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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

Another Suffragan for London .- The Yorkshire Post observes that "it is quite on the cards that the Bishop of London will take the first opportunity of securing the services of yet another Suffragan, and that in this case there is every reason to believe that Prebendary Sandford's name will stand first." Prebendary Sandford was at one time Domestic Chaplain to Bishop Temple, when Bishop of Exeter.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER ON CHURCH DE-FENUE. -The Bishop of Rochester, in his annual letter to the clergy of his diocese, speaking of Church defence, says:—"While I deeply feel that for us clergy to have it constantly on our lips and in our minds is a mistake, and may even be a danger, the laity of the Church, both in Parliament and out of it, should constantly be on their guard. Any moment a chasm may yawn under our feet, should personal ambition or party tactics make the privileges either of the Church of England or the Church of Scotland a good rally cry. If the Church in Wales is thrown to the wolves, we know what will follow. When our neighbour's party-wall is on fire, ours may be the next to burn. It is with the religious opponents of national and established Churches we have most to settle on the spiritual principle which underlies the whole question, and if we can convince the great mass of yet unconvinced religious Nonconformists that the principle of a National Church is reasonable, practical, and Scriptural, we shall have broken up in the best kind of way the only really formidable phalaux against 118.

Good. IF TRUE .- The Month and Tablet, Roman Catholic organs in England, complain that they are losing more yearly by secessions than they gain from all sources.

EDINBURGH.—THE CATHEDRAL.—Canon Liddon's Gift .- Most of our readers are probably aware that, when in the summer of A. D 1886, the clerical and lay electors of this Diocese chose the Rev. Canon Liddon for their Bishop. Dr. Lidden, in declining the appointment. expressed a very deep sense of the honour which had been thereby conferred upon him. He did not, however, think it enough to confine his expression of gratitude to words, but shortly after wrote to the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh, intimating his desire to make a gift of £100, which should be expended in some way that might stand as a record of the event, and of his seatiments concerning it. The manner in which this most liberal and gratifying present should be expended was left to the decision of the Dean and Chapter A proposal. which found much favour with that body, was to invest the sum, and to bestow the interest annually as an honorarium on some select preacher; the discourse thus endowed to be known as "the Liddon Sermon." The celebrity of the Canon, as probably the first preacher of his age, appeared to lend a peculiar fitness to this plan. But the modesty of the donor (which is, in truth, one of the great charms of The offerings throughout the day were \$132, his character) was evidently distressed at the one hundred of which were devoted to the edu-

idea of a foundation, which seemed to him too personal and too much akin to a feeling of South Kona.

vain glory. To devote the sum to a purpose repugnant to the wishes of the giver was of course out of the question, and on re-consideration the Cathedral dignitaries decided that a chair within the sanctuary, more befitting the Episcopal dignity than the very plain one actually in use, would be a highly proper expenditure of the money, and one not without a certain special fitness of its own.

With the assistance of Mr. Oldrid Scott, the architect, the matter was entrusted to the skilful hands of Messrs. Brindley & Farmer, of London, and the result is certainly a Cathedra

of great eloquence and beauty.

The Chair itself is of walnut wood inlaid with ebony, ivory, and mother-of-pearl. The shape is all that could be desired, and at the back a Latin inscription perpetuates the name of the donor, though not the special circumstances which induced him to add this ornament to the Cathedral.

HAWAII.—Anglican Churchmen (of Hono lulu), have reason to congratulate themselves on the peat years says the Anglican Church Chronicle. There has been no event to disturb the equilibrium of the ecclesiastical atmosphere, and much good work has been done. The new Cathedral has been a source of great comfort and convenience. The building itself has also been a source of pleasure and instruc-

CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII.—Christmas Day the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, was observed with great enthusiasm by the worshippers at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu. There have never been larger numbers present nor a greater number of communicants on that festival than on this occasion. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m., which was fully choral, the Bishop being the celebrant.

A second celebration of the Holy Communion tollowed which was also choral, and the Rev. George Wallace was the celebrant. Matins was sung by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh at 930; the Bishop of Honolulu was the preacher. The Rev. H. H. Gowen read the lessons, and the Rev. V. H. Kitcat sang the litany.

The Rev. George Wallace sang matins at 11.15, and preached. The service was well rendered by the choir. The Te Deum and Jubilate were Tours in F., and the Anthem, "In the beginning was the Word," by Allen.

A third celebration of Holy Communion followed, at which the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh was the celebrant.

Evensong was sung and a sermon preached in the Hawaiian language by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh, who also administered the sacrament of Holy B ptism to a number of infants. Evensong followed in English at 6 o'clock

by the Bishop, at which the Rev. H. H. Gowen was the preacher.

A second evensong was sung by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh at 7 30, and the Rev. George Wallace preached.

The offerings throughout the day were \$132,

eation of two children at Christ Church School,

The Holy Days of St. Stephen, St. John, and the Holy Innocents were duly observed in the Cathedral.

On Christmas Eve, the Rev. Alex, Mackintosh received a substantial token of the affection and good-will in which he is held by the members of the Church and others in Honolalu. They presented him with an address lalu. beautifully gotten up and recording nearly 140 names, and also a splendid purse ornamented with a golden monogram, and containing \$400 in twenty dollar gold pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh celebrated on St. Stephen's Day their Crystal Wedding, and again they were the recipients of beautiful presents from many of their kind friends.

On Friday, December 29th, the Bishop of Honolulu, left Honolulu for South Kona to perform Episcopal functions.

Accession.—The Chester Chronicle says, "We are informed that the Rev. T. Phillips, late English Congregational Minister at Boughton, Chester (now of Llangattock, Breconshire), has secoded to the Church of England in The state of the s Wales."

A THIRD HOUSE FOR YORK.—It is reported that the Archbishop of York contemplates the organization of a third House, to work in connection with the Upper House of Bishops, and the Lower House of Proctors, &c. This House will be of laymen, but the Archbishop's arrangements are not yet completed.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL IN THE FAMILY.-The following list was suggested to a Church family in the U.S., which was minded to enter on the work of Sunday-school instruction within their own house:-

Manuals of Christian Doctrine: Doane Series, one copy of the Senior grade, two copies of each of the other grades; Mrs. Sherwood's Stories for Sundays, illustrating the Church Catechism; The Children's Bread. Sermons to Children. (Buxton); Lowrie's English Church History for American Children; Aunt Mar-History for American Children; Aunt Margaret's Letters to her God-Children on the Church's Seasons and the Christian Life; Church Doctrine, Bible Truth (Sadler); Kip's Double Witness; Ready and Desirous. (Bishop Lay); Blant's Household Theology, and Blunt's Key to the knowledge and use of the Holy Bible; Geikie's Hours with the Bible.

Let a Church family provide themselves with as many such books as they feel able to huy, and use them faithfully, and the result will be for more satisfactory in every way, than to abandon Church teaching and turn children over to the average denominational teaching.

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LENT.

From the February Number of the Teachers' Assistant, Toronto.

A Fast before Easter has been observed from the earliest Christian times. The primary object of its institution was doubtless that of perpetuating in the hearts of every generation of Christians the sorrow and mourning which the Apostles and Disciples felt during the time the Bridegroom was taken away from them." No Easter joys could ever erase from the mind of the Church the memory of those awful forty hours of blank and desolation which followed the last sufferings of her Lord; and she lives over, year by year, the time from the morning of Good Friday to that of Easter Day, by a representation of "Christ evidently set forth, crucified among us" (Gal. iii. 1). This was probably the earliest idea of a Fast before Easter. But it almost necessarily followed that sorrow concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by source concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the death of Christ should be accommodated by the concerning the christian than the concerning the concerning the christian than the concerning the christian than the christian than the christian that the christian than the chris compained by sorrow concerning the cause of that death. Hence the Lenton Fast became a period of self-discipline, and was so, probably, from its first institution in Apostolic times: and, according to the literal habit which the early Church had of looking up to the pattern of her Divine Master, the forty days of his fasting in the Wilderness became the guage of the servants' Lenten Fast; deriving still more force from the typical prophecy of it which was so evident in the cases of Moses and of Elijah.

As regards the manner in which Lent was

unciently kept :-

"It was (1) by fasting, which generally meant abstinence from all food till the evening, when food was taken great moderation was shewn, and luxuries were avoided; (2) by cossation of all festal rites and amusements, marriages, birthday festivals, &c., and (3) by the attempt to maintain a higher spirit of devo-tion": (S. P. C. K. Commentary)

Our Church lays down no definite rules on the mode of fasting, but leaves it for each in-

dividual to settle with himself.

The objects of fasting are thus stated in the First Homily on Fasting :-

"To chastise the flesh, that it be not too wanton, but tamed and brought in sub jection of the spirit;

"That the spirit may be more fervent

and carnest in prayer;

"That our fast be a testimony and witness with us before God of our humble submission to His high Majesty.

Comp. the Collect for First Sunday in Lent. The name "Lent" (Old Eng. Lencten) means Spring.

The Collects for this season consists for the most part, of confessions of our own weakness and sinfulness, and prayers for Divine grace and pardon.

necessity of self-denial and humiliation, and the example furnished for our imitation in the history of our Lord.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMBERST.—Rev. V. E. Harris arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning the 4th instant, from England, per SS. "Vancouver," having had a very quick passage, and reached this parish at noon the same day. A large social gathering of the parishioners was held in Christ Church Schoolroom on the following Monday evening, for the purpose of extending a hearty welcome to their pastor and presenting him with an address and a handsome fur coat, and to Rev. C. le V. Brine, who has been in charge of the parish for the past four months, a South Sea scal cap. J. T. Smith, Esq., read the address and made the presentation on behalf of the donors. ton. The Herald further says: Dr. Courtney on a lot in Germain street, on which the house Both the reverend gentlemen replied in suitable is tall, erect and well formed. He has grayish of the late James McMillan, Esq., now stands,

terms and were evidently deeply touched by these unexpected gifts of affection and esteem. Music, both vocal and instrumental, together with agreeable conversation filled out the re-

mainder of a very pleasant evening.

