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## ECCIESIASTICAL NOTES.

Arctidacon Farbars muxiting of Weastminister Abbcyas a centre of spiritual activity, says that the Abbey pulpit is in the best sense Catholic. It recognizezs no distinction of party, while the members of the capitular body represent different schools of thought, and work together in perfect harmony. The preachers, he says, are selected with perfect impartiality.

There is something of the ring and manner of the minor prophets in the utterances of Mr. Ruskin, and there is something almost startling in his last lecture on the "Plague Cloud of the Nine teenth Century. "For the last twenty years," said the Professor, "England and all foreign nations, either tempting her or following her, had blasphemed the name of the Deity deliberately and openly, and every man, ly the advice of his superior, had done as much injustice to his brother as it was in his power to do. The seers of old predicted physical gloom; and we had had so much physical gloom the last few years, that it had been said that England was no longer the Empire on which the sun never set, but had become one on which the sun never rose. What was best to be done? Whether they could bring back the sun or not they could assuredly bring back their own cheer fulness," their own honesty, and their own tranqui lity of mind. The paths of rectitude and piety once regained, who should soy that the promise of old time would not be found to hold good, and that the windows of heaven being opened blessings would be poured out so that there would not be room enough to receive them ?" A kind of preaching appropriate for these times.

A Parish Magazine asks some pretty plain questions in this way:-"Why is it that good Church people find it so easy to give from three to five hours to an entertainment or social gather ing for their personal gratification, and are in such a hurry when asked to meet the vestry conmittees, occasionally, to transact important work of the Lord? Why does ten dollars seem so large when asked for Church purposes, and so small when it is to be expended on personal indulgence? Why is time so scarce when the Church bell calls to worship, but so plenty when the world calls to pleasure? Why are Sundays and other Church days colder, and hotter, and wetter than any other days? Why do people who sel dom, or never, respond to special calls for money, find most fault because the calls are made? Why is Sunday sickness the sickest sickness? Why are excuses that will keep people from Church not thought sufficient for 'regrets' when social requisitions are made?" We ourselves could never get satisfactory answers to such questions.

Spenking, recently, at rarnham, the Bishop of Winchester expressed an opinion in favour of distinctive religious teaching. The question, he said, was often asked whether it was necessary to have Church schools in order that religious education should be given, and whether it was not possibie to have undenominational teaching. The answer to ehis was, that it was impossible for the teacher effectually to teach religious tenets unless he was deeply impressed with religious truth, in which case he would communicate his convictions to
others. Undenominational teaching was, therefore, almost impossible. It was absolutely neces sary to have a sound, definite basis for religious teaching.
"Be a minister, be a minister," if you can," said the clergyman who gave the charge to a young brother at ordination, "but at all events, be a man." Reputation is one thing and character another, the man's office very different sometines, from the man, as learning is different from wisdom. But the education of the race is going on. Spectacles and white cravals are no longer certain certificates of wisdom or of virtue ; pretension is more and more at a discount. What have you done? What can you do? are the questions put to all romers. Manhood, ability, courage, are becoming more and more the passports to success, to fame and fortune, and character is the diamond that scratches every other stone.

The Bishop of Fond du Lac, in his pastoral letter about the rebuilding of the Cathedral recently destroyed by fire, gives the following rules: -"Let everything be done for the glory of GoD. Let there be no debt. Let there lie no sham." Rules which should always be borne in mind by those who are working for God and His Church.

The Season of Lent is well fitted to draw the minister of GOD to think more of his ordination vows and of his real duty to the organization in which he is called to labour. Every member of the congregation, in fact every person with whom the parson comes in contact, scans every word and notices every little defect and inconsistency in his life and work. We cannot be too careful, either in our words or actions. Constant watchfulness and living in tie Presence of Gon will make us walk aright. A careless ministry will soon kill all Spiritual progress in the Church. Let the world see that we are at least endeavouring to be living examples of the faith we preach.

We are giad to notice that some of the ways taken at Christian fairs to raise funds for religious objects are receiving due attention. At a meeting of clergy of all religious bodies held recently, united action was taken in strong disapproval of the present method of raising money at fairs and festivals by chances, and other modes of gambling. A card has been issued declaring such means contrary to religious principles, as well as illegal, and promising to withhold all countenance from such methods now so prevalent.

To alleviate in some way the great loss which Dr. Barry has sustained in the foundering of the Simla and with it his valuable library, the Dean of Westminster last week made an appeal to replace the lost 2,000 volumes, and in answer he has received from the Bench of Bishops $£ 200$, the Skinners Company, $£_{50}$, and various sums amounting to $£ 360$ or more, and every post, he writes, "brings some kind offer in money or in books." Dean Bradley adds :--"Before any mention of Bishop Barry's loss had appeared in print, he had received an expression of sympathy from the Queen. Not the least valuable part of his new library at Sydney will consist of carefully selected volumes which he will owe to Her Majesty's thoughtful and gracious generosity."

## The Bishop of Bedford on Parochial Missionsi)

Is prospect of a simultaneous Mission in EastLondon next Advent the Bishop of Bedford; Dr: Walshan How, has issued a pastoral letter to his: clergy, in order that they may weigh the matter carefully beforehand, and make all due prepara-: tion. In the course of his remarks, the Bishop observes, "a Mission is not a thing to be played with."
"The character of a Church Mission," says' the Bishof, "should ee grave, reverent, and pracs, tical. Its spirit should be that of solemnity rather than of excitement. I do not think we should, because we hold a Mission, either imitate the methods of other bodies of Curistians, or run the risk of an unworthy and lowering presentation of religion to the people who may be attracted to our churches. I do not for a moment deny that God uses excitement, as He does all other powers and. emotions, to help souls to unwonted efforts, and to give them courage to face and overcome difficulties, but there is a tumultuous and superficial excitement, and there is an excitement which is fuil of trembling awe and boly reverence. If we accept excitement at all as an eleinent in our Mission work, let it be of the latter sort. The fceling we may lawlully and profitabiy strive to excite is that which would naturally spring from a deep sense of the reality of the things unseen, and of the presence and power of GoD. I need, hardly say that a wise missioner will repress rather than foster excitement, and will be very suspicious of emotional demonstrations."
Instruction should be a prominent part of the work. "Whatever appeals are made to the feelings, a Mission would be very imperfect if it did not embrace plain practical teaching in the elements of religion, and in the faith of the Church. And under the head of instruction I would include not only doctrinal teaching, but also the very plainest teaching on practical matters of every-day lite and duty. People must be made to feel that, while religion is, in one aspect, a revelation of divine truth, it is, in another aspect, a power in the heart and life. It is a very common objection on the part of unbelievers that religion has to do with another world and not with thisthat it means the acceptance of a number of abstruse propositions, and not the helping men to live better and happier lives. I think an effort should be made, at least in some places and by some persons, to give instruction, in connection with the Mission, upon the evidences of Christianity."

A Mission cannot do everything. It is not meant "to regenerate in one week a dead parish. Perhaps not even to win at once many converts. Its immediate fruit is more likely to be the deepening of the spiritual life in the souls of those already serving the Lord. But its immediate Iruit is not its best fruit. It ought to gather up and lay out abundant work for the future. If it is at all best, it will bring in many for after-teaching and training. It ought to fill Bible classes, and Confirmation classes, and Communicants' classes. It ought to enlist many fresh workers, and find them the work they are ready to do. A Mission is not an end, bui a beginning. Of course its success very largely depends upon the nature and thoroughness of the preparation. But its success still more depends upon the heartiness and earnestness of the after work."

News irom the Home Field.

## Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax.-On Sunday, at in o'clock, an ordination service was held at the Bishop's Chapel, when Mr. Kenneth C. Hind, B. A., and Mr. Edward A. Harris, B. A., both of King's College, Windsor, were admitted to the holy order of Deacons by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Mr. Hind read the Gospel. It is not yet known where these gentiemen will be placed.

Halifax-St. Tohn's Village Church-A special Leaten Evening Scrvice has been started in this Church, and is very well attended. The picturesque little Church looked a perfect picture last Thursday evening. Buried in a grove of trees, surrounded by the graves of the faithful departed, the solemn stillness of the neighbourhood, and the unusual sight of lights from the Church window, gave a weirdness and solemnity to the scene which will long be remembered by those who took part in the Evening Service. The Evening Service will be continued every Thursday cvening at 7.30 o'clock.

Windsor.-On Sunday, the and inst., Divine Servic e was held for the first tume in the handsome and commodious new church building. Both morning and evening the church was crowded, and the services were of the most impressiv character. The semmon in the morning was preached by the Rector, Canon Maynard, whose long and faithful ministration in the parish has endeared him to the hearts of two generations of his people. In the evening Canon Dart, President of King's College, was the preacher. The Rector and congregation may not only congratulate themselves on the successful completion of their much-needed new church, but especially on the fact that it is the fruit of their own labours and self-denials, the whole amount, so we understand, having becn contributed by the people themselves. The church will comfortably seat 600 , although it could be made to hold a considerably larger number.

Amerest-Canon Townshend, with his characteristic energy, has not been idle while enjoying a well-earned leave of absence in the Motherland. Writing to a friend, he says:-"I know you will like to know how it is 1 am turned into an English Vicar, pro tem. After my residence in London a few weeks, I had the offer of work in several parts of England, but not wishing to leave London, I dectined them all, some I liked well enough, some I did not fancy. But the Vicar of the Parish I am now in came to me twice, and asked me to take his work for a few months. Seeing that he was in great affiction, for he had just then lost his only daughter and child, and had fled from the sceue of his troubles, I consented to take his work for a couple of months, and so I am living in the nice, comfortable Vicarage of Ashly Green. I have two Churches, three miles apart. The country is beautiful, even at this time of year. We have had no frost nor snow.

Sphing Hill Minfs-Our esteemed friend and former Spiritual teacher, when in Londonderry, the Rev. Mr. Harris, together with that excellent and energetic young servant in the field, Rev. Mr . Sherman, made us a pleasant, and, we believe a profitable visit this week, having iwo Services in this Mission, in connnection with the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, the Incumbent.
On Monday evening, the Rev. Mr. Harris, in his own earnest manner, discoursed (by request) on the importance of confirmation. One woman has since told me that she took her first communion Tuesday morning as the result of that address.
The Rev. Mr. Harris celebrated communion on Tuesday morning, and the Rev. Mr. Sherman preached on "The body" and "The Blood" of our Blessed Lord. He held that the Bread and Wine
were a mysterious reality of the former two. The burning desire of these two earnest workers seemed to be "that we would be saved," and I think" that their presence cheered and strengthened both pastor and people. A goodly number were present at each Service, and we will welcome their return as the ambassadors of Christ, and devoted to his cause. Our Church seems to be gaining in numbers very well lately, and her prospect in the future is not discouraging.

