lived and died. In order to break down the barriers of sus picion and indifterence now existing. Mr. Fort a sisted him in introducing a methor a chi operachob like that of St. Bartholonew's, now consisting of 500 members. The Rer. J. B. N Smith estimate the mumbers. The Rer. J. S. N. About $100,(1000$, whom t0,000 are said to be full communicants in the various religious bodies.

Hannow. - Since the branch of the Auxiliary in it. Bartholomew's Parish, New York, gave $\$ 0,0$ (on)
or parish buildings in Hankow, $\$ 3,500$ have been for parish buildings in Hankow, 83,500 have been collected for a church which this sum, and the church
Bishop Booce has borrowed this Bishop Booce has borrowed this sum, and the church
is now being built. The Rev. Mr. Locke is erecting now being buit. The Rev. M. A a heredit hospital, and Mrs. Hadley, a lady connected wit neededychurch, hospital and clergy houss, is very con-
veniently situated for missionary work. Mr. Locke writes: The hospital was to be finished in a month, and the church in July. He says the mission is nd the church in July. He says the ners work is already begun by a new Bible woman. On the Second Sunday in Advent 75 persons were baptized, of whom 25 were women. Of these candidates. whom it took four hours to examine, he says only three were unable to say the Creed and Lord's Prayer, and answer general questions on the Bible and the Church. An interesting candidate was a child three years old, who came from a village 20 miles away with his father, and who not only recited the Creed and Lord's Prayer, but explained them correctly, and another was one who was stone deal.
who came from reading the gospel story of the deaf who came
and blind.

## Conrespmudente.

All Letters containing pertonal allusions will appear over We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.
R.-If any one has a good thought, or a (hristian sent,
ment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to
the church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their

## Lay Help Wanted.

Sir,-May I ask the following through the Cana. dian Churchman? I am thinking of taking up a There is back woods mission, and in a peculuar way roughly furnished: I can give a salary of $\$ 100$ to layman who seeks Holy Orders, and can instruct him for his examination. He need be strong and able to walk. I propose to live in the house, and we musi "do for ourselves, keeping no servant; washing we would put out. Keep one horse, which we would take our turn at caring for. Sundays we should work at the several stations and be apart. Week days we would drive to the various neighborboods to be visited, see the people separately, meet in the evening, go home. Having cleared up this work for a period, take a day at home to rest and read, or do a little in the vicinity, and so on, arraaging all this the style of man who Ma wound on mind not Low Church, no mon on whether he could be cheerful under the circum stances, and take bis chare of under the circum. We shall need to divide the offices of cook and housemaid between us pleasantly

A Missiơn Priest.

## The Cottage Hospital for Springhill Mines.

Sir,--I very gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following offerings for the Cottage Hospita Rev. F. L. Spencer, Thorold, 89.00 ; Rev. E. H Ball, Easter offerings, Tangin, $\$ 15.00 ;$ Rev. G. M
Cox, $\$ 6.00$ Rev. J. M. C. Wade offertory Aylesford and Berwick, $\$ 13.00$; Miss Alice A Webb from St. Peter's Band of Hope, P. E. I., \$21.25: Rev T. B. Reagh, offertory from Milton, P. E. I., $\$ 9.40$ Rev. G. D. Harris, offertory from La Have, $\$ 6.00$ W. Tapfield, per Rev. Geo. Nicholls, $\$ 2.00$; Rev. A T. Brown, $\$ 1.00$; Mrs. Stewart, Linwood, $\$ 1.00$ J. Farncomb, Newcastle, $\$ 10,00$; Rev. W. T. Hill Holy Week offerings, 817.63 ; a friend, Montreal 81.00 ; Rev. Henry Plaisted, offerings, $\$ 3.00$; Rev
 Offeringe from offeriugs from is Barnabas Simday ichool 10.00: Rev. Houry J. Akehurnt, l'alm Sunday offering. Qui Apelle. 818.00; per Canon Omler, 86.00
Total 8152.24 Anount already acknowledged \$27ibi.00. Fill what, \$42m,20. Amount required $84,0000.00$.
We have been deeply touched by the woble offer og from the sit. Peter's. P'. Fe. I., Band of Hope. The ospiration to we we trust that many of and brethren to whou diod has given much .. so richly to enjoy," will send substantial sympathy and sue our to men who suffer frightfully when mining a vidents occur

## Springhill Mines, Nova Scotia, Aprila.

## Responding

Sir,-The Rev. Mr. Henderson complains in your ast issue of the poor and feeble responding in many churches, and that in some churches many do not but this neglect on the part of the people to rain. sot so wide spread as it used to be young are now being better taught than were their athers in this respect. still there are some old ashioted congregations in which the parson-and clerk duet seems to be cherisbed. The writer had the pleasure of breaking up this little monopoly in a certain church of which he was Incumbent. It was his fate to have to drill his own choir in the hymns and chants, and as there had been no congregational singing to speak of, it occurred to him that it would be a good thing to invite the whole congregation to the choir practice. This be did with cheering results. The villagers and others at a little distance came; their singing was attended to just as though they had been members of the choir. All became greatly interested in the music. It then occurred to him that it would be a good opportunity to teach them how to respond; 1 nblic appeal had been of no avail. The majority were timid and afraid of hearing their own voices in church; but learning to sing helped to wear this fear away, and it was not so easy to get them to respondasical practice was over sing. .Wow, aler has over parts the through, and all were required to make the responses in the same tone and with the same degree of loudness that was customary with the clergyman. The choir, accustomed to musical di rections, were first addressed and took the lead; then the congregation were asked to respond exactly in the same way, and the writer went round among th people and insisted that every timid voice should come out boldly like that of the choir, and after some coaxing it did, in every case. It did not re quire many practices of this kind when they saw the effect. The responding was ever afterward kept up by the whole congregation in splendid style. without any more effort on the part of

Clericus.

## The Church's Progress.

## ngivg in church

Sir,- The musical parts of our services have, like responding by the congregation, much to do with giving life and warmth to our acts of worship, and consequently also in aiding the progress of the Church towards numerical strength and more vital godiness. Praise is the principal duty for which we come together in the church; it should therefore be regarded as an especially important part of every clergyman's work to see to it that his congregation especialy in in praise. Those who are out much, duty is neglected. The places, know how much tri bute to God triect The few join in giving this in uality as it is in ot a sufficient knowledge. If the clergyman uide his peoplt ainly lacking in a qualification that is of immensely ore practical value qualincation that is of ime Church han his attainments in Trigonometry or the Differntial Calculus are
In those places where the music is altogether un. der the control of an efficient or inefficient choir naster, and the singing is limited to a chosen fewend - bor the inapprop the sermons the ad hymns for the seasons and the sermiver, congregations are often deprived of the privilege od. After many years experience in parish work, I can say that the people generally feel most interest in the services in which they take their part. Would $t$ not then be well for the clergy to keep entire control of the selection of hymns and music on all occasions, and see that generally the music is simple, easily sung by an ordinary or even a poor voioe.