A meeting of the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Amherst was held in Truro on Monday, January 30th ult. There were present, the Rev. Rural Dean Moore, Rev. Dr. Bowman, and the Revs. J. A. Kaulbach, J. R. S. Parkinson, G. R. Martell, W. Charles Wilson, A. Bent, R. Hudgell, and Lay Reader Lloyd, of A'bion Mines. The services in the Church during the Chapter meeting were particularly hearty and impressive, each one of the clergy officiating in some part of the services. At Evensong on the 30th, the respected Rural Dean preuched an earnest and forcible sermon on "True Religion." At and forcible sermon on "True Religion." At Matins and Holy Communion on the 31st, the Rev, W. Charles Wilson preached from the text, "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." At Evensong the Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson delivered a powerful sermon on "Divine Knowledge," and gave a beilliant address to the clergy present. The business meeting of the Chapter was an unusually long and interesting one, resulting in the accomplishment of a great deal of business and of much edification. The question of the election of a Bishop took up some time, and regret was felt that the worthy Secretary had refused the nomination. His work in Trure, its model stone Church, with its chaste appointments, his self-denying and faithful labors in the diocese from his youth, his unblemished character and unrivalled respect in which he is held by his brother clergy; all these made thoughts turn to the Vicar of Truro as worthy of and fit for the honour. The S.P.C.K. branch depository in Truro was started and the Committee authorized to purchase books from England, for which the members of the Chapter would become security. Books can now be purchased from Fulton's book store at S.P.C.K. catalogue prices. Great regret was felt because no appointment had yet been made to the travelling missionaryship. A man full of zeal and energy for waste places is required. The Chapter discussed the service for adult baptism, which elicited an edifying commentary on the words, "Born of water and the Spirit."

After Evensong a clerical and congregational sociable was held in the crypt of the Church and a generous hospitality was displayed in the rich things provided for all. The members of the Chapter are deeply sensible of the extreme kindness showered upon them by the Truro church people, who certainly are "given to hospitality" in a regal manner, and who did everything possible to make the visit one of great comfort and pleasure to the visiting clergy.

THE BISHOP ELECT.—The Boston Herald re-The Epistles and Gospels set before us the grets that Dr. Courtney is to leave Boston, where he has become one of the most highly estcemed of the clergy, says that Dr. Courtney is a native of Plymouth, Eng., and is 50 years old. He was educated in part at Christ's hospital, first at the preparatory school at Hartford, then the Blue Coat school in Newgate st., London. After that he graduated in the first class from King's College, London, in 1863, when Dr. Self, Dr. McCabe, Bishop Ellicott, Dean Plumtree, and Archdeacon Cheatham were professors there. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Racine College?" Resides the positions held by the Besides the positions held by the Bishop elect and referred to in our last issue, he was also incumbent of St. Jude's, Glasgow, Scotland, from 1870 to 1876, and assistant minister of St. Thomas Church, New York, of which Dr. Morgan was rector from 1870 to 1880, and rector of St. James' Church, Chicago, from Easter, 1880 until March, 1882, when he accepted the call from St. Paul's Church, Bos-

His cast of mind is not one-sided, blue eyes. and yet is logical analytical and acute, rather than emotional, poetical or imaginative. In theology he describes himself as "high, low and broad." As a preacher, Dr. Courtney, in many respects at least, has very few equals in this country. His sermons are about thirty-five minutes in length, he uses no manuscript or notes, and yet his discourses have a rhetorical finish which is marvellous. In a whole sermon he will not hesitate for a word, nor use one infelicitously. His diction is not floral, but copious and expressive, and includes a fair proportion of metaphor. His illustrations are drawn mostly from Scripture, and he seems to carry the very words of the whole Bible on his tongue's end. His delivery is generally calm and deliberate, but occasionally becomes impassioned. His enunciation is distinct, and his emphasis always correct.

ALBION MINES.—Mr. Thos. Lloyd, of Island Brock, has come to assist the Rector, as master of a small parish school and lay reader. Mr. Lloyd will also take charge of the singing at the parish church. He has made a favorable impression, and will, we doubt not, do good work in the future.

HANTSPORT.—The Rev. J. Harrison gratefully acknowledges the receipt of five dollars from Mrs. Seymour, sister to Rishop Seymour of Springfield, Ill., U. S., towards the New Church Building Fund.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—Septuagesima was a red letter day for the Missions East of Charlottetown. Of late years a successful attempt has been made to reclaim them from the neglect they had been suffering from Georgetown and Cherry Valley, are now supplied from St. Peter's, Charlottetown. Last Sunday the Rev. C. E. Lowe, of Summerside, took charge of St. Peters, while the priest incumbent (Rev. James Simpson) devoted the whole day to the Church at Georgetown. The Rev. T. B. Reagh, of New London, went to Cherry Valley in the afternoon, returning after evensong to take the evening service in St. Paul's, Charlottetown, the Rev. Weston Jones being on his way to the Diocesan Synod,

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. John.—A very interesting lecture was delivered in the Lecture Hall of Trinity Church before a large audience, on the evening of the 7th February, by Mr. J. W. Lawrence, under the auspices of the Church of England Institute upon the history of Old Trinity.

In the absence of the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rector and President of the Institute, the chair was occupied by Chas. T. Kinnear, Esq., who

introduced the lecturer.

Mr. Lawrence, in his opening remarks, referred to the fact that this was the centennial of the laying of the corner stone of "Old Trinity" Church, and, therefore, a fitting time for examination and enquiry as to who were the Fathers and Founders of Trinity Church, and what manner of men were they. He then referred seristim to the clergy who had ministered to the congregation and had occupied severally the positions of incumbent or rector, and also to layman, who had at different times taken a prominent part in connection therewith. Amongst the clergy to whom he referred were the Rev. John Beardsley, who had been rector of Poughkeepsie, New York, and who came to minister to the Loyalist Churchman who has emigrated to the Provinces. men who had emigrated to the Provinces. ter his departure in 1784, for Maugerville, Mr. Jonathan Odell officiated as lay reader, until he was ordained. The old church building stood

the street in the property of the property of

and was bought from the original grantee for the sum of £140. In it was placed the "Royal Arms," so long and so well known as the distinguishing feature of the interior of "Old Trinity," and which, rescued from the great fire in St. John in 1877, now occupied a position over the west door of new Trinity. From letters read by Mr. Lawrence, it would appear that this relic came originally from the Council Chamber at Boston in the then Colony of Mas-

Amongst other clergyman associated with its affairs was the Right Rev. Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of The Church in America. On his way out to his See (Connecticut) after his consecration in Scotland Bishop Seabury visited St. John, where he remained and preached for several weeks to the congregation of Old Trinity, then without an incumbent.

St. John Parish was organized somewhere about 1806, and the Rev. George Bissett became its first Rector. He was an Englishman, but had occupied previously Trinity, Newport, R.I., and came to St. John in 1786, and in the church where he preached in the morning Quakers held their meetings in the evening.

Mr. Bissett died in March, 1788. In the same year the four lots of land on which Old Trinity was erected, and on which the present Trinity Church now occupies were given for the purpose of building a Church by General Coffin, and John Cochrane, and Thos. Whitlock, Esqs., to all of whom Mr. Lawrence referred in his lecture, giving incidents in connection with them.

The lecturer also referred to the fact that the first Bishop of the United States, the Right Rev. Dr. Inglis, had performed Episcopal acts in Old Trinity, and held on the 20th August, 1788, a Confirmation, at which ninety-five candidates were confirmed, and he delivered a charge to the clergy, gathered from different parts of the Province, and then numbering five, and also laid the corner stone of Old Trinity.

• Mr. Lawrence noted the fact that the corner stone of Old Trinity was probably the first ever laid in America by a Bishop of the Church of England, since up to that time there were no prelates in the Colonies, nor in the then new Republic, and it also appeared that Trinity was the first English Church in the Northern part of Canada to possess a chancel.

The lecturer then referred to subsequent occupants of the Rectory, viz.: Rev. Dr. Byles, who died in 1814; Rev. Dr. Willis; Rev. Mr. Pidgeon: Rev. Dr. G. B. Gray: Rev. J. W. D. Gray; Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and Rev. M. Swabey, all of whom had occupied the position prior to the present Rector.

The lecture was highly appreciated by the large audience present, who regretted that, owing to the multitudinous incidents to be referred to, it was impossible to complete the history at this session; and the hope was expressed that Mr. Lawrence on some future occasion would be able to centinue his interesting account of Old Trinity.

Correction.—In the last paragraph of the article following the letter of H. Montgomery, in the GUARDIAN of the 1st February, instead of "any want of untruthfulness," read "any want of truthfulness.." The mistake is ours, not the writers,—ED.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Sr. Francis.—A meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery was held at Bishop's College on the 31st ult. There was Holy Communion in The Rural Dean being unable to attend from illness, the Principal of the College was requested to act as chairman for Chapter meeting. A letter from the Venerable Dr. Reid was read from them; otherwise the Roman Church tendering his resignation as Rural Dean. Almight have been general in China. Notwith-though all had to acknowledge the advanced standing the dislike of Chinese for foreigners, circle."

age of the Dean, yet the feeling was general to miss his presence and supervision would be severely felt. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minute book, and the Rev. Dr. Roe asked to prepare a reply setting forth the feeling of regret of all present. As nine only out of the twenty-five clergy of the district were present, the election of a Rural Dean was postponed till June next. Four additional members having armived at a letter have the Rural Dean was bers having arrived at a later hour, the Rev. Mr. Eames, incumbent of the new Mission of Barnston gave a short but encouraging report of the progress of the work in that field of labor. The Rev. Dr. Adams brought forward the advisability of having a series of quiet days at the College during the year for the clergy and a resolution was passed asking the Bishop to organize such a retreat the first week in September. The clergy were very hospitably entertained in the College Hall and at the houses of the Professors, and went away refreshed by social intercourse with the brethren, and highly pleased at the seeming prosperity of both the College and School.

Lower Ireland.—On Dec. 30th, 1887, the congregation of Christ's Church, Lower Ireland, gave a very successful oyster supper and entertainment in the Church Hall in aid of the organ fund. There was present a large and appreciative audience. A splendid programme of vocal music, readings, and recitations was performed to the evident enjoyment of all present. Particularly to be remarked was the selection of readings and recitations given by the "small boys" of the place. It is not often that a programme is prepared in a country place where such an excellent collection of recitations are so well rendered as that performed by the boys who took part in the entertainment. receipts for the organ fund were something over \$40.

Before the programme was entered upon Mr. A. S. Johnson, M.P.P., in a complimentary speech, on behalf of the congregation, presented the incumbent, Rev. R. Hewton, with a purse containing \$67. Mr. Hewton was completely taken by surprise, and in response expressed his appreciation of the thoughtfulness and the spirit which prompted the givers to make provision for his worldly wants in such a respectable manner.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montreal.—The Women's Auxiliary Mission of the Diocese of Montreal held its second annual meeting on Tuesday the 7th inst., at the Synod Hall, the Bishop presiding.

The report for the year was read by Miss H. E. Houghton, which indicated the total membership of the society to be 357. The parish of Arundel, the mission fund and such special objects as the Bishop might desire were under the members' care, and they were often called on in connection with other church work.

