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# OF MONTREAL. 

<br><br>"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesue Christ in sinceritp."-Eiph. vi. 24.


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## LENT FOR YOUNG MEN.

by the right reverend daniel s. tutitle, d.d., bishop of missouri.
William Pitt was Prime Minister of Fingland in bis twenties. The "atrocious crime" of being a young man, charged against him, he flung back in splendid disdain. In Eingland of the cighteenth century there was some ground for the charge. For youth to rule, save in the blood royal, was indecorous, to say the least. With us now, however, youth leads and rules, adurittedly, to no inconsiderable degree.

Influence entails responsibility. Let not our young men harbor in their hearts pride at being influential, and let slip out of their hearts the sobering sense of the accountability that they must be held to.

Over one class their influence, naturally, is immense. I mean over younger boys. The " kids," as they are called, with an eager readiness follow and imitate those a little older than themselves. Anybody has been much with boys of different ages knows with what almost worshipful regard the lads look up to the young men. So, alas, when young men turn their backs on church-going, and slink away from Sundayschool work and parish work, they cast off one of the most powerful of natural forces provided for the salvation of boys. And the evil gets perpetuated and sadly increased. Those boys grow to be young men. Having been deprived themselves of the influence to the right that their natural leaders should have furnished them, they are even in a worse degree fitted for their own responsibie leadership. And so there ensues a deplorable starting aside as a broken bow on the part of hosts of our young. Oh, for young men to stand at their posts of leadership and to realize their responsibilty! In its massed working, theirs may be esteemed the most powerful influence of earth over boys. I have always deprecated the putling of good women on vestries and in rulerships in our parishes. 'lo me the strong argument against this practice is the fact that the natural worshipful regard of boys is for young men, and that, if leaderships be filled by women, boys will not be ready to rally around the callse.

Young men bethink you of your accountribility. It is no time for reckless disregard. The immediate future is yours to make. Your soon-coming middle life shall give it sustained vigor and practical shape. The later future the boys of the now will make. And you are moulding the boys of the now. Feel you not the home-thrus of the truth-influence entails responsibility ?

Indeed there is a reverence due to the boys. "Reverentia debetur pueris." And there is a reverence due from old men 10 young men, considering the potencies enwrapped in the latter And, young men, members of a race whose
changing, ranishing individual forms come und go in such quick ways as to startle, if not to sadden, you, I beg you, do not hug the delusion that you can do what you like and leave undone what you like, and that it won't much matter: hat you can live unto yourselves and die unto yourselves, independent of others, and unlinked to others, and that be the end of it. I am quite sure, if I caln get you to think, that you will perceive that how you carry yourselves, and what you do and what you fail to do, are followed by far-reaching conseyuences, to others ats well as to yourselves, of most tremendous importance.
Now, let me assume that, in face of this mighty intluence resting on you, you desire to do what is right, and are secking out the best ways for doing what you desire. Among the many and other ways of doing right, will you suffer me to point out this one to you-kepr Lent.
r. Because keeping it will send mind and thought specially towards the blessed lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It may be said we should be always thinking of Him. Gramed. That is truc. But, will setting special times to think of Him hinder this always thinking of Him? Do the fixed, special three meals of the day hinder the constant nourishing that we seck to provide for our bodies? Does the special setting apart of one day in seven by divine law for holy worship hinder for the other six days thoughts of God and prayer to God? Nay, rather, may not the special times be food and spur and guide and impulse to the general duty? "What is every bod,'s business is nobody's business." Human nature voices that maxim; human experience finds it true. Along the line of the same maxim truths and dutics that have no special times given to them may quite likely find that no time is given to them.

Instinctively from the first the Churchr set special times for thinking of Him-Christmas, Good Friday, Easter. At the first also forty hours before Easter seem to have beela set apart: compassing the the time from the Crucifixion on Friday afternoon to the Resurrection on Sunday morning; and soon after the forty hours of special observance became forty days. The thought of Lent is fixed on the Lord Jesus earnestly on His Cross and the weight of love i bore; gratefully o: His tomb, opened, empty sun-lighted ; trustfully on His session at God's right hand, the pleading intercessor to our great need. In love of Him, and thought of Him and out-reaching toward him, keep Ient, therefore.
2. Because carnest meditation upon the Lord Jesus will lead you to think of God the Holy Ghost. The "Plan of Redemption" is too often erroneously regarded as consummated in the Atonement. The blessed Redecmer is thought
to have finished His work then. But He Himself said, I will send "another Comforter." "He shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." " 1 will not leave you comfortless; I " through Him]" will come to jou." "1.o, I" [hrough Him] "am with you alway, cven unto the end of the world." A vicar of Christ is on carth, and it is He the Holy Spirit, who came down on the day of Pentecost and has not gone back again. He, for Christ, so to speak, now actively carries fonvard on earth ine redemptive work, enlightening reason, rectifying ronscience, sanclifyinr souls, vitalizing sacraments, energizing the Church Keep Lent, then, in fixing and fastening earnest thought upon the I.ord Jestis. But stop not with His Ascension. Consider that His vicar, the lloly Spirit, aflerward descended and is persomally, actively carrying forward on carth the redeeming work. 'Then youl will always name Hinn "He" and never " la." 'lhen you may draw strength and courage from the fact that He, if you do not repel Him, is near you and within. you to give help, in the great necd you sadly know of, against the bad and for the good.
3. Becanse wharddine'ss is a want of to-day. Not unworldiness that is laziness. We have quite a store of that. Nol unworldiness that is lack of common sense. We can fumish supplics of that. Not moworldiness that fastens look on the joys of the future and stumbies in negligence or irritation over the duties of the present. The less of it we have the better off we are. But the unwordlinesis. that will hold up Christ as the Master, and keep down the worldas the scrvant. The unvortdlincess that will leed the Holy Spirit whispering within, as well as business and society vociferating without. The unworddiness that shrinks from sin that fod sees, as well as from crime that lan seizes. Unwordliness that will not put material gain abead of apiritual growth.
Young men; business and society, with their righoful duties and demands, presis you hard. The pressure may mean the eloking ont of thoughts and things spiritual and ctermal. Welcome, then, with all your hearts a set season whercin to waive back society and to cut off some of the tyrannies of business. By keeping Ient, through such retirement and excision, you may do your own higher selves great good and you will extend a benefit to the boys who look up to you, and to business and to society who look at you more keenly than you think.
4. Because selfidenial is a Christian virtue well worth the while of young men to learn to practice. "If any man wilt come after me," saith the Master, "let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." It is not alone that self-denial is the acknowledged line of preparation for future triumphs. Spartan boys,

Indian braves, West Point Cadets can tell us that. But it is that Christian self-denial marches right along and after the footsteps of the Master. This is the denial which the higher spiritual self makes to the imperious demands of the lower sensual self. And the denial that generous helpfulness to others makes to sordid selfishness. It does not disdain to practice itself in little things, and out of the way things, that it may be vigorous of muscle and have its restraining powers well in band. Foriy days of self-denial, even though practised in little things may furnish wholesome exercise of self-restraint, and splendid vigor of self-control. So you may the better grasp and and the stronger hold the real good in "the things which are seen which are temporal," while witnessing your faith and deepening that faith in "the things which are not seen which are eternal."

Young men, dear friends to me, all, rejoice in your youth. That is natural and right. No harm there. But count and ponder, I pray you, your responsibility. Hail 1 , ent heartily as a time for honest thought upon the realities of sulbstance lying under and in from of the flitting shadows of daily existence. Welcome the Church's set season for getting more of grace from prayer and sacrament, for nourishing the spiritual life. Fisist some way. Some iovars of better may go without that. Some, fond of dessert, may omit that. Some smokers may give up their cigars. Some novel readers may give their favorites the go-by for six weeks. (io to church as oflen as you can. Attend the downtown business men's Lemen services. (io to the Holy Communion, if it is offered, every Sunday in Lent. Think of some one person, sick or poor, or both, and yisit him. Save up from your selfdenials, pennics and dimes and dollars, and give them in a free and faithful gladness on Easter for missions. Discourage, and by your example rather than you talk, mark to your elders the heinousness of, the dreadful habit of saving up money ly self-denial in lemt and then selfish!y appropriating it in Easter off enings to meet paroclial deficiencies. Your litte things habitually hoeded for forty days may be spiritual things well gained. "And I, if I be lifted up from the carth, will draw all men unto me." (lur grateful hearts respond, ween so, loord Jesus, draw us atso. Nay, we feel The drawng and, blessed be 'Thy Ifoly Name for ever, it is with the mighty cords of t.nes.

The Chroll or the Fetoke-From the Living Church Yuater? the following statistics in regard to the Chmred in the United States are obtained : Clegy, 4,203: Candidates for Holy Orders, 375 ; Postultants, 202 ; Lay Realers, 1,23 ; parshes and missions, 5,605 : baphisms during past year, 60,821 ; communicants, 5,5, , 573 : Sunday school leaders, $+1,418$ : scholats, 388,otio ; contributions, $\$_{1} 13,1=9,928.85$. "Pub. Zii Opinion," in commenting on this, says:
-The general growth of the Church tar exceeds proportionately that of the population at large, or any other religious section of it in particular. It looks like the Church of the future."
It most certainly does look that way. The Auglican Church is the Catholic Church for English speaking people. And moreover she is showing her adaptability to persons of all nationalities. Her Prayer Hook is translated into almost every known modern language. Her histonic character. her fredom from moden noveltics, her tenacions hold of the anciem and Catholic faith, her ummutilated Sacraments, her open bible, her umbroken traditions, her dignified and holy ways-chese are a few of the things which are drawing individuals and nations unto her.

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## EOOLESIASTIOAL NOTES.

Tue Rev. E. A. Knox's parish-Aston-byBirmingham, Eng.-has a population of 40,000 .

It is said that the Bishop of Liverpool will not consent to the further prosecution of Rev. J. Bell-Cox.
The Communicants in the diocese of Western Michigan increased from 2970 in 1889 to 4232 in '91-and 1091 of these were in the last 5 years.
The Fimber Day Collect is a witness before God and man of the interest which the whole body of the Church has in the ordination of the Clergy.

The Board of Missions of the P. E. Church of the United States expects $\$ 50,000$ for Domestic and Forcign Missions for the children's offerings during lent.

Fiftr-fous graduates and undergraduates of Cambridge have sent in their names to the Church Missionary Society, signifying their intention to offer themselves for work in the mission field.
No pawer than so special preachers took part in the daily services in 45 churches at Laeds, Eng., during the general mission held there in lebruary. Canons Scoll, Holland and Mason were the principal missioners.
'lus: English Churchman says, that it is rumoured that the Bishop of I.iverpool, (Dr. Ryle) is to be asked to accept the gift of a pastoral staff, at which the Churchman waxes very wrathy.

The Diocese is the unit, and the Bishop the expression and center of unity. We value the $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{p}}$ iscopate not because of the individual occupant of the office, but because of the office itself. - Bishop Waitcheid.