April 23rd, 1891.

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The Increasing Responsibilities of the Church in Canada.

Sir, By this is meant, the increasing responsi
bilities of the Anglican Church towards the vast number of Indians throughout the Dominion of Can and also towards those who have been brought out of that darkness into the glorious light of the Crospel
of Christ, but who still need the free administration of the Church.
The Church Missionary Society in Fingland, which
has hitherto chiefly carried on the noble work of Christianizing the Indian ducing its grants, in accordance with a resolution passed to gradually withdraw, and leave the work to to take up more needed work in other parts of the world. But will the Church in Canada rise up in a the plenitude of her possessed right to
charge these increasing responsibilities
We have at present our Domestic and Foreign Mission Society wisely and well organized, and also the Women's Auxiliary, which are working ener more is needed to meet the increasing responsibili. ties of the Church, than supplementing the efforts of the Church Missionary Society by contributing annually a few thousands of dollars in money, large quantities of clothing, and in the education of a few children of the missionaries. The sons and daughters of the Church must prepare to undertake the whole grand enterprise of missionary work duty is co-extensive with its magnitude, and not limited to any particular diocese. The idea of the confederators of all the ecclesiastical provinces in de Dominion with one general and supreme Synod is a grand one, and its accomplishment is absolutely charge of her great responsibilities. The general synod will soon be established with powers to deal with such matters as involve the interests oi the Church as a whole united Church, and which can Church as a whole united Church, and which can only be d
It will come within its province to make provision or and meet the needs of the whole vast mission ield in Canada, including, of course, the appointment and support of missionaries in active service and nd they are superannuated; provision for widows hildrenans, and for the educa on a plan like that of the Church Missionary Society in England, or any ther which may commend itself to the Synod.
The London Branch of the W.L.M.A. in the diocese f Huron has taken much deep interest in some of these matters, and has discussed them warmly, but t would be more advisable to commit them with confidence to the wisdom and direction of the general Synods

Foreign Missions or Missions to the Heathen.
Sir,-In the issue of the Canadian Churchman of 26 th ultimo, on the front page, there is a paragraph which drew my attention, viz., "A missionary publi is ' tolerably well supplied with missionaries.'" On this, the paragraph goes on to aver that, notwith standing this tolerable supply, on the average there is only one missionary to every half million in Africa and in Asia. No one, I am certain, will controvert this assertion. It is but too true. It is a well known fact that the heathen are many, and the missionaries are few in number. The naturat inference then is, that more missionaries are needed in the mission field. In the first place, to use the language of sacred writ, the mission field is " white already fo the harvest." It was " white " in the time of Christ, surely it must be " white " in the present day; and secondly, if it is not, it should be, it ought to be, it must be, the burden of the Church of Christ to send out labourers it has bisning ary religion, it has been so from the very beginning and it can not be less than that to-day. $h$ he chelf, and to the rest of the world, to send out labourers into the harvest field.
In considering the paucity or multiplicity, the sufficiency or insufficiency of missionaries in the mis sion field, grave and solemn thoughts suggest themselves. On the one hand, there is a self-satisfaction
that all that is necessary in this great and all ingport
ant department of Christian work is being done,
and that there is no absolute necessity to do more,
secing that Africa is "hlerably well supplied with
miswionaries." Considering, however, on the other
Chand, the vast remources at the command of the
Church, and the vast amount of labour yet to be
acomplished for the reclamation of the heathen, so
that " the kingdome of this earth may soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ," the
work is How, owing to the paucity of workers. View
the matter from a comparativestandpoint, the efforts of the Church now, and the success which crowns
these efforts hardly deserve comparison with the
cfforts of the primitive Church and the success which lust bear with me patiently, and let me put the case oggest a solution to the problem. The missioraries
of the early Church, with the exception of St. Paul vere obscure and unlettered men. Yet, they went
orth on their missionary errand, as it were, with forth on their missionary errand, as it were, with
their lives in their hands, to preach the Gospel of the
Kingdom to argumentative and miracle loving Jews co subtle and versatile (ireeks, and also to stern, yet They belonged to no missionary societies, no com nittees, they had no collegiate training; yet how
wonderful their success. It may well be said of evolutionized the world; empires, kingdoms, an tribes were soon brought under the sway of the Gos pel. You say it was miraculous-yes, but don't leave
out faith, "and not holding their lives dear unto and all college trained men. They studied theology, hey learned science, and are acquainted with lan guages, at least Greek. Hebrew and Latin, beside course they are. Why is the work tardy and none course they are. Apostolically successful ? Studying the entire matter
from the New Testament point of view, the success of present day missionary effort is not successful! I shall be pleased, indeed for somebody to shed more light upon this subject
Oil Springs, Ont.

## The Itinerancy of the Clergy

Sir,-Most Churchmen will, I think, take emphatic exception to the assertion of Mr. John RansShe may not be advancing as rapidly as, in the estiShe may not be advancing as rapidy as, in the estimation of her more zealous members, she ought, but that an enforced periodical removal of the clergy would necessarily invigorate her life nor stimulate her to more rapid progress. That itinerancy is not the chief element of success, is clearly proven by the following facts, viz.: That Presbyterianism, without it, has admittedly attained a higher plane of influence, in work, wealth and wisdom, if not actual numerical strength, which latter is not always a test of success ; and that itinerancy is the condition most chafed at in the Methodist system, and the question of its abolition the subject of the most vital discussion in their conferences at the present time. The true causes of will be found plsewhere and are not in this country wirt in their elsewhere, They are not far to seek. First, in their services: They are less complex than those of the Prayer-book. It is easier listen, than to learn to "find the places" and take listen, than to learn to "find the places" and take an intelligent part in the pubic worship of our in their day and generation, take advantage of this inherent aversion to effort, to popularise their services. Another cause of their success is seen in their greater adaptability of method. They are fres to engage in any style of service suitable to local conditions, while the faithful clergyman is fettered and handicapped by the rigidity of the Church's system so much so that he has often to face the problem, " the success of my efforts or obedience to custom, which ?" The cords of his fidelity are strained to the very utmost, when he sees his oppor tunities slipping from his grasp, because of that very ough to seek success at the expense of a broken vow But But, chielly, thidual effort. The very raison-d'etre of their society is proselytism, and every Methodist who is considered by his confreres as worthy of the name, is constantly seeking to win over to his side some member of another Chuirch. Were our mem bers as energetic and persistent in seeking not only to keep, but also to gain new adherents, we should no more dream of calling in compulsory itinerancy to help us, than compulsory immersion or compul sory confessionals. The Methodist people range themselves along the line of advance, each with his bushel of coal, and as their locomotive speeds along each heaps his quota on the tender, shouts, "see how we go!"-the driver waving his cravat the while. But the charchs enge each stamped "suc
cession "; despite her polished bearings of culture
and education ; despite her triple staff of engineers and education; despite her triple staff of engineers;
and though the people love to be reflected in the and though the people love to be reflected in the
mirror of her pride, they , hesitate about the coal.
"Professional etiquette" oftentimes prevents the clergy seeking to win back to our own "" the mem. on the part of many of the laity also retards her progress, while the " isms," having no such scruples Lory in every convert they can gain. What we
need, sir, is not, in my opinion, itinerancy, but a
Prayer-book simplified and re-arranged; services of Prayer-book simplified and re-arranged; services of
greater flexibility of adjustment, and a membership more vigilant and active in the interests of their Church. And, while their is so great danger in meddling with the Prayer-book and services as to make many fear that the remedy might prove worse than the disease, yet, surely, in the third sugges tion we have already in our hands an element of
success at once immediate, safe and sure, and success at once immediate, safe and sure, and which, if generally adopted, would soon increase th numbers and efficiency of our Church. Itinerancy means more restraint, but what we need is not more liberty to expand.