On motion of the Rev. G. O. Troop, seconded by Canon Henderson the report was adopt-

The Treasurer's report was read by the Rev Rural Dean Lindsay, and showed the revenue for the year to have been \$65280. The expenditure amounted to \$607.20, leaving a balance of \$45.60.

On motion of Rev. Canon Ellegood, seconded by Canon Mills, both of whom spoke highly of the Society and its work, and eulogized the efforts of the women composing it, the report was adopted.

Madame Schereschewsky then spoke on the subject of missions in Pekin, where she has the chapel at 10 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Adams celbeen laboring. She stated that the Roman ebrant, assisted by Dr. Roe and Dr. Allnatt. missions were established there two hundred years ago, but that their success had been marred by the interference of the Jesuits, whose political interference made the Chinese turn

the women of whom were supposed to have the evil eye, prejudice gradually died away, and her schools gradually became well attended and her pupils docile. They respected education and studied energetically. The translation of the Bible into Chinese had given the Word of God to 400,000 people, and was now being carefully distributed by colporteurs, who were at times well received, at others in danger of their lives. A mission field like China had to be served by trained and conscerated workers, and she hoped that in future women would be trained for the work. The Bishop announc-ed that the Bishop of Algoma would shortly address a meeting in the city on the subject of missions.

St. James the Apostle. On Saturday, the 4th of February, the Sec-Treasurer of the Ladies Aid of the Church of St. James the Apostle, had the pleasure of waiting upon Miss Taylor, the Rector's sister-in-law, and presenting her on behalf of the congregation, the Sundayschool teachers and scholars, with a fur-lined cloak and muff in recognition of her untiring zeal and unselfish work for the Church and the Ladies' Aid.

The above mentioned Society has already sent a valuable box of clothing, &c., in answer to an appeal from the clergyman at Graven-hurst, Diocese of Algoma. The members of the Society are now at work preparing a box to be placed at the disposal of Bishop Bond for distribution in our own mission-field. Ladies' Aid also presented a handsome chair to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Ellogood.

The concert given last week in the lecture Hall of the Church of St. James the Apostle, was a grand success, and reflects much credit upon the members of the Fife and Drum Band. Misses Scott and Turton sang a duett which

was much appreciated.

St. Thomas.-The Annual Festival of the Sunday-school took place in the schoolroom on the evening of the 8th inst. After a capital tea a first-class programme was gone through, the choruses and singing being well rendered by the pupils. The Rev. R. Lindsay, the Rev. S. Massey, and Mr. Armstrong, favoured the meeting with appropriate speeches. were presented to the children, and before closing all present were entertained in a delightful manner by an amusing and instructive address from Mrs. Shereshenesky, who has laboured in China for over twenty years. The distribution of jubilee mugs and medals, with the usual candy bag to the children, closed a long-to-be-remembered evening. The schoolroom had been handsomely decorated with flags and banners hung round the walls, interspersed with shields, stars, mottoes and jubilee flags, while the ceiling was ablaze with festoons of coloured paper, the whole being much admired.

COTE ST. PAUL .- Church of the Redeemer .-A pleasant entertainment took place in the Parochial Hall on the evening of the 7th inst. Recitatione, part songs, songs, instrumental music, and a tableau, formed the programme. Mrs. Spedding and Miss Higgins presided at the piano—an excellent one from the well-known establishment of the Messrs. Willis, Notre Dame Street, Montreal. Mr. Frasor and Mr. T. J. Bedford delighted the audience with their recitations; Misses Morrison, Miss Susie Gilmore, Messrs. Woollams, Huby, Parker, Carver, Gilmore, and Clark, also admirably performed their several parts in the programme. The opening recitation by seven little girls of the Sunday-school was well rendered, reflecting credit upon their teacher Miss Gilmore. Thanks are due to Mrs. T. J. Bedford and R. Carver, and others, for trouble taken in preparing for the entertainment.

A Subscriber renewing, writes: "I enjoy its (The Church Guardian's) contents with much interest: and it is a welcome visitor in our

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Kingston.—The Quarterly meeting of the Kingston Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Paul's schoolroom on the 7th inst. There was a large attendance of ladies and a very interesting evening was spent. Reports were read by the secretaries of the city Church branches, which showed that the following contributions in money and boxes had been made since the last meeting :-St. George's \$180; St. James', \$37.75; St. Paul's, \$67. Letters of thanks were read from Mr. Wilson, Indian homes, Sault Ste. Marie, Plevna, Oso and Sharbot Lake and Parham. A most interestting letter, giving an account of the work and sufferings of the missionaries, from Mrs. Renison, wife of the missionary at Nepigon, was read by Mrs. Rogers, also a letter from Mrs. Boomer, and another from the Bishop of Algome were read by Miss Muckleston, giving a statement of the Woman's Jubilee Widow and Orphans' fund for Algoma. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The 5th was Hospital Sunday, the collection in all the Churches were much larger than last year, St. George's Cathedral heading the list with \$96.48.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

London.—The Bishop has been away from town much of the past few weeks on a Confirmation tour.

It would appear that many of the clergy of the Diocese are much interested in the "Quiet Day" or "Visitation," to be held March 7th, 1887, by the Bishop, judging from the number who have signified their intention of being pre-

His Lordship deals with the several subjects the first day himself. On the second day, which will be devoted to a Conference on Missions, meetings will open at 10 a.m. in Cronyn Hall.

The following are the subjects for considera-

a. The present moral condition, and future doom of the heathen. b. The responsibility of the Church to follow the indications of God's providence in the matter of Missions. c. The reflex influence of Missions on Home work. d. The duty of the Church with reference to Israel. e. The best methods for advancing the cause of Missions.

It is expected that the several clergymen will come propared to discuss the subject of Missions, and in order that the time may be more profitable it is hoped that the above headings will draw out more practicable information.

London Township.—The annual Missionary meeting was held in St. John's, on Tuesday, Jan. 31st. The attendance was very good. Archdeacon Marsh opened the meeting with prayer and a few introductory remarks. After which addresses were delivered on the Missionary work of the Church, Home, Domestic and Foreign, by Rev. Evans Davis and his Lordship the Bishop of Huron.

MITCHILL.—The Rev. Mr. Ker has accepted the offer made him by the Stratford congregation, and will become assistant minister of St. James' after Easter; salary \$1,200 per annum. Much regret is expressed at his leaving Trinity congregation here. It is not yet known who may succeed him. Mr. Ker is an excellent preacher and his talents will have a wider scope in Stratford.

On the evening of Feb. 1st a Sunday-school entertainment was held in the Town hall; tables were spread and a good tea served to all. Then a good programme was rendered, consisting of singing, recitations, debate and addresses by Revs. Evans Davis, of London, and J. Taylor, of Wardsville.

The next evening, Feb, 2nd, the annual Missionary meeting was held in Trinity Church. The attendance was very good. Addresses were of the body itself.

delivered by Revs. Taylor, E. Davis and Wade. These addresses were replete with missionary information, and were listened to with deep attention.

THE students of Huron College have organized a Society, mainly with a view to develope the powers of each in extempore speaking. Rev. Principal Fowell, M.A., has been elected Honorary President; Rev. Professor Williams, B. A., Honorary Vice-President; Rev. Wm. Lome, President; Mr. T. E. Higley, Vice-President. Mr. C. A. Kinder, Secretary. The meetings for the present Lent term will be held semi-weekly.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

County of Grey.—Tuesday, March 1, St. John's, Dandalk Rev. O. Edgelow; Tuesday, March 1, St. Paul's, Shelburn, and Friday, March 2, Hornings Mills, Rev. H. G. Moore.

Sunday, March 18. Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas', St. Vincent, Rev. A. C. Channer, M.A.; Monday, March 19, St. Matthew's, Sydenham, St. Philip's, Walters Falls: Tuesday, March 20, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heathcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wednesday, March 21, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys.

Sunday, March 4, Christ Church, Glanworth, Trinity Church, Lambeth: Tuesday, March 13, St. Anne's, Byron, Rev. C. W. Ball; Sunday, February 19, St. John's, Glencoe, Christ Church, Newbury, St. James', Wardsville, Rev. W J. Taylor; Sunday, March 11, St. Matthew's, London E., Emmanuel, London Tp., Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Sunday, March 25, St. George's, London Tp., Trinity, London Tp., Rev. N. Wilson

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

Lowville.—St. George's.—In consequence of the removal of Rev. Thos. Motherwell to be assistant priest at Grimsby, we have been without regular services since Easter last. will appreciate our joy and gratitude, and congratulate us upon their renewal under the incumbency of Rev. Mr. Morton, late of Birtle, Man. He began the year with us, and has already made himself loved by his flock, who are fast taking him to their hearts, and, pour quoi non. Calm, earnest, natural, he conducts, the services in a manner to strengthen the faith and excite devotion. His sermons are brief but very logical, consecutive and direct. Services ended, he is among his people, and throughout the week like the Master rejoicing with the joyful, weeping with the afflicted. Thus have we been suddenly roused out of our involuntary, painful torpor into full activity, and our spiritual nerves made to act with life and progress. This, however, is a very staunch congregation—want of regular services, that worst of disentients, could not scatter it-more over the Sunday school with its excellent library and efficient staff did much to preserve the esprit de corps, and prevent the disintegration

Our annual Missionary meeting in behalf of Algoma was held on the evening of 1st instant; the deputation consisted of Rural Dean Rev. A. Belt, of Harriston, and Rev. G. B. Cook, of Palmerston. There was a full house and more than usual interest elicited. The fivancial results have not yet been reported. The camera was used to illustrate the Mission work. ginning at Jerusalem," we had a vision of Missions there. On the "Dark Continent," Asia, our own Northwest—a panorama of zeal, devotion. self denial, suffering and success; the field, the harvesters and the sheaves. As the illustrations went on my thoughts more than once recurred to the CHURCH GUARDIAN. I have often while reading it felt that it was to me both field glass and observatory—its pages sweeping into view the entire Catholic Domain. with its choice excerpts illustrating, defending and enforcing its motto cleaning the rubbish from the "Old Paths." and its defence of the Lord's Day observance, and the divine institution of marriage ought to make it of priceless value to every Churchman.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

Rosseau.—The annual visit of the Bishop of the Diocese, was begun on Jan'y 19, when he was met by the Incumbent at Seguin Falls, whence he proceeded to Rosseau. Jan'y 20th, Vestry, 7.30 p.m. Jan'v. 21st., The Church yard of St. Thomas, Ullswater, was consecrated and a vestry held.