Chester-The Church here was crowded to overflowing on Sunday afternoon, and March, on the occasion of the burial of an old and highly respected inhabitant, Robert:D. Clarke, Esq., who died on the evening of Ash Wednesday. We missed his presence at the morning celebration of Holy Communion, where, when in health to permit of his going out, he was seldom wanting. In him we have lost a staunch supporter of the Church, and one who, as long as his strength permitted, was an active worker, having served as Warden for many years previous to 1880 , when, on account of failing health, he was obliged to decline re-election to that office, but he always continued to take a strong and lively interest in the Church's welfare; and we may hope that now he has joined that higher worship which occupies the Church expectant in Paradise, awaiting the return of our loving Lord, and the pronouncing of the invitation, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Parish of Aluion Mines-Lenten ServicesChrist Church, Sundays-Holy Communion, ist $3^{\text {rd }}$ and 5 th Sundays at 8.30 ; $4^{\text {th }}$ Sunday at II $;$ Morning Prayer at 11, except on 2nd Sunday in the m,nth, when it is at 10.15 ; Evening Prayer at 7. St. George's, Sundays-Holy Communion 2nd Sunday at I1.30, after Morning Prayer ; other Sundays, Evening Yrayer at 4.15. Trenton-2nd Sunday, Evening Prayer at 3. Christ Church-Week-days-Wednesday and Friday at 11, Thursday at 7. St. George's, Wednesday and Friday at 3. Westville, 2nd and 5 th kriday at 7 . 'These new arsangements have been made to supply the new settlement of Trenton with at least 2 monthly Service for the English glass blowers' settiers, and to obtain a forenoon celebration for New Glasgow.

## PRINCE EDIVARD ISLAND.

We are glad to see that at last some definite action has been to secure a Missionary for the scattered Parishes of the Island. We have often called attention to the matter, and the following circular which has been distributed over the Island, will shew that our remarks were to the point. In one county of the Island the Church is not represented by a single clergyman. We hear that the subscription list is being filled up, and some of the Parishes are going beyond their respective asscssments:-

Charlottetown, P. E. Island; Feb. 18, 1884. Dear Sir, -At the last annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the appointment of, and to provide a salary for a Travelling Missionary in this Province. The object the Socicty have in view is to minister to Church members living beyond the reach of resident parish clergymen. Also, to have such Missionary do duty in vacant parishes, and to gather together the scattered members of the Church into regular congregations. The probable amount of salary required will be $\$ 700$. This amount it is proposed to raise, by private subscription in Charlottetown and in the other parishes. We have carefully estimated the proportions which can be raised in each parish, and have addressed a letter to the resident clergyman therein, asking him to co-operate with us in this endeavor, and undertake to rake up the amount required. We need hardly urge upon you the great importance of the work we have in hand, and how absolutely necessary it is to have jour hearty co-operation.

The future of our Church, in this Island, depends upon this or some other scheme having for its object the enrolment of the scattered members of the Church. The census of 188 c conclusively shows a retrograde movement and a gradual absorption of members of the Church of England into other bodies of Christians. When we note the fact that all the parishes east of Charlottetown are vacant, and most of their Churches closed, we cannot wonder that we have lost ground. This humiliating fact should arouse all Churchmen in this Province, and stimulate them to prompt and effective action at the earliest possible moment, and before the remnants of these congregations are utterly lost to the Church.' ${ }^{\prime}$ We will wait upon you in a few days for your subscription, when we trust that we will find no difficulty in raising the sum required. Committec, R. R. Fitzgerald, F. T. Newbery, A. B. Warburton.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. John,--The Rev. George Schofield has been elected Rural Dean of the Deanery of St. John.

St. John-Since the departure of the Rev. F. Sill. the Secretary of "Mission Box Committec," as it is generally called, (but of which the correct name is the "Committee to interest Sunday Schools in the work of Home Mission") is Hurd Peters, Esq., St. John.

Newcastle.-One of the most successful meetings of the Deanery of Chatham was held in Newcastle on Monday, 18th ult., and two following days. All the members of the Chapter were present from the first, and gave their undivided attention to the work of the session. On Monday evening there was service in the Parish Church, and Rev. Wm. H. Street preached an admirable sermon from 1 Jno. ii. 6-"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." Tuesday morning, after celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, the work of the Chapter began with readiug and commenting upon the appointed portions of the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures. An interesting paper on "How the clergy may best oppose intemperance in their respective parishes," read by Rev. F. H. Almon, with discussion thereon, consumed the remainder of the day's session. A public meeting of a semi-missionary character was beld in the Parish. School-house in the evening. After some opening remaris by the Rector, explaining the nature and object of the meeting, Rom. x. was read by the Dean, followed by addresses by Revds. F. H. Almon and A. F. Hiltz. The former was on "The history and work of the Church of Eng. land Temperance Association," with some concluding remarks upon the general principles involved in the total abstinence movement, and the latter was on "The duty of Christian giving." A collection was taken up in aid of the Foreign Mission Fund, which, tngether with the offertories at the previous services, amounted to $\$ 0$. Wednesday, after morning prayer and litany at 9 o'clock, the Chapter met for despatch of business, and Rev. A. F. Hiltz read a paper on "The recent change in the marriage law!" After some discussion of this important subject, the thanks of the Deanery were accorded to the two Rev. gentlemen who had read papers for their valuable productions. Rev. E. P. Flewelling read a communication from Rev. R. F. Wheeler, Vicar of Whitley, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, who proposes to send out to some part of Canada young women as domestic servants, asking for information respecting the best part of Canada to which to send them, he not caring to place them in the large towns. These young women have been in training in his village homes, are 16 or 17 years of age, and are expected to remain in their first situations two or three years. The question was asked whether the clergy of the Deanery could Incate these young women in their respuctive parishes. It was thought that this might be done; and Rev. E. P. Flewelling was appointed to communicate with the Rev. gentleman in Eng-
land upon the subject, the clergy of the Deanery undertaking to ascertain at an early day how many each could locate. The Constitution of the Choir Union was amended, and the Secretary continued in office for the current year. The usual routine business was disposed of, and the Chapter adjourned to meet in Chatham on the serond Monday in June. The ordinary Deancry service was held in the evening. This time, however, it was of a more musical character than usual in consequence of the annual service of the Choir Union being held in connection with it. Hymn 157, A. \& M., ist tune, was sung as a processionai, and Psalms xxxiii. Ivi., and ivv. chanted according to Elvey's pointing. The anthem was taken from Psalms xliii. and $x x$-"Send out thy light," with music by Chas. Gounod. Hymn 436 was sung to the second tune to which it is set in Hymn A. \& M., and 378 to first tune, and 266 as recessional. Notwithstanding the rain which had been pouring down in a smart shower since early in the afternoon, the church was well filled with an earnest and attentive congregation. The chois represented at the service were those of Newcastle, Chathan, and Derby. The music was creditalsy and efficiently rendered, nowithstanding there was tio conductor and there had been only a short time for preparation. Rev. F. H. Almon delivered a powerfal and stirring discourse from 2 Cor. v. $20-$ "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though GOD did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to Gos." And as the congregation, already deeply inpressed and solemnized by the music, listened to the earnest appeal of the preacher, none could help realizing that the little Parish Church was indeed Bethel-"the house of God and the gate of Heaven." And as the assemblage dispersed, it was felt by all that one of the most successful gatherings of the clergy ever held in the place had just been concluded. After service a rich repast was spread for the choirs in the Parish School-house, where full justice was done to the ample provision made for them. After remaining a short time, the company broke up, but with many regrets that the lateness of the hour prevented them from tarrying longer--not over the wine, for there was none-but over that "which cheers, not to inebriate," viz., the social intercourse of kindred minds.

St. George.--The third and last of our parlor entertainments, until after Lent, was held on Shrove Tuesday at Mrs. Hibbard's, who kindly allowed us to meet at her housc, where we spent a very comfortable and enjoyable evening, the rooms leing large and connected by folding doors, were very suitable, and it was a success in every way, for we had a good attendance, good programme, and all present seemed happy and interested in the music, recitations and readings. Some of the latter being of a comic nature, excited much mirth, and one friend (not of our own communion) gave a very good reading, interspersed with humorous remarks of his own, which added much to the amusement of those present. There has now been realized a sufficient sum to procure blinds for the church, which are much needed, and is the object for which we have been working; and altogether those who have been chiefly instrumental in getting up and sustaining these entertainments may feel satisfied with the result of their efforts, both objects in view having been accomplished-new blinds! and a more friendly and social feeling amongst the members of the congregation, which latter is, aiter all, far more gratifying than had they been a financial success only. Our second entertainment was held at Mrs. Barry's, whose rooms, like those of Mrs. Hibbard's, are admirably adapted for a large assemblage of people. The absence of the Rector (who was ill) from this one, of course, caused a blank, his genial presence being much missed. Still notwhistanding this, and the weather being umpropitious, and the sireets a glare of ice, a very good number met, and we spent a very pleasant evening.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.*

The Rev. J. G. Norton, the newly elected rector of Christ Church, DIontreal, comes to Canada with bigh recommendation. He is spoken of by the Bishop of Durham, (Dr. Lightioot) as a "good speaker," a "conscientious and devout man." and "an energetic and efficient clergyman."
The Professor of Divinity in Durham University describes him as "thoroughly orthodox," as "having no sympathy with the rationalist party in our church," as one who is "in parochial administration admirable," and whose sermons "are carnest, good and powerful."
Mr. Norton hopes to enter on his duties here about the first of May.

Clarenceville.-Two very attractive sociables have been held here within the last fortnight. The first on the 3oth ult., at the residence of $F$. U. Derick, Esq., Churchwarden, which, notwithstanding the storm and bad roads was highly successful, the second at the house of George Rowe, Esq., which passed off in an equally satisfactory manner. These sociables do a great deal more good, than simply raising funds, important as that may be, being particularly valuable in bringing Church prople together and creating and fostering a warm friendly feeling between members of the same household of faith.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

Wardsyille-The officers and teachers of the S. James' Sunday School met a few evenings since to present Mrs. Camplell, who has been connect ed with the School for many years, with an address and album, prior to her leaving for the North West to join her husband.
Special Services are being held during Lent in Wardsville, Glencoe and Newbury every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Burford.-The Bishop visited this parish on Monday, the inth of Fels. At in o'clock divine service was held in All Saints' Church, Mount Pleasant, when the Rev. U. H. Hind, incumbent, presented fourteen candidates for confirmation. After lunch at the residence of Lieut. Col. Goold, late of Her Majesty's Service, the Bishop drove with the incumbent to Burford, where in the parisit church he again had the pleasing duty of administering the Apostolic Rite of the laying on of hands to forty more recipients making a total of 54 candidates confirmed in the mission, of whom twenty-one were males, and thirty-three females. At both confirmations his Lordship addressed the candidates in most touching terms, reminding them of the solemn vows they were about to take upon themselves, and the absolute necessity of making their daily life conformable to them. During the evening the missionary meeting was held in Trinity Church, and near the close Tho. Lloyd Jones. Esq, Reeve of Burford, came forward and read the following address from the congregation of Trinty Church, Burford, and St . John's, Cathcart :-
To the Right Reverend Maurice Baldwin, D. D.,

## Lord Bishop of Huron:

The churchwardens, vestry and parishioners of Holy Trinity Church Burford, and St. John's Church, Cathcart, on this your first official visitation to this parish, embrace the opportunity to congratulate your Iordship on your recent clevation to the epscopate; and also to pray heaven that the infinite mercy and blessing of a great and good God may always prevent and follow after your Lordship's carces while discharging the important and onerous duties which must ever appertain to the work of a bishop in a doocese like ours.
The parish of Burford, in which your l.ordship now stands, owes its origin to the zeal and energy of fathful men who worked for the cause of Christ and His Holy Church in this portion of the
then extensive diorese of Toronto, about the middle of the present century, many of whom since "having finished their course, do now rest from their labours."
Holy Trinity, the parish church of this mission, was completed in the year A. D. $185^{\circ}$. Since that date the mission has been extended so as to embrace within its limits St. John's Church, Cathcart, and All Saint's Church, Mlt. Pleasant.
The labours appertaining to the satisfactory working of so extensive and arduous a mission must necessarily be great, entailing upon the clergyman in charge much mental anxiety and continuous exertion in discharging his duty faithfully and consistently.