## Durham, April 3, 1891

f. Burt.

Sir,-In your issue of 2nd inst., Mr. Ransford, writing on the above subject, touches a matter o weighty moment relative to the want of numerical rosperity in the Canadian Church, and he may not be far astray in thinking itinerancy of ministers to be one, if not the greatest cause of material succes and in.
There are, however, other factors tending to such results, and which ought to be taken into account one of which is the greater elasticity of the Metho dist system, its accommodating adaptablity to the level of the social, mental, and, I may add, moral conditions of the people whom it seeks to draw within its pale. It possesses a freedom from ancient canon law and multitudinous ecclesiastical rules imported by us from the mother-land, and capable still of being enforced, whether practically obsolete or not. Its ministers may baptize the children of homes, $n$ de the child the homes, and so get the parents with the children to join their ranks. They have been permitted to entertainments, concerts, etc., and in newly settled parts, when means and places of amusement are few, the youths of both sexes, without regard to the moral aspects of such profane custom, hail with delight the secular enjoyment so obtainable, and readily join an institution which under the guise of religion, the claims of which they are unable or indifferent to judge, but which caters to the sensual with a spice of the religions, and they sustain it with their material support, which in this age means power and influence, and the germane Methodist preacher of the pastand present generation knows the practical utility of these elements of denominational influence, in my opinion, far better than Anglicans do, or are willing to admit, and cares litile for the scriptural arguments, and far less for the precedents of Church history to the contrary. And so, whilst the Anglican Crurch on the other side of the road fane use, its young people have been drawn by the thousands to the meeting house, and have ultimately carried with them the easy-going parents, many of whom probably never studied the essential prinei ples which differentiate between the true Church and a merely human social and partly religions institution, but the Church has been nevertheless depleted of its members and financial resources, be the means never so unholy. But again, would the introduction of the itinerant character, even if the vested rights and selfishness of the rich rectors as sine qua non could, in the first place, be reconciled to such a plan, achieve for the Anglican Church, under its present regime of preparation for orders, the same or an approximate success? In the early his tory of this country, the illiterate youth with less years on probation; during which period he was com years on probation, during which period he was com pelled to remain unmarried, and was generaily transferred annually to different circuits, under the body. Such youths, obtainable by the thousand were usually seduced from simple-minded rural An glican families-the pride of such youths and their families flattered by the prospect of the former be coming preachers in full connection, with no expense, and as good living, if not better, during the interval than at home. Those youths, under the lynx-eyed superintendent of circuit, exercised a power in the interests of the sect, socially, and wholly irespecmple of real spirituality, among the families of simpie minded and rustic Anglicans, and in many instances and is to-day, as regards its attracting force, by no means unimportant. The young preacher, for such
he was called -clad in semi clerical garb, continually itinerating on saddle, glib of tongue as iguorance could make hum, onf a many he met. his boldness the only compensating difference-would present himself at the doors of An-
glican families as Rer. Mr. so and so. Invited in, glican families as Rev. Mr. so and so. Invited in,
he would use his well conved and memorised senten. he would use his well conued and memorised senten-
ces as a make-believe for a purely extempore praver ces as a make -believe for a purely extempore prayer
coming direct and spontaneously from the heart. in a certain tone, interspersed with texts of scripture. a certain tone, interspersed with texts of scripture. for practical purposes. The next thing to be done for practical purposes. The next thing to the done
was to make his personality interesting to the young people, particularly of the opposite sex, who gener people, particularly of the opposte sex, who gener
ally carry the brothers and parents with them, and so families nunumbered have been drawn from the Church of their amcestors. Would the Anglican Church, in adopting itineracy, utilise such men and such means to secure membership and consequent influence? If not, could it by the merely nominal adoption of the form, without the carrying out of the system in catenso, still be able to cope with that body of Christians? And this question lies at the very threshold of the enquiry. Had the Church clergy been as numerous or as easily manufactured as the ubiquitons. Methodist preacher. the baneful leakage from the Church would have been easily stemmed, but oun clergyman was generally alone ou an area of terri-
tory occupied by from six to a dozen preachers of tory occupied Many other thoughts in this connection suggest themselves, which I must defer for the pre suggest themselves, whiche must defer for the pre-
sent, but would gladly refer to them later on.