The Catrea of Exhlmh-Spheme Pempe. -The following figures were given two years ago, and they express the relative size of the various bodies of English-speakmg Christians Catholics or Anglicans, 21,450,000; Methodists, all kinds, 6 , 100,000 ; Roman Catholics, 14,750 , 000 ; Presbytarians, all kinds, $10,700,000$ : Baptists, all kinds, $8,210,000$; Congregationalists, $5,650,000$. We would not be understood to argue that numbers decide anything whatever. But these figures may serve to open the eyes of some within as well as without the communion of our part of the Cahholic Church, to the fact that her 225 Bishops, 30,000 other Clergy and $21,450,000$ laity gives her by far the best title, so far as numbers go, to be called the Church of all who use the English language. But she has better clains to our allegiance than that.--Sc-
lected.
"All equal are within the Church's gate."-The highest and the lowest in earthly state have alike their sins to confess, their petitions to prefer, their praises to present to Almighty God. The same Father over all is worshipped ; the merits of the same Saviour are pleaded; the help of the same Sanctifier is sought, before the one altar, by low and high, rich and poor together-Sermon by the Rev. W. Allan Whituorth, Vicar of All Saints', Margaret St., London.

Disestablishment not vet.-Mr. Samuel Smith's motion in the British House of Commons in favour of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales was rejected after an animated debate by a majority considerably larger than that of last year. The numbers were 267 for and 220 against the resolution, 32 votes being recorded against and ${ }_{17}$ for the motion more than those given in 189 I . The majority consisted of 245 Conservatives and 22 Liberal Unionists. The minority was composed of about 154 Gladstonians, 60 Irish members of both sections, and 6 Liberal Unionists.

As to the Clergy, Heygate, in that most excellent book, "Enber Hours," gives this advice:
" None of these seasons should pass without our reading through the Ordination Service in solemn examination of self. It were best to do this on our knees, and as though arraigned before the Seat of the Judge, confessing and bewailing our sins as we see them, and though it be grievous to see our sims and our failures, yet happy are we in comparison with those who shall perceive their neglects for the first time by the consuming brightness of Christ's coming, when tears cannot quench the thirst, nor cool the flames of the lost."

The following is from a recent pastoral of Bishop Coxe:
A neglect of family prayers is the underlying source of innumerable evils in many households. Where a blessing is never invoked upon a family by all its members kneeling before God, what womder if blessings are withheld? When we reflect that a reverent use even of the Lord's Prayer only would preserve a fanily from the curse which rests on a prayerless household, surely there can be no excuse for neglecting because of the proverbial pressure and harry of the world's affairs.
The neglect of private reading of the Scriptures is rather to be censured because the Prayer look divides a daily portion for every Christian, out of which something should be selected in the busiest life for the daily food of the immortal spirit.

The Keepin; Chlrches Opex all Day, and permitting those who are disposed to enter is, I think, a very salutary measure ; for it maintains the habit of prayer, and the reverence for religion, which must surely act as a check, if not a preventative to the indulgence of evil passions. I have seldom entered a church in France or Belgium without having observed a number of persons passing and repassing, all of whom devoted at least some minutes to prayer. The "modeste" with her "carton" or the "cuisinière" returning with her basket of provisions from the market, would esteem it sinful to pass the ever open doors of the church without entering to leg a pardon or a blessing ; nay, the " marmiton," with her apron on, and the artisan, who is taking to his employer the produce of his labours, will step in, and lowly bending, utter a few short but fervent prayers.-Lady Blessing. ton's Italy, 1822.

## WHY AM I A CHUROHMAN ?

I am a Churchman -
III. Because separation from the visible communion of the One Body has almost invariablí led, in course of vears to departure from the fulness of the Faith of the Gospelconcerning the Divinity of olr Lord.

It is only with very deep pain and sorrow that we make this assertion, for as long as the 'I'ruth concerning the Deity of our Lord is held even though it be in separation from the One Body founded by Him, that 'Truth must dran' souls to the Light. But, nevertheiess, if it is true that schism, almost inevitably, leads to heresy on this fundamental article of the Christian fuith, we must boldly proclaim it as a warning to those who know not whither their steps are leading. That it is only too sadly true, history plainly testifies.

On this subject we cannot do better than let a late Presbyterian minister speak. In a remarkable book, "A Presbyterian in Search of the True Church," Mr. Mines says:
"' That which, more than all considerations, loosened the hold of my former creed upon my confidence, was the historical fact. that it had been found, after long and fair experiment, in every possible variety of circumstances, insufificient in any one instance to protect and proserce inviohate the faith. And if the things 1 am about to allege be true, I do solemmly appeal to my former brethren to weigh well the matter, and abjure a system which all his history has shown 10 lack that vital force with which every seed in mature has been endowed by its Creator; to propagate its like, and to perpetuate itself.'
"How fares it with the Presbyterian Church in Scotland? Her disruption into cight or ten communions, all strictly Presbyterian, and all oving their origin to alleged unsoundness in each other's discipline or faith, shall be considered when we come to speak of schism: and we allude to it here, only as indicating a general restlessness under the Westminster Confossion, and a constant tendency to remodel its provi sions. And what was the condition of the Kirk itself at the beginning of this century? Who will deny that under the workings of an Arian, Arminian, and Pelagian learen in different proportions, what is now regarded as distinctly the livangelical doctrine, was amost umiversally lost?
"And what has been the fate of Presbyterian churches in England, where they have been sufficiently detached from the Scottish Kirk, to cvade the legislation of an Episcopal Parhament ${ }^{2}$ Of 200 parishes established in their glory in the days of Cromzell, 240 are now Lhitarian! I was personally informed a few years since in london, by men who bewailed the fact, that up to a recent date, every Preshyterian church and chapel in the Metropolis had lapsed into Socinianism. ... On this account I found $m$ y self advised and obliged, cverywhere in Fngland. to drop the name of Presbyterian, or if I still bore it, uniformly to explain it.
"And what, at the time we speak of, was the state of the denomination in Ireland? Where it was not Unitarian, it was Arian, from centre 10 circumference, and that within too years of the most wonderful awakening,' and 'revival,' that history has recorded.
"Not long after this, as has been commonly the case under the operation of like causes, opposition to Creeds began to be made, and l'elagianism, Arianism and Socinianism, and espectally the views of Dr. Priestly, prevailed, and were current at the beginning of this century.
"Let us cross the channel that divides Engind from the Continent. The glorious Church of the Huguensts and the Vaudois.

Where is this Church at which, for its vtrtues and its prowess, the whole world wondered? It is fallen: It is fallen: It is a cage of unclean birds; it is the hold of every foul spurit ; it is the the Son. ... Of her 600 Presbyterian clergy, I
was informed a few years since, upon the spot, 'that there were not found ten' who dared to affirm that Jesus Christ was 'God manifested in the fles.s.' Who can wonder that infidelity has 'hastened to the prey,' and that Propery has divided the spoil?"
"Passing over to Switzerland, let us go through her 22 Republics, beginning at the home, the Church, the pulpit, the grave of Calvin. I saw in the heart of Gentva a proud sepulchral monument to Rousseau, but, to forgolten Calvin, 'they raised not a stone they carved not aline.' The Confession of Faih continues, as it does in France, to be subscribed; but it is no longer believed. The ashes of Servetus, to whose nery death Calvin gave his voice, have been scattered over lake and hill, and have broken forth in blains and boils upon the whole Presbyterian body; while the opinions for which servetus perished are preached with trunspet tongue in the very Cathedral from which Calvin hurled his anathemas against him. Of the whole venerable Synod of Geneva, but one solitary pastor, as I was informed when on the ground, was even suspeited of believing in the Divinity of Jesus. They began by denonncing it a superstation to bow at itis name; they have ended by declaring it idolatry to bow to Himat all. When a few years age, the venerable Malan dared to say ia a discourse, that Jesus 'is the true (rud and eternal life' he was driven from the pulpit and hooted on the streess as profanely as if he had cast his pearls before a Musselman mob in Mecca, or Heyrout. The same was the state in the other repubtics. In short, the old Church of Switherland, the Church of Zainglius and B.:cer, and of Calvin has become openly Socimian and infidel.
And what has been the fate of the faith in Germany, the land of luther? ... It is taughe by some of her pastors, that there is no other (rod than in the things we see, and that man himselt is the highest impersonation of Divinity, and in such a one as Christ Man may therefore be hawfully adored. As to the Bible, it has been justly said, that if tuther could return from the dead. he would find the bible as much banished from the commonities professing his doctrine, as it wats in the worst times of the lapal Poliey. And if the bible has began to reappear in those lands at all, it has been in many an instance, if non in albsolutely all, by the direct or indirect agency of British residents, or of a British and Foreign Sociely" (p. 155).

Some three or four jears ago. Mr. Spurgeon, the eminent baptist preacher, brought a ternible indicom nt agamst his brother Dissenting Ministers in Finghad. He said that for a long time there had been manifest a very rapid jown Grade tendency in matters of faith, and that now it was very uncertain, inded, in what chapel you would hear the futh fath prached. Though certainly no friend of the Chureh of linghand. he, at dhe same time, acknowledged that in its churches alone one could be almost artain of hearing the truth in it, fulness.

The late br. J. C. Dower, Rector of (hrist Church, New lork, in a remarkable sertes of Sermons called the firibure of frofestomism, preached in New lurk, in 1868 , quotes a Prolestant Minister, withregard to the present state of religion in (icneva (p, $7^{8}$ )
"The statements made by Mr. I. Wright, a Unitarian, are, alas, too trae ? viz. : that ine successors of the very magistrates who condemned servetus, of the pantors who exeomunicated han as the denier of the Trimity, now themselves unite in rejecing that doctrine: Tone faith of the great Churches of (ieneva is Cnitariani m. The number of inhabitants in Geneva amounts to about 6 i,000; among them are about 40,000 Unitarians, i8,000 Roman Catholics, and the miserable batance only are left to Protestanf Trinitarianism."

Concerning New Fingland, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, the most Protestant part of the States, the original home of the Pilgrim Fathers (1620): he gives the following from the Martford

Courant: "The Congregational Ministers of Comnecticut have thoroughly canvassed their parishes to ascertain the actual religious condition of the Jtate. 'The result was unexpected." The Committec on Home Evangelization say, in thear published report: "'The returns give the impression that the Roman Catholic population do not often smk to so low a grade of heatheni, on as the irreligious native-born population. They do nut entirely abandon some thought of God, and some respect for their own religious observances. Chifurmly the districts most utterly wiach ofer to desolation are districts occupied by a population purely native American. A similar state of things is reported to exist in some parts of Massachuselus" (p. 80).

The same writer say's (1. S1) : " look at Harvard University, once l'mitarmon, hut descending, after a while, into Unitarianism. Yale College was established, if 1 mistake not, owing to the Unitariansm of Harvard. At any rate, President Claj, on entering on his duties there, - publicly acknowledged not only the Westminster Catcihism and Confession and Sapbrook P/atform, bat also the Apostles', Nicene, and A thanasion Creeds as agrecing with the Word of God." In isez all tests were abolished. "Thus in regatel to the fomal terehing of theolgy in the 'Church of Corist, in liale college,' ats required by statute, it hegan with full, definite, established formulas of liath, and ended in mothing." With regard to (iemany, he quotes a lener by Res. Abel Sterens, a leading scholar among the Methodists, that appeared in the Mathodist, who says: "Indifference to all vital religion seems to be a chatacteristic of the mass of the (iermanic rate. . . . Relinious indifference is the leading characteristic of the masses, as fre-thinking and materialism are of the cultivated chasses, and between them religious life has mostly died out."