During the year past divine service has been heid once every Sunday at each of the three churches of this mission, and it is owing to a great extent to the untiring zeal and faithful energy of the present incumbent, who bas spared neither time nor labour, but has spent and been spent in doing his duty, that this mission occupies the satisfactory position in which your Lordship finds it to-day.

We hope that the visitation which your Lordship has done us the honour to make may be a precursor of many and happy ones; and as time rolls on, and you return to visit us again, you may still find priest and people working together for that one object which gives all value to human toil-"for the praise and glory of God."
And we would humbly pray that our Heavenly Father may long spare you to preside over this diocese, and that during your episcopate our beloved NLother Church may grow in strengh and be to us and those who follow after us, as she was to our forefathers in the olden time-a refuge from the storm, a covert from the tempest, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land-till time shall be merged in eternity.
Signed on behalf of the congregations of Trinity, Burford, and St. John's, Cathcart, at Burford, Inth day of February, 1834: Russell O. Gage and Andrew Millar, churchwardens; T. Lloyd Jones, William Ford, William Mills, delegate to Synod; Geo. Muir, and J. Stephenson, wardens of St. John's Church, Catheart.

In reply the Bishop thanked them for the kind expression of feeling entertained not only towards himself, but also expressed towards their incumbent, ind hoped that it would always be maintained. He also expressed himself highly pleased at the satisfactory condition of the mission, and at the number and appearance of the candidates.

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following contrilution:-
Steam Yacht Fund-Miss Rodgers' Sunday School class, St. John's, Port Hope, per Rev. Canon U'Meara, $\$ 2.00$.

## DIOCESE UF TURONTO.

Temperance Sumbuy. - The Bishop issued a pastoral appointing 2 ind of March as Temperance siunday, and tequested the clergy to bring the subject of temperance prominently before the attention of their congregations in special sermons. It is hoped this action will stir the clergy to more active exertions in establishing branch societies where none at present exist.

Duntroon.-During one of the recent storms the Church here, recently erected, had its chimney blown down. It fel! through the roof, and crashing down through the ceiling broke two of the beavy oak seats and passing through the floor and smashed two of the sleepers. fortunately, the accident occurred when the Church was empty. The destruction was very rapidly repaired at a cost of some fifty dollars. A concert was held on the $14^{\text {th }}$ of Feb, at which the choir of Stayner Church kindly assisted. Net procecds \$33. A preject is on foot to erect a parsonage at Juntroon, the one formerly built at the batteau having been lost to the Church.

Stayner.-The Church here boasts of the best choir north of Toronto and the most completely furnished Church. A series of entertain ments have been held chiefly under the management of the choir to aid the building fund of the Church at Sunnidale. The last held produced the neat sum of $\$ 30$, and was followed by a social which realized some \$12.

Atherley.-We regret to learn that the Incumbent of this mission has been called on to suffer the sad bereavement of losing his active and selfdenying wife: Mrs. Robinson passed away after a very short illness. Her husband has the sympathy of the entire neighbourhood in his affection.

Temperance Items.-A branch of the C. E. T. S., has been established in Atherley. The meeting held for the purpose of organizing took place at the Parsonage on the 1 gth ult. The attend ance was not large, Fifteen pledges were taken, the majority being total abstainers. Mr. A. Dang lish was appointed secretary. The next meeting will take place March the inth.
The Orillia lland of Hope beid its third anniversary quite lately. The day was marked by an entertainment provided by the managers and friends. About $g 0$ children sat down to tea. Dr. Ellioll afterwards occupied the chair white a programme of songs, readings, and instrumenta music was carried out by the little ones. Specia prizes of books were given to Delia Goodrich and Thos. Campbell for regular attendance, to John McCall for bringing in the largest number of new members, and to Dora Dreyer for being the best reciter.
The Cathedral Band of Hope, Toronto, held its regular fortnightly meeting on Saturday, the Rev. Dyson Hague in the chair. A large number of children and friends of the school were present A short, practical address was given by Mr. N. W. Hoyles, and the children gave a number of songs and recitations.
Last month a Pand of Hope was formed in conian ction with St. George's Church. About 40 members joined at the first meeting.
The members of the Band of Hope at Waubaushene gave their first entertainment lately with a view to bring themselves beiore the public and to secure funds to purclase music books. The evening was unpleasant, yet the town hall was well filled. The President, Rev. W. H. French, occupied the chair. The programine consisted of readings, recitions, dialogues and vocal selections and were all remarkably well-rendered.
St. Luke's Temperance Society, Ashburnham, gave the last of a scries of concerts, which have been held fortmghtly since October, just before Lent. An excellent programme was well rendered by Mrs. Meade, Mirs. Bowman, Misses E: Chrow, Ballantyne, Scott, Grundy, Rowley, and Mr. A. D. Browne. The President gave a brief sketch of the past doings and outlined the future work of the Society, between the parts.

Personal.-The Rev. E. Ransford lately of Toronto has become manager and publisher of the Dioccsan Chronicle, of Pittsburg. Pa. The Rev. John W. Forster formerly of Millbrook in this Diocese, but now incumbent of Selby in the Diocese of Ontario. has become a happy benedict. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. J E. Cooper of Canbray and the lady's name is Miss Emma Coates of that place. We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Forster. Mr. Chas E. Burch formerly organist at the Church of the Redeemer has accepted the position of organ ist at St. Steplen's, Turonto. The Rev. J. S. Stone, formerly of St. Philip's, Toronto, but now in Montreal, lectured at his old church in aid of the building fund recently, his subject being "love in ye olden time."

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.
Otrawa.-Agnosticism.-The Bishop delivered
his promised lecture on "Agnosticism," after Evening Prayer, at Christ Church, on Sunday the 24 th of February. The large edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity, indeed many who were desirous of being present, were unable to obtain seats and went away Not only Church people but dissenters of every denomination, were in at tendance, and it is safe to say that the congregation comprised a majority of the most intellectual people in Ottawa, and His Lordship could hardly help having the grateful feeling of being fully ap preciated by them. The lecture was a reply to a pamphlet published recently by Mr. W. D. Le Seur, of Ottawa, entitled "A Defence of Modern Thought." The brochure is written by the ablest member of the self-styled Progressive, or Free Thought Society of Ottawa, and is a criticism on the Hishop's address on "Agnosticism," delivered at the Diocesan Synod at Kingston, in June last It is not my purpose to attempt a summary of the Bishop's lecture, for the simple reason that no summary could convey any adequate conception of the qualities which rendered it one of unique interest, and nothing short of the full text of the lecture would do full justice to His Lordship I understand, however, that the public will have an opportunity of reading the lecture, as it will, i is said, be published in pamphlet form. A short and impressive service including the Binedicite, and the hymns "O Worship the King all glorious above," and, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God AI mighty," all appropriate to the occasion, preceded the lecture.

Kingston.-St. Georges' Cathedral.-The Rev: H. Austinn, B. A., Rector of Christ Church Gan aroque, has, it is said, decided not to accept the curacy of the Cathedral. The Rev. H. J. Petry I. A., who is on the retired list of the Diocese of Quebec, and has for some time past been temporally discharging the duties at the Cathedral, has been offered the permanent curacy.

Diocesan Mission Fund.-The Rev. A. Spencer, clerical secretary of the Diocese, has recuived, through the Rev. Dr. Wilson, a contribution amounting to $\$ 38.10$, from the members of his former Dible Class at St. Georges' Cathedral, in aid of the Diocesan Mission Fund.
It is said that a lady put a cheque for $\$ 100$ on the collection plate during the Diocesan Mission Service at the Cathedral on Sunday morning the 17 th February.

United Empire Loyalitsts.-It gives me much pleasure to state that the proposal for the erection of a United Empire Loyalist Church at Adolphus town is meeting with: great favour. An admirable site has been offered gratuitously on an elevated ridge overlooking the bay and in fuil view of passing vessels. The cost of the proposed edifice to accommodatc about two hundred and filly is if possible, not to exceed $\$ 7,000$. It is the desire of the bailding committee to be in a position to lay the foundation stone in the month of June next, that being the month in which the Loyalists landed one hundred years ago on the shores of the Bay of Quinte. A good working building committee has been formed, composed of the fol lowing gentleman, General Chuirman, ArchdeaJones ; Local Churchmen, the Rev. R. S. Forneri, B. A., the Churchwardens of Adolphustown; the Churchwardens of Fredericksburg; His Honor Judge Wilkinson; Mr. D. W. Allison, M. P., Mr. J. J. Watson; Mr. P. Allen; Rural Dean Kirkpatrick; the Rev. C. E. Cartwright, M. A.; Dr A. Ruttan ; Dr. A. S. Bristol ; and Mr. R. A. Helliwell ; Secretary, the Eev. R. S. Formeri; Treasurer, the Dominion Bank, Napanee. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by any member of the building committee, but it will be more convenient to make cheques payable to order of the Dominion Bank.

Brockville.-St. Peter's Church.-New residents arriving at Brockville, report considerable difficulty in obtaining pews at St. Peter's Church, as every seat appears to be taken up. It is sug
gested that one of the transepts could easily be extended, and that some pews which are owned by private individuals, should be bought up by the Churchwardens for the church.

Trenton--Surprise party,-A surprise party made up on very short notice, surprised the Rev. Canon Bleasdell and family at the parsonage a few evenings ago. Each "surpriser" was to bring one pound of something edible, useful, or ornamental. The affair passed off pleasantly, as well as merrily, being made up mostly of the young people of the congregation.

Cobden.-The new Church, to be called St. Paul's was opened for public worship on Thursday the 24 th January. The weather was very unfavourable, still large congregations assembled both at the morning and afternoon services, and the offerings, which were on behalf of the Buildings Fund, amounted to $\$ 17$. The edifice, which is a wooden structure, but to be veneered with brick, is an exceedingly neat looking building. Dinner and tea were served during the day at the Town Hall, and an exceedingly successful concert in the evening, brought the day's proceedings to a most successful close.

Missionary Meetings.-The annual missionaty meeting was held at St. James' Church, Johntown, on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The chair was taken by the Rev. Mr. Bailey of Cardinal and the metting was addressed by the Rev. Wm. Lewin of Prescott. The attendance was very considerably affected by the severity of the storm and drift that evening, but the collection was good. On Wednesday evening the meeting was held at Eemptville and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Lewin and Read. On Thursciay evening at Oxlord Mils, the speakers being the Rev. Messrs. Emery and Lewin. On Friday evening at St. Augustine's, the chair was occupied by the Rev. W. A. Read, and the congregation was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Lewin and by Mr. Depensier of Oxford Mills. Large congregations Were present at each of these meetings and the contributions to the carrying on of Diucesan missionary work were very sitisfactory.