## Indifference to Missions.

Sir,-In your admirable article upon "Iudifference to Missions " in your issue of 9th April, you make an earnest appeal to the laity to "put aside their unconcern or over-trustruness and to organize," so as to "obviate the necessity of the clergy making constant appeals. Which are harrowing to them, and often disappornted. whist it is putting the clergy themsel to force he fre ase poly in executing theirmin onght to be free to act solely in executing their min. read your well-timed article, and take its precepts to heart.
The Rurk, speaking of the great drain upon our elergy on account of secular affairs, says, "Begging, begging, begging, in some shape or other, directly or indirectly, from curate up to Bishop. It is this which exhausts mental vitality and drains out spirituality. If the laity but realised how they are daily robbing themselves of such precious spiritual gift as their ministers could, with God's favour and grace. communicate to them. they would entirely relieve the clergy of all secular anxieties. The minister ought neither to beg nor to give. He ought neither to be the mendicant friar nor the relieving officer." The Bishop of Algoma, in his admirable speech in London on and and not suffer the Mission laity to "Come forward and not suffer the Missionary Bishops and clergy of our church to have to leave unpecially set apart. and in which lies their truest pecially set apart, and in which thes their trest dicants for the funds which should be poured menwill offerings for mercies recelved into the treasury of the Lord. He told of vacant places waiting to be occupied, people willing to walk eight or ten miles to a church if only he could get one for them, to whom he must perforce reply, "No! alas! I have no funds. The results," he added, "are easy to foresee, a drifting away from the Church of their forefathers, and a drifting into a laxity and indifference which preludes spiritual death." From Bishop Ridley, of Metlakahtla, comes the following:
soleme call and a solemn answer.
You would be surprised to know how I am often distracted by the demands made on me to provide the means of grace for people. There are some white people who really are angry with me, and say I care not for their souls because I cannot send them a clergyman or go myself. I cannot send what I have not got, and as for going myself, I am always going myself, am forced to go! There is now beside me (I generally have company as I write my letters) an Indian chief from a distance of 250 miles. What has he come here for? To wring out of me a promise of sending to his tribe the Word of Life. I first said to him and those of our own people who introduced him, "Wait a fortnight and I will open my mouth." So I sent hither and thither to conwhat could be done. Here is what one writes :" am sorry you have asked me to open this mission because it is a very painful task to ask you not to lay this burden upon me. I see fully the necessity of accepting the invitation of the chief. A wise man would soon gather a united band of Christians
around him, but I feel I cannot have my fifteen an invitiug teld
Well, now. What am 1 to do?" Here is this clinef who seems to know that my answer will decide the question of eternal life for many of the souls he pleads for. I am wru asumder by the chams urgend
 the last judgment : Will he not way, "I offered you an open door. Souls clugg to you as I pleaden for them. You let them drop. see them fowh hy readers cond answer for me, an at the bold ven ure that would say. "(io home. Be of good chenr The (iospel shall be preached to your people. Your children shall be brought to Jesus for blessing and then trist to the Lord to provide. I contess have not that bold fath or assurauce. When this Indian chief is going back to his prople with their fate on his heart. I shall feel ashamed battled, heaten, disgraced. Time will perhaps blunt this hy longing and my seuse of failure, but it will not help these heathen with outstrethed hands towarn me. They cannot keep hemr sreched out, and hat then. Ais your fatt, your despising and re jectind., yw wher sits ing silocce this powerfultief acouve th Church of Jesunot allowing him and his people to turn their eyes down to the ground, and stagger back into the shadows that will grow blacker since hey looked out towards the light in new born hope. have done. We are disconntited. The Prince of Darkness wins this tribe offered to us by the C'rne fied One?-1: M. $\therefore$ g Gleuner. March, 1w91.
You speak of the possibility of the for come too-but meanwhile. let the sons, husbands and brothers of the members of the Women's Auxi liary make them and their organization the imme diate channel for their help to missions, and let no earnest member of our Women's Auxiliary Mission Association consider that "she hath done all she could " until she is made the happy mediun of se curing the co-operation and infusing zeal and in terest into the hearts, not only of the men of her own family, but into those of her friends and ac quaintance, to whom a word in season may be all, under God's blessing, which is needed to produce
both. Thanking you in advance for your courteotus both. Thanking you in advance for your courteous concessi
cation.

## London, Ont., April 1:

## The Appointment to Vacant Parishes.

Sir,-- You published last week in your columns the several resolutions passed by the Niagara Re parishes. Should said resolutions ints to vacant avorably by the Synod, there will be entertained urn over in the course usually pursued (theoreti. cally at all events) in (Ontario. Permit me in this letter to give your readers the various existing methods in this country, with their respective advan tages and disadvantages, as set forth in a paper re. ently writen by the Rev. Canon Henderson, Prin cipal Montreal Theological Diocesan College. In nother issue, with your permission, I shall say something about the systems in practice in the merican Church

## The Apponfment to Vacint Pabishem, by the Rev. Canon Henderson, D.D., Principal Montren

 Diocesan Collegr.The problem to be solved is a difficult one. This arises from the fact that there are so many interests involved, and it is not easy to harmonize them by any method which shall be entirely free from objecwith. The following are the various existing methods, with their respective advantages and disadvantages : -The disadvantages are
(a) The bishop has more than his due share of in fluence.
(b) There is not always a guarantee that it will be isely exercised
(r) He naturally paints the digcese with his own
(d) He is under no formal obligation to consult the parishioners.
lawful share in the work deprives the people of their wful share in the work.
than with the aid of the make a wise decision alone (g) with the aid of the people.
(g) An unwise appointment may hinder progress or years, and even eventually scatter the sheep. bishop, not themselves. (i) It is not the Apostolic method.
(1) It is almost an anomalous an if it wore vosted in the congreqation alone
The advantages are
The bishop has a betcer kuowledg" of the (h) He can more speedily and more thoroughly test the qualitications of a stranger.
a) The system excluden to a great extunt the in trigues of designing men, and mere adventurers. (i.) It effectually otops the praotice of canvassivg () It proventa the practice of preaching trial ner.
i) It recognizes the bishop's right to a share in the appointment in a practical way.
II. "hen the Patronage is rested in the conyregation
alume, the bishop merdy ratifying the choice. Disad. vantages:
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(h) The congregation alone is lowe likely (i.) The congregation alone is less likely th judge alone. There is greater liability that it wie bishop alone. There is greator linathy that wir be de. illustrations of this midht be adduced framo Mustrations of this might be sadta (1.) The congregation
body, is seldom able to apply a spiritual test, and, an a matter of fact, sel (d) It is not the Apostolic method

Advantages
They can ouly blame themselves in cane of mis Lake. When the liotrinaniele is ested in the hishopp and (14) Of this there are several modifications: some from among thowe nominated
(b) somen home nominated. bistiop selects from among those nominated. (a) Sometimes a standing Committee of Nomin ation is appointed annually, with the bishop as chairman ex.ethctw. Then, when a vacancy occurs an equal number, elected by the congregation of the racant parish. constitate, with the standing Conmittee of the Diocese, a Joint Committee for the Purpose

1) It is not pleasant to be nominated and re jected. The not pleasant to be nommated and $r$ may refuse to pominate thone
$1: 1$ The whom the congregation wish for
Advantages of No.
(1) The bishop is more likely to consider the nature and length of service of those in the diocese as constituting inter alia claims for promotion.
(2) Advantages under No. (I) apply here also.

Disadvantages of No. (b): 1) The bishop's prerogative may be practically unflifed, e.g., where two names are submitted, and one is not available ; or, when the bishop is obliged to select one of the two (on condition that they are objectional eligible), though both may be equall the bishop's choice by other means, such as attach. ing the number of votes to each name, or declining to accept his suggestions.
(e) See also under II.

I do not see any beyond the fact that they please themselves, which may be attended with either good or evil results to the Church at large.
Disadvantages of No. (os
Has it any?
Has it any? - yes. Canvassing the committee
Advantages of No. (c)
(1) It recognizes the right of all parties concerned. (2) It is more likely to lead to a harmonious re sult.
(3) It accords most closely with the Apostolic plan.

## Sotes and (Queries.

Sir,-Is it oustomary at the adjourned annual vestry meeting to read the minutes of the previou meeting, and have them adopted and confirmed?

Vestry.
Ans.-Yes. It should be the first order of busi meeting.
Sir,--How many form a quorum at a vestry
meeting? Member. Ans.- Three form a quorum, a mover
der and a chairman to put the resolution.

Sir,-Will you please explain meaning of " N or $M$ " in the answer to the question, "What is your name?" in the Catechism?
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meaning of the l'rlicion in Cliristian art".
Ans.-The
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own blood into them.