Jan'v 22nd, Ull-water: Matins, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist; here three candidates were presented for the Apostolic rite of Laying on of hands. In the evening the Bishop proceeded to Rosseau where Evensong was said and four candidates were presented for Confirmation. At both Churches the Bishop addressed those about to Ratify and Confirm their Baptismal promises in language which is to be hoped will long be remembered by them and prove hopeful to them in after life; as also it is to be hoped that many who have long been Confirmed were called to remember their own responsibility. At each of these Churches the Bishop preached powerful sermons.

Jan'y 23rd: Service was held in Peter's Lumber Shanty, and a very suitable sermon was preached by the Bishop. Next day the Bishop was taken to Utterson, whence he departed for Burk's Fall Mission. His visit causing in the Rosseau Mission pleasant recollections and producing mutual good.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

GRISWOLD—St. Margaret's.—On Sunday, 29th January, 1888, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, Bishop Machray; Dean Grisdale, and the Revs. W. A. Burman, C. Quinney, and J. Merrick, officiated at the opening of this Church. The Church a frame building of good capacity and solid materials, was much admired, and well filled by devout and hearty congregations at both services afternoon and evening, the offerings being \$56 and \$13, an amount very creditable and encouraging. The services were happily rendered, that of Praise, an Anthem, and Hymns; and the sermons of the Bishop and Dean, words of encouragement and gospel blessings, addressed to all present. It was a day of much thanksgiving to many, and of prayer and hope for the well-being of the settlers of this beautiful and wheat-growing tract of country.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Living Church, Chicago, says, :-

There have always existed different types of Churchmen. The conservatism of St. Peter has always been a little anxious about the intellectual boldness of St. Paul. The man, asserting principle as the basis of action, rebukes

Works are the man of cautious expediency. emphasized by one school; their internal vivifying principle by another. Faith, as the action which grasps the rope, is jealously gnarded by some; the Word and Sacraments, as instruments of Christ's saving work, by

There is no reason why now, as heretofore, all these should not work harmoniously, together. Past controversies have so provided definitions and enforced limitations whereby doctrines are restrained within their legitimate boundaries, that it is easier intellectually to do this than ever before.

All types, however, of Churchmanship are more or less imperfect, and are open to friendly and remedial criticism. What should be held at least worthy of respect is the colorless Churchman, the man who for the sake of personal advancement avoids committing himself. The politic Churchman verily often gains his reward, but it is at the expense of his own manliness. Our Church is not indifferent to the truth.

She is not a Church of good-natured toleration of everybody's views and every body's practices. No one within her should have occasion to ask to be tolerated. She is however a comprehensive Church. She holds the whole great circle of the Catholic Faith. She expresses it in her ordinal, sacraments, and liturgy. Each individual doctrine is related in seeming antagonism to some other doctrine. But just in proportion as one is able, intelligently, to hold all the extremes that shine on every point of the great circumference of truth, is he himself not extreme, but comprehensive like his Church; and he best and most faithfully represents her.

The North Dakota Churchman says:-

The comfortable season of Lent is near at hand. We like that good old word in its old English sense as applied to the blessed Lententide. It is comfortable, beyond words to express, to him who rightly observes and uses it. Let us make it so in all the churches. To him who would realize his religious, position and discover what his faith may mean to him, what it has in store for him. Lent comes as a most gracious opportunity. Make it real to yourself in every way open to you. Observe 't by devout attendance at the quiet week-day services, as well as on the Sundays. Encourage your rector, your neighbors and yourself by your faithful observance in the church and in the world.

The Church expects her children to emphasize it thus. And he who takes advantage of her temperate views of the amusements and relaxations of society at other times, should be the more careful to heed her call to special prayer fulness and watchfulness and meditation in Lent.

Above all see to it that your Lent is not a sham. Let it cost you something. Make it cost you all you can give in time, and service. and money which represents your daily life and work. It is your opportunity to find where you have placed your hope of Eternal Life in your category of things valuable to you. your opportunity to find out the truth as to yourself.

If our blessed Lord needed a Lent to prepare Himself for His great work, do not you need it every year to help you to go rightly on your work? Draw near to God, and he will draw near unto you.

The N. Y. Independent (Congregational) 68Y8 :-

We print the following as another straw to show how the current sets in this day of endeavor to find out a way of unity:

"Old denominations come to an end. or three, or four unite to form one. The first lose the wagers he wishes to make, or whether grand example was the union of the Old and he would be happy in winning what he knows New School Presbyterians in 1871, and now the other cannot afford to lose.

we see the Presbyterians North and South anxious for union, and fretting because they cannot achieve it. We see in Canada all the Presbyterian denominations joined in one, and all the Methodists in another. In the Japanese mission field not only have all the Presbyterian and Reformed churches joined in one body, but the Congregationalists, with another polity-most astonishing thing of all-have also joined in the same Church of Japan. Our Evangelical Alliance and our Pau-Presbyterian Council are evidences of the earnest feeling after closer organic unity. They protest that they do not seek organic union, but they are helping it just the same. There is scarce one of our denominational national assemblies, or conventions, or conferences, or councils, but has this subject of consolidation with some other body before it is a chief topic of discussion. Each is planning how it shall join with some other, or, as with the Episcopalians, how it can join with all others. This age the paradise of denominations? It is more likely to be their grave."

The Church Guardian, Omaha, Neb., gives the following from the Bishop (Dr. Worthing-

There is a rubric in the Prayer-Book which requires the clergy to announce to the people, whether they are able to observe the season or not, what Holy Days occur during the week. This rule is neglected by many and in many ways it is a loss. First, it is a loss to the Priest not to obey the Church; she is wiser than an individual. Secondly, it is a loss te the people not to know the sacred seasons and their teachings and requirements, which the loyal, faithful Priest, would be most careful to give when the announcement was made.

Have some well defined plan for Lent and its careful observance, and also some scheme of deeply religious and spiritual instruction for your people before Ash Wednesday.

The Anglican Church Chronicle, Honolulu, thus speaks of Gambling:-

As usual we in Hawaii have a taste of everything that goes on in the outer world, and now we are inflicted by the evil of gambling. Of course there has always been more or less gambling and betting in these Islands, but we think the evil has not been so pernicious in its extent, or the numbers engaged in it so great as of late. Bishops, clergymen, prison chaplains, and others, are preaching against the evil in England, and we would like our voice of warning to reach every person in these Islands who is addicted to the practice. It is only another indication of the immense activity and excitement of the present age, that even our amusements need an incentive and a fillip to make them have their effect.

It is not to be wondered at, that some people have no taste or inclination to public worship when unmixed with noisy demonstration and other sensational inducements to excitement. All these things we put on the same plane with gambling and betting, and affirm that they are detrimental to peace and happiness.

Gambling is breaking the Eighth Commandment, because it takes from one party property without giving an equivalent. That it is done with the consent of that party is no proof to the contrary; as is proved by the many attempts to recover by law the losses. It is demoralizing to the extreme, and brings as much misery to men as drunkenness er any other corroding vice. It leads too often to other crimes. It is harmful to play for small stakes, because it is very difficult to know where to draw the line. A good rule would be for every person to ask himself whether he can afford to

LENT AT HAND.

Before another issue we shall be more than one week in the Lenten Fast.

Our idea of Lent observance, so far as the duty of the Clergy, is, that services shall be added no further than the strength of the Rector will allow, and his congregation will appreciate the opportunities. We think that Lent should be improved in the use of "private monitions" to the flock, as they may be lukewarm in their Christian profession, or utterly indifferent as to their soul's welfare.

The church services will reach only a part of even the communicants. A number will regularly attend, but when Lent is over, it will be found that many, perhaps the majority even of the communicants, have rarely attended.

The blessing of Lent will come to the peoplo, as united with earnest church attendance is unusual attention to private means of grace—the work of each one with his own heart before God. For those who unwillingly relinquish their pleasures, or even relinquish them only so far as a religious decency requires; -- as we have heard of one going to her Pastor to ask if the euchre club could not continue to meet in Lent,—there is no blessing. They may as well enjoy the world they love so well, for there is nothing laid up in store for them beyond its scenes .- Bishop Gilespie in The Church

THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT!

The common complaint of earnest Pastors is-"the pleasure seeking; it is in the way of all my work; it renders our week day services dull with the few where there should be the many; it stands in the way of plans and purposes I knew would be for the good of my people; it takes away the power of the Church, it just disheartens me."
"Living in pleasure," is a storn reality.

And it is just as real in the church as out of it. What are we thinking of? This—the winter has its craze. Last winter it was one form of card playing, this winter it is another A few years ago it was the skating rink; that wore itself out. But the masquerade came in one place, the hop in another, and something else in another. Moderation in amusement is prohibited by clubs, for the card table, the dance, that must meet. From Sunday to Sunday, every night it is something for a "good time." The home is left, the church bell calls in vain. And who are the votaries of wild pleasure? No more the young than the mature, even the aged. Scarcely more the indifferent, than the men and women who claim the Church's Sacraments a blessing. How vain the Pastor's cautions when preparing his Confirmation class, the Bishop's counsels in the sacred hour; when the young disciples see day in and day out, even the would-be pillars in the church, mad on their pleasures.

It is just the world, the flesh and the devil. It is the same spirit that made the blessed Apostle's heart bleed, when, as he passed through the thorough fares of Athens, "he saw the

city wholly given to idolatry."
What shall we do about it?

Consent to it, say we cannot prevent it, we must overlook it? Never, if we are Ministers of Him who told of "cutting off the right hand, and plucking out the right eye."

We must be bold, the Elijahs and John the Baptists of our day. We must go to these men and women, and tell them, you are "the enemies of the cross of Christ," you will lose your souls if you sacrifice your duties to God and mies of the cross of Christ," you will lose your souls, if you sacrifice your duties to God and man for your pleasures.

We must preach a gospel that while it is full

of the love of God and Christ, pronounces the blessing only on those who the spirit of Christ.

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We have dealt entirely too gently with this "living in pleasure on the earth." What would an Apostle say to it? What would we say about it to a dying man or woman, whose awakened conscience begged us to warn its votaries among kindred and acquaintance?

Just as I am closing this, my eye happens to fall on these lines in a secular paper: "As Lent is rapidly approaching, is close at hand, the interests of the social world in its round of pleasures, seems to increase, and the number of events as one might term them increases.

There is in fact a plethora of amusements, and some of them are unable, even by going six nights of the seven to accept all the invitations showered on them: And yet-society is not especially gay."

This reference to Lent tells who are the great patrons of amusements.