Marcin.-A very pleasant meeting of the Deanery Carleton was held on Tuesday the 1gth inst., in the Parish of March, of which Rev. Wm. Fleming is rector. The meeting opened with a celebration in St. Mary's Church at in a. m. Rev. E. A. W. Harrington being celebrant and preacher. The communicants numbered twenty, and the service was very hearty and enjoyable. The clergy lunched together at the rectory, and spent the afternoon most pleasantly in the ordinary business of the Deanery. Among other business done, a resolution was passed requesting the Secretary to have printed and posted to each priest in the Deanery. The report of a committee for "systematizing lay work." "Your committee beg leave to report the following scheme for "systematizing lay work" in the church. The worl: of laymen may be classified as follows :-(a) Temparal, (b) Educational, (c) Beneficent. To affect this work it is desirable to organize
(1) A Commitlee on Temporalities, composed of a number of sidesmen, not less than the number of districts inte which the parish may be divided, to be advisory and auxiliary to the church wardens. (a) In managing finance; (b) In securing the clerical stipend; (c) In affecting all local enterprises and expenses, in harmony with the desire of the incumbent.
(2) Committce on Edncation, composed of both sexes, whose energies may be exerted under the guidance and control of the incumbent, (a) In teaching the young: (b) Circulating Church literature; (c) Rendering the service of prayer and praise; (d) Encouraging scripture reading and special services; (e) Elevating the gencral sense of Church principles and spirituat life in the One Divine Head of the Church; (f) Managing social recreations and such like.
(3) Committee on beneficence, composed of both sexes, to be employed under the direction of the incumbent, (a) la collecting funds for missionary and beneficent parposes; (b) District Visiting (c) Collecting statistics; (d) Encouraging the duc observance of the means of grace.

A missionary meeting was held in St. Mary's Church in the evening, when the little Church was well filled and the service all that could be desired. Rev. H. B. Patton said prayers, and Revds. F. Codd, E. A. W. Harrington and T. Garrett delived addresses on missionary subjects. A collection of seven dollars was made for foreign massions. Your correspondent has seldom seen a country church with such good music and such bright and hearty services as in March. The Church building has been very much improved and benutified within the last few montlis, and was re-opened by the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder with a suitable service on the roth of January. Mr. Fleming and his people are to be congratulated upon the great improvement they have made in the internal arrangement and appearance of the church; but to me the most pleasant thing to remember in convection with our Deanery services in March, is the music and especially the music of the Common Service. Many congregatoons in large villages and towns are behind the little Church at March.

The next Deanery meeting is to be held on May igh, at "Bell's Corners."

## Province of Rupert's Land.

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## DIOCESE OF ASSINIBOLA.

The S. P. C. K. have passed a grant of \$10,000 towards the endowment of the Bishopric. The S. P. G. and Colonial Bishopric's Fund will prohably supplement this by grants which will bring the endowment up to $\$ 25,000$, one half the amount asked for by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. Our contemporary in Toronto seems to think the appointment of Canon Ansou a foregone conclusion. His appointment to the Bishopric is most unlikely, and there is good reason to believe that even if appointed he would not accept. The Church Missionary Suciety has set a noble example in ap. pointing missionaries in the field as Bishops of Moosonee and Athabasca, and this example will, we believe, be followed in the case of Assiniboia The Canadian Charch has no need to go to England for her Bishops or the Rectors of her impor tant parishes. When she does it is a confession of weakness and a slur on her native and adoptred children. The clergy of the North West have noticed with surprise than an English clergyman has been appointed to Christ Church, Montreal. Are there no able and cultured clergy fit for that posi tion in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada?

## DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

The printed Report of the Synod has just reached Winnipeg. The improved type and arrangement of the Report marks the progress of Princ: Albert. We condense a few features which we find interesting to the Church at large. The Diocese now inclides the territorial districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and stretches in a direct line from the Rocky Mountains on the West to Lake Winnipeg on the East. By this change the Missions of the C. M. S. at the Pas, Cumberland House, Grand Rapids and Moose Lake have been transferred from the Diocese of Rupert's Land to the Diocese of Saskatcliewan. The incorporation of the Synod by the Dominion Govcrnment has enabled it to take the custody of the Bishopric Endowment Fund. The sum of $\notin 11,127.16$, or $\$ 53,632.14$, has been paid over to Messrs. Blake, Kerr, Lash and Cassels in Toronto for investment. The Bishop hopes this winter to raise this sum to $\$ 72,300$. There were 34 men
and boys in Emmanuel College, eight of them being missionary students. There is nothing to call for special remark in the Constitution and Canons, except that the right of presentation to all Diocesan offices, including the pastoral charge or incumbency of all parishes or missions within the Diocese, is vested in the Bishop.

## DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

At the recent meeting of the Mission Board, a form of application from new districts requiring services, was approved of. The Financial Sucretary has been visiting different parts of the Diocese organizing new work and advising missions.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## The Church Guardian.

The announcement in your last issue of a probable change in the Proprietorship and Editorship of your paper, will be read with regret by many of your subscribers. The more so that the cause should be the impaired health of yourself. That it will be difficult to supply your chair in one person, will be I presume, generally acknowledged, but I trust that some one will be found who will assume the labours.

That your labour and energy in establishing upon a sound basis, a Church paper of general acceptance, will be ever repaid, with an adequate remuneration, is more than can be expected, but [ hope a paper so extensively circulated, will elicit enough of energy in Church people to secure its contimuance and usefulness.

All having the good of the Church at heart, should strain a point to keep it afloat. Consider how much is due to the influence of the Church paper, that the various Church funds are in a more flourishing condition than formerly. Again, who of us would not miss the opportunity of this means of communication. Mr. Editor, I am writing now to suggest that the Churchmen should form a newspaper company, and buy up your paper, and maintain a competent staff, and so moke it even more a success than now, which so good a beginning deserves. Some good friend in England sends me an excellent church paper on Conservatuve principles called The Banner issued by such a company and I see the directors have the sympathy of many Prelates, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, and noblemen and other gentlemen. Surely there is enough of Church life in us to invest a small sum thus to maintan a Church paper, independent and non-partizan. Leet there be then a Church Guardian Newspaper Company (Limitcd) formed after the plan of the "BanNer," with a subscribed capital of say $\$ 20,000$, in 4,000 shares of $\$ 5.00$ each, $\$ 1.00$ to be paid on application, \$1.00 on allotment, and so on as may be arranged. I am not able to take many shares, but will take some, if this plan be approved of and adopted.

Who in Halifax or clsewhere are public spirited enough to call the first meeting to form such a company?

## Yours, \&c.,

A Country Parson.

## Sleeping Partners,

## To the Editor of the Church Guardian.

Sir,-Can anything be done for those members of the sterner sex who habitually take their custom ary nap during the Sunday's sermon. Certainly, these sleepers are few in number, but one of them is sufficient to annoy and distract a whole congregation. And, Mr. Editor, I am thankful to say, that we of the so-called weaker sex, are usually strong enough to keep ourselves from this bad habit, and there is nothing so ludicrous in Church as to see an over-anxious wife endeavouring to push a litt!e wakefulness into the bulky body of her sleeping spouse. Perhaps this letter may meet the eyes of sleepers, and serve as a tonic to them.

Yours, etc.,
Tryphosa.

## OUR AMERIOAN BUDGET.

The Rev. F. S. Sill has entered upon the rectorship of St. John's Church, Cohoes, N. Y.
Ir is reported that the Rev. Arthur Ritchie, rector of Ascension Church, Chicago, is called to St. Ignatius' Church, New York City, at a salary of $\$ 5,000$.

Two discourses on "Gambling," by the Rev. W. F. Morrison, Chaplain, U. S. N., have been published in a cheap form at Nice in Italy.
Ir has been decided in a St. Louis court that the ringing of chimes and the striking of the hours 'upon bells, between $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., are pleasurable and proper, and are not a disturbance of the public peace.

The number of patients admitted into the hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, as appears by the annual report, was 1,570, and the number of out- patients was 15,449 .
Gen. Merrit Heminiway, of Watertown, Conn., has recently given $\$ 5,000$ to the Protestant Episcopal Society, of Hartford, for a special scholarship fund.

On the occasion of the baptism of a Jewish Christian at Emmanuel Chapel for Jews, New York, on the Feast of the Epiphany, there were present in the congregation two rabbis, one of whom has been for some time under instruction in Christianity.
The Missionary Bishop of Oregon has made an address, advocating the proposal to raise for missions $\$ 1,000,000$, to be laud upon the altar at the next General Convention, by securing $\$ 5$ subscriptions from \$200,000 people.
In Southern Ohio there are eleven congregations in the flooded district, and seven church buildings were under water. The interior of All Saints', Portsmouth, is wrucked. The water was seven feet in the Church, and five feet in the Chapel. Church and Chapel cannot be used for months.
The most impudent thing on record is the demand of an Iowa liquor-seller for a divorce from his wife on the ground of drunkenness, a halat, alleged in the bill of complaint, in have been acquired by the unhappy woman while dispensing drinks in her husband's saloon.
There are few luxaries in which men indulge that are so expensive as that of schism. There is a village in Iown, whose population is 1,300 , where there are to be found twelve diferent ecclesiastical organizations, each of which is struggling for a starveling existence. But they pay their money, and, of course, believe they have a right to take their choice.
There is a bill before the Legislature asking a charter for "The colored l'rotestant F.giscopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia." It is desired to have this charter with the hope that the means and opportunity will be soon presented for carrying into effect the purposes named, though there is no inmediate prospect of being able to do so.

The Assistant Bishop of Mississippi writes to the diocesan Church News: There is a certain inconvenience in robing out of doors, in the dark, and nearly as great in doing the same in the face of a wondering ${ }_{6}$ congregation of "all sorts and conditions of men." Lir. Browne and myself tried the first at Carrollion, and with Mr. Bowden I tried the other at Hazlehurst. Finally, with Dr. Harris, at Madison Station, I dispensed with robing altogether, and we officiated in our coats just as well.
The laundry department of Trinity House, which was established in connection with the charities of Trinity Church, Boston, has proved a success. The object is to provide work for needy women. Last year its earnings were about $\$ 3,500 ; \$ 2,600$ was paid out as wages to women, many of whom were unalle, in consequence of ill health and ignorance, to compete with strong and skilled workers.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

We find from latest ministerial utterances in the British Parliament that the employment of Genera! Gordan in the Soudan was suggested as far back as 1882, but dificultics were raised in F.g.pt. It was not untul the beginning of this year that the difticulties could be removed, and then General Gordan was at once despatched to the Soudan. The Ministers hold a plan of the pacification of the Soudan prepared by General Gordan before he started on his mission, but this is not made public. Enough was huted to show that he goes to the Soudan for the double purpose of evacuating the country by extricating the Egyptian garrisons, and reconstiruting it by giving back to the petty Sultans their ancestral powers recently wrested from them. In fact his mission is one of restoration of old local privileges.

Latest reports tell us that General Gordan asks for British and Indian troops to form the solid body of a Soudanese army, and that Admiral Hewett and General Graham expect to fignt with Osman Digma this week. One thing is now certain, and that is that the British intend to leave a healthy opinion of their power on the minds of the natives before the work of reorganization and reform is entered upon.

A slight ruffle has taken place on the Continent over the recent utterances of the Continental press concerning England's action in Egypt. The German ministerial organs associate the alliance of Russia, Germany and Austria with 2 coming league of the continental powers against the maritime and commercial preponderance of England. A notable article appears in the Kreutz Zeitung, which predicts the formation of a league, including France, to break the insular supremacy of England, which it says, by the annexation of Egypt, has completed the links of a gigantic chain extending from Gibraltar to China, and, coiled around the body of Europe, monopolizes the commerce of the world, making the Medterranem sea and Indian ocean English lakes. The Berlin Post urges France to joi, an alliance promising more substantial benefits than those arising from her dallying with England.