## Aundan arbool Kesson.

## 4th Sunday after Easter <br> April 26th, 1891

The ('refide in P'bidic Wohship.
('reed, so-called from its first word
believe." It is a very ancient custom publicly to rehearse the Articles of the Christian Faith. In England the Athanasian, as well as the Apostles' Creed, was used daily until 1549. The Creed, as Creed, was used daily until the Church's faith, was the symbol or watchword of the churchs faila, taught to those who were prepared for laptism.
They were and are (hee lidulismel (lifice) required They were, and are (isee liaptismet ", fice) required
to make public profession of their faith, before being admitted into the Church.
A very simple ('reed was used at first (Acts viii. 87). But heresies crept in, and made more exact detinitions necessary, and the three Creeds were composed as necessity arose. The Apostles' Creed may have been composed by the Apostles, and the may have been composed by are also very ancient. The custom of other two are also very anclent. The custom of
turning to the East, while repeating them, origiturning to the East, while repeating them, origi-
nated in very early times. In laptism it was usual nated in very early times. In laptism it was usual
to renounce the devil with the face towards the to renounce the devil with the face towards the West, then turn to the East to make the covenant with Christ, the East, or region of sunrise, being the source of light. So the dead are buried with their faces to the East, looking for the rising of the " Sun of Righteousness.
The Profession of Faith.
A secret belief is not enough, every Christian must openly confess his faith (Rom. x. 9, 10). Christ has promised to own all who own Him (S. Matt. x. 32.) but those who are ashamed to own Him - what of them ? (S. Matt. viii. 38). The standard-bear er of an army lifts up the flag, and every soldier is ready to follow it to the death. The Creed is our flag. When we stand up to repeat it, we are lifting our standard for all the world to see ; and are, or should be, ready to follow it, fight for it, and yiel up our lives, if necessary, in its defence. We have promised "to fight manfully under Christ's banner, but some se m ashamed of their colours, and only mumble a few words under their breath when the standard is raised. All should join heartily in the rand old words which have led the Church safely grand old words which had the Faith pure and century after century, and kept the faich pure doc entire, through all the figg
trine, heresy, and schism.
Of course we should stand to say the Creed; no ther position seems natural for soldiers professing their eagerness to follow their Captain into battle. Long ago people sometimes drew their sword when saying it to show their readiness to fight for he Faith Certainly all should be ready tocontend he Failh. Cotamly all sut with moconind or the faith ( $\mathrm{S} . J 1, \mathrm{H}$ ), but whon kind of word (Eph. vi. 17; Heb. iv. 12), We sing God's praises, like soldiers before a battle, then take the sword to fight for Him. (Notice position of the reed in the service. Look at Psalm cxlix. 6)
Three Things of which the Creed reminds us. (1.) We are reminded of what we worship. The heathen worship they know not what (S. John iv 22). Christians know all that is necessary abou God, and are reminded of all things they must believe, in the Creed. The Athanasian Creed especially tells us a great deal about the nature of God.

This flag was
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the baptismal
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aptain whom we are sworn to
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Ffamily Kreadirg.

Fourth Sunday after Easter

## Wout them for a minnute.

particular sound, and instantly, quicker than the electric telegraph, it carries an wea to my brain. And when you and I talk
conether, we know in an instant what is in each ther's minds, though we do nothing at all but ust move our lips a little and utter some sounds! ust move our hps a little and utter some sounds!
And the sounds are words, so words are very lover things, aren't they?
When a celebrated speaker makes a speech, his minds are taken down one by one. He talks fast, but the short hand writers keep pace with him and his speech is all in print the next morning, word for word, just as he uttered it.
It must le rather strange to see your own words written down just as you spoke them. They must seem so much more important then. And they not only siem, they are so much more important. Hecause written or printed words may last for Recause written or printed words may last for hundreds of years, The Times, which has somebody's speech of yesterday printed on it, will be
in existence a thousand years hence, if the world only lasts so long. For a copy of the Times is put by every day, and carefully kept
How many words do you say in the course of a single day, do you think?

There are too many to count," you say. True; and what is more, you can't remember half of them.

There has been an instrument invented lately called the Phonograph, which takes in and actually stores up every word uttered near it! Then days, weeks, or even months afterwards, the exact words in the same sort of voice, come out of the instrument which had gone into it such a long time before. What an odd sensation it would give you to hear your own words exactly reproduced neither better, nor wiser, nor softened down, nor in fact, altered at all from what they were the moment you uttered them

How strange and startling it would be if you heard the exact words you uttered, say on one particular day, over again at the end of the year!

What would strike you about your own words, do you think

Several things. One would be, that a great many words one speaks are unnecessary. That is, the world would not be so very much the worse if they had never been said.

For all that, we mustn't be too hard on unnecessary words. I rather like hearing cheerful chatter myself, even if it is not so very important. We don't say very wise thingsor very clever things in our every-day talk, and yet there is good in it. Boys must talk in order to know one another. How dull you would feel if there were no meãns of Knowing what is going on in other boys' minds. It is a trial to be with a deaf and dumb person, and also with any person who won't talk.

But I do hope the phonograph would have some other things stored up within it besides mere chatter, words that are positively worth something; words that are a little like silver, and you know that silver is valuable, and costs a good deal.

Kind words, for 'instance ; perhaps something like this:-"Why, you've done it capitally this time, you'll do it still better next."
" Never mind, it's always a trifle hard at first, but it won't be so long.'

What a first-rate album of yours that is, it will hold ever so many photographs ; and won't they look jolly in it!'

I know the pain's bad, but try and bear it like a man: why I've heard what a good little chap you are to bear pain.

Words such as these are thoroughly kind and nice, worth ever so much; worth writing down by that holy angel whose work it is to record what is spoken on earth! For there is ever so much kindly lore in them, and that makes them good and precious.

But suppose the phonograph (which is strictly impartial, and stores up in its hoard everything, good, bad and indifferent) had words of another sort recorded as well :-
"Hold your tongue and don't bother.
'ou're a horrid slow hand, it's no good your trying to do it.'

- I don't call that much of a present; why it isn't half as good as mine. I had a thing like that two or three years ago. Knife!" (in a tone of contempt) " why, what's a knife worth with one blade-mine's got four.

Dear me! I don't think those words are silver, are they? They seem to me a bad sort of metal, bad in a good many ways. Rough, unkind, discouraging, and selfish.

It is rough and unkind to tell a sister or a little boy " not to bother
It is discouraging to tell a lad, even if he is dull, that it's no good his trying to do a difficult thing. Only tell him he can, and he will do it. You know that yourself very well, looking back to the time when the same sort of hard thing stared you in the face; and what a difference it made if somebody cheered you up.

It is selfish to run down another person's property and praise your own ; and it's a mean thing to do too, and you certainly don't want your words to be that, do you?

Well, all this shows plainly enough we must look after our words, mustn't we? Our common every-day talk, don't you see, of which there's so much, that we are apt to think it doesn't matter.

But it does matter a good deal, for a common every-day thing may be noble and precious, if only we choose to make it so. And that's better than letting it be base and mean, isn't it?

Sometimes people fancy that words spoken in a whisper don't matter.

Nasty, impure words are sometimes whispered by one boy to another. Suppose those very words were shouted out loud at a public meeting, how terribly ashamed the boy would be then, ready to sink into the earth.