Q. D. G.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The name of Correspondent mustin all cases be enclosed with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

GRACE BEFORE AND AFTER MEAT.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

Sin,—Please explain the reason for using the final clause: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, at the conclusion of the "Grace after Meat." There is no petition asked as in that "Before Meat." "Thanks be to God for these and all His bounties bestowed upon us, Through Jesus Christ our Lord": no better thanksgiving is possible in as few words; but the last clause, without the full stop and capital "T" is a mistake; seems an unmeaning repetition of the end of the "Grace before Meat," where it is most necessary and proper. A simple rendering of thanks to Almighty God does not require the modiation of our Saviour, or the use of his name to make it acceptable. Or, if so, it should be differently worded.

ENOUIRER.

[Our correspondent seems hypercritical, or we do not understand his meaning. We can hardly regard the thanksgiving contained in the words he refers to as confined to temporal mercies,-more bodily food. "All His bounties" might well cover that which is referred to in the General Thanksgiving, as especially remembered. And more, St. Paul says, (Rom. i, 8), "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all"; and again in Rom. vii, 25. The use of the period and of the capital "T' can surely in this instance make no material difference in the sense.—ED.]

QUERIES.

SIR,-Apropos of your remarks concerning the now very marked abstention from the use of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Montreal for ordinations, another question is suggested, How is it that in fixing these ordinations the Ember Seasons are so frequently ignored? A striking case in point, one unexplainable by ordinary mortals, is seen in the approaching ordination of Mr. Duttie, on the Sunday after the Ember week, Sunday viz: 2nd, S. in Lent. It seems passing strange that it could not as wel, and as more belitting, have been appointed for the 2nd Sunday in Lent. This question may not meet the eye of the Bishop but it possibly may meet that of his examining chaplain, who might bring it before

"Potter on Church Government," has been fixed as a Text Book for ordination candidates ¿ It is a book, if not out of print, very little heard of, and quite superseded by abler and better books and of a more modern cast. Why, I have been informed that men going up for orders have not been able to obtain the book and that one copy from the Dean's Library has had to go from hand to hand! But, once more, why are ordination examinations based on certain books, and not on the subjects; so much so, that the Examiner says: "I will examine on the book." In Bishop Fulford's time, the candidate having gone through certain books in his college (no matter where) was supposed to have been grounded in the matter of those books, and so the questions put before him during the Ember week, were concerning certain subjects, and his replies could from any source, so long as they were in accordance and up to the requirements. If such was the way now a man might get up the subject of Church Government from books more easily obtainable than that of Bishop Potter, however good that may have been in its day, and for the purpose the Bishop had in view

ENQUIRER.

[We fancy that the necessity of giving due notice of Mr Dattie's ordination prevented its taking place as our correspondent could wish. We cannot think that without urgent cause the blessings attendant upon the prayers of the whole Church at the Ember Seasons would willingly be lost. Further the 31st of the Canons Ecclesiastical of the Church of England provides "that no deacons or ministers be 'made and ordained but only upon the Sundays 'immediately following Jejunia quatuor temporum commonly called Ember Weeks, appointed in ancient time for prayer and fasting (purposely for this cause at their first institution) and so continued at this day in 'the Church of England; and that this be done "in the Cathedral or Parish Church where the "Service &c."-ED.

UPPER OTTAWA AND NIPISSING MIS-SION.

Sir,—In the interests of the work to which for six years I have striven to devote whatever energy God has given me, I desire to make a plain statement of some very plain facts. Six years ago the Church had no mission here. In 1882, a missionary was appointed to organize the work in a district comprising 14 townships, with settlers so isolated that the labour involved in putting into active operation any effective scheme, was almost incredble. But few were able to render any material pecuniary assistance, and little could be done without it. To all his other work this additional duty was imposed on the missionary, and he had to become general financier; to devise ways and means and receive and expend the trust funds committed to his care, according as in his judgment the best interests of the Church would be served. No scheme of services workable by one individual over so large a field, could reasonably be expected to accomplish any appreciable results. From an economic standpoint it were unwise to tax our revenue with the charge of a curate, so the plan adopted, with the sanction of the Bishop, was to associate young unordained men with the missionary, and thus, at a minimum cost, secure the requisite assistance without which no scheme of services at all adequate to the wants of the mission, could be put in operation. The plan has worked admirably; the numerous services examining chaplain, who might bring it before have been regularly maintained, and young him. But speaking of the chaplain leads me men have gone up for ordination from the misto ask, why is it that such an obsolete book as, sion, or entered Trinity College, and others

have taken their place. There was but one missionary here five years ago, the first the Church had been able to send, now there are four; two being in priests orders, and two not in orders, one of the former having charge of a district to the west where a separate mission has been created. The maximum annual cost to the Church under this plan of associated lay help is \$500 (for two men), or a priest and two lay helpers \$1,300, an average cost for three men of \$433 each. The actual cost to us has been less than this, as during portions of the period referred to we have been short of men. I consider this a most practical plan for carrying on the mission work of the Church in large, poor or sparsely settled districts, as from it may be obtained a maximum amount of work at a minimum cost. There were no Churches in the district, none west of Pembroke, 6 years ago, now there are 5, two of which are in the Algoma mission west of us. We retain three Churches and have also a substantial clergy house at Mattawa. The following statistics from our Parish Register will serve to show some visible results of 6 years labourthe other and more lasting results, the invisible, are not to be shown by any table of statistics or figures of earthly arithmetic:-

NUMBER. 1882. 1887 Services (exclusive of daily Mat. & L. S...... 103 **8**20 Communions..... 27 Baptisms (yearly average 28)..... Marriages 950 Pastoral Visits..... Families..... 18 101 Individuals..... Communicants..... 105 General offertory...... \$184 \$334 Mission Fund collection (1882 and 1886)...... 6,69

Our average congregations are 10 to 45. For example: On one Sunday each missionary will hold two services, and be distant from one another 22 and 90 miles, the aggregate number of worshippers at the 6 services being 190. The following Sunday the missionary may be just as far apart, though at different stations to "Bishop resideth, and in the time of Divine former Sunday, hold the same number of services, and the congregations will not aggregate more than 122. The journeys are long, and constantly travelled on foot; much of the land is wild and unsettled, mile after mile may be travelled with only here and there a sign of human habitation. One of our Churches is yet unpaid for, all three are unfinished, and two more are urgently needed. On the property yet involved (brick Church and house) we have expended over two thousand five hundred dollars. A special and generous offer has re-cently been made towards assisting us in removing the one debt provided the requisite balance is raised within a reasonable period.

Surely, I may claim the attention of Churchmen generally, and plead the cause of the Church in this extensive mission field! I have striven most faithfully to fulfil the arduous duty imposed upon me-to plant the Church and organize her work in this virgin soil. Evidence is not wanting that our poor efforts have been accepted, and that God has blessed them. What He has enabled me to begin, I desire to go on and labour towards developing and completing, so long as health and strength is continued me—but no one outside has even the faintest conception of either the physical labou s or mental anxiety of all these years. I care to say nothing of this, indeed, it is as nought if only Christ is preached, and perishing could be a superior of the same o ing souls brought to find rest and peace. there is something that I do care for, and there is something I must and do ask. I care for the Church here—for those large number of souls committed to my charge-and conscience compels me, at the risk of being accused of trumpeting successful work, to hold up this sacred trust in the eyes of the Church at large, and to plead for the establishment of what is but begun, on a firm and permanent basis. We must

look to the future and secure for the Church now that which will enable her to maintain her ! rightful position, and advance with the development of the country. This cannot be done by suffering her to be crippled for want of that help without which progress in a material There is sense can never be accomplished. here a field for missionary work than which there is none other more important in the whole ecclesiastical province. The greater portion of the large district of Nipissing, as so far settled, is at present embraced in this mission, and its importance is such that at the last meeting of our Synod (Ontario) the Bishop gave as a further reason for dividing the diocese, the fact that so large an addition as that of Nipissing district had been made to his existing diocese. For the information of many kind friends who have entrusted me with funds during the past six years, I give the following brief abstract of our receipts and payments, the detailed accounts having been published and circulated from time to time. I must here express my personal gratitude for many favours so cheerfully extended. Our total receipts from all sources, whether from within or from without the mission (not of course our offertories) since its formation 6 years ago, amounts to \$7,577.06. Upwards of \$5,000 of this sum was collected by personal canvass of parishes in and out of the Diocese, and more than onehalf was contributed within the Diocese. Nine hundred and eighty seven dollars was contributed in the mission. Our expenditure has been \$7,707.36. Of this amount upwards of \$5,000 was expended on actual Church properties, buildings, land, &c., over \$1,000 on the Stipend and maintence of assistants, and upwards of another \$1,000 for travelling, printing, &c. The cost of collection has been a trifle over ten per cent.; I do not know whether this is much, but I have ever guarded most zealously all expenditure, and striven to do the best with the means at my disposal. The accounts of the mission are very carefully kept, and all receipts and payments regularly entered in detail. This is a heavy responsibility, and with the mass of correspondence a very great labour, which I would cheerfully relinquish, but it appears to be a necessary part of the priests duty in such a work as ours, only to be rid of by relinquishing the work itself. One of the above expenditures might well have been very much reduced, that for travelling on collecting trips, but so long as our present abominable system of giving continues in vogue, just so long must the contributions be mulcted of a certain proportion to cover the expense of going after them. It has been to me no pleasure to go canvassing, it has been the bane of my ministerial life, amounting at times to perfect dread. It is a shame, and disgrace to our Christianity that such a duty is a necessary adjunct to Church extension. Not only is it degrading, but it is a bar to spiritual progress in the parish, clogging the whole machinery of the Church. The clergy, instead of being constantly among their people, discharging their divinely committed trust, feeding and nourishing immortal souls in anticipation of that great day, must perchance hurry off at the call of another duty, to seek means whereby to house their houseless flocks. Let us again propose an alternative; many friends have become Annual Subscribers to the General Fund of the mission for 3 years. These subscriptions are payable each October, and are sent to me, instead of my going for them. What assving of expense! The amount so promised has now reached \$248 yearly. To be of full benefit and the sent three times. to our work it must reach at least three times this sum. Who will now help us to extend this list and thus in the truest sense assist in furthering the work of the Church of God in this large and important mission field? When we look around us and see all that remains to rather than elated by the little we have accom- upon, all are waiting the opening of the graud tom charges not included).

plished. Forgive me for occupying so much of your valuable space, for which I heartily thank you.

FORSTER BLISS.

The Mission House Mattawa, Feb. 6, 1888.