We have not yet heard the last of A rabi. His name is quite a power in Constantinople, and it is also reported that there are secret Arali conmittees at Cairo, Beyrout, as well as at the Turlish capital, all which have constant connection with Ceylon. Three Egrptian officers who had been dismissed were recently arrested on account of their intrigues and were transported to the interior. The Arabi faction consists, it is said, of two sec. tions, of which one desires that the Turks should direct the movement, while the other, favoured by the Egyptan majorty, is opposed to Turkish influence. It is owing to these intrigues, correspondents says, that the Porte showed no anxiety to send a naval expedition to the Red Sea or a contingent of troops to the Soudan.

England, it is reported, will ask Russia why she has taken possession of Mery, in violation of her promise not to do so. The explanation, siys the Boston Travelier, will probably be that the promise was made to Leaconsficld, but thal, England having repudiated the statesman who had a vigorous foreign policy, it was not intended for an era of weak and vacillating policy at the court of St . James.

It is often facetiously said that England rules the world with her yard stick, but perhaps it would be more to the point to say that she rules the world with her purse. A London journal estimates the amount of English capital invested in the colonies at $\mathcal{E} 620,000,000$ sterling. Of this amount, $£ 255,000,000$ is placed in India, $£ 200$, 000,000 in Australia, and $\$ 112,000,000$ in Canada. The last sum is divided as tollows :-Government securities, $£ 30,000,000$; railways, provincial and numicipal bonds, $£ 55,000,000$; banks and loans on Mortgage, $£ 7,000,000$; other investments, $£ 20,000,000$.
Some workmen receutly engaged in constructing works on the banks of the river Dnieper, in Central Russia, employed the electric light to enable them to prosecute their labors at night. The brilliant rays of light attracted so many millions of nocturnal moths, beetles and other insects, that from time to time it was necessary to stop work and set all hands to destroying the clouds of winged victims that frequently completely olscured the light. This suggested the idea of employing the electric light to destroy nocturnal insects prejudicial to agriculture, and experiments in that direction are to be tried next spring. Not only to insects, but to fish, the light proves fatally attractive. Its rays, directed to the surface of the water, drew together vast quantities of all the fishes found in the Dnieper, and when within the charmed field of illumination they lay crowded together in masses, seemingly blinded and stupefied. The workmen, improving the op portunity, made a notable haul of fish.
IT is once more reported that the Czar has decided to convene the Superior Council to consider the Socialist question and inquire whether ther really exists a powerful Nihilist party, and if so what its wants are and how they may be satisfied or be crushed as the demands of the country may require. The council will be composed of representatives of the ruling classes and all the heads of the administrative departments.

Dr. Schliemann gives, in a letter to the Academy, the results of his excavations in the mound upon the plain of Marathon, hitherto considered the tombs of the Athenians who were killed in the buttle. The famous excavator found nothing in the tumulus except fragments of prehistoric pottery, probalbly belonging to the ninth century; B. C., and rude arrow heads of obsidian glass. There were no traces of human skeletons or funeral trappings.

Representative Willis, of the United States Consress, has prepared a table to accompany his bill for Federal aid to education, which shows that illiteracy holds the balance of power in fourteen Northern and all the Southern States. In thirtyeight States there are $1,871,217$ illiterate voters. Only one voter in five can write his name in the Soulhern States. The olliterate voters in South Carolina are more than one-half; in Alabama, Flurida, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carohna and Virginia, one in two, while Missouri, with one in nine, presents the best record. In the Presidential election in 1876 New York, Ncw Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana, California, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan and Pennsylvania were ranged on the side of illiteracy. In the last Presidential contest thirty States of the Union, with 298 electoral votes, were again within the domina-
tion of sovereigns who could not read the very charter of their liberties. There is plenty of room for impoovement in this respect.

There has been a motion placed on file in the House of Common, by Mr. Wilson, Q. C., in reference to the exclusion of bishops from the House of Lords. It is an exact transcript of moton laid before the Long Parliament, March 20, 1641, and runs as follows: "Phat the legislative powers of bishops in the House of Peers in Parliament is prejudicial to their spiritual function, injurious to the Commonweallh and fit to be taken away by bill."

A very timely bill has been introduced by the Hon. Mr. Costigan to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs, which deciares that after the passing of the act it shall not be lawful for any person to manufacture, expose or offer for sale or sell any article of food or drugs adulterated within the meaning of the act. In the case of drugs they are held to be adulterated if their strength or purity falls below the standard laid down in the British or American Plarmacopœia, or the professed standard under which they are offered for sale. Food is declared to be adulterated if any substance has been mixed with it so as to reduce or injuriously affect its quality or strength.

The traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific Railway for 1883 were $\$ 5,28 \mathrm{r}, 8 \mathrm{rI}$, an increase of $\$ 2,648,39^{1}$ over 1882 . The traffic receipts per mile of road open in 1833 were $\$ 2,598$.

The by-law to separate groceries from the liquor trade in Toronto, was last week approved off by a majority of $; 59$ in a total vote of 5,069 for, and 5,210 against, larger than was ever before cast in the city. The temperance yeople are jubilant. The people of Toronte have acted wisely in the matter, especially as it is well known that the grocery liquor stores have been the greatest temptation to women.

The new Bishop of Sydney has been receiving no end of good wishes and good things from his friends across the Atlantic, and the Guardian tells us that the gathering in Henry VII.'s Chapel to bid "God-speed" to the Bishop of Sydney was a remarkable one, and must have touched the hearts of many who agree with the Archbishop of York, that in sending Dr. Barry "we were sending Sydncy of our best. We wanted such men in Engiand, and we wanted them on the Episcopal Bench. It was with a strong feeling of regret that we parted with him, for we could ill spare him at home." The Dean of Westminster's letter respecting the loss of Bishop Barry's library in the Simla met with such ready and hearty response that Dr. Bradley is enabled to state that all danger of pecuniary loss to the Bishop has entirely disappeared. The Dean tells us "that before any mention of Bishop Barry's loss had appeared in print he had received an expression of sympathy from the Queen.

According to a cominunication from G. Karsten in Science the remarkable sunsets which have caused so much speculation for several months past were paralleled in 1783 by similar phenomena. In that year eccurred one of the greatest cruptions of Shaptar Jokul in Iceland, and for four months afterwards there were red sunsets precisely such as those which have been so noticeable since the explosion of Krakatoa. This is certainly a strong confirmation of the view that a layer of fine volcanic dust in the upper atmosphere is the cause of these striking appearances.

## CONTEMPORARY CHORCH OPINION.

The Kalendar says:-"To secede from the Holy Catholic Cburch is that schism which is classed with adultery, theft and other sins, by St. Paul, when he enumerates the fruits of the flesh. It is a grievous sin, and deadly where it is wilfully done."
Thre Churchman tells us that The Century has seldom been happier in its epithets than when it calls Monsignor Capel an English specimen of what is fortunately rare in America, "The religious snob." He has been called in England "rhe apostle to the gentecl," and in this country is reported to be surprised that the "gentecl" are so exclusively Protestants. He has evidently done his best to take the lead among Americans, but beyond the Roman congregations and the complimentary curiosity of society people, does not seem to be makipg any more impression upon the religious life of the country than the recent apostle of knee-breeches made upon its æsthetic tastes.

The Standard of the Cross thinks that Lent may be observed in a very practical way by the circulation of religious reading. The example of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn Heights, is worthy of imitation; a table of tracts and litule books is provided in the vestibule; and near by is an alms box for the supply of this table. This is good. But no doubt personal agency is still better. Every one can influence some neighbor or friend or member of the household, at least by example, to "give attendance to reading;" every one can pass on to another passage or article in his book or Church paper which has aroused and benefitted himself.

In the Nineteenth Century Canon Curteis has a paper on Christian Agnosticism, couched in the form of a respectful criticism on Mr. Herbert Spencer's recent essay on the origin of religion. It is well worth study, but we can extract but one sentence, which contains the kernel of modes and ceremonies. "Il, then, any scientific man docs not for himself need rituals and symbols, still let him remember how invaluable an aid these things are to the mass of mankind. Let him recollect how the purest and loftiest ideas of the Eternal lie enshrined within every form of Christian adoration, and how the most touching memorials speak in every Christian Sacrament.'

The Richmond Advocate tersely puts it this may:-"If you want your preachers to be gentlemen, you must furnish them with 'the sinews of war.' They cannot be Chesterfields with the income of a chimney-sweep. The family of the preacher should be placed in such circumstances as to be on social equality with the best families of his charge." We think that our contemporary is right, and we commend the words to the attention of the laity and of those who have any part in the filling of cures. Cheapness is likely to become a banc of the Church. If a man scarcely gets enough to keep the house going, how can lic purchase books? We certainly do not wish to see the trade epithet "chrap and nasty" applied to any of our clergy or ever applied to our system.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazetle says:-(and we hope some of our friends will clip the quotation out and put it in their note books)-"As the high authority of Bishop Lightfoot has been so confidently appealed to of late by impugners of the doctrine of a divincly-constituted ministry in the Christian Church, it is well to put on record the following words from the seventh edition of his Commentary on the Epistle to the Philippians, p. $26 y$ :-'If the preceding investigation be substantially correct, the threefold ministry can be traced to Apostolic drrection; and short of an express statement we can possess no better assurance of a Divine appointment, or at least a Divine sanction.' We hope we have now heard the last of the Presbyterian views (1) of Bishop Lightfoot."

The New York Sun says: "Five thousand dead bodies are yearly sent to the morgue in this city. Indisputable facts show that drunkenness sends four thousand of them there.

OUR ENGLISH BUDGET.
The Liverpool Courier says:- "A movement is on foot to provide the Bishop of Liverpool with a cope for use in the pro-cathedral church of St. Peter!"
The ancient chapel (fourteenth century), in Mere Church, Wilts, is being fitted up for daily prayer, and for the early celebration of the Holy Communion.
Ir has been decided to place a recumbent figure of the late Primate in the north-east transept of Canterbury Cathedral. Mr. John Scott has been instructed to prepare a canopy.
The Worshipful Company of Mercers have voted a sum of one hundred gu:neas to the Snciety for Promoting the Employment of Additional Curates.
The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette says we hear that the dionese of Meath is about to lose the services of one of our most valued clergymen, who has accepted a lucrative post in Montreal.

The Rev. William Fox, who was recently ordained by the Bishop of Excter and licensed to the curacy of St. Aubyn's Devonport, had been a Nonconformist minister for some years.
Canon Norris, head master of Godolphin School, and lately incumbent of St. Mary's, Parkstrect, Grosvenor-square, has been appointed chaplain to the Duke of Westminster at Eaton Hall.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, it is stated, has decided to take no steps whatever with regard to the Bishopric of Natal. His Grace will leave the South African Church to find its own way out of the difficulty.
St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, will shortly be closed in order that it may be thoroughly restored. It is said that $£ 30,000$ will be expended on the old Priory Church.

A large and commodious group of Mission buildings have just been erected by Canon Spence, the vicar of St . Pancras. They are occupied by a young men's (clerks) club, by an artisans' club, mothers' meetings, and a Mission Sunday-school for litule waifs and strays.