But why isn't he ashamed before-ashamed to let an impure word go out of his lips ?

Well, I believe he would be if he could get the thought well into his mind that the word he whispers is said once for all, it has passed his lips, and no power on earth can get it back again. No, not a thousand pounds paid down could get a single word back.

And when it is once uttered, is its history finished? is that word done with? Oh , no ; some day it will come back to the very person who sent it forth. Ah! now we come to a very solemn and awful part of the subject.
Just now I said how strange and startling it would be to hear our own exact words uttered over again by the phonograph a year hence. What if our very words are written down in Heaven! and what if they should come back to us by and by when life is done!

The Bible says that the day when the dead stand before God, the books will be opened. They are not opened for nothing; words must be written in them.
Whose words? Why ours, yours and mine; other things too, but certainly our words. For our Lord Jesus Christ said plainly enough that "for every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof at the Day of Judgment."
It is an overwhelming thought? Keep it in mind to-day, and every day, and remember it espectally when you kneel down to pray. Here is a prayer for to-day-

- Set a watch, 0 Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips."


## Joy．

## As the dove at eve returnetl To itserer faithful mate

 To itrerer aichrmate For his lost yet loved eotarnAs the sailor wrecked，and fighting Hears at daybreak shouts inviting
From the life boat on his lee．
As a child in wayward passion From maternal anger thies ：
Sees forgiveness and compassio Shining in its mother＇s eyes．

As the traveller benighted．
In some trackless snow drift laid At impending death affrighted，
the pilgrim fainter arow I hen the road no shelter gives Finds the sainted well oierflowing Drinks and reste and laves and

None of these can give expression To the joy that fills the breast， When the soul in meek confession Has returned to Jesus＇rest

## Toronto

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## A Shrewd Business Man＇s Advice．

The advice of a shrewd business man is some times of more value，even in a financial sense than direct aid．It proved so in the case of a dray man who was employed by Stephen（iirard，the Philadelphia merchant．One day the drayman who was an industrious，bright fellow with a good many mouths to fill at home，was heard to re mark that he wished he was rich．＂What＇s that ？＇ sharoly said Girard，who heard the grumble ＂Oh，＂＂said the man，＂I was only wishing I wa rich．＂＂Well，why don＇t you get rich？＂said the millionaire harshly．＂I don＇t know how without money，＂returned the drayman．＂You don＇t need money，＂said Girard．＂Well，if you will tell me how to get rich without money，I won＇t let the grass grow before trying it，＂returned the other ＂There is going to be a ship－load of confiscated ea sold by auction to－morrow at the wharf（ down there an l buy it in，and then come to me． The man laughed．＂I have no money to buy a ship－load of tea with，＂he said． hip－load of tea with，＂he said．＂Y＇ou don＇t need ny money，I tell you，＂snapped the old man． ＂Go down and bid on the whole cargo，and then come to me．＂The next day the drayman went down to the sale．A large crowd of retailers were present，and the auctioneer said that those bidding would have the privilege of taking one case or the whole ship－load，and the bidding would be on the pound．He then began the sale．A retail grocer started the bidding，and the drayman rais． ed him．On seeing this，the crowed gazed with no small amount of surprise．When the case was knocked down to the drayman，the auctioneer said he supposed the buyer desired only the one case． ＂I＇ll take the whole ship－load，＂coolly returned the successful bidder．The auctioneer was aston－ ished ；but，on someone whispering to him that it was Girard＇s man who was the speaker，his man－ ner changed，and he said he supposed it was all right．The news soon spread that Girard was buying tea in large quantities，and the next day the price rose several cents．＂Go and sell your tea，＂said Girard to the drayman the next day． The drayman was shrewd．and he went out and made contracts with several brokers to take stock at a shade below the market price，thereby mak－ ng a quick sale．In a few hours he was worth 80，000．

## Prayers．

Prayers uttered aloud are more often a shell than aught else，a mask which conceals a lifeless skeleton．They may be beautiful to the ear of man，they may be useful as enabling others to mount the spritual ladder and thus commune with God ；this is the best that can be said of rite and ritual．It is the soul＇s cry，more often in audible to the material ear，which reacles God ＂and brings the helper near＂＇；the yearning of the divine spark within，the intense wish which
sometimes，by the majesty of the soul power of man，seizes the sceptre，as it were，and with authority speaks to the bullows and they becom calm．It is only when the soul spasks that cot
hears．The mouthing of material instruments hears．The mouthing of material instruments speaks to the m
the Over soul．
The fastern iden that pertect hass is not at tained by the blessed until they are absorbed in fiod，has its foundation in the bed rock of truth． In essence，in aspiration，in spirituality ，nay．in reality，man can never know what bliss is until he is lost in（iod，that is，has become in perfect harmony with the Over－soul，though his individu ality is，and must ever remam，with him．

The Love of God．
Like a cradle，rocking，rocking，
Silent：peaceful，to and fro
Like a mother＇s sweet looks dropping Like a mother sweet look Hangs the green earth sw Hangs the green earth swinging，turnims Falls the light of God＇s face bendin Fown the high of Gorts face bendur
ud as feeble babes that suffer Toss and cry and will not rest． Are the ones the tender mother Holds the closest－loves the bes
whed we are weak and wretched． by our sins weighed down distresse Holds us closest loves us best．
great heart of（iod：whose loving
Cannot hindered be nor crossed Will not weary，will not even In our death itself be lost Love Divine ：of such great loving Only mothers know the cost
Cost of love which，all love passing Cost of love which，all love passing， Gave a Son to save the lost．

## The Hidden Cross

To all，sooner or later，Christ comes to baptize hem with fire．But do not think that the bap－ tism of fire comes once for all to a man in some terrible affliction，some one awful conviction of his own sinfulness and nothingness．No．with many，and those，perhaps，the best people，it goes n month after month and year after year． By secret trials，chastenings which none but they and God can understand，the Lord is cleansing them from their secret faults，and making them to understand wisdom secretly；burning out of them the chaff of self－will and self－conceit and vanity，and leaving only the pure gold of right eousness．How many sweet and holy souls，who look cheerful enough before the eyes of men，yet have their secret sorrows．They carry their cross unseen all day long，and lie down to sleep on it at night ；and they will carry it，perhaps，for years and years，and to their graves，and to the throne of Christ，before they lay it down ：and none but they and Christ will ever know what th was－what was the secret chastisement which（iod sent to make that soul better which seemed to us already too good for earth．So does the Lord watch His people，and tries them by fire，as the refiner of silver sits by his furnace watching the melted metal， till he knows that it is purged from all its dross by seeing the image of his own face reflected on it．－Charles Kinusley．
－When Franklin was a small boy he thought it fine to use hard words，and one day mentioned to his father that he had swallowed some acepha－ lous molluses，which so alarmed the old man that he shrieked loudly for help．The old lady came in with warm water，and they forced half－a－gallon down Benjamin＇s throat with the garden pump and then held him upside down，the old man say－ ing，＂If we don＇t get them things out of Benny he＇ll be poisoned，sure．＂When Benjamin was allowed to get his breath he explained that the articles referred to were oysters．His father was articles referred to were oysters．His father was
so riled that he fondled him for a good hour with a so riled that he fondled him for a good hour with a
heavy trunk strap for scaring the family．Frank heavy trunk strap for scaring the family．Frank
lin never afterwards used a word of two syllable lin never afterward
when one would do．