It is a most significant fact that there hatve heen over thate handred "sects" that, at different times, separated thenselves from the One Catholic. Church. Oforer two hundred whose names bave come down to us from the period before the Reformation ("some of which grew o conomous sits in their day, and lasted for certuries"). the onfy whe that is now in existence and that can, therefure, with any reason, clam parcontage previous to that, is the one whose members deay our lard's Divinity--the Vatiat rians.
May we not well siay, "I ant a (hurchman because it is not sufe lo leare that Ifoly Chureh which is the 'Pillar and groand of the 'Pruth.' dy love for the lard, and my zeal for His homor compets me wabide with Ifer who. even though ome of ller dinisters should be fathless, by Her Crecels and Sacraments mast ever witness that He. Her lichood, is traly "Mey liod of


## BISHOP NELLY'S LENTEN PASTORAL.

Iocording to the en tom of hormer years we gain address to you a worl of exhortation at the appoach of this holy seasou of leat asking you prayerfully to consider it. Before looking forward and making phas and resohbtions for self-lenial. look buk and look zioltin. Sorutinize your life as in the sight of llim who knows the secrets of your hearts. I'ry, at least, correct what you know to te wrong abou th, and do not rest satisfied with self exami 10 m which is merely supurficial. If $y^{\prime \prime}$, ha' neglected your duty to God, ackn' vledge your neglect, instead of excousing it. he spiritual influence of lent will enable yon o make rial confession of sins and to keep any resolves $y^{\prime \prime}$ make to anend.

The Grace and help, of fiod are $p^{1 n d g e ~ t o ~}$ those who humbly seek $H$ is and in he dinances of His Chureh, and He whr $n$ the iys of His earthly life refused not to ten $t_{0}$ the appeal of the sinner and the need: is as : 1 dy now to utter the word of
to the penitent soul. Let not this divine grace be offered you in vain. Be in earnest. Persevere in your struggle to overcome evil. Be resolute. When allured by temptation say no and mean it. Knowing how great is the force of example, give up for others' sake what may be made a cause of detriment to the Church and to the individual soul. I.ent is a fitting time to curtail amusements which are lawful and innocent in themselves. Discipline becomes valuable according as it is directed against those worldly things which are engrossing the thoughts and affections of the heart.
Whatever holds back the soul from God is sinful. You cannot serve God and Mammon. If you are Christ's you must crucify the flesh. If you are not Christ's you can have no hope of salvation. To all, the Church offers her help now in prayers and sacraments and instruction. Sanctify the fast. Come as penitent children of the Lord seeking the strengthening grace promised to those who ask for it. Work out your own salvation. Extend the Kingdom of God amongst your friends and neighbors. Be trie to your Lord and Master-and may the blessing of God rest upon you alwass.

## Bishop Grafton's Lenten Pastoral,

Thothe chemis and my heak laty of the Thores:
The Church, the living organ of the Holy Ghost, having brought before us the fact that Almighty God becance incarnate, now in Lent tells us how we treated him. We resiponded to His goodness by crucifying him. It is something dreadtul to think of. It becomes more solemn when we remind ourselves that it was not by the Jews and Gentiles of Pilate's day, He wats natided to the cross, but also that it was our own sins that did it. And our guilt is a great deal worse than theirs, for we know who He is and hate been simning against a great deal more light and grace than they. Moreover, we Christians, by our own ingratitude, our worldiness, evil tempers, dissensions, hall-heartedness, indifference, backslidingss. slackened zeal, half repentances, as well as by our positive transgressions, have been crucifying the loord afresh, and in the face of lis enemies putting Hian to an open shame. For it is cespecially the sins of the professed finlawers of Christ that hinder the extunsion of Chesta's Kingedon, and so are keeping trick the reappearance of our Lord, when the new spiritual ereation of righteousness and Wessedness and life in Gudstall be ushered in. 'Till that day comes. our Lord hangs, as it were, om a croses. He is being kept there by us. His blessed body, juded. no longer sulfers, but this sacred heart does. It suffers in consequence of the coldness and apathy and mbelief and wrong and insult, and want of eeal that linder the consummation of His kingdom, and so delays His coming and the remion of all the blessed. in Him. Eiery sin of body or soul, of unbelief or disobedicnce, of negect of grace and grieving of the Spirit, hinders it. Every division between Christians, or in parishes, or in family life, or between neightors, kepls open the woma in Christs heart. What the the penitent longs to do, as it stands noar His Cross, is to make some loving reparation to hum- 6 mitigate in some way His grief- to hold up semething to assuage Uis thirst-10 win, like the firgiving penitent, some other soul to Chisist.
1.ent affords us a gracious opportunity to forward Christ's purposes. The man truly con-
verted to Jesus will not be selfishly seeking his own salvation alone, but will have all the interests of Jesus nearest his heart. To work for the lasting, joyous consummation of our final union in God, is of greater concern than to labor, as most men do anxiously, for a needless accumulation of the wealth that perisheth. To be zealous for the establishment of the enduring kingdom of Christ, from whence all poverty and sickness and every ill shall be forever banished, is wiser than to be albsorbed in futile attempts to reform the decaying and perishing kingdoms of earth. Let us give ourselves wholly to Christ, and let Christ wholly take possession of us. A diocese really kindied aglow with the fire of divine love, and in earnest out and out, might move the world.

The best discipline of Lent is that of the soul, seeking to deepen its own penitence, to live ncarer to Christ, to grow in union with Him. That we may do this the better, in common with the whole of Christendom, as it gathers in-united cfforts round Calvary, let it be a time of selfdenial, of separation from the world; of special communion with God in prayer, of attendance on the Holy Sacrifice. It will add you to do this, if you of the laity, take some rule of life under the wise guidance of your own jastors. The ancient custom which required abstinence from flesh meat during lent, I would dispense to all intirm and sick persons, to those of growing years, or to those engaged in hard lahor; and recommend it to be olserved by ohters on Wednesdays and Fridays. Let your self-denials of whatever kind, come from a penitential love, which craves conformity to your Saviour, and would watch with Him and work for Him who died for you.

Ever asking, dear clergy and people, your prayers for my own guidance and sanctification. and praying that the Holv Spirit would so work with you and you with Him, that by His convicting and converting grace your souls may be more wholly knit in union with IIis own, I am yours affectionately in Christ, and with all Blessing.

Charlms C. Gramon, Bishon of Fond du I ac.

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Cherca Schoon for Girls.- At the last meeting of the Directors of this institution, William I imock, Esq. was unanimonsly elected member of the board in place of his late lamented brother, Edward 11 . Dimock, Esc!.

## WHIJSOR.

The members of Christ Church congregation spent the evening of Shrove Tuesday, in the Surday school room, in a very pleasant and social way. At eight o'clock the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Weston-Jones, delivered a lecture, which was highly appreciated. being a very enter aining account of his travels in fingland, where he visited districts not usually touched on by tourists from this part of the world. The lecture was interesting, instructive and amusing, a number of langhable anecdoles being given in the Archdeacon's own genial way, and although it lasted till nearly nine o'clock, no one was tired of iistening. At the close of the lecture the ladies of the Churchwomen's Working Association served a bountifut repast. The remainder of the evening was pleasamly passed in social intercourse and till about 10.30 , when the gathering dispersed after a delightful crening.

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Deanery of St. John.--The regular quarterly meeting of the Deanery of St . John was held on the 8 March inst, in St. Luke's church, The following was the programme:
3p. m.-Mecting of clergy for Scripture reading and discussion.
(i p. m.-Tea served in echool room, to which war dens and vestry of the church were invited.
$7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.-Evening eervice in church. Ins tead of the nsual sermon short addresses were announced by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, and Rev. Mesars. Hudgell, Little and Greare.

The venerable Metropolitan of the Province of Canada has, as Bishop of Fredericton, sent the touching pastoral letter which follows to his clergy. While all must regret to know that His Lordship's physical strength is failing him, it is a great pleasure to think that his mental faculties are still clear and vigorous and that he enjoys good health ; and all will desire and pray that he may yet be spared to witness the "blessing on what has been done and what remains to be done " for which he prays

## Bishorscote, lele 23rd, 1892.

My Jear Brethren-You are aware that some years since I thought it prudent, in view of a possible failure of health and strength on my part, to obtain the assistance of a Coadjutor, in order th:at the work of the Diocese might not be impeded. It has pleased God to take from me some portion of the strength that then remaned, and I feel no longer able to undertake the laborious journeys which, up to a later period, God gave me strength to perform. Painful as it is to me to abridge any part of my former duty, I am obliged, at the age of eighty-seven, to ask you to consult with the Coadjutor as to any Confirmations for the coming year, and as to the administrative work of the Diocese in general, reserving to myself such work as it is practicable for a man in my present condition. You will, I feel assured, not set this down to any want of affection or earnestness on my part, and will help me with your kind words and earnest prayers, that what remains of my life may be spent to the glory of (iod, and to the good of the Church, over which the Lord hath made me an oversecr.

Prajing for a blessing on what has been done, and what remains to be done, I remain,
lour faithful and affectionate friend,
John Frfdericton.
The Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton.The St. John Globe.

The Late Jebif Wetmone.- The funeral of the late Judge Wetmore took place in the afternoon of March gth, and was attended by an immense concourse of people representing all classes of citizens, an evidence of the respect with which he was held by the community. Nearly all the members of the Legislature were present. There was a large number of floral offerings sent in by friends, and which covered the cottin. The funcsal took place to the Cathcdral where the service was conducted by the Metropolitan, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Alexander. It the grave in Forrest Hill Cemetery the service was read by the Rev. Canon Roberts. During the service in the Church the hymn "The Saints of (iod " was sung, and was most impressive. The Barrister's Society attended in force, preceding the hearse in its course to the Cemetery. All the local papers speak highly of the character of the deceased Judge and of his abilities and impartiality in the administration of his duties.

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Bishop＇s College，Lenmorville．

The Missionary Union Day for the Lent term was held on Wednesday in Ember week：March gth，and passed off yery satisfactoily．it spe－ cial celetration was held at St．Gierrge＇s Chured at 7.15 am ．The special missionaty collect， epistle and gospel authorized by the Bishol were used．
There was a very satisfactory attendance of students．The other special service of the day was the evensong at 5 o＇clock，when a sermon was preached by the Rev．Alfred Wheeler，a graduate of the New York General Seminary， and at present a missionary at Island Pond，in the Diocese of Vermont．
It is interesting to recall the fact that the mission and church of Island Pond sprang out of the missionary efforts of Lemoxville students， of whom the Rev．T．Blaylock，now of Dan－ ville，P．Q．，was the chief．Mr．Wheeler＇s text was＂Silver and gold have I none，but suck as I have give I thee＂；Acts inf．6．He contrast－ ed the lower wealth with the higher wealth and set forth the high ideal of unselfish life，illustrat－ ed in mission work，and in fact，in all work for Christ．He showed how some of the best work， not only in the spiritual sphere but also in the highest literature and art had been alike neglect－ ed and unpaid for，instancing the career of the musician Mozart，and the reception awarded to Milton＇s Paradise I．ost．He exhorted all to fol－ low the higher ideal，regardless of present re－ ward，and illustrated the subject by a beautiful extract from the poems of Isaac Willams，one of the sweet singers of the Oxford movement． Hymn 220 （Jesus shall Reign）was sung．
At the evening meeting，hymn 3 Gr（Through Midnight Gloom from Macedon）was sung．The short office was read and routine business was completed．The principal read a paper on Madagascar，dealing first with the general features of the Island and its population，and the work done by the Church up to $187+$ second a summary of the history of the Mission derived from the S．P．（i．account＂Fifteen years work in Madagascar，＂showing the solid work of Bishop Keshell－Cornish in raising a Cathedral，a High－School，school for girls and infants and St．Paul＇s College，for training na－ tive teachers and clergy，some of whom lave been already ordained．