From an advertisement which appears in the Durham Advertiser it appears that Bishop Lightfoot's Cliurch Extension Fund has already reached the sum of $\mathcal{E}_{30,000}$.

Canon Body has resigned the living of Kirkby Misperton, York, in order that he may carry on Mission-work in the northern diocese. The vacant living, which is in the gift of the Earl of Faversham, is worth $£ \mathrm{I}, 000$ per annum.

Ires Queen has been pleased to confer the Canonry of St. Paul's, vacated by the elevation of the Rev. Ir. Stubbs to the sec of Chester, on the Rev. H. Scott Holland, Senior Student of Christ Church, Oxford.

St. Paul's Cathedral is a great centre of spiritual activity, and this year shews even an increase of activity. Every day during Lent there will be a mid-day service, when a scrmon will be preached by some well known preacher. There will also be sermons on: Wednesday and Friday evenings, and the daily mattins and evensong as usual.

The Bishop of Lichfield, in an earnest address, which he has requested his clergy to read to their people, on the subject of confirmation, invites all who are twelve years old and upwards to become candidates. Last year the right rev. prelate held 182 confirmations, and confirmed 13,384 persons, or 1,207 more than in 1882 .

The unusual occurrence of forbidding the banns is recorded in two separate instances on Sunday in the diocese of Manchester. One was at the Church of St. Benedict, Ardwick, the "impediment" being the minority of the would-begroom; and the other at Blackley parish church, where the objection raised was that the gentleman seeking matrimonial bonds was 82 years of age, and had given no consent to the publication of the banns. Both cases were for the "third time of asking."

## Book Notices, Revierss, do.

"Doctrine and Duty ; or Notes on the Church." Sermona Occasional and Paruchial, by the Kev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., Assistant Minister of Emmanuel Church, Bronklyn, N. Y. New York: Thos. Whittaker Halifax, McGregor \& Knight. \$1.25.
This is a volume of sermons, twenty-five in all upon a variety of topics, many of them referring to the history and doctrines of the Church, and all of them written in a Churchly spirit. Volumes of sermons have greatly multiplied within the iast few years. We hope it dows not mean that the clergy are drawing on others instead of working up their own discourses, but rather that missions under lay readers and families in out of the way places are being benefitted by having a book of good sermons to read. Dr. Cushman's sermons will be found useful for these purposes.
"The Spirit of Missions" for March, the publication of the hoard of Uomestic and Foreign Missions of the United States, is, as usual crowded with information about the Domestic and Foreign work of the Episcopal Church, with the contributions lately received for these objects.
"Our Little Ones" for March is one of the very best numbers that have appeared, and we cannot speak too warmly in its favor.

Annual Statement respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, by Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Railways, is Dr. Tupper's Speech before the House of Commons on the important subject of which it treats.

Mr. Francis Lathrop, who had much to do with the decoration of the new Metropolitan Opera House, las prepared for "The Manhattan" a design for a new cover, which has been approved of and will be placed at once in the hands of the engraver. The April number of "The Manhattan" will be a gallery of portraits of Edwin Booth presenting him in two scenes of "Hamlet;" in two scenes of "Richelieu;" as Iago, Othello and Lear, the last-named being engraved from a pic ture by Jervis McEntee. The frontispirce will be a half-length of Booth, engraved by Velten.
"The Pulpit Treasury" for March is worthy of its name. Dr. Buckley furnishes the first sermon, and there is a sketch of his life by the Editor. Dr. M. R. Vincent gives an Installation Sermon, Dr. W. M. Taylor an Easter Sermon, and Dr Hovey an article on Saul and the Witch of Endor. There is a Funeral Service Ly Dr. MacIntosh, and Leading Thoughts of Sermons by Canon Liddon, Bishop Simpson and Dr. Flagg. Other articles in the different departments are by President Gregory, Bishop Foss, President Bascom, Dr. T. L. Cuyler, Professor Druwn, Drs. C. Stan ford, H. M. Scudder and McKenzie. The magazine deserves its growing fame. $\$ 2.50$ per year; clergymen, $\$ 2.00$; single copies, 25 cents. E. B Trcat, publisher, 757 Broadway, New York.
"The Homiletic Monthly" for March presents a full, varied and interesting table of contents, suited to the tastes and wants of the large and cultured class of thinkers and workers which locks to it for mental stimulus and instruction. We note a change in the sub-title of the work, indicating 2 wider range of topics, the Review element, in fact, in addition to the Homiletic, devoting space to brief, condensed articles on living questions relating to the Bible and its true meaning, and applied Christianity, specially prepared by many of our most distinguished scholars and writers for this Monthly. The leading sermon in the present number is an able and elo quent one by Dr. Deems, of New York, on "Paul at Athens." Price $\$ 2.50$ a year; 25 cents a single number. Funk \& Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey Street, New York.

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## FOR SALE.

The Editor and Proprietor of the Church Guardian having for many weeks past suffered under a severe attack of Bronclitis, which still continues, finds himself compelled to seek a change of climate, and is, consequently, forced, sorely against his inclination, to dispose of the paper.
A new venture, five years ago, the Guakdian has met with a success unparalleled in the history of Canadian Church Journalism.
Started without extraneous pecuniary aid, and depending solely upon its merits, and having to contend with considerable opposition in certain quarters, the paper has reached a circulation far in advance of any previous undertaking of the kind in the Lower Provinces, and very much greater than that of any other Church paper in the Dominiull.
It has enjoyed the privilege of having had the warmest praise bestowed upon it by many of the Bishops and hundreds of the Clergy of the Church in Canada, and of many Bishops and Clergy in other lands, and, in the language of the Canadian correspondent of the Liziung Church, "it has come to be considered the representative Church paper of Canada."
With all this success, and with every appearance of a much larger circulation, and a still greater usefulness before it, our readers may well understand that nothing short of the most urgent necessity leads us to relinquish a position which, although accompanied with many dificulties and much hard work, has been of the most satisfactory description.
The circulation of the Guardian has been in no sense local or diocesan, its subscribers, in addition to those in Nova Scotia and Fredericton, being pretty equally distributed in Quebec, Montreal, Ontario, Toronto, Niagara, and Huron, with many names in the North West, the neighbouring Republic, Newfoundland, and England.
It has been felt by the Editor, and we beheve others have recognized the fact, that the time has arrived when a Church paper for the whole Dominion has become a necessity, and that a place more central than Halifax should be selected as its headquarters. Certainly, it may well be claimed that no more opportune time than the present has ever presented itself for the attempt to be made with such excellent prospects of success, and others, if we do not, will recognize
the failure in not taking advantage of so great an opportunity, as not only a confession of the Church's weakness, but as most prejudicial to her best interests.
It must be apparent to all who have thought upon the subject, that the Church of England in Canada has not made use of the Press to the extent that she should have done, carelessly overlooking this potent agency, wiile other bodies of Christians, seeing its value, have been ever ready to seize upon it as a chief instrument in disseminating their principles. Both the secular and religious Press are largely in the hauds of others, exercising an influence more or less damaging to the Church, and but little attempt has been made on our part to counteract such influences.
Surely we do not intend that this state of things should continue! If we have been blind to the Church's interests in the past, we cannot mean to remain so; and we chaim that as in the advance of every good cause "no time so good as the present," so especially does the present afford an opportumity, not likely to occur again, for the establishment of a Canadian Church Newspaper which shall be in every sense representative and the organ of the Church of the Dominion.
As a proof of our own faith in the success of such an undertaking, we shall very gladly allow a large part of the purchase money to be taken up in stock, if a company is formed of reyresentative men who have but the one aim in view, namely, that of maintaining a paper free from partizanship and abuse of their brethren, and devoted to upholding the Church's teaching, and the cultivation of the true missionary spirit among her members.
Now that a Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions has been organized, and the Church has conse to feel the necessity of a more aggressive work, and, forgetful of party lines and disputes, clergy and laity are showing a willingness to labour together for the advancement of Cbrist's cause, we may the more confidently hope that there will be found a sufficient number to join us in establishing a paper based upon the same principles and devoted unselfishly to the same greal work.
Of course, notwithstanding the fact that we have cone to have a warm personal attachment to the paper, and would like in the way indicated above when resident in another land to be still identified with a work so necessary to the well-being of our Church in Canada-yet the circumstances already recited having compelled us to withdraw from an active participation in its publication, we shall be quite willing to dispose of it to an individual or to a company entirely, and withdraw altogether from our connection with it.
As the Editor should seek a warmer climate at once, he will be glad if those interested will communicate with him with as little delay as possible.

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## OANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

It is a common complaint of the Bishops in all parts of the world that they find it impossible to obtain clergymen to fill the parishes of their respective Dioceses, and that owing to this paucity of men it often happens not only that parishes and missions are for a long time vacant, but that new
missions cannot be opened. It has also been remarked, without meaning to reflect in any way upon our Divinity Students, that the class of men who are eniering the Ministry, in America, at least, are not drawn from the highest social scale. In other words, that parents who possess large means and commanding positions have become indifferent to the calls of GoD and the demands of His Church, and are willing to ignore these claims, preferring worldly places of emolument and honour for their sons, to the service of the Alnighty. The evil is a serious one both as regards the lack of ministerial labourers, and also as showing all too plainly that the world has taken the place of God with many of those, especially, who, having had much bestowed upon them, should have recognized with warm and loving hearts the obligation resting upon them to make an acknowledgment to Him from Whom all they have has come.

Dwelt upon from our first standpoint, it is truly a great calamity that when the powers of darkness are exerting their strength in ways most subtie and attractive, the "sheep of the pasture" should be left unprotected and defenceless. That there should be no shepherds to lead the sheep into "green pastures" and to bring them to the "waters of comort," that they may be fed and refreshed. There never was a time when it was more needful that parishes should be multiplied, and every parish have over it a man well cultured, well versed in the highest scholarship, and withal dceply pious and devoted to his great work, than the present. Especially must this be felt to be important from a Church standpoint, when it is apparent that only an historical faith can stem the tide of Infidelity, Agnosticism and the other forms of Scepticism, which a'as ! have adherents not only in the great cities, but in every town and hamlet throughout the land. If ever the Church owed it to her Lord to be aggressive, to be filled with an enthusiasm which overcomes all obstacles, that time is the present; indeed it may be said that the fight in which she is now engaged is fraught with the most momentous consequences to her children and to the world. And 30 far from their being any drawing back, or any decrease in the number of her commissioned officers and outposts, it is preeminently the time for truly superhuman efforts to be put forth to protect Christianity from the dangers which threaten it.
Looked at, then, from this point of view, the fact that our clergy are so few in number should lead every member of the Church to pray most earnestly that God would send forth labourers into His vineyard. And, let us hope, that when Christian hearts have been moved to supplicate at Gov's footstool on benalf of His Church, men, strong men, bodily and mentally, men who have already made their mark in the world's professions, as they contemplate upon their knees all that God in Christ has done for them, may be constrained to give Him themselves in, return, and to cry out in the warmth of their love, "Here am I, send me l"
But while we may hope that many additions may be made to the ranks of our clergy in the way indicated, we must keep prominently before. us the fact that our clergy should, as a rule, be trained from childhood for their exaited calling, and that everything which can promote an increase in the number of our Divinity students should be adopted for the purpose.