## Hints to Housekeepers

Krawhbl Fious．Boll the egge hard．When old remove the shells，slice them lengthwise： dip each slice in raw egg，beaten，then in fine bead crumbs，and fry them in butter．Sorvehot but drained from all grease．

Hairato＇s Pertorat．Batasan Hagyard＇s Pectoral falsam gives prompt relief in coughs，colds，hoaree hess，whooping cough，croup，asthma or bronchitis．保

Corn Starch Puphso．－Set a quart of milk in a pan in boiling water．When scalding hot thick． on it with a tablespoonful and a half of corn starch lissolved in milk ；add a little salt and two table－ spoonfuls of sugar．Beat the whites of three eggs o a stiff froth and stir them in ；pour into dishes and set away to cool ：make a custard of the yolks of the eggs，flavor to taste and serve as sauce with the pudding．

Important and Trus．－No better evidence of the fact that Burdock Blood Bitters is a certain remedy or all blood disorders can be asked than that of Mr．（ieo．V．Thomas，druggist，of Hull，P．Q．，whose vife was cured of cancer by B．B．B．The family loctor is certain that the disease was cancer and that it is now cured
spivish strw．－Boil gently one and a half pounds of steak till tender，save the liquor；next lay cut the beef into small pieces，put in a sauce． ban with one teaspoonful of butter，half pint highly． seasoned strained tomato sauce，and the liquor in wich it was boiled，and let it simmer one hour． lust before dishing mash fine the yolk of a hard－ boiled egg．stir into it one quarter teaspoonful urry powder and add to the stew Sreanisio of Tips．－A tip is a piece of special or
valuable information such as this，that Hagyard＇s valuable information such as this，that Hagyard＇s lellow Oil is a prompt and effectual cure for croup， sprains or soreness of any kind．Known as reliable over ：30 years．

Hominy Croquetten．－Boil the hominy until horoughly done，then turn it on a plate to cool To a pint and a half of bominy add a large pinch salt，and spoonful milk，three well beaten eggs，flou enough to roll the croquettes into shape，and one teaspoonful baking powder；cook in a deep frying pan full of boiling fat ；when they are a nice light brown remove from the fat and let them drain few minutes before serving．

Consemption Cured．－An old physician，retired from practice，having had placed in his hands by an East india missionary the formula of a simple vege table remedy for the speedy and permanent cure ol Throat and Lung Affections，also a positive and radi cal cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Com plaints，after having tested its wonderful curative plawers in thousands of cases，has felt it his duty to powers in thousands of cases，has felt it his duty this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering I will send free of charge，to all who desire it，this recipe，in German，French or English，with full directions for preparing and using．Sent by mail by addressing with stamp，naming this paper，W．A Noyss， 820 Povers＇Block，Rochester，N．Y．

Buckwheat Cakes．－Two quarts water，one cup buttermilk，half teaspoonful soda；stir warm water buttermilk，good buckwheat flour together and le stand over night ：in the morning add one cup hot water and soda；have a hot griddle and you will be sure to have good cakes．Save a little of the batter and add more buttermilk－about one or one and a half cupsful－and you need not start new batter oftener than once in two weeks．

Loaf Cake．－－Five cups dough，three of sugar， one and a half of butter；work the ingredients well together ；add wineglass of wine or milk，half teaspoonful soda dissolved and strained in as little water as possible，and four eggs；work these in the mixture and add a pound of seeded raisins cut once；spice to taste；line basin with buttered paper pour in the mixture；bake as soon as very light in amoderate oven；make the dough with home－ made yeast．

## Children＇s 賏epartment．

## The Great Master

young man proudly，when a friend tried to persuade him from an enter prise which he had on hand；＂1 am my own master

Did you ever consider what a res ponsible post that is ？＂asked his friend．

Responsibility－is it ？＇＂ he wants done，and see that it is done right．He should try to secure the best ends by the best means．He must keep on the lookout against obstacles and accidents，and watch that every thing goes right，else he will fall． Vell
To be master of yourself you hav your conscience to keep clear，your heart to cultivate，your temper ho govern，your will to direct，and your judgment to instruct．You are master over a hard lot，and if you don＇t master them they will master you．

That is so，＂said the young man．
Now，I could undertake no such thing，＂said his friend；＂I should fail sure if I did．Saul wanted to be his own master，and failed．Herod did Judas did．No man is fit for it．＇One is my master，even Christ．＇I work
under God＇s direction．When He is master，all goes right．

## Mending with Pins．

Umph！That＇s nothing，＂said a young woman．＂I＇ll put a pin in it． I can＇t stop to mend it now．＂It was a hole in her pocket that Helen Russell mended with a pin．Several days pass－ ed，and she forgot the circumstance．

Pinning it up＂was one of Helen＇s favorite makeshifts．
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button off her gloves was replaced by
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not that she lacked time to use needle and thread，but simply that shee had Helen Russell was a clerk in a city office，and a few days after pinning y the hole in her pocket，she went to th town treasurer and drew sixty dollar her earnings for two months．She p
the money into her purse，and the pur into her pocket．

Then she made a few calls and went into the post－office．As she was de－
scending the steps of the post－office，she caught her foot in the trimming of her skirt，which had ripped and been fasten－ ed with a pin ；she tripped and fell heav ily on the stones broken by the fall．A pin，which had fastened her glove in default of a button， was plunged into the palm of
and inflicted a painful wound．

She was taken home in a carriage and her injuries were dressed．A few hours afterwards she thought of her money，and felt in her pocket for her purse．It was gone．The pins which repaired the hole in her pocket were likewise gone；so there was no doubt appeared．Learching and advertising proved of no avail．She had saved a few stitches＇at the expense of two month wages，a broken wrist and sundry painful bruises．

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It would be much more pleasant for the European residents in Indis if all the snakes were thus held in musical captivity，but such is far from being the case．One hears of them in all sorts of unexpected places． Here，for instance，is a story by a mis Here，for instance，is a story by a
sionary＇s wife in South India of

## I＂＇mu＇（Snake，snake），and all the

 women and children came rushing from one side of the church．Uur school－ girls all got up and began to run to：，with terrified faces，and there was not， I suppose，one person in the building who did not hurry up to see what was the matter．My husband from the desk，and I from the harmonium，went across to the spot where the creature had evidently appeared．Sure enough there it was，a pretty－looking green ake！
There are no Europeans where we live，and our church，therefore，has no seats，only mats on the floor．Under－ neath one of these mats the snake had crept，and had popped out its head sud－ denly，close to some big village girls， who were sitting with their baby brothers and sisters．Iou can imagine what a fright it gave them，for a bite from a pretty－looking snake generally means death in this country．
＂Well，I beckoned at once to my girls to sit down．They obeyed im mediately，and I stood by them whilst my husband，telling the people to be quiet，called for a stick and soon des－ patched the snake．It was all over in a moment，and there was perfect silence when my husband stepped back tc the desk．He did not finish his sermon for he thought they were all too much excited to attend，but just closed the service with prayer．