The different centres of work in the Island were mentioned and an extract read from the annual report of the S．P．（i．for last year，giv－ ing almost the latest news from the Island．As the Missionary Union have contributed regularly to Madagascar the information was received with much interest，and an idea was thrown out by Dr．Allnatt and favorably received，that it would be well in future to let our offerings be specially for St．Pau＇s College，a kindred in－ fitution to our own．
Mis．I．N．Kerr，B．A．，read a very interest－ ing and enthusiastic account of the career of the late Pishop Steere，and graphically described the progress of the mission m Fastern Africa，espe－ cially the progress manifested in the great centre of \％anzibar．In the conversation that took place after the reading of the papers，the Rer． A．Wheeler joined，and introduced some very interesting matter relative to the career of sev－ eral Assyrian Christians，two of whom started out wilh the ittipulse of preaching in Japan． Keaching New York，after considerable training under the American Church，one of them has become one of the main－stays of the Japanese mission，especially from placing his linguistic ialents at the service of the Church there．The second has gone back to try and rewive the purer form of faith amongst his Nestorian brethren．A third is working in New York amongst the scattered Assyrians there．The conversation was also joined in by the Rev．N．P．Yates， and Messrs．Avery and Bishop．All felt that and hessrs．Avery and dajor had been very enjoyable and suggestive．

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## MONTREAL．

Trastry：－On Thursday evening last，the Trinity Church Band of Hope repcated the en－ joyable enterainmem that proved so successful at its first fresentation a couple of weeks aço． The＂Kingdom of Mother Goose＂made anex－ cellent first part，while the second，consisted of reciations and a charming lithe comedietta， －Mistress Mary．＂

Si．Juns．－A rery pleasamt and successtul At home＂was held in the School Room of St． Jude＇s church last Thursday evening by the rector，Rev．I．H．Dixon，and the church－ wardens．The attendance was very large．A very entertaining programme of musical and so－ cial selections and recitations was given by Mrs． Parrat，Mliss Kirkman，Miss Aiken，Messrs．］． H．Redfern，John Parratt and H．Dyson，after which refreshments were served．

St．Jomes－－The new Rector the Rex．W． Windsor has entered into occupation of the Rec－ tory and the charge of the Parish ；and has creat ed a very favorable impression by his first Sul－ day services．He is also holding a Wednesday evening service，and has revived the band of Hope which will meet regularly hereafler on Friday evening．

Chbrecerine．－The Rev．W．Robinson， the newly elected Rector of this parish，entered uyon his：duties as sucle on Friday，I 3 th inst Much regret is expressed at his remoral from Shefford．

Freminismurd，－The Rev．P．I．．Spencer of Therold，Ont．，delivered his admirable lecture illustrative of the Church＇s Missionary Work throughout the world，on Monday evening．the it ith insist．

## Wiocese of Qntario．

 has heen spending a fell days with his college friend，Rev．l：＇ l ．Dibl，and preached at St． Albans churehat Matins and Evensongs last Sun－ day to erood congregations．
In the morning the bapt ism of a child afforded a good subject for a sermon（by the way，we still have to use a wash－hasin）．In the evening he took ap＂The Conmumion of Saints＂＇The subjects were treated first doctrinally，wherein evidence was given of a well stored mind and a thorough theological raining．He then pro ceeded with great jower and eloquence to hing home the practical bearing of these doctrimes on the daily life．Mr．Waterman is from bishups College．Ienoxville，and has lately been stationed at Wellingt on in this Jiocese．He is now on his way to his new parish of Franktown．The Church people there are to be eongratulatod on heir new clergyman．

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## TORONTO

Tomancr．－Notice is given，that a prublio meeting of the Trinity College Missionary and Theological Society will be held in Convoca tion Hall on Wednesday． 23 rd．March，at 4 p． m．Missionary addresses with he guven by Rev．Canon I）umoulin and Rer．C．H．Iugles M．A．

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Sr．Jons．－－The Rector of St Jom＇s Churd， Ket．1．C．Davidson，has agait arraned 10 make the lenton Senson as serviceable and to strucive as possible for his people．A selies of lectures，as in past years，will be delivered every Wednesday crening in the churhby demy and laty，ingon special leatumes of charh work． The first of these was detivered on Ash Wednes． dayevening by Mr．Inavidson himself，his sub－ ject being＂（ilimpees of the Chureh in lingland．＂ He is specially qualified to speak thereon，having gone to lingland and spent thee years there， one as a layman aud two engated in elerical daties．He referred to to the differem features of Chureh work there，and noted that homgh from the newspaper despatches it might appear that the only striking characterstic of the Charch of fingland was，ornate ritual and amultiplication of forms，such an idea was ancutire misiake as the amome of eamest，food，self－denying and devoted work being done was simply incetim－ able．
On Wednesday wening，the gth．inst．，an ad tress was delivered liy Major Mayne，of the Koyal Military College，Kingston，on（Our cause and its champions．＂

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The first Sundiay in Ient，March Gill，was the day set apart by the sibood of the Charels of England as Pomperame sunday，and very appropriately，as the bishop pointed ont in his pastorsl，as it was，a time when the Church ealls upon all her children w use steh ahstinence as slatl be the means of subduing the llesh to the spirit．In St．fames Chureh here the Res． Canon（ireene jreached lwo special semons． The text in the evening was taken from Revela． xxi，zo，＂an amethyst．＂The literal meminer of the（ireck word which is draniated＂amethyst，＂ is＂withont dirmkemess，＂and the preacher poonted out from the fact of thas stone being ome of the fomblations of the heavenly fermsalem， and abso from other portions of herphure bearmg on this sin of drankenness how imporsible it was： for those whe do sum thinge to enter the king don of lfeaven．He stated that thee hunded thousand drunkarels die every year，and dwelt on the awful resuonsibility that rests on the shoulders of thase who are dombenthing te check this evil．Ife made a very shong appeal from the standerin of thotherly bove and weded his hearers wake practical ase of the preceply laid down in Romans stre， 13 ，and 1 ．（ourind thians virt．， 13 ．the collevelim was in aid uf the Chureh of Enetand limperance besety of the lionese

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 successful ten ditys missirn was hedd in the gatisa just lefore lem．
It was condurted by the Rev．H．I＇．Ienwe， M．A．，of Aspdin，Muskoka，who came at the invitation of the ker．C．H．Shout，ke tor of Si． parmabas．

Kach day commenced with Haly Commumion at－am，Matins at ionan．，followed by instror－ tion on the dible．Jiensong at \＆bim．，with instruetion on the（hurch．At 7 p．m．a Mission service was held with semmon on the differem phases of the Christian life，and followed ly instriccion on some subject connected with the serinets．
Mr．Iore，through a young man，proved him－ self eminently fited for Nission work．The clo－
quence, force and deep spirituality of his sermons place him at once in the front rank among preachers and teachers.

The services were attended by deeply interested and reverent congregations, and we feel sure that all who had the privilege of hearing him will return a grateful sense of his efforts on their behalf.

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The Committee on Standing Orders of the Ontario l egislature held a very brief session on Tuesday morning and passed on the petition of the Western Universily and College of 1 ondon, praying that an Act may pass aunhorizing the change of name to that of the Western Caiversity and London University College.

The annual misionary meeting of Christ Church, Jondon, wats held last evening, with a good attendance. Addresses were deliversd by the Bishop of lluron and Mestoh Baghdasarian, the Thurkish missionary. A fair collection was taken up.

The Bibhop, of Huron has sent a favorable reply to the reguest of Christ Churel congregation for the appointment of Rev. Robert McCosh, of Petrolea, as successor to the Rev. N. H. Martin. The P/athe heartily congratulates the churei and the town of Chatham on securins Mr. McCosh, who is well-known as one of the most godly men and powerfal preachers in (ontario.

## IITERTON.

This new congregation is shewing both life and energy. They have let the contract for buiding at new brick church. The material is on the groumd, and the work will be commenced immediately. The chureh is securing a gorsd strong forothold in thin village.

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The congregation in this town has decided to build it new chureh and an arehited in domelon is peparing plans. It is proposed to commerece wotk as soon as the sibing opens. When the new church is completed it is camestly hoped that some armacments may be made so as to give two sunday services to this congregation. Rev. IV. lowe hat done a good work since he contered this parish and is heloved by all who know him.

## Diorese of Mthanm.

The Risiop of Agoma begs to thank "A. F." of New Hrumswick very sleathatly for the sum of $\$ 40$ received by letter dated March $\boldsymbol{q}^{t h}$. The donation will he aphlied towards the erection of a parsonage which is very urgently needed at Rosseau.

## AspliN.

In St. Mary's and St. George's Churches, instructions are being given during 1 ent upon the Sacramental life of the Church. The Incumbent earthestly presses upon all commumicants, at least, the duty of attending as many of these services as possible. The self-denial shown thus will bring its reward in a more jortul Fater, and what is of far more importance, an increase of spiritual power in our midst and a corresponding advance in holiness. A devont appreciation and use of the sacraments of the Church is essential
to any real growih in grace, hence the necessity for plain and unmistakable teaching on this sulbject.

An agreement has been entered into with Mr. A. Lcefe, churchwarden of St. Mary's, Aspdin, and his father, Octavius Ieefe, Esq., of London. England, for the purchase of the house which has been occupied by the incumbent somewhat more than a year.

The whole purchase money is $\$ 850$, (cost price, ) of which $\$ 500$ is to be paid down, $\$ 400$ being now in hand and the other $\$ 100$ to be paid by the Bishop from the diocesan resources. The remaining $\$ 350$ is to be paid within two years, with interest at 6 per cent. Towards this some 35 is already promised, leaving a final balance of about $\$ 275$ and the interest to be found.
Subscriptions to help. pay off the balance are earnestly asked for and may be made payalble to the Rev. H. P. Iowe, Priest-in-charge.

## DIOCESE OF ATHABASKA.

BISHOP'S INNUAL JETIFR, 1892.

## (Continued.)

Fevery year is serving to bring this Great North West into closer mion with the rest of Canada, and, while other intersts are actually at work to bring this about, it is hardly a time for the friends of Missionary work to hang back and turn a deaf ear to our appeals, and show themselves indifferent to the exigencies of our work.

The Dominion Government placed $\$ 2000$ at Mr. Brick's elisposal for furnishing and commenc. ing a Mission farm. Mr. Brick has been faithful to the trust reposed in him, and has fenced in about half a mife square, with a frontage on the Peace River. Though short of labour and therefore necessarily with a great expenditure of time and personal work, he has a considerable portion mader cultivation. When we arrived, Sept. gth, he was lusy gathering and threshing the grain. On my return from Dunvegan, he had it stored in large bins in a new store not yet roofed. I think 1 can say in all faimess and without partiality that I never saw a finer average buth of wheat, harley and oats anywhere. I feel sure the samples sent outside this fall will serve to remove any lingering doubt as 10 the fact that the gicat gran area of Canada reaches far beyond the Saskatcheran and includes the Peace River comuty as well. This abundant harvest is likely to give a great impetus to farming among the Indians. While there, six Indians, heads of families came to have a talk about the Mission, its objects, the benetits they might hope to derive from it, and the assistance that would be rendered them in firming themselves. While cateful to remove all unduc expectations-an Indian is always very sangume as to the personal henefit he ought to derive from Protestant Missionary eftort-they were assured that help would be given them in ploughing, in supplying them with seed, in threshing and grinding. Four also gave promise that their children should attend schoul.

Mr. Brick undertakes to give esery Indian child attending school a dinner every day, and Mrs. Brick's dinners are always well worth eating. This they did last winter during a time of want and sarcity, the unusual dry season of that summer having thinned the crops.