[This interesting account of the work being done in the Upper Ottawa District of the diocese of Ontario (and which is closely followed by like faithful workers in the Gatineau district of the Dioceses of Montreal, and in Al goma), will be read with pleasure by our many readers. Whilst there is much indeed to encourage and for which to render thanks, there is one feature of the work as reported which is not wholly satisfactory, that is that the increase in local contributions for the work of the Church is not proportionate to the increase in population. Taking Mr. Bliss' figures the contributions per family in 1882 through the General offertory was \$10.22; whilst in 1887 it was only \$3.32! The rate per head in 1882 was \$2.24; in 1887 in was only 67c.! The rate per head of contributions to the Mission Fund in 1882 was 15c.; in 1887 it had fallen to 10c. One great hindrance to the advance of the Church in this land in the past has been in our opinion the almost absolute dependence upon outside aid for the carrying on of her work; inducing a want of generosity and of selfdenial on the part of the people, and a slavish dependence upon others. It is only of late years that this has been somewhat remedied through the reduction or withdrawal of the grants of that noble Society the S.P.G., and in consequence, one recognized means of testing the progress of any particular mission, has now become its contribution to local and outside objects. We cannot think that in a mission as well-worked as this, the principle of self-support has not been developed, but the figures given do not show this; they rather give warning of the old danger of depending too much on outside assistance.—ED.

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA.

No 4.—Continued.

Coronado began its existence in November. 1886, when it was purchased by the South Pacific R.R. Company, and comprises eleven hundred acres of fertile land upon which the Company claim to have spent and are spending one million dollars. The hotel del Coronado is one of the wonders of this Southern region, covers five acres and is said to be the largest in the world, and combines the Queen Anne and Elizabethan styles of architecture with some modifications to accord with modern ideas; it is built around a grand court 250 x 150 feet which is filled with beds of flowers, statues and fountains. The future town, at present only in an entry state, is well laid out with broad streets and avenues none less than eighty feet in width, the boulevards extending along the ocean front and also fronting the bay, are one hundred and forty feet in width, and afford a splendid promenade and driveway; a beautiful avenue called Orange avenue extends for two miles through the centre of the town site, it is planted the whole length on both sides with orange and palm trees, and between these are bushes of geraniums, almost in constant bloom; about half-way down this splendid street is the Star park from which radiate streets from the different corners planted with pepper lime and olive trees; these avenues although graded and

Hotel which is to set the ball rolling, which opening will take place some time in the month of January; in the meantime lots are for sale at prices somewhat astounding to a stranger who sees only the beginning of a settlement for instance prime lots on the boulevard forty feet front, are four thousand dollars; a little farther back twenty-five hundred and two thousand; the lowest priced lot of any to be had was six hundred and fifty; there are however many fine residences already built and in process of erection, and there is no doubt that in a very few years Coronado Beach will become the Newport of the South being the only harbor and beach south of San Francisco that is worthy the name and having a climate as near perfection as it is possible to imagine; the climate in fact is the capital on which the place has been inaugurated; the rarest troprical plants grow out of doors; and stopping in front of one of the beautiful squares, bright with velvet turf and flowers such as we see in our hot-houses at home, also well grown trees, we were informed to our amazement that this square was just four months old; trees can be transplanted any month in the year without injury. Imagine such a scene in the middle of December and wonder not that so many wealthy citizens from the East are investing in property in this Southern land and not only investing but coming here to live; many have bought and built with a view only of escaping the severe winter, but many others are per-manent residents. Water is abundant all over the tract being furnished at low rates by the Company; also electric lights and a motor railway connecting with San Diego every twenty minutes. Yours truly,

PRE-LENTEN THOUGHTS.

When Epiphany is spent Sundays three, like herald sent, Cry aloud the Fast of LENT. Septuagesima first, and second Sexagesima is reckoned; Quinquagesima, the last; Then comes in the solomn Fast With Ash Wednesday's litanies. That from hearts repentant rise. Forty days at Jesus' foot Hide we now in blost retreat. At their close through Holy Week We His Way of Sorrow seek, Entering first Jerusalem, While the throngs His progress hem, And with shouts of welcome press Zion's lowly King to bless, Scattering palms along His way On that one triumphant Day. Though they shout He weeks aloud O'er the self-deceiving crowd. Through that week we see Him bear Anguish none can know or share; On Good FRIDAY follow Him, Scourged and bruised in every limb. And with thorns in insult crowned; While the foesthat Him surround Jibes and sneers incessant toss. On the Altar of the Cross We behold Him meekly die For the world's iniquity. Every Friday for His sake Let us here our station take, At His feet confession making, Self and sin abhorred forsaking.

-Harriet McEwen Kimball,

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY.

FEB. 2nd-Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.—(Presentation of Christ in the Temple).

- 6th-Sexagesima.
- 12th-Quinquagesima. (Notice of Ash Wednesday).
- 15th-Ash Wednesday.-Pr. Pss. M. 6, 32, 38., E. 162, 130, 143. Comm. Service).
- 19th—1st Sunday in Lont.—(Notice of St. Matthias and Ember Days. Ember Coll. daily).
- 22nd-Ember Day.
- 24th-St. Matthias. A. & M.-Athanasian Creed.—Ember Day.
- 25th-Ember Day.
- 26th-2nd Sunday in Lent.

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THE RELATION OF EPISCOPAL TO NON-EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES.

To speak the truth in love is the office of the Church of God. All who represent her, whether acting under commission as her accredated ambassadors or moved to speak for her by a constraining sense of duty ought to bear in mind the solemn obligations which this principle imposes upon them to seek to speak the truth, and to speak what they honestly believe to be the truth in love.

As regards the truth, men may not always be sure, since it is human to err, but in reference to the manner in which they make known what they believe to be the truth no one need be in doubt.

With his best exertions to discover the truth and state the truth one may fail, but as regards his manner, the way in which he proclaims and teaches what he honestly holds to be the truth, one need not go wrong. He can easily discern of what spirit he is. He may not be sure of his matter when he is speaking by his own authority, formulating his own opinions and convictions and beliefs, but he can be of his own manner. He has criteria at hand in

his spirit be love.

The Church in her authoritative teaching illustrates perfectly the fulfilment of this twofold obligation to speak the trath in love. speaks the truth, and here we are certain of the matter, and she speaks it uniformly in love. Her creeds, her offices, her Catechism, her ordinal announce what we believe to be God's revealed truth-truth gathered out of His Holy Word and most surely proved thereby, and her manner is to state the truth positively, succinct ly clearly, and there she leaves it, as her Lord left the precious seed of his teaching, to fall in whatsoever kind of soil it may.

It is not the habit of the Church to draw negative inferences. She makes her solomn deč aration of truth, resting upon God's Word and sustained by the testimony of antiquity, and then she stops. "I believe in God," she says. There is the truth, and it is uttered in the spirit of her Divine Master, who taught after the same method, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

We are to remember that the sphere of charity is in the manner, not in the matter. One of the essential conditions of truth, whether it be abstract or concrete, is that it is exclusive. shuts out everything except itself. Let the subject-matter be of what kind soever, the result is inevitable. Two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time; two and two make make four; there is one God and one Mediator between God and man. Here in the statement of these truths, there is no room for compromise, for giving and taking, for changing and adapting. We may not say, in order to satisfy the demands of a thoughtless, careless world, in order to gain popularity and secure the reputation of being genial and broad and kind, "two and two make three, or five, or four, just as you please, it is of no consequence what a man believes, so long as he does what is right." We may not say this, or compute in this way to accommodate ourselves to the ignorance and prejudice which are prevalent around us. If we do, we sacrifice the truth committed to our hands as a trust, and in so far we are guilty before God of treachery and falsehood. But we must say, if the occasion requires us to speak up on the subject, and it is the only thing which we can say, "two and two make four," and we must continue to say, wherever and whenever it is our duty to speak, calmly and firmly, "two and two make four;" and yet we may not say, whoever refuses this statement of the result of adding two and two is a fool, an ignoramus, and unworthy of recognition as a human being. To do this would be to violate the law of charity, to speak the truth, but not to speak it in love.

It is obvious that the rejection of any truth must entail consequences more or less disastrous in proportion to the importance of the truth so rejected, and the nearners and extent of its relation to ourselves and our affairs, but these consequences need not be stated, and if stated, when necessity so requires, not put in an offensive way, at all events not pressed as a threat, so as to wear the appearance of secking to drive the objector to accept the truth irrespective of his convictions.

We have been at some pains to make this statement of principles clear in order to prepare the way for a brief application of them to the subject of the Christian ministry, as presented in the ordinal of our Church and guarded by our canons. Here we have what our Church holds, and would have her children accept and hold as the truth touching the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God, proclaimed and taught in the spirit of love.

The matter is positive, and is clearly and definitely presented. There can be no reasonable doubt about the leading elements of the teaching: a threefold ministry, a representative ministry, the restriction of the power of ordina-

bear witness for or against him whether or not | ter of the ministry; these and other elements are distinctly taught, but beyond this the Church does not go; she draws no negative inferences as to those who reject her view of the ministry, either in whole, or in part; she pronounces no judgment upon the value, absolute or relative, of other ministries than those derived from episcopal ordination, nor does she intimate the consequences which will follow the rejection of her own and the acceptance of such ministries.

Here we have one of the best illustrations of speaking the truth in love, or if it be preferred, we will say, what is believed to be the truth

No one will deny that the Church has the right to make known and teach what she believes to be the truth, when she does so in a way which is not offensive.

But the misunderstanding begins when we leave the ordinal and pass to the canons, when we descend from theory to practice, from the act of ordination to the restrictions placed by the law of the Church upon those who have received the imposition of episcopal hands, be they bishops, priests, or deacons. These are not permitted to exchange ministries with those who have not been ordained by bishops; and hence, the position of the Church seems to many exclusive, illiberal and ungenerous.

They would present the case thus: "We," they say, "invite and allow the clergy of the Church to minister to our congregations, but the Church refuses to reciprocate, and invite our ministers to officiate in her churches. Thus she shows her exclusiveness, she refuses to recognize our ministries as valid, and she does not imitate our liberality." Our reply is simple and to the point, and ought, it seems to us, to be perfectly satisfactory. It is this: "You," we answer, addressing our friends, who deny the necessity of episcopal ordination to constitute an official ministry representing Christ, "you," we answer, " in admitting our clergy to officiate in your churches surrender no principle involved in your polity. Your theory of the Christian ministry admits the validity of ours together with your own, and consequently our clergy are as truly in your own eyes, on your own principles, ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God as your own."