## Was He a Hero？

the Lite of
Sitting in his tent under the palm trees，we see some one hard at work studying a difficult book．What is his name，and why is he there？His name is George Mexwell Gordon；he has come out to India as a missionary，set－ tled near Madras，and is now trying to learn Tamil，that he may speak to the natives in their own language．
A few months pass，and we find Mr Gordon speaking to the children at a meeting held near Melbourne，in Aus－ ralia．
Indian heat made him ill，and he had come to Australia to get better He shows the children a map of India， tells them how eagerly the natives listen o the story of Jesus，and asks them if they would like to help to send them
more teachers？＂Yes，＂say the child－ more teachers？＂Yes，＂say the child ren，so heartily．Mr．Gordon promises their subscriptions when next he meets them．When he comes，twenty－seven girls have their money ready．So be－ gins the Children＇s Missionary Society， which has been growing in Australia

## ver since．

The next scene in Mr．Gordon＇s life is a very different one．There is a terrible famine in Persia，and hundreds of people are dying．Mr．Gordon is passing through，Dr．Bruce；the C．M S．missionary there，asks for his help in givi
soup．
One day a feast is given to seven hundred people：they sit in rows， propped up against walls，and an extra propped up against wains，and and salt is
dealt out ；as they go away they make deep bows and kist Mr．（iordon＇s hand as a sign of their gratitude．When Mr．（sordon left Persia he went to the
North of India，and taught for a time in the I）ivinity school at Lahore．But he wanted to go about among the peo ple，putting asıde all European com forts，living their life，and very con
stantly speaking to them of Jesus． So one day we find him lodging in the village mosque，or Mohanmedan place of worship，for he is allowed to do so if he leaves his shoes outside， talking to the villagers who come there；another time he sits in the blacksmith＇s shop，speaking to those who go in and out

Another day he writes a letter home from＂a Banyan Tree at Bisharat，＂
－I have taken a house for two days， which is beautifully furnished（with leaves），and has a noble column in the centre，with other smaller columns forming arches and cloisters round it． The lower storey only is mine，the upper storey being occupied by a num－ ber of small tenants，who are for the most part night lodgers，and who waken me in the morning by their song of praise long before sunrise．

After a while，we find Mr．Gordon in another country．Hoping that he will find an opening for missionary work among the wild Afghan tribes， he becomes chaplain to the British army，marching through Afghanistan to take Cabul and Kandahar．Day by day he marches with the troops over the stony passes，always ready to cheer and help those around him，lend－ ing one tired soldier his horse，and another chilly native his cloak，till at last they reach their journey＇s end．
Now we come to the last scene in Mr．Gordon＇s life．He has been back to India again，and has returned to Kandahar with another British army． The Afghans are besieging the city， and some of the British troops have gone out against them ；the guns are firing，many men fall down wounded， and are carried back into camp，where Gordon and his helpers attend to them． Soon he hears that there are some wounded men lying in a shrine about

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three hundred yards from the gate, so he gets a party together and goes out under heavy fire to rescue them. The are not there, but in another shrine about thirty yards further on : the bullets fly through the air, and an officer tellis Mr. Gordon that if he goes on he will be killed. But nothing daunts him ; he is just starting, when a shot strikes him, and he is carried back to the camp to die, having followed his Master's example in living and dying for others.

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never can keep anything Emma, almost stamping with vexation Somebody always takes my things and loses them." She had mislaid some of her sewing implements.
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'I should like to keep even one thing," answered Emma.
" Well, then, my dear." resumed mamma, " keep your temper; if you will only do that, perhaps you will find it easy to keep other things. I dare say, if you had employed you time in searching for the missing ar ticles, you might have found them before this time; but you have not even looked for them. You have only got into a passion-a bad way o spending time -and you have accused somebody, and unjustly too, of taking away your things and losing them. keep your temper, my dear ; when you have missed any article, keep your temper and search for it. You had better keep your temper, if you lose all the little property you possess. So, my dear, I repeat, keep your temper
Emma subdued her ill humor, searched for the articles she had lost and found them in her work-bag.

Why, mamma, here they are
might have been sewing all this time if I had kept my temper.

## A Good Foundation

Oliver Holdfast was a pupil in an academy whose principal was distinguished not for pushing his scholars rapidly forward, but for grounding them thoroughly, especially
in the languages and mathematics. Oliver grew impatient when he college, "Other lads"of my age," he said, "are prepared to enter; why said, "are prepared to enter; why
should I not be fit, also?" "After should I not be fit, also ?" "After
another year you will be," "urged the teacher.
Oliver happened at this time to be often in the company of some youths who, though undergraduates, were not ambitious to excel. He caught their spirit, and being told that examinations for entrance to college were not very severe; he grew indifferent in his own studies.

Being put under a private tutor for that year, instead of continuing in the
academy, he slighted his work. Is consequence, when he appeared for
examination he was rejected. Hhs
rejection stumg him sharply, and when once more placed under a tutor, he At the begimning of the new year he went through his college terms with ease and success.
thorough grounding
academy. But for that 1 should hate had hard work all
lies, his academi
He who intends to excel was right must lay a good and strong foundation. He may be ridiculed by foolish fellow: as being slow
ler who, when building on a turbulent stream, bolted the foundation of his much money, but when. later, a freshet swept every building in the valley, except his mill, to destruc tion, he had his reward.
foundation saved his mill.
so with character, scholarship
ness, and every other human work Whatever is to last, to succeed accomplish something, mast have end well must be begun well.

## A Parable.

I held in my hand a little dry tree. an infant hemlock. Had it lived a all the forest, and held up its head in majesty, but it grew on a sort of boy and a muskrat, digging its hole under was full of limbs and knots and gnarls and I felt curious to know how happened that it was so

Poor fellow, if you had all those limbs and knots to support, I don wonder you died.
And my roots, which were my mouths with which to feed, all cut off too.

But where do all these ugly limbs come from ?" said
.. Just where all ugly things come from.' said he. "I am pretty much like men. Find out where my limbs come from, and you will find out where all human sins come from.

I'll take you at you word, si
So I took out my knife and peeled off all the bark. But the limbs and knots were left
sir." 'You must go deeper than that,
So I began to split and take off
layer of wood after layer. But all the knots were there

Deeper still," said the dry stick. Then I split it all off, and separating like a little rod, about six; it looked and perhaps an inch through at the large end. Ah! and I was now surprised to see that every limb and gnarl started in the heart. Every one was there, and every one grew out of the heart. The germ, or the starting point of each one, was the centre of the heart.

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