It is said that in China every other son is given up to the service of the gods, and is supported by his family. Is it too much to expect among Christian families that one son, the choicest and best of the flock, shall be given up to the Ministry of the Most High God? At least, may we not expect that this shall be the ordinary rule, and that where it cannot be accomplished the family will feel in duty bound, if able, to contribute to the support of a candidate for the Ministry? Instead of having to lament the growing neglect of families of wealth and position-unhappy evidence of pride and selfishmess-to give a son for this purpose, we ought to be able to point with satisfaction and confidence to the number of highly educated young men of influence, combined with humble piety, who have been devoted to, and trained for, this exalted work.
The growing worldiness of our times, manifested by the indifference to the wants of the Church and the calls of GoD, on the part of the professing Christian parents of our land, seems to demand special self-mortification, humiliation and prayer; and it might well be suggested to our Bishops, who must feel most keenly this failure of parents, that they should, in plain, strong words of truth, lay the blame at the proper door, and summon their clergy and people to met with them in asking GOD to avert the calamities which our sins in this respect have so justly entailed upon us.

## THE WORK OF LENT.

What is the work of Lent? Confidently, we may say, in part, at least, the contemplation of our past life and conduct as it has to do both with ourselves and others.
Now, there is a tendency, and we are not going to condemn it altogether for it is a natural feeling, to look upon Lent as a time to get rid of the accumulated sins of the past year, to have taken off our shoulders the weight which has grown so heavy, and whose growth we have so feebly attempted to prevent. We feel our sins, we feel their heavy burden, we feel their degradation, we feel how hateful they are in the sight of GOD; it may be, we long for the return of the Sacred Season that we may, with humiliation and penitence, seek and find pardon at Gou's hands for all that we have done amiss.
It is, indeed, a time to be warmly welcomed. Not a time to find pardon, that we may sia again, but, brought more deeply to feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin, brougit more heartily to realize the greatness of the Saviour's dying love, and the great Salvation through the atoning Blood of Christ, that we may with new aspirations, and greater zeal, and higher hopes, and more humble confidence, go forth to battle with the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and, as soldiers of Christ who have renewed their vows, to overcome the sins which do so easily beset us.
But this is not all. It is not alone as the past has to do with ourselves, we must also make the Season of Lent a benefit to us by dwelling upon our relations to others, and in looking back on our lives to consider our conduct with reference to our neighbour, to our fellow-worshipper, to our fellow-member of the Body of Christ. How have we served God in the matter of our brother's soul? Have we, with all earnestness, and with every evidence of the warmest love, taken an
active interest in others' welfare; made our in fluence felt in the world in which God has placed us? -in the social circle? -in the congregation? -in the family? Or have we to admit that not only have we defiled our own robes, but alas! also, that we have inelped others to sin, or, it not that, that we have done nothing to save a brother or sister from sinning? We know that the Religion of Jesus Christ is not a religion of sclfishuess. In the midst of the great Forty Days, beholding that Divine One whose unselfishness brought Him from Heavers to Earth, suljected Him to the cruellest treathent, and consigned Him at last to the death upon the Cross, we see our Example. As He went about doing good, so would He have us do,-aye, so should our hearts make us long to do. Let, then, the work of this Lent be something more than a desire to save our own souls, to get rid of our own sins, to enjoy the Love of God in our own hearts; let it be all this, and more. Let us look beyond self, let us think of those around us, and if we have fett the l.ove of Clarist in our hearts-the peace of Goo which passeth all understanding-let us communicate of what we have to others. Let the sympathy of Cluist for us and for all mankind draw out our warmest sympathy for our brethren; and as we see in them the Divine likeness, so let us strive to be instruments in God's hands for conveying to hearts which bave as yet known Him not, those precious Spiritual truths which will change them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

## Some Groundings in the Truth,

## (Yor the Church Guardiate).

by rev. John Carky, D. D.
"I am the Truth."-S. John xiv. 6.
Twó worlds are ours : 'is only sin Forvids us to descry
The mystic leaven and earth within, Plain as the sea and sky.

## Thou, who hast given me eyes to see

 And love this sight so fair,Give me a heart to find out Thee,
And read Thee everywhere.
Keble, Christian Year, Septuagesima Sunday.
How wonderful are the words of the Worb! When the Eternal Word speaks, He cannot but utter wonderful things. It would argue unbelie? or unintelligence to suppose it possible to be orherwise. The Word, that is, the logos, the Eternal Reason, has in Himself all the reason of collective being, and of that reason He is, as far as He has spoken, the manifestation to us. But especially wonderful is each word of the brief sentence, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Each of those words is a whole world of heavenly truth; ench word overflows with its rich freight of revelation.
Let us select the middle word for our considera-tion-"I am the Trurh."
And how can we better begin than by asking again Pllate's question-God grant, in a better spirit-"what is truth ?"
Is "truth," as sume have imagined, what everyone troweth or thinketh? what each man deems to be right? and so a thing as variable as the judgments of mankind? 'Surely not ; for whatever may have been the original meaning of the word "truth," this notion is at an infinite distance from what we understand by "truth" now; we mean what is true for all intelligences alike, human, angelic, divine; true always and every where. "Truth," says Gregory Nazianzen, "is by its nature one thing, not many'; for truth is one, but falsehood manifold; and it is the pure seal of the Father, and His impress without the least touch of falsehood." Hence truth is a thing
fixed, enduring, eternal. And it is not without interest that we find a great philologist identifying the word "rruth" with a Sanskrit word, which means "firm, solid, anything that will hold." (Max Muller.) Such, too, is the root meaning of emeth, the Hebrew for truth.
Now God, the author of all things, is eternal and immutable. All change is for better or for worse : but neither is possible for the All-perfect. "I, the Lord, change not." This God has established the universal frame of things proportionably to His own Nature, tnat is, according to fixed, unchanging laws. In nature, consequently, God always speaks the same thing, He never deceives, and so we have firm ground to tread on. "The Lord Goos is Truth." (Jer. x. 10, Hebr.) A moment's thought shows us how chaotic, if not wholly impossible, human life would be if we knew not what principles were to control the material world to-morrow, or whether it was day or night that would follow the present period. But we rest calmly on the assurance that Nature is the shadow of the Eternal Truth, everinore representing it and witnessing to it, however dimly; and He , through whom all things were created, Jesus Christ, has said, "I am the Truth "" yes, He is "the Lord who changeth not," and "with whom is no shadow of turning." No change in Him casts any shadow of fear or douldt over the minds of His rational creatures. Do not these considerations help us to answer the question, "What is truth?" 'rhey help us to know, at least, some letters of the great word. Truth is conformity to the nature of things. It is the expression of the unty, the simplicity, the unalterableness of GoD's nwn Nature; and as the Son is "the express image" of the Father's God-head, so He is and must be "the 'Truth;" and, as manifested in the flesh, He "shows us," reveals to us, the Father.

From all this it becomes at once clear that the words "I am the Truth" mean a great deal more than "I tell you the truth;" though it is impossible not to feel how grand and ennobling even that would be! To hear a Sublime Being, to whose nature fatschood is infinitely alien, proclaim truth; amid the shifting sands of humian error to be able to rely on His utterances with untainted confidence,-this is the highest, swectest satisfaction of which the mind is capable. But the spirit of man is capable of something far greater; it hears the Eternal Son say, "I am the Truth," and it can receive Him into itself, and become one with Him.

This saying is sis high and mysterious that it behoves us to investigute it with some thoroughness.
I. It says, first of : all, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father"-the Original Truth, in the etermal consistury of His Nature, never at variance with itself, nor with aught that is the work of His hands.
2. Again, as the: Father made all things through the Son, so the Son hereby declares that the idea, the archetype, the real original pattern, of every created thing is to be sought in Him ; that this idea exists in His Eternal Nature with a perfectness corresponding to that of the uncreated Godhead, that is, absolute and without limitation; while it is and can be but imperfectly expressed or exhibited in a created form, owing to the limitations necessarily arising from the imperfection of the creature. This limitation of the creative conception we constantly see illustrated in the human sphere. For, however perfect the artist's mental picture is, he can neverfully realize it in his work; the imperfection of the bodily eye, or the hand, or the tool, or the matter wrought u 1 on, will be sure to occasion some deficiency, some falling short of the ideal, the original pattern in the thought.
3. To express this ideal perfection of the Divine Creator's Pattern, the New Testament employs a special word. Over and above alethes, "true." in the vulgar sense, as opposed to "false," it has alethinos, "rrue," in a higher sense, correspondlng to GuD's eternal thought, corresponding to the constitution of Nature,-the reflex of the consistent principles of God's eternal action.

Thus God Hinself is not only alethes, true, speaking the truth; but He is alethinos, very, real, genuine, ( ) no. xvii. 3 ; I Thess. i. 10 ; i Jno. v. 20) ; He is all that the word "God" can righty convey to the spiritual mind. He is no pretended deity, as the idols of the heathen, imperfect in cyery attribute of power and wisdom and sinctity. This word, belongs, to the Son as well as to the Father, while the EXhes Ghost is repeatedly called "the Spirit pf TTHuth," and "「ruth," (Jno. xiv. 17; xv. 2b.) xvi.13; 1 Jno. v. 6.) Similarly, in contrast:with the imperfect treasures of this life, in spite of that ring of reality which the word sterling has,-the imperishable and true riches are called to alethinon, i. e., simply, "the reality"the riches which are and do what they say, and never deceive or desert us. Money says "I satisfy:" but it lies. The eternal treasure snys, "Your soul shall be satisfied," and it is. Once only in St. Paul's Epistles does "riches" mean worldly wealth. With this exception, it always refers to the possession of spiritual gifts, just as though a Christian could have no other conception of wealth.

## (Tobe continued.)

## FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

## The Way to Keep True Leat.

Is it a fast to keep<br>The larder lean<br>And clean

From fat of veals and shizp?
Is it to quit the dish
Or flesh, yet still
To fill
The platier high with fish ?
Is it to fast an hour,
Or raggel to go And show
And downcast look and sour?
Nol'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of when
And meat
Unto the hungry soul.
It is to fast from strife, From old debate
And linte,
To circuncise thy life.
To slowe a heart grief rent To starve thy sin, Not bin,
Ancl that's to keep true Lent.
Who Knocks?
Ithink I see a Door. It is not one that has been otten opened. It looks as if it had not been opened for a long, long time. The grass and weeds are growing rank before it, and wy and briars are trailing over it. What door is thes? $O$ sinner, it is the door of your heart.
And there is Some One standing outside that door. He looks very sad and anxious. You can see by the deep lines on His Brow that He has gone chrough great pain and suffering. He looks as if it were pain and suffering to Him to le standing there. He has been standing there a long time, waitng for something. Fivery now and then He knocks at the door. And I can see there is a strange mark in His Hand as He knocks, like the wound a nail would make. He does not knock very loud. And there is such a bustle and noise inside the house that nobody seems to hear or to heed. Nobody at least comes to the door to open it. Yet He does not go away. Most would; but He stays. He only looks more sad and anxious. I am not sure that there are not tears in His eyes. Yes, He stays; and after a little space He knocks again. There; do you hear Him? He is knocking now. You do not ask me who this is that stands and knocks, for you know.

But He speaks, as well as knocks. Can you
not hear ${ }^{2}$ His tender wistful pleading voice? What is that He is saying? "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." But no one answers. Oh! is this the way to treat Him? Is this the way to behave to Him, when he pleads so gently and patiently and lovingly?
Ah! but there is some one coming at last. I hear a step and a voice inside the door. Surely' it is going to be thrown open now. Perhaps they have only waited while they got ready to receive the honored Guest. Listen.