From here I proceeded, accompanied by Mr. Brick, to St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave J.ake. You would have been amused could you have witnessed our crossing of the Peace River. An ex. H. B. Company officer, a member of our Church accompanied us. We had two horses and two mules and a buckboard. Sitting in the middle of the dug out I held the lines, the animals were driven after us into the water and all went well for a few yards. Suddenly mules and horses stampeded for the shore. I held on to the lines, as had they got away we might have lost a day hunting them. Our heavy dug-out literally boiled through the water in its rapid retrogression. A second attempt was more successful and with heads and nostrils just above water, our puffing, snorting train patiently swam the broad stream. Early next morning we crossed the buck-board athwart two canoes and started for our ninety miles. I do not tnink many Bishops travel to a tend their Synod it quite the style of this occasion. Our saddle horse was a wretched stumbler and I discovered that one of my friend's mules was a very easy pacer so perched aloft on its tall gaunt back, I headed the procession. Our Synod was held in the new church just completed of St. Peter's. The last time we had met, was at Vermilion in 1888 . Few in numbers, isolated from one another by long distances, these gatherings are to us of great interest and are mutually beneficial. They are occasions for taking counsel together and encouraging one another among the $t$ ials and discouragements of the work.

The first service on Sunday morning is in Cree. During it I admitted Mr. Henry Robinson to Deacon's Orders. He has now been in the country three years. He has acquired a very fair knowledge of Cree and has for the past year laboured with much acceptance among the Indians of White Fish Lake. This together with his Christian character and steadfastuess of purpose, gives promise of a useful Missionary career. After the ordination we gathered around the Lord's Table, the converts mingling with us in the blessed ordinance.

Tuesday and Wednesday were taken up with the proceedings of Synod and work arising out of it. Our last act together was a meeting for prayer at which several of our Indians and others were present. We laid the needs of our work, its difficulties and perplexities before the Throne of Grace and at the same time joined in pratse and thank:giving for all God's undeserved mercies and blessings.
betore closing this letter I must refer to an opening which calls for immediate occupation. Durng last winter our Missionary at Lesser Slave l.ake, Rev. G. Holmes went out to visit a band of heathen Indians hunting and fishing in the Wabiskaw country. Wabiskaw lake abounds in white fish. The Indians, about fifty families have built themsetves small log houses near the Lake.

Mr. Holmes writes "I never received kinder treatment from any people, White or Indian." He speaks of them as a superior class of Indians. He adds "I never saw among Indians a more general and apparentiy genuine conviction and confession of sin. Fighteen children were brought for baptism and many of the adults were wishful, but I thought it wiser to leave them for further instruction." They wanted specially to know whether they would have a resident teacher or whether we intended to pay them occasional visits " like the birds flying over their heads."
To this cry from ' Nacedonia' "Come over and help us" there is only one reply "We will come." But we have no grant for this mission, from the C.M.S. We have undertaken it in faith believing that our "friends and fellow workers" will gladly co-operate and supply us with the means to carry forward what I trust will prove an open-door. I commend this new opering to your interest and your prayers. Will you
ask that the right man may be found and then that the means for his support and that of his mission may be forthcoming.

Contributions for this and any other part of our work in Athabaska will be gladly received and acknowledged by Mr. H. G. Malaher, of the Missionary Leaves Association 20 Compton Terrace, Upper Street, Islington, London in England, or by Rev. W. A. Burman, my commissary, Middle Church, Man., in Canada. I remain,

## Ever yours most sincerely,

Richid. Athabasca.

## Questions for Self-Examinations.

These Questions may be nead by confining the Self Scruting to twoor three a day.
I. Have I reason to believe that I am "daily incrasing in God's Holy Spirit more and more?"
2. How do I fulfil the law of Christ, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me ?"
3. Is my walk and conversation such as to strengthen my fellow-Christians, and to warn those who are neglecting the great salvation?
t. What are the sins to which, from my dis position and circumstances, I am most liable, and do 1 strive against them?
5. How frequent and how fervent am 1 in prayer?
6. Do I endeavor to be "rightly instructed in God's Holy Word," and hote offort and in what manner do I " search the Scriptures?"
i. How do I prepare myself to come to the Holy Communion?
S. Do I attend the Lord's Day and Week Day Services of the Church, only aflual mectssity hindering me?
9. Do I pray for him who is over us in the lord, and seek by my cxample and my cwerfions to promote the blessing of his ministry?
10. Am I constantly engaged in doing grood to the bodies and souls of men ?
11. Do 1 seek by my gifis, my prayers, my lahors, to advance Christ's kingdom on earth?
12. Wo I uniformly and cheerfully sit asidic amusements when in conflict with Church attendance and other duties?
13. As one " not conformed to this world," what amusements do I reject, and what fare do I impose upon myself as to amusements in general?
14. Am I chiefly, "a lover of pleasure", or, a lover of God?
15. Am I living in charity with all men?
16. What portion of my real income do 1 de vote to charity, and do I ever den! myseld to give away?

If a parent.

1. Do I observe family prayer?
2. Am I anxious for the spiritual welfare of my children ?
3. Am I by precept and example training ul them as "Members of Christ, Children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven?"
4. Do I bring them up in habits of prayer. scripture reading and church attendance?Silected.

Colgtegy to Strancers in (urbit.-A young man enters a church with a timid and hesitating step, and a blush on his countenance. There is plenty of room in the pews, but somehow every pew with a vacant sitting in it has a person planted at the entrance as a notice against trespassers. No one is rude to the stranger, they simply let him alone, and pay bo more attention to him than they do to the nearest pillar. If he does not steal quietly out, he fecls that he is in no wise wanted there, and he takes care not to tresspass into that fold again.-. St. Gourge's Parish Magazine.

## OONTEMPORARY OHUROH OPINION.

## He North fast

There is no season in the Church more precious to the believer than L ant. Its coming should be looked forward to with interest, its departure should be accompanied with a feeling of sadness as at the parting with great opportunities for spiritual growth and development. The voice of the Church from the beginning has dechared its work. She calls upon her children by frequent services and solemn teachings 10 draw nearer to their (God. And when the season has passed the Christian who has availed himself of its advantages feets that he has been "strengthened with might" by the power of the Holy Ghost for his future contlicts against "sin, the world and the devil."-The Chirohman, $N$. Y.

## A FEARFC. GROWTH OF (RMME.

Mr. Henri Joly has recently published an analysis of crime in France for fifty years. He gives an appalling statement but it comes, it must be remembered, from one who has a right to speak with authority on the subject.
It is not merely that crime has increased not absolutely alone but relatively also. In 1838 there were 237 crimes and misdemeanors to every 100,000 inhabitants, as against $55^{2}$ in 1888. Such a showing is bad enough. But there is something worse. The increase of crime in the period considered has been 13.3 per cent., but the increase of offenders under a yearn of age has been 1 to per cent., and of offenders between 16 and $20,247 \mathrm{per}$ cent. What a fearful prospeet for the future does this present.

Then, again, Mr. Joly classifies crimes and the results reached are stiking. for the first 40 years of the present century crimes wate mainly those against persons. From 1 S.fo to 1854 they were chiefly against property. In the subsecquent period the crimes are against the family, that is, crimes in the Hne of licentiousness. During the last half century erimes against persons have increased 51 jer cent., crimes against property $6_{2}$ per cent., crimes of licentionsness 240 jer cent. and in the rase of the lowest clasies 430 per cent.
And what lies at the roct of this awful evil is the utter break-up of the family, following on easy divorce and the ahandomment of all idea of the sanctity of the marriage relation. Cnions libres are poor substitutes for marriages. In the case of what may be rightly termed "alandoned children," out of 8 as in Paris in 18 sio, 50 w were broteght to the authorities by the fathers themselves.

Is there no lesson in all this for us in the United states? What would such an analysis an that of M . Joly reveal in unr own land? 'et.if any one should make it and argue from it he would be sure in some guatery to he dalled a persimist.

## MARCH MAGAZINES.

The Homafric Revow contains as its leading paper Bishop Coxe'n Article entitled "The Healing of Divisions." leing the first of a series of papers on the general sul,ject of Church Union. The Rev, Canon (l'Meara, of Wimn peg, represents the Church pulpit in the Ser monic Section, Suggestions for fiasier are given in this number-being selections from the (iemman by Prof. Schodde of Columbus, (). (Funk \& Wagnalls Co. N. N.)

Thf. Treastry for Pastor and Pcopic although chiefly representative of the denominational pulpits contains each month much that will be found of service to the Clergy of the Church. In this number there is a short article on
" Christian training in childhood," by Rev. li.. A. Bradey, D. D). Episcopalian, lBrooklyn, N.Y. (E. B. Treat. N. I.)

The Andantu: Montuly has amongst other contents. Haretsi tide on the lolica, by lsabel I. Hopgood; The Childrens Pocts, by Agles Repplier; Thos. Chandlir JIaliburton, by l: Blake Crofton ; Doubts about Unizersity Exiension, by Geo. Herbert Palmer: Why the Mfon of Comincticut fomsht for the Lnom, by J. II. Cox, 心. C . (Ioughton Mimtin \& Co., Boston.)

Tur Quarterle Remister of Cirrfat Histoky-qth Quarter 1891 -notes amongst other Intermational affairs, The Behrins Soa Dispute: Nea Reviprody Tratios: Comeral European Politis, \&c. It also makes notes of current affars in Asia, Africa, Europe and America, Correny History is traly doing a unique work in the field of journalism and is in reality a condensed encyclopedia of current affais. It will be found very waluable to all and specially tothe busy and overworked business ana itsofessional man. (The Evening News Astociation, Detroit, Mich. 1.00 per:an.)

The: Siratio of Misstons gives in fall the ad mirable address of the Rev. Dr. langford to the Clerical Rrotherhood of Philadelphia on "Christian Bencricence; Its Motive Measure, and Method." Its Domestic Missions Department is occupied chiefly with an interesting arcount of Dr. Digigs' work at loint Hoge, Alaska. (20,3 Bible House, N.'.)
 lume with this number : an excedingly good one. Its leading article is from the pen of the boditor (Ir. Gibsom, of Litica, N.'.) on "Moral Insanity." This Monsly, well merits the hish enowmimms receibed from the press generally:
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In your issuc of March and lhere is a mistake: the figures refresentint the number of ©ommunicants in Nova sootia. Accoreling to the Year loonk of the Chureh of Fingland for 180 es the number of Church people is 63,000 of whom. about 10,000 (not 1,000 ) are Communicants.
Gou have also omitted l'rince Eilward Inland wheh is represented in the Year look as having 7,192 Church people of whom $1,0,30$ are Communicants.
Surely there is atso some mistake with reference to the number of Commanicants in the Diocese of Huron.
V. F. Hakhis.

## Amhers', March 7 th .

The figures furnished by us were for N.S. 10,000 Communicants. Whe 1,000 was on typegraphical blunder.-İd.]

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CALENDAR FOR MARCII.
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## OHSERVANCE OF LENT.

The lemen seasom righty observed pmifes the heant from ereed and lust, it breaks the force of evil habis. it brings as nearer Christ, and causes a timer tie union between our soml and Heaven.

Thuse who brand the keping of lenta superstitious and uscless rastom have-rarely without exception-never prad attention to its observance, and therefore do not know the blessings which cone to those who kep it rightly.