Our theory, on the contrary, of Christian ministry, if it be true, and we, you admit, have the right to believe it to be true, our theory excludes all from the representative official ministry of Christ except those who have been ordained by bishops. Were we, therefore, to allow your ministers to officiate in churches, we would be surrendering our deposit of truth, as we regard it, in the possession of the episcopate; we would be stultifying ourselves to be worse than fools, dishonest, since we would be practically saying that our ordinal, our rubrics and our canons were meaningless, that they seemed to say what they did not say; we would be affirming by our action that it was a matter perfectly indifferent whether we said two and two make three, or 4, or 5; and while such conduct might win for us the commendation of the ignorant and the thoughtless, it would justly expose us to the condemnation of all sober-minded, sensible people, as well without the Church as within; most of all it would render us liable to the righteous judgment of the God of truth.

We make no reflections upon you if you are satisfied with your ministries and the grounds on which they rest, we pronounce no judgment upon you; we are simply acting for ourselves and leaving you to do the same. We should be very glad if you would allow us to convince you that we are right; but meanwhile we are ready and glad to admit that you are honest and conscientious in your theory and practice, and we are also ready and glad to believe that God blesses you, and that through our adorable spoken and written discourse to test him, to tion to the highest order, and the official charac- Redeemer you will be accepted in the last great

cellent way.

We are satisfied that in the good providence of God we have inherited the historic episcopate and the sacraments and means of grace dependent on this ministry, and that these good things, these blessings of inestimable worth, have been put into our hands not only for ourselves to enjoy, but as a sacred trust to be held by us for the benefit of all mankind, and to be transmitted by us to posterity.

GEORGE F. SEYMOUR.

THE TEACHER'S PURPOSE.

A Paper read at a Sunday-School Teacher's Conference in Trinity Chapel, Pittsburg, Monday Evening, December 12, 1887.

BY BISHOP WHITEHEAD.

This subject is, I presume interrogative. It implies the question, What should the teacher's purpose be? And, as is usually the case with such inquiries, there may be severel answers, all perhaps equally true, but to be separated into two classes in accordance with the preponderance in each of sentiment or practical. ity. If we say that the teacher's purpose should be to do good, to teach the Bible, to bring his pupils to Christ, these answers may be true, but they are indefinite; full of right sentiment, but well nigh useless to any teacher who really longs to be successful. As well exhort the teachers in our public schools to make astronomers, linguists and grammarians of the pupils, and leave them without further assistance to that end. Many sermons indeed go no further, and the frequently lamented weakness of the pulpit is almost entirely due to this very thing-a general indefiniteness of exhortation; an earnest charge to be good, or to do good, with silence profound as to how or what: an eloquent monition which stirs the feelings, but gives no direction to the will, the mental faculties or the physical powers.

I seek for a much more definite, practical and, therefore, helpful answer to our query:one answer out of many which might be given. And I think we have no right to ignore the assistance which our common-school system affords. Why the secular education of our children should be so carefully fashioned upon principles which in their religious training the vast majority of our Sunday-schools entirely neglect, is one of the problems which awaits solution. The graded school, the strict discipline, the capable teachers, the progessive advance from one class to another, the graduation into higher school and normal school, command our admiration and challenge imitation, which alas! on every hand we fail to find. The purpose of each teacher is not a general one, but specifically to pass on each pupil to the next higher grade—to teach each one thoroughly up to a certain point in certain well-defined studies and text books, and thus by division of labor to effect an exact result-namely, graduation from school into active life. Each teacher labors as a part of a system; there is harmony of effort with every possible diversity of talent both in the teachers and pupils. But the purpose of all is identical, and although that purpose necessarily includes the sentiment that education of any human being means development of character and fitness for the duties of life, nevertheless, in the consciousness that these results must follow if the system be faithfully pursued, attention is given to the system, and the thought and talk and effort are above that, the results being left in great measure to take care of themselves.

day. We are ready and glad to admit and Church is very different with us from that believe all this, and yet we would fain win you which it sustains in most of the Protestant to what we confidently believe to be a more exbodies of Christians around us. With them the Church is one thing and the Sunday school another. The Church is the high school and normal school for which the Sunday-school prepares the pupils. He only is a disciple who comes of his own accord and assumes that position, having already learned much or little, which qualifies him to come and thus declare himself.

> With us the system of Christian living necessitates a different view of the Sunday school, a view which we avow to be not only more scriptural, but also more reasonable and in accordance with analogy. In our view Sundayschool and Church are not two institutions, but the Sunday-school a section of the Chnrch. It is all church, the Sunday-school being the juvenile department. The whole church is a school, and every member of the school is a disciple; not because he knows anything, but because he is learning something; not because he is in a higher class, but in any class. The infant scholar is as much a disciple as the Bible class member or the Bishop himself. The entrance to the school is rightly and only Baptism, because that is the only entrance to the church. No rector or superintendent can rest satisfied until every person, adult and child, in the Sunday-school, is properly entered through this holy sacrament. The unbaptized child is out of gear with the whole system. The unbaptized teacher cannot possibly escape unreality if it be not hypocrisy; because the whole fabric rests upon the sacrament of Baptism as a foundation.

> Here, then, is our churchly because scriptural portraiture of the position of the Sunday school. It is the nursery of the Church, into which the children are born physically and spiritually by the washing of water and the promised accompaniment of the Holy Ghost. The children are "holy," "called to be saints" from the outset, within the covenant "members of Christ," the "children now of God," the "children of grace," prospective "inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven."

> Baptism does not suddenly transform them into fully developed Christians. Nor does it take the place of faith, repentance, prayer, selfconsecration, any more than one of these can be rightly substituted for the others. And yet it is true that by it they join the school, they come to Christ, they crave the benefits of His incarnation. His life, death and exaltation; they are marked as His; they leave the king-dom in which they were by nature; they have been touched by something "from above" and lifted up to the plane of redemption; they become citizens in the Kingdom of Heaven, brought to a "state of salvation." It is their duty, but much more their privilege, hence-forth, to "grow up unto Him in all things which is the Head, even Christ." They do not enter the Church when they graduate from the Sunday-school, but when they are baptized; for the school is included in the Church, and is not something apart from it or annexed to it.

Now, let us look at our analogy again. The Church, being a school, has a prescribed course of study. As reading, writing and arithmetic, virtually include all that is to be learned, or, rather, as by them every department of human knowledge may be entered and explored, so the Church has ordered that every "child shall be taught as soon as he shall be able to learn, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. First, his memory is to be stored with their words, so that he shall say them by rote. Those words are to be seeds from which all the future growth is to proceed. They are struction is given to the system, at the thought and talk and effort are above that, the results being left in great measure to ke care of themselves.

Now, the relation of the Sunday-school to the system and clear that the youngest may gain approto be touchstones by which all the after instruction is to be tested. They are the mother-

priate instruction from them. So each child is to be drilled in the mere words of them; explanations and illustrations are to be added from time to time, as the child is able to read them; more and more advanced instruction is to be given, but always centering in these chief things, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, the rule of faith, the rule of prayer, and the rule of life and duty.

And then comes a time when the child passes on to wider instruction. There ought to be a grade and a class or classes into which he shall graduate, where he shall be instructed by wise and well qualified teachers in those many "other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health."

But let us notice that the purpose is still not to give a general education in religious matters, but in those things which conduce to the soul's health—practical, religious truths and duties. My interpretation of this is that the instruction of the more advanced pupils should still centre in the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments—the practical every-day truths which bear upon daily duty and the for mation of Christian character; for, does not the Church's system lay great stress upon this when the clergyman is taught to say: "Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and is sufficiently instructed in the other part of the Church catechism set forth for that purpose"?

And then comes Confirmation—the graduation of the well taught pupil in primary and grammar school, into that which should be the High school, the Rector's Bible class or Communicant-class, too seldom, alas! a feature in

our parish work.

This is the Church's system of Christian nurture for the children and youth. How carefully it is provided for, not only those passages already quoted, testify, but also the rubrics which follow the catechism:

"The minister of every parish shall dili-gently, upon Sunday and holy days, or on some other convenient occasions, openly in the Church, instruct, or examine so many children of his parish, sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism.

"And all fathers, mothers, masters, and mistresses, shall cause their children, servants and apprentices, who have not learned their Catechism, to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear and to be ordered by the minister, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them

to learn.
"So soon as children have come to a competent age, and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and can answer to the other questions of this short Catechism, they shall be brought to the Catechism,

We are beholden to this system for more than we can estimate of good. Wewho were born and brought up in the Church know the preciousness of this quiet, orderly instruction, and our experience bears witness that there could be no better system for impressing truth upon the mind and heart. I do not believe we have any right to neglect, misuse, disuse, or adulterate it. The qualities which commend it are that it is clear, definite, progressive, eminently practical, and, above all, spiritual.

It may not teach the distance between Jericho and Jerusalem, or the value of a drachma, or the many details of Jewish living in the time of Christ. But it does instruct and catechize the children in those things which they ought to know for their soul's health, namely:-the truths concerning the Blessed Trinity; God the

to man, and points them to the sacraments as

constant helps and means of grace.

And to these things the Holy Scriptures are to be in due time added, just in the right order, according to their own teaching as, e.g.:

"It seemed good unto me also, * * * *

"It seemed good unto me also, * to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been already catechized. (St. Luke i. 4).

"Every scripture, given by inspiration of God is profitable," etc. * * "that the man of God may be perfect—thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. iii. 16, 17.).

(To be continued.)

FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

THE LENTEN TIDE.

What have we done that we should seek. This Lenten-tide, to be forgiven? Our lips have never dared to speak Reproach or calumny of Heaven! Yet to the Lenten-tide belongs Repentance from some secret wrongs.

What need have we for deep distress? Our hands have never robbed the poor, We have not spurned in bitterness The trembling feet that sought our door; And yet the Lenten prayers are meant For those whose hearts are penitent.

We beg for "new and contrite hearts," Within the sacred walls to-day, And some forgotten shadow starts From out our sunshine as we pray; For Heaven takes our souls aside To search them, at the Lenten-tide.

What have we done? Our hearts can tell Of scorn, impurity and hate, Of pride we have not sought to quell,

Of Duty's promptings, bidden to wait. Ab, Heaven bids us view our pride With sorrow, at the Lenten-tide.

What have we done? Our narrow thought Has limited the Love Divine, And all the flood of Truth has sought In human channels to confine. The Truth of God, so free and wide, Condemns us at the Lenten tide.

The web of life is spun apace, And many threads are gay and bright, But some to give the pattern grace, Must bear the impress of the night. No weaver's hand may cast aside The dark threads of the Lenten-tide. -Parish Visitor, N.Y.

HOW TO MAKE LENT PROFITABLE.