The woice weithin.-I hear Thy call, O Lord. I am cominy soon.

The woice zuthout--Soon! Oh, my son, how long have I waited! How of en bave I knocked! Wilt thou not open now?

The voice within.-Good Lord, wait for me a little. I am sorry to have been so long. I did not mean to be solong. But I have been very busy. I have still some things I must altend to. I shail soon be ready. I pray Thee, wait a litule.

The voice without. My son, My son, open to me now. Lo, I have brought thee a great treasurc. I am come with rich gifts. I will not reproach thee for thy delays, if now thou wilt open the door. Oh! "if thou hadst known, even thon, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! !

The voice within.-What hast Thou brought me, good Lord?
The woice without.-.Salvation.
The voice within.-Yea, Lord, of that I was not ignorant; and I hope to accept Thy kind offer some day-nay, very soon. I am not so vain and silly as to despise such a great blessing. I do not mean to throw away my chance of heaven. Indeed, I am already beginning to get ready to receive Thee. But truly I am so full of business and cares that 1 have not the time to attend to Thee quite yet. Do not go away, good Lord. There is one at the other door I must go to for a little while. I an wanted. It is a messenger who has brought me some gold. I cannot offend him. I must go and see him first. When I have put away the gold safely, then I will come bark, and I shall not lorget the gift Thou hast offered me. I know how kind and patient Thou art. Thou wilt not go away, good Lord?
Then I heard the steps of him that was within going away from the door. And He that stood without lifted up His Head, and wept. And I heard Him say, "lhey wit! not come to Me, that they might have life," and, "Now they are hid from thine eyes."

Then He stood a few minutes listening, but none came; and then He knocked once more, but none came; and then He went away.
And now I see anotier door. It is the door of a little cottage, and it is a low mean pror place. But the same sad and anxious form is standing by it. He does not look quite so sorrowful now. There is a gentle loving look in His'Eye, and almost a smile on His lip, as te lits that scarred Hand and knocks at the lowly door. And again I hear hom say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." And instantly there is a sound within. Some one is coming. Yet the door is not opened at once. It is a weak trembling woman's voice which spraks this lime. Listen.

The awice within.-Who is it that seeks to come in here?

The voice without.-"It is I, be not afraid."
The vice within.-Thou, Lord! Nay, I cannot believe this. It must be some wicked deceiver that would mock me with false hopes. Thou, Lord! If it be Thou, tell me what Thou wantest.
The woice without.-"If any man hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and sup with him, and he with Me."

The voice within.-Come in here, Lord? Sup with me? Nay, Thou knowest not what this room is like. If the door were opened, Thou wouldst not come into such a place, so dirty and poor and cold and bare. I have not had strength O L.ord, to cleanse the foor, or to wash away the stains on the wallis, so as to be fit for such a

Guest. It is such a mean wretched hovel, Thou couldst not sit down to rest in it. The fire is almost out on the hearth, and there is no light or warmth to cheer Thee. My room too has scarce any furniture, for I have been too poor to buy any. Oh 1 I dare not let Thee in. I will come out and speak with Thee, if I may; but thou wilt never come in here.

The voice without.-My child, thinkest thou I knew not all this well before? I know it is dirty, and thou hast no strength to cleanse it ; let Me in, and I will make it clean. I know it is poor and menn ; let Me in, and I will make it rich with. My love. I know it is cold ; let me in, and I will fan the embers, and make it full of light and warmth. I know it is bare; let me in, and I will fnrnish it with all goodly adornments.

The voice roithin.-Oh ! can it be? Will my Lord indeed come to such as I am-to one so Weik, so sinful, so unloving, so unworthy? Oh! I can scarcely open for very fear and joy. But it is Thy doing. I dared not hope it. Yet it is true. Oh! then, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Then I saw the little door thrown open, and He that was without bent low, and, as He went in, He smiled with such a loving smile that the poor bare room was all lit up with His smile. And she that was within was down on her face on the ground. And then she looked up, and there was great joy in her look.

But there was greater joy for her afterwards.

## Thoughts for Lent.

## collected from parochial pastorals.

Let us not lose a single opportunity of being present in the Courts of the Lord's House, but let some wonted pleasure, some accustomed social gathering, be missed during this Holy-tide ; then shall our Spring-time Fast spiritually bear for us rich fruit in bringing us nearer to the foot of the holy Cross, that through that gate we may rise to Iife Everlasting.

The Lenten Calendar of Daily Services will remind us of solemn opportunities again vouchsafed us, by our loving Heavenly Father, for the renewal of our Spiritual life. Surely I need not attempt to point out the necessity for this renewal -surely there is not one, into whose hands the Lenten Cilendar may come, but knows full well the earthliness of thought, and aim, and action -It is of GoD's mercy that we are not consumed ! It is of His loving kindness that we are allowed to number these forty solemn days, that so applying our hearss unto His heavenly wisdom, we may rise into newness of life; Beloved brethren, I pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to Gou-strive that ye may regain baptismal purity -aceept the Lenten privileges, and turning aside from sulfish worldiness, go apart, in contrition, and for spiritual meditation, and Fast and Weep, and Mourn,-Come up to the House of God, where, amid silcred surroundings, He may hallow your hotr of quiet seclusion and re-dedication, in Prayer and Praise, and verily, at Easter, shall you give Cilory to God for his unspeakable gift of renewed spirtual life. I humbly pray for Gon's blessing upon our Lenten work-I pray that He may put it into the hearts of many to seek Him, and in the early hour of each Lard's Day, in the blessed Sacrament of His ordaining, for in no other way can we approach so closely to Himin no other way oldain that strength which will enable us to "keep under" the body, and bring our thought, our aim, and action under the control of our Holy Redeemer.

Make the season not an end, not a formal round of Church going, but a means to an end; that Church-going, and all other Christian duties, be warmed and aglow with love and zeal and goodwill. There is no one who sinneth not. Every one knows to some extent the plague of his own heart. The more we are conscious of it, the more welcome will the season be. The less we are conscious of it, the more needful is the season to us.

## GREGORY THE GREAT

The Roman Church on this day, 2th of March, commemorates St Gregory the Great, who was descended from noble parents. He very early in life applied humself to study and frequent acts of devotion. He gave away all his estate to the erection of religious houses. He was made Pope of Rome about the year 590 , hut he vigorously opposed the title of universal Bishop (which the Bishops of Constantimople did then, and the Bishops of Rome do now, assume) as blasphemous and antiChristian.
He sent Austin, the monk, with forty other missionaries to convert the Saxons (who had testified their desire to embrace Christianity), which in a short time they achieved. He passed through France and landed at Thanet on the southern coast of the county of Kent. He was re ceived by Ethelbert, King of Kent, whose wife was a Christian, and through whose afluence he was baptized and afterwards admitted to the Church. Ten thousand Saxons, besides women and children, were baptized by the missionaries. At last having ordained Lawrence a pricst, to succeed him, he died, A. D. 6I4

Christianity was very flourishing on the Western coast of Britain, at the time of Austin's coming to these Eistern shores as "Bishop of Eng Jand," for so Pope Gregory entitled him. Modern writers enumerate the seven sees to which Venerable Bede refers in speaking of the second Sy:od held at Austre Clive-now Gloucestershire - with the ancient British Christians (the Culdees, so called) chapt. xi. parge 65 , of Bede's Anglo-Saxon Chronicle; they are Worcester, Hereford, Chester, Bin gor, St. Asaph's, Landaff and Mone via or St. David's. St. Austin was the first that subjected the ancent Church of Britain to Rome by commencing persecutions which eventuated in a compulsory assent to the Pope's suprematy, but which none of the British Bishops in his time would acknowledge.
l.ord Hatherly, who was all his life a devoted Sunday-school teacher, used to tell a very instructive story. He said that after examining his children at St. John's, Westminster on the words, "Take My yoke upon you," and asked them what was the meaning of "yoke," and a large number of them suid it was the inside of an egg. In another case, after a lesson on the litany, a teacher asked his chuldren what they prayed to be delivered from, and he was sorry to say that the answer was, "All Bishops, Priests and Deacons."

The Presbyterian has the following: "It was an exaggeration, but it shows the tremendous hold which business takes upon men in our large cities, that when it was suggested by a missionary Bishop to a metropolitan rector in New York, to ask the attendance of business men at a week day missionary meeting, he said: 'Get a man to come up from Wall street in the daytime to attend a missionary meeting! It is as much as 1 can do to get a man to come up town in the daytime, to attend his wife's funeral "

The doctrine of election is well ilustrated by the following anec-dote:-
A gentleman who was not a religious man, was amusing himselfowitting an old black man on the subject of religion, and asked him:
"Well, now, Jos, do you really believe in this matter of election by God ?" "Deed I do, Master," was the reply. "Well, then, do you think I am clected to be saved?"
"I scactly know, Master, but I nebber hearn ${ }^{\prime}$ 'one being 'lected what wa'n't a canderdate.'
"Give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure," says St. Peler.

Ex-Secrutary Evarts teils a good story at his own expense about a suall donkey, which be sent up in his country seat some years ago for the use of his children, of whom some were then quite young. Onc of his litue daughters, going out with ber narse to admire the ammal in its paddock, was sorely distressed when the donkey lifted up its voice and brayed dolefully. "Poor thing Poor thing! exclained the sympa thetic child; but suddenly brightening up, she curned to her nurse and said: "Oh! I am so glad! Papa will be here on Saturday, and then it won't ferl so lonesome!

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ALCOHOL AND THE HUMAN SYSTEM.
Dr. Daniel Dorchester, in a recent work, presents the following resume of the inferences in respect to the relation of alcohol to the human system which are deducible from the eminent testimonies he quotes:-

That no kind of alcoholic liquors -not even wine, beer or ale-form any part of the necessary sustenance of man.

That there are no circumstances of extreme labour, or of severe heat or cold, in which the use of alcoholic liquors is beneficial.

That instead of warming the boly, alcohol reduces its vitality:
That there are no special modifications of the mental or bodily condition, short of actual disease, in which the use of alcoholic liquors is necessary or beneficial.

That the capacity of the healthy human system to sustain either bodily or mental labour under depressing circumstances is not augmented by the use of alcoholic liquors; but, on the other hand, their influence impairs that capacity.

That alcohol undergoes no change in the body, and cannot be digested and incorporated into any bodily substance, but it is a disorganizer of the system, injuring and destroying functions necessary to life.
That "alcohol is not only not a helper of work, but a certain niasderer of work."
That "the best physical performances can only be secured through absolute abstinence from alcohol.
That the coustant use of alcoholic drinks, in ever so moderate a measure, injures the nerve tissues.

That many people who are not known as drunkards are injured by these drinks.
That the moderate use of alcoholic drinks" "produces a marked liability to acute diseases."
That "alcohol taken into the system produces the same effect, whether it be pure alcohol, rum, whiskey, gin or brandy, or if it be wine, malt liquor or cider ;" the difference is onl- in degree.
That "the use of beer is an evil only less than the use of whiskey, if less on the whole." "It is peculiarly deceptive at first, but is thoroughly destructive at the last."
That "the constant use of beer is found to produce a species of degeneration of all the organisms, profound and deep-seated."
That though "the beer-drinker may be the picture of health, yet, in reality, he is most incapable of resisting disease:"-"Compared with inebriates who