Lent is observed by employing sach means as will cause self-demial and self sacrifice, either as Godss word as prescribed. Wr our own reason and experience reoommends. Some may find rules to be useful or necessary which to others would he nether. Care should be taken not to censure that which it would be well to imitate. All Christians-especially those who here in ease and luxury-should be attentive to "keep their
bodies in subjection;" not harassing them as enemies, but ruling and providing for them as servants; in such mamer as to make them both willing to obey and able to perform their work.

Fondness for pleasure and tendency to follow the customs of the world should be watched, not with unreasonable scrupulousness, hat with religious prudence. l'a rorite inclinationss should be suspected and the opinions that commenance them will check themselves as they grow cager.
"II is purposes will ripen fiat,
Unfolding every hour ;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
Bui sweet will be the flower."
We are willing to keep at ever so great a distance from the faults to which we have little or no inclinations, but more favorite vices have easy entrance into our hearts and take firm possession of them. We are shocked at the monstrous and ruinous eagerness for pleasure, the proligate and unprecedented contempt of religion that jrevails in the world ; our behavior on these heads is unblameable, exemplary, and we value ourselves upon it beyond bounds. Yet all the while we induige ourselves to the full another way; are unjust, selfish and unrensonable, penurions and hard-hearted, censorious or unforgiving, peevish and ill-tempered, and make those about us umeasy, and chiefly those whose happiness ought to be our first care. This is applauding ourselves for being fortified, where the cnemy is not likely to make an attack, and leaving the places that are most exposed quite undefended.

Every Christian shonld study the werk parts of his or her heart and custom. Lent is the time to do it properly. By a truly and religiously kept lenten season, not only one wrong inclination may be rooted out, but the whole "body of sins" may be destroyed, and with al! "its affection and lusts" mailed to the cross of Christ.-PItrish Guile.

## SELF-DENIAL.

The Christian world is not ton wise or too grood to be made yet wiser and hetter. Ient (opens up a way--brightened by that life crucified on the cross of Calvary-that the goal of wisdom and goodness may be reached through the avenue of seledenial. If we turn ourselves from wordly pieastres and allow our minds to read and hear the word of Giod for a period of forty days, we camot bat deeply realize that our blessed lard "gave himself for us, that he might simetify and cleanse us and present us to Himseli holy and without blemish." If we do not labor to become thus, we frustrate in a measure His gracions intentions, and make his sufferings rain. If we crucify not our affections and lusts we'crucify him afresh, and put him to open shame:" pour contempt on his glorious undertaking and expose it to the scom of others; the consequences of which will be, that as "while we profess to know Him, in works we deny Him," so will he in the day of judgment "profess to us, l never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

We desire to be glorified with Christ, but ofen fatil to remember that true glory can only be attained in earth or in Heaven through selfdenial. "Whosoever will sare his life shall lose it: Whosoever will lose his life shall save it."
If that law held good for the sinless Chist, If that law held good for the sinless Christ,

Without self-denial there can be no blessedness. "He that loveth his life shall lose it." "He that hateth his life in this paltry, selfish, luxurious, hypocritical world, shall keep it to life eternal." Self-denial has not its value with Gud, as some think, from the measure of pain it causes. This pain is often caused by the remaining reluctance to practice it. It has its highest worth in that meek and even joyful acquiescence which commt: nothing a sacrifice for Jesus' sake, and feels sut. prised when others speak of self-denial.
"We ought not to please ourselves, for even Christ pleased not Himself." What He was, we must be. What He did, we must do. Self. denial is the law of the Christian life. What a glorious life will it be in the Church of Christ when that law prevails-every one considering it the object of existence to make others happy, every one denying himself or herself, seeking not their own self, but esteeming others better. All thought of taking offence, of wounded pride, of being slighted or passed by, would pass away. As followers of Christ every one would seek to bear the weak and to please their neighbor. True self-denial would be seen in this, no one would think of self, but live in and for others. Christ's spirit of self-denying love would be poured upon us and to deny self would be the greatest joy and the means of deepest communion with God. When we part with self, Christ takes the place, and His love and genteness and kindness flow out to others. 'To true Christians no command is more blessed or more natural than "we ought not to please ourselves, for even Christ pleased not himself." "If any man come after ne, let him deny himself and follow me.Selectid.

## SELF-SACRIFICE.

The connection between self-sacrifice and selfdenial is that the former is the root from which the latter springs. In self-denial, self-sacrifice is tested and thus strengthened and prepared each time again to renew its entire surrender. Christ's incarnation was a self-sacrifice; His life of self-denial was proof of it ; though again, He was prepared for the great act of self-sacri fice in His death on the cross. The Christian conversion is a sacrifice of self, though but a very partial one, owing to ignorance and weakness. From that first act of self-surrender arises the obligation to the exercise of daily self-demial. The Christian's efforts to do so, show him his weakness and prepare him for that rew and more entire self-surrender in which :is ferst finds strength for more continuous self-denial.
Self-sacrifice is the very essence of true love. The very nature and blessedness of love consists in forgetting self, and seeking its happiness in the loved one. What better time is there to cast aside self, and draw near to God, than during l.ent? Is it not a special season to practice the surrender of self, by extraordinary acts of penitence, charity, and religious devotion ; by fasting, and abstinence from amusement, and all things that tend to draw away the heart from God?
Without entire self-sacrince we cannot love as Jesus loved. "Even as I have loved you, love ye also." It is in every word, thought and deed our calling to become exactly like Jesus in His love and self-sacrifice. "Walk in love. even as Christ loved." To hunger and thirst after right eousness, to be good and to do good, is the best and highest sacritice which any Christian can offer to Heaven. By so doing they honor their Father most truly, for they long and strive to he like Christ. To be good as Christ was good, holy as He was holy, beneficent and useful: , being in one word, perfect, is the best and highest act of worship, the truest devotion. Selected.

## THECHURCHOF ENGLAND IN CANADA

In the Guardian of March and, we gave some figures as to the membership and number of communicants in the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Prorince of Canada, compiled from the Year Book of the Chureh of England. Since preparing the same we have reccived with mueh pleasure a copy of "the lear Book and Clergy list of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada" for 1892 , issued by Joseph 1 . Clougher, pudisher, of 'loronto, which marks a new departure. The book is got up in a style somewhat similar to the Living Church Quarter$l y$, and contains a considerable amount of information. It is embellished with a portrait of 'The Most Rev. The Metropolitan or Canada, and cuts of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton. Christ Church Cathedral Montreal, and St. (ieorge's and Trinity Churches in the same city. It also purports to give a complete list of the Camadian Clergy, and an epitome of the history of the various Dioceses, for which, hovever, too much reliance would seem to has been placed upon the Year book of the S. P. C. K.

Comparing the figures as given ly us. and above referred to, with those in this liar laonk, just to hand, we find that the result is as fol lows:-

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29,511
59,414
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There is a striking difference in the figures as to this latter diocese, in regard to whichexplamation might be given.

In the Province of Ruperts land the Statisties of the actual number, or cetimated number, are wanting, except in the dioceses af $M$ [oosonce and Qu'Appelle, in the former of which $4: 000$ Church members are reported, with a Communicant list of 700 ; and in the latter $5,7.32$, with a Communicant list of $1,17+$. The statistics from the dioceses on the Pacific Coast are also lamemably insufficient : only in that of Columbia is the number of Communicants airen, namely y96.

## REVERENCE.

There are certain good Christian dispositions which some people seem to look upon as disfiensable virtues-very grood things to have, hut not absolutely necessary to the Christian charac.er. In the estimation of many people reverence is one of those virtues which can be dispensed with. When we are told of some very irreverent language used by one who should know better, people are api to excuse him by saying that he is a very good man, hut he has no reverence. We do not wish to draw the line too sharply, but feel inclined to ask, Can there be a good man, in the higher Christian sense. who has no reverence? It seems to us that it is very questionable. How can a man apprehend the character of God-how can le know Him and jesus Christ whom He has sent-without reverence? He may be betrayed into irreverence by forgetfulness, but not realizing what he is saying; but surely if he knows God there must
be times in his life when he is filled with awe and reverence. It is human nature to be reverent towards what we respert. Farthly grandeur and dignity inspire respect, so must, of necessity, the knowiedge of God; and this feeling musi ho deepened by the censciousness of our own sin, and the disiance it phaces between us and Hm . We eannot, the efore believe in the excosable ness of irreverence, or treat reverence as at this pensable virtue.
We have met very few people who had not reverence for something. Great physical frowess inspires the admiration and reverence of some men who would be incapable of respecting intellectual strength: while with others talent covers a multitude of sins, so that what in their eyes would be a crime in an ordinary haman being is a trithing fault in a genius. Authors. pinters, musicians of genius are revered often with a reverence not extended to sacred things, and this in spite of tmits of character calculated 10 inspire contempt. But does not this want of reverence of which we complain arise from igmorance? If they knew the character of God and His glorious attributes would they not reverence Jim and everyhing connected with Him ton?

I'rue reverence must he spmaneous and not artificial. The reverence that is mevely artificial does mot deserve that mane. To bow the head when the heart does not bow, is no more reverence than a lifeless fom of prayer is devotion; but to the true reverence of the heart the bowing of the head and the attitude of devotion are often the natural expression of the inward emotion, and are the fruit of holy joy that words fail to express. This indeed is true worship.

Need we say that reverence is pecnliarly appropriate, is indeed indispencable, to the worship of (iod in the sanctuary. If it is missed anywhere it is here. We admit that there jo a great - hange in this matter within the last forty years, but there is still room for improvement. Who that has reverence in his heart can help leeing pained at the absence of revercnce to be found in some of our congregations-whe lolling attitiale, the gapang indifference, and the untended knee, too often offend those who come to chureh to worshif (ionl. There may be an astificial reverence, which is like the whited sepulchre, a mere mater of form and churh propriety, and Which covers a formal grdless spurit, but you certainly eannot base true worshij, and devotion assuatiated with irreverence oflehavior and carelessncss of manner.

Jut is the irreverence in the House of (iod commed to the congregration? Is it neverfound in the prayeredesk? We wish we could say so. Alas there is sometimes an irreverence in the hasty and careless performance of divine service by the dergy both in England and Ireland. which. from their exemplary position, becomes all the more injurious and more reprehensible. We do not plead fis long drawn out services, bit we mast in the interest of the reverent worship of cood deprecate the appearance of haste in the perfomarce of acts of pathin worship. Tisis haste is sometimes observable in the read ing of the Psalms, where they are read and not sung. ley the clergyman beginning his verses Le wre the congregation have finished theirs, obviousty for the purpose of getting through them at quickly as possible. If the service is too
long, by all means curtail it, by leaving out a portion, but let what is retained be performed with reverence, and not with such inderent haste.

Amblier ocension in which wehave often been hurt by irreverence is in the ascription of praise at the ronclusion of the semmon. We have known in tixe ald time clersmen make a practioe of selecting this moment for the use of their pookethandkerchicf, and even if that practice does ant now obtain, there is often still guite too nuch of a perfunctory chatacter in the way the words are given out, which the change of position or attitude is sufficient to correct. The ascription of praise to God should at all times be offered with deliberation and solemnity, and if not so done it had better not be done at all.
Irreverence is sometimes most offensively apparent in the treatment of Seripture. How often do we find people indulging in jokes ahout Scripture that have bat lithe hamor, and whose sole merit consists in their profanily. To some people this is puite a sufticient substitute for wit, and will in itself be povocative of laughter.