We wish we could present to our young readors the idea of Lent just as it really is. It is regarded by so many as a long, dreary, sad season, with no bright spot in it. They, consequently, dread its coming, and are glad when it Now we think this is a very wrong view to take of this season, and we should be glad to correct it. The very meaning of the word Lent is anything but sad. It is a good old Saxon word, and signifies Spring, and spring, we all know, comes after winter, and is full of brightness and hope. It is the time when the grass begins to spring up, the leaves

to put forth, and the flowers to bloom.

There is something very grand and inspiring about this season of Lont, and we want you all to fad this out for yourselves. This is what it meras to us: A time for a fresh start; a time to be better; a time for new helps heavenward; a time for taking closer hold of what we know is true, and so every day to grow stronger in better than he; strange that by the morning and for the right. We want Lent to mean all light he should be at the opposite point of the

and to forget our good desires and resolutions, that we all, old and young, need such special times to remind us of what our Heavenly Father wants us to be and to do. Let us all, then, take a fresh start together. If we have been growing careless in our work and unfaithful in our duties, if we have neglected to pray and to read God's Word, let us make up our minds at once to stop all this, to turn right around and begin a better life.

It is a grand thing to grow better. It is the pleasantest feeling in life to know we are making progress, and improving as we go on. Come, then, and let us start together to put down the wrong by doing the right.—Parish

Visitor.

"BECAUSE YOU SAID YOUR PRAYERS."

A TRUE STORY.

By Edith M. Dauglish.

Mother, mayn't I take Smuttie, and go and to look at the birds. I shan't get in the way of the whitewashers, mother, dear."

It was a pathetic little voice, telling a tale of patient endurance, and the owner of it, a pale girl of eight or nine years old, looked as if suffering and she were old companions. She sat huddled up on a low seat near a bright fire, her large blue eyes wistful gazing out of the window, whence she could see into the garden, where the February sunshine was resting on the snowdrops. There seemed a touch of spring there, a gleam of hope, after the long cold winter that had kept little Elsie a prisoner. On her lap, encircled by her thin arms, lay a fat puppy, as black as a coal, and evidently the pride of his little mistress's heart. It was for Smut's sake, chiefly, that she wished to go outside; Smut needed both fresh air and some diversion for his puppy mind, so for Smut Elsie Horton preferred her request.

The mother, busy with her "spring cleaning," paused a moment, and looked anxiously at her child, and then out of doors.

"Well," she said, "perhaps a breath of air won't hurt you. I'll wrap you up warm, and you must keep Smut in your lap. He's as warm as a toast. The man is whitewashing the front of the house now, but his ladder won't be in your way.

Joyfully Elsie began to prepare for her outgoing, while Smnt danced about, wriggling his ungainly black body and ridiculous tail in much excitement.

Once seated in their little chair in the sun, with the fresh air playing over her pale cheeks, Elsie felt equal to controlling Smut's antics. It was not easy, however, to hold him, as his chief idea of exercising was to rush after the sparrows with infantile barks, and as Elsie insisted on his remaining on her lap, he con-tinually jerked his pointed black muzzle into her face, suddenly applying his warm tongue to her cheek, as if by this means he hoped to get his own way.

The little scene was not unnoticed by the man who was lime-washing the front of the

He was a young fellow, not above five andtwenty, broad shouldered and tall, but his face was downcast, while his heavy, inflamed eyes

indicated the love of strong drink.

Truth to tell, Sam Jones felt very miserable that bright February morning. Overnight, he had been with a social club, and one of the best of "good company" there. No one sang a more uproarious song or told a doubtful story better than he intrance that he had been within the morning. this to our boys and girls, for Lent is a time compass! He would tell you a "man must why."

appointed by our Church for special thought have his ups and downs," but his reasoning did and prayer. We are so apt to grow careless not honestly account to his own heart for the Smut's head, so that she could hardly be herrd,

weight of awful depression that lay on his soul like a black burden.

As he listlessly plied his brush he saw little Elsie come out, tenderly cared for by her mother. He watched her seat herself in her chair, with a red shawl about her, and then Smut came in for a share of notice.

Smut was decidedly restive. Finding the blandishments of his tongue unavailing, he tried fresh tactics, and seizing a corner of his mistress's shawl, he set to work to worry and shake it, trying to believe he had a rat in his

Elsie now administered a pat, upon which the sly little fellow looked up in her face with an expression of mock sorrow and indignation, so absurd that she broke out into a fit of childish laughter.

It was a pretty sound, and seemed to Sam's heavy heart like a melody "sweetly played in tune." He spoke, "You seem mighty fond o' that there little beast," he said.

Elsie looked up surprised, so did Smut, and Mother, mayn't I take Smuttie, and go and he showed himself equal to any emergency sit at the door? He wants some fresh air, and by a baby growl. No doubt, he thought this sign of ferocity would at once silence the third

party who had broken in on their tets a tete.
"Yes, he's my darling dog," replied Elsie "but he's very naughty and disobedient to-day. shall have to punish him, I'm afraid.'
"Where did you get him?"

"Oh, the kind doctor gave him to me, when I was very ill this winter. He's a great comfort to me."

"Are you better now?" asked Sam pityingly, looking at the little face, with its frame of bright hair—such a fragile little face it was, bearing a close resemblance to the snowdrops that bent their heads in the border hard by.

"Oh! I'm much better now," she answered ("Be quiet, Smut; I shall put you in a dark cupboard if you aren't good!") "Now the spring is coming, I shall be soon well, mother

Sam had no more to say just then. He went on with his brush work less wearily. Suddenly, by some movement of his, the ladder gave a great lurch, brush and whitewash splashed over to the ground, and Sam only saved himself from a bad fall by clinging to the gutter. In a moment or two things had righted them. selves; but, meantime, Smut startled, had leaped from Elsie's arms and rushed forward to seize the fallen brush

With such a delightful toy, which his puppy imagination converted into some hairy animal, a foe to his race, of course he was deaf to his mistress's entreaties to come back to her. Sam, laughing now, made his way down the ladder to regain his property.

Smut was promptly picked up, protesting with all his might at the indignity, and restored to Elsie, who, flushed and rather alarmed,

looked up at Sam with startled eyes.
"Were not you frightened?" she said, rather under her breath, as the bright colour faded

"No, I was not frightened," said Sam, still smiling at Smut, "but I am afraid you were! "Yes, I was rather, but-why, weren't you frightened? You might have tallen, and been

killed?" "Oh! no fear," said Sam, lightly. "Accidents will happen. I have as many lives as a cat."

Elsie looked at him thoughtfully, stroking Smut's velvet head. She was evidently considering something which perplexed her. Suddenly a light seemed to come into her mind, and shine out over her whole face. Sam was surprised at the radiant expression.

"Oh! I know!" she said, softly. "I know why you weren't frightened." She smiled and the colour came again into her cheeks. "Do you?" said Sam, curiously. "

said, very softly, "Because you said your prayers this morning."

Sam was so startled that, for a moment, he stood stock still, while Elsie, not daring to look up, caressed her dog. Then, so utterly taken aback was he, that he walked away, and, slowly ascending the ladder, recommenced his work without a word. Because he had said his prayers that morning! None knew but Sam how very far this was removed from the fact. Not that morning; no, nor for more mornings than he cared to count had he bent his knees in prayer. Careless, and easily led, he was naturally open to every temptation that assailed him, and by his own folly he was without armour.

Elsie's words had struck home. Her childish faith was so strong that Sam felt ashamed before it. Not a word of reproach had been said, yet how deeply the child's simple sentence had gone into his mind! An arrow shot from God's quiver, had hit the mark, and rankled in Sam's bosom.

A week or two passed away, and one evening after work Sam sented himself at Horton's cottage. He had never been near it since that one important day. since he had thought of Elsie and her words, until he resolved to give up his old life and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing else seemed open to him. He had fallen on his kness before God, and prayed from his heart, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" And God had been merciful. Not at first did the weight of his past sins seem lifted, but though

"Tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt.

Fighting within, and fears without,"

Sam had gone to the Refuge for the sin-stricken and heavy-laden, and found it open.

Now he felt impelled to go and see once more the little maiden who had sent him there. On knocking at the door, he was confronted by Elsie's father, looking very sad. "Could I see your little girl? said Sam, rather timidly.

"My little girl?" said the man, hoarsely; "Oh, no, my little girl is very ill, dying, the doctor tells me."

"So bad as that!" exclaimed Sam, with something like a sob "But the Almighty won't take her till I've told her what she's done for me! Surely."

"Come in," said Horton, looking curiously at Sam, through the tears which filled his own eyes. "Tell me what you mean. We're dreadful cast down, for Elsie's our only one."

Sam followed the man into the kitchen, and there told his story. He told it lamely, and not without interruptions, for his heart was full to overflowing. When he had finshoulder, and with a trembling voice said, "Thank God, my little one has done her work here, and if we must lose her——." He could say no more, and in response ished, Horton put his hand on his shoulder, and with a trembling

to a gentle tapping from the room overhead, went upstairs. In a few moments he returned.

"Would you like to come up?" he said in a whisper. "Her moth-er thinks she's going; she doesn't know anyone."

Sam rose without a word, and was ushered into the sacred chamber, whence the little soul was about to take flight, It was very still, Mrs. Horton calmly sat by the bed holding the waxen hand of the apparently sleeping child. The dog lay curled up on the bed, a faithful companion to the last, The wealth of golden hair lay on the pillow, and surrounded Elsie's ethereal little face like an aureole glory. Her breath was somewhat laboured, but there was no struggle. Suddenly the child opened her eyes. An expression of radiant beauty beamed from them such as Sam had seen there in a slight degree, once before. She slightly raised herself and murmured, "I'm coming!" Then turning towards her mother, she closed her eyes. One gentle sigh, and Elsie was in arms of the Good Shepherd, who, having loved His own which were in the world, loved them "unto the end."

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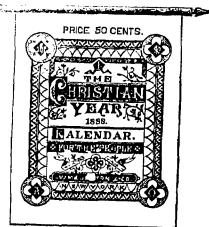
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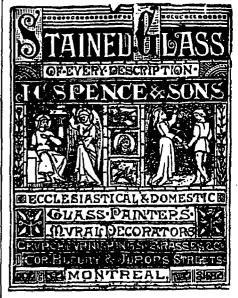
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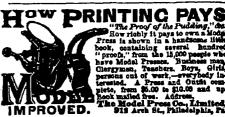
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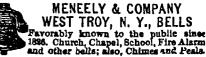


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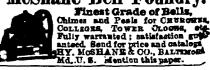
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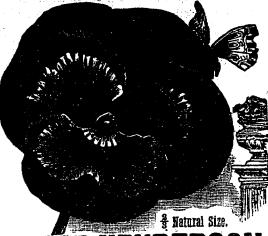
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