Aprofos of this subject, a most objectionable practice has sprung up of late in literature, particularly in magazine artieles and leaders in newspaters of using the language of seripture as a convenient form to express ideas on the most common subjects. It does not seem to matter to these writers that the sorpure so abused may be expressive of the holiest verities of the Christian faith if it seves their purpose. We are inclined 10 atribme a good deal of this irreverance to the prevalene of American literaiure, Jankee wit being often largely composed of profanity.
One of the great evils of joking on Sictipture stbjects is lat whenever the text which suggested them is met. the joke ineritab'y starts to the memory, perhaps to shatter some boly thoughe or divine lesson. The remembrance of this result should make us all carefal not oremeat jokes of this description, and if we have the misfortune to hear them, not to extend to others the injury whel we have received ourseles. by puting them intocirrulation. Ihore are various passages of Seripture whith io this monemt the writer never hears withon jokes starting up, which he heartily wishes he had never heard.
We admit it requires self hemial to resist the opportunity of retailing irreverent jokes, which are sure to create a layh. but it is a self denial which we shoukl endeavor ta pratise, remembering the evil conscumences which may follow the indulgence. Devery surh joke is a seed of irreverence, the fruit of wherh may le open profanity, and ultimately moral degradation, and we believe it to be the staty of every Christian man and woman to discountenamee irreverence as a pinisonous inthence in the church. We may all have transgresed in the matter. but let us be ready to acknowledge it before our hrethrens and before God. Let us never book upon it as a trivial offence, or suppose that irreverence can be innocent, but rather treat it as a sin which, like all sin, needs ronfession and pardon.--/rish lich. (intoctle.

## Epitaph in Naudeston Church.

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Here life I becatio lim por,
The further in the more to jay,
lit hare liph I as warm as they. From Hetsay'a Drive shough England

# Tqunith Dipyratuent. 

## TEAOH ME TO LIVE.

Teach me. $O$ lord the way of olly matuten, and I shatl. kece it anto the end.- Pantin cxix. 33
'Jeach me to live! 'Jiceneier far to dic! Genty and rilently to elide away.
On earth's long nights to clone the heavy eyc, And waken in the reallas of glorious day.
Teach me that harl lesson-hou to tice, To serve There in the durkent pathe of life; Arm me for confliet now-fresd vigour give, And make me more than conqueror in the e'rife,
Teach the to live :- 'lhy purpose to fulial : Brighl for 'Thy glory let nity taper thine! Bach day rences, remond this stablorn will Cloner round thee my hearts affections twine.

Tench me to live for self and sit no more; But une the time remaining to me yat, Not mine own pluasure seeking, as beforeWating no precions leours in vain regret.
feach me to live! No idler let me lef; But in Thy ecervice hand and heart emplog; Prepared to do 'lhy bidding cheerfully. Be this my higheot and my holiert iny
Tach me to live!-my daily crose to hear; Nor marmur thongh i bemd beneath itw loml. Only be with me! let me feel thee nemr:

Thench me to live t-mand find my life in Therelaoking from carth and earthty thang away; Let me not father, but untiringly Press oll ; and pain new streneth abit pawer rach day.
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lilo is no lomer a litule girl ; she is atown up women. lears have passed away, and many of the old faces are gone and voices silent, that she knew and loved when she was young. Nurse Kettely is dead, and the picasant ofd untsery at the top of the large lomion house, in which she used toreign shareme, and sit reathag leer Bible so peacefulty on sumblay attermome, has: passed into other hands, and is book d labk wo by filo with that feeling of tender uster with which we are so apt to look back to certain places and scenes of our childhond. It may be a nursery or a gatden, a risenside or a church, a particular window, or a book in a shady dell, but I stuppose in crerybudy's heat, the most unromantic of all, there is at leas one spot in the world, associated with their childhood, round which the memorial iny clings more regretfulty and tenderly that all the rest! Fio's litte brother. Plucky, who used to langh, and crow. and phay in the sunshine of that dear old nursery, is now a grown man, a soldier in lodia; and though he is so far away, and cam only talk to her in letters, he is still to lo the dearest broher in all the word. Fito's father and mother are both dead. Flo lives in a quict honse in the coantry, with an aum and two eonsins, who ate not always very kind to her. Nobody ablisher Flo now : the pet nome has been droped, and the full natme of Flerence substituted. fin the same way no one calls her hother llucky any more ; he is kohen to cuery one except herselit. Ah, how the old things, that were so bighty.
prized and little thought of in earlier days, are sometimes remembered by us in later ones, when they have all drifted away into the past, as being so swect, we can scarcely believe that they can ever have been ours!
"Strange we never prize the muric
J'ill the nweet-voiced bird has flown!
Strange that we nhoud slight the violets Thill the lovely huwers are gone!
Stange that summer skies and sumehine Never seem one half sid fuir.
As when winter'a sauwy pinions Shake the white down in the air!"

Flo often longs that some one would call her by the old pet name again, and tearfully she thinks of those happy old days in the big london house, when the world seemed such a much brighter, kinder place than it does now. It seems somehow since then to have grown into a rather cold, binsympathetic world ; hearts do not seem so true orso warm as they used to be; people not to be so kind or houghtful as they were when her mother and Nurse Kettleby were alive. Aunt Iucretia is a very different woman to her own dear mother. Cod and uncertain in temper, she is not a jerson to be depended upon at all reasoms. Sometimes she is kind and indulgent, but at athers she is much the contrary, and blo has to book out very sharply for the signal which, luckily for the household, appears on her forchead at times, announcing, "Weather stomy ; beware!:" The two cousins Pris and Di are rot much better with regard to temper. They do not altogether Jowe Fhe, for the reatson that she is so much more popmlar and aver than themstes. They feci that somehow or other she is a superior being. Nature has col her out on a beller pattern than themselves : and without exactly acknowledging it, they dislike her for it very cordiaby. This crops up at chery um, and embitters floss life in a way that only 11 bhe natures, sul)ject to the pety jealousies of inferior ones, ran possibly meterstand. Fito returns good for cril in atn exempary way. the tries to dispegard her consins' unpleasant litule actions and speches, knowing well from whence they come: but occasionally they are too much for her. Then she retires to ber room, and is to be seen phesing up and down there for some minutes, like a rasedy fuesn, exchaming at intervals, withemphasis. 'Horrid: puny : miserable ! dreadfal! despicable litale creatares, why do I care what you say-why, why, athe ! han 1 reating miseathe and puny, and wretched too, hike yon. I womer, that I care so mach and put myself in this rate? Wou'dn't the grandest warhorse go mat, though, atter a time, if only a suficient number of gnats came and bit at him at onece? ris, you are really honid; Dit, you arenota bit beter. I cespise you both, nterly : And having let of her wrath in a measure, she Woudgrow calm asem, and go down stars and le realy to dos anghing with a kind grace that her cousins chose to asi her.

How mat it is that . litte foxes spoil the vines:" How many lives we see spoilt by the litue boxes whinh crep in, and which are get so small. they seem scarcely worthy of being taken notice of at all! I o you know, chiden, What are meant be . the lithe foxes ? ? they are mond actions, and the litte neslects, the cold looks, and the hasty words which have power to wound and grieve in the same measure as kind actions, graceful litle attentoms, and loving words heal and delight the have mach to do with our neighbor's happiness; (Gixd holds us gratly responsible forit. By intinitesimal things, Gool knows that we can cither atd to it much or take away from it much. We can cither send in litile foses to spoil our brother's linegard, or we can hep to keep the:n mat.

Kimember tha the next time whe sot are goins to speak at lankind word, or give an angry look: remember that "litte foxes spoil the vines." ard carefully refran. li only l'ris apon it. poor lio would have had a far hajpier and easser time of it.
" Let us gather up the sunheams Sying all around our path;
Let us keep the wheat and rosea Casting out the thorns and chaft;
Let us find our sweetest consfort
In the blessings of to-day,
Will a patient hand removing, All the briers from the way."
One morning in summer time, they were all seated at breakfast; Aunt Lucretia at the top of the table facing Pris; Di and Flo at the side. Flo was a great contrast to her cousins in appearance, as well as in character. They were both very tall, and rather raw boned, with pale faces and black hair. Flo was of muddle height, with a beautiful figure and fair hair, and small, pretty features, that looked quite baby like by the side of her cousins' large noses and determined chins. The signal was out very plainly on Aunt Lucre: tia's forehead - "Weather stormy ; beware :" To the bright " Good morning" with which Flo had greeted her on first coming down, she had replied with a positive growl, "Morning," and had not said a word since. Ererybody felt it best to confine themselves to general topics, and to start no subject of conversation which could possibly admit of argument ; it was so clear that the mistress of the house would not argue and dispute facts this morning if she could.
"Mother will you take some more tea ?" asked Pris at the end of the meal, thinking this would surely be a safequestion.
" Xo. Don't you know, Priscilla, I never take mote than one cup," answered her mother, in an injured tone, bristling up. "Not since we were at Hastings, three years ago, have I taken two cups at breakfast.'

- Oh, I forgot," answered Pris. "To be sure it was J Jactor lodd that sajd we ought never to take more than one cup. What a nice, clever litue man he was!"
" Has," repeated her mother fractiously.
"Why don't you say he is? He isn't dead."
" Oh, well he is," said Priscilla, with an impatient movement, sising from the table and beginning to fold up her table napkin with an air of saying." I can't stand this any longer. I'm oli. And off she went, out at the open window into the sunny garden, to meet the postman, who was coming up the path.
Di quickiy followed her, and then Aunt Lucretia and lolo were left alone. Aunt lucretia immediately put up her glass, and began staring at her niece very pointedly through it. She fined her eyes on the top of Flo's head, as though greaily struck by something she saw. At last Flo put her hand up to feel if the cat or the parrot had perched there by mistake; but feeiing nothing more than the usual coil of plats, she said. "Aun: lacretia, what are you looking at? is there anything queer or peculiar ahout me this morning?"
dunt lucrelia dropped her glass, and then sad deliberately, " les, Florence, I'm looking at your had. (if all the grotesque objects I ever saw . - -
- hant lacretia here becane speechless for a móment, but she presently went on:
- . I sit here, you louk exactly like a Parsee wih his cap on. I can compare you to noth ing else."

But it's the way I always do it," said Flo, laughing good humoredly at the comparison. "I may have done it, though, a trifie higher than asmal," giving her hair a pat with her hand to suppresich. "Is that better, Aunt?"
"No, not a bit, rather worse," answered the aunt shortly. "Here, pray let me do it."
"Do what?" asked Flo, looking horrified.
"Why, pat it as it should be," said her aunt.
"( 1 , I couldn't!" exclaimed Flo, with an irresistute twinkle. knowing well how her aunt would come down apon her with her hand in her present mood. I'll tey to do it lower to morow, and I'll think of the Parsee. Hais is such a bother: you don't know how difticult it is to do. Aunt."
"Haven't I hair of my cun?" snapped her
annt. "Of course I know what it is to do ; but defend me from ever trying to mount such an edifice as that on the top of my head. I never saw anything so frightful, so grotesque, so hideous in my life!

At this juncture $\mathrm{P}^{\prime}$ is and Di ran in with letters; they threw one to Fio, who caught it eagerly, for it was from her brother in India; and one the: give to their mother, who put up her glass and scanned the writing closely before opening it. "I can't imagine who is writing to me from India," she said at last, in a tone which plainly implied she thought it was a great liberty on the part of whoever was addressing her. "Perhaps it is from Cousin Hugh," suggested Di.

- Well, if he wants more money he won't get it," said her moher, with a snap, intending this time to snul Di, who was suspected of cherishing a secret liking for her tall, yel-low-haired cousin Hugh, who was rather given to writing over to his relations for money.
"Oh ! it isn't Hugh," said lris "It's not his writing."
"It isn't from anybody youknow," said the mother, glancing at the sirnature, but she did not enlighten them farther, and the wo girls see ing their curiosity was not to lo satisfied, went out into the garden to bask in the sunshine again.
." We shall know by and by," sided It to Pris, " if we only bide ance." When they were gone, Hlo looked up from her letter with an extremely troubled face, and said. "Aumt Iat cretia, Robert is very ill. He is com ing home." She gazed at her amm lura mement to see how she would take the news; the tears welling up into her eyes as she did so, and the color mounting to her cheeks.
"Yes; l've had a letter from the colonel, $\frac{1}{2}$ long igamarole," said her aunt coldly ; aiter a moment or two, - Robert's evidently been very imprudent, going out into the hot sum, and doing everything that he should not in stich a climate ; well, he must take the consequences. I'm sure be las cautioned enough hefore he went."

May I see the letter?" asked 1/0 anmiously.
"No," said her aunt. "The colonel has written to me privately. He evidently thinks I am to loe at the arouble and expense of everythinis: but I tell you this, Florence, I cammt possibly receive Robert here. He will arrive in Eingland a conplete invalid, I can see that, and want cvery kind of attention, With the summer gaieties coming on, is would not be fair to Pris and Di to turn the house into an hospital. More over, I don't feel un to it myseif."
Flo had turned away from her aunt. She saw how much kindness and sympathy was to be expected from that quarter; literally none, and she was now busily at work in her own mind determining what was best on do. Of course, she must find ame place in which to recere her irother, and she must be wilh him to nurse him wherever it was. She had money at her command, so that here would Le no difficulty in getling a lodging som, where, and paying all nccessary expenses. But this would not lie like receiving him home. He
must be very ill, she was sure, to be leaving India; and the colonet of the regiment: whowas a distam coutin's of her ames having writton pibately about him, tilled her heart with the gravest apprehension.

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## MASHONALAND.

There or four years agn, who had heard of Mashonaland? It was no disgrace to any educated man to confess that it was to him entirely unknown. About that time Ir. Knight-Jruce, the Bishop of Bloemfontein, looking beyond the limits of his own diocese, which was in good working order, saw these regions lying untilled, uncared for, unknown. With the cordial assistance of the Society, in 1888 he made a journey of exploration, after the fashion of livingstone, into this country. A full account-indeed, his complete jourmal-was given in successive numbers of Mission Fich for 1889, and in the Annual Report for that year will be found a map in which his Lordship's journey to \%umbo, on the Zambesi, and back is traced. The Bishop was allowed by the Matabele chief to enter his country. He was the first missionary, and in some places the first white man, the inhabitants had ever seen. Jive months he gave to this work of exploration, in which he olstained promises from the chiefs to receive leachers when he could send them.

Subsequenty, from political events all was changed. 'The British South African Company was formed, and this introduced at once a number of white settlers, who will rapidly increase, and thus the task of the Church was not limited to the evangelisation of the natives, but embraced also the care of the Europeans. In 1890 the pioneer force went into the country, and our friend, Canon Balfour, whose interesting rejort appeared in our last number (page 5), accompanied them as chaplain. At the South Africau Provincial Synod, held in Jamary and February, 189r, Mashonaland was formed into a diocese, and Bishop) Knight-Iriuce was asked to take charge of it. Accepting the responsibility, the Bishop started with seven Mission agents, of whom three were Mozanbique Christians. A clergyman joined him from the Cape; three traned nurses from Kimberley followed him. The Bishop) walked about 1,300 miles, visiting forty five towns or villages. Few chiefs have refused to accept the Church as their teacher in ippiritual things, hats are built for the cate chists wherever they are placed, and the greater part of this hitherto unknown region, stretching up to the Zambesi, is open, and more than open, to the Church of England.

The Society, foresceing the imporlance of this upening, made in 1890 a grant of $\mathrm{E}^{2} 1,000$ a year, for seven years, for Mission work in these regions. Who woud le the agent chosen for the evangelisation of this country was then quite buthe ught of. The Society was allowed to perceive the promise and the opening way and to make some provision for the work. It is now more than a Mission tield. It is akin to a British colony, and for the twofold work that must be carricd on among several races more provision must he made.
Tuming aside for a moment from its spiritual future to its mysterious
past, it is clear that this strange country cannot always have been isolated and separate. There are signs and tokens of a period when it had vigorous social life and means of traffic, noise, and work: ruins of old buildings, shafts into old mines stili remain, wimesses of a past with which only conjecture can deal. Why did all this work and traffic cease? and when? 'The Portuguese seem to have skinted round the borders of this country, where the several tribes, all grouped under tie comirion name of Mashonas, grew and prospered, planting their fie'ds and digging, not for gold, but for the more prectous iron, and smelting and fashioning it. Then there arose the great fighting tribe of the Matabele, who devastated the more industrious Mashonas, who were driven further and furiher eastward, until a strip of barren country separated the two nations. It was the chief of these Matabele who in r 888 gave to Bishop Knight-Bruce the necessary perms sion to visit the land.
The Jishop is now in England for a few monclis, and it will be the pleasure as well as the duty of all the Society's friends to strengthen his hands so that he may return to his wilderness-diocese prepared to carry on the crusade.-S. S'. G. ilission fïeld.

## ADDREGS OF A BENGALI OLERGYMAN.

The Rev. Roger Dutt, a Pengali Clergyman from Cawnuore, recently addressed the members of the committee of the Society for the l'ropagation of the (iosjel, being about to sail the next day for India after his first visit to lengland. Mr Dutt spoke of his having been glad of the opportunity of seeing Fingland. and observing the effects of centuries of Christianity. He said that he had been asked whether the missions in India were failures, and that he answered that they were certainly not. There is an impatience about missions. l'eople appear to think that the Gospel has only to be preachuel, and that then the place where it is preached will straghtway be won: but when Christian people are themselves so long in their contest with their besetting sins, Mr. Dutt urged that is should not le expeeted that those sunk in sin in Ind:a should immediately arise. The conversion of Fingland ocetpied centuries. India is wenty-seven times ats large as England, and contains $280,000,000$ as ayainst perhaps $28,000,000$ in Fingland in the days of St. Augustine liven now only a few towns and a few chief centres in India are occupied by missions. Mr. Dutt reminded the meeting of Bishop, Lightfoot's observation that the rate of progress in missions varies. When Christianity is confionted with a higher civilization its progress is necessarily slower though not less sure. He quoted some very striking figures from the census returns, showing how rapid the growth of Christaiaity had been in recent years. In 1851 there were 91,000 Chri, tians in India : in :86t there were $1.38,000$ : an increase of tify-threeper-cent. In 187 r there were 224,000 an inciense of sixty-une percent. : in issi there wore 417,000 an increase of eighty-
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## By Robert Graham.

The world over, there is no problem which more stongly engages the atiention of thoughtinl imen that the condition of life in horge cities. One of the most protent factoss in the grlestion is the all-pervadiag barloom :and of ali the cites on the Americall continent, the e is none where jos ramifications are so great as in New Yoik, witi tie excepion, perhaps, of San lrancisco.

The thirteen isolated colonies of pre-revolutionary days have, in the space of a century, developed in:o fifty States and 'lerritories; wealtl has accemulated in equal or grenter proportion, and the population has increased from four and a half to sixty three millions.

This has mot prong from a nathral increase, but fromat vast wave of widesperad and 1 ractically unrestricted immigration greater than the world has ever before known.

The process of absorp, iom has heen rapid; the process of a simbation show. Irish, (jorman, latian, iohan der, Hungarian, Johemiat:, and Jew yet retain, in all their of gital shary ness, their national ebamaterisics The mational life, as developed in the great port of contry-Nis York -is a huge crucible intor whici have been dumper, in overwhoming mas ses, the sweepings of buropean citics The somm at the wh, thedress at the bottom, we wait wath anxiey the slow process of national assimilation which shall fuse with the ofd Dutch and Anglo-saxon stoek, the stohd German, the meromial fremeh. man. and the fiency Colt, and, wht of the compond, present the Americion nation of the fluture.

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The trend of pupulation hats been and is steadily trom the counsty to the eity. In 1850 , the: percentige of city to country population was 12.5 in 1860, 161 : in $1870,20.9$; in 1880 22.05 ; and in 1890, 29.12. The State of New Vork contains welve cities of more than 20,0 o inhabi tants, and it, thercfore, becomes a matter of deep and pressing moment, how the great problem of the eentury in the Untted states, vil., the hioanst, cheap and effective admimis. tration of the alfairs of lage cities, is to be accomplished.

The lage city presens. in sharp contrast, colossal weald and grinding povery; palatial homes and squaldid tene:nent, which, whetber in New York or Sia Prancisco, Chicago or New Otteans, Boston or Cincinatti, present the sam: katures. The question for the statesman, the philanthropist and the political cconomist to solve is, how to brigr Diess and lazarus together to their mutual advantage, and how, without pauperizing iufluences, the human cab-horse may be set on his feet, and enabled to draw his load without being unnecessarily galled by his collar.
the ameklian bar-room.
The Hoffman House and Shang Draper's saloon are the antipodes of $i$
each other. They represent swelldom and gutterdom respectively. The one vends Champagne wine, the other Jarsey lightning. The function of each is to selt lquor at a pront. Political economists :ay that the demand creates the supply; lut, in this case, the laws cf legitimate tride are reversed, and the supply creates the demand.

It has has grown like a fungus. from a poisonous tap-root. Whercuer poverty is deepest, the bar-room, alike its cause and its effect, as sumbes the largest rumerical porporthons. In "Liquordom," in 388 , I presented a chart in which, on one bicck in Cherry Sucet containing ten houses, nine were licensed for the sale of liquor. 'The narrow quarters, the stidling rooms, and the desire for companionship are the germs fom which spring the bar-room.

In i886, 1 gave chapter and vesse showing that in that year, in the city of New York, 4,710 chatel mortgages on saloon fixtures, aggregating close on five millions of chllars, were given, and that the great balk of these were in the larnds of twenty froms. The retail dualers ate, there fore, puppets in the hand; of their masters ; and, as concentrated, can beused in any necessary direction.

In latge cities the cradle of the prit mary is the liguor saloon. In New lork City, in $188+$, out of 1,002 gemeral and dismict pohtical meetings held, 633 were held in saloons, 86 in rooms adjoining or inter commanicating with saloons, and $2 \mathrm{~S}_{3}$ in independent places. The lighor saloonkeeper is the boss of the primary, and directly controls 40,000 votes. The trade is penfectiy and complety organised, and, for political purposes, levies an assessment on cach brewer and manufacturer for rata whe the amomen of his business. Of the 4,000 members of the lammany Llall. 69.4 are liguor dealers; and lammany Hall apportions the municipal offices among its partisans. Whiskey, therefore, rules New lork; sweeps its streets, builds its sewers, and absorbs its taxes. [t is a rich pas. tere for the professional poltician.
The whisker-dealer is lrish, the beer-seller Cerman. Americans are not in the business. The Board of Aldermen of 1883 , who contonled the lixate Commssioners, consisted of ten active and two ex liquor dalers, four professional politicians and eight following other accu:ations. It needless to say he is not a lype to make municipal government honest, cheap or cflectiv.

When it is detmitely grasped and understond that this is a dangerous trade, and donbly dingerous because it is political, and that it is, lherefore, to be restricted and comtrolled just as the sale of dynamite and opi. um is, and that supervision's firm hand is never to be relaxed, the entiaens of New York will have mastered the first step in remedial agencies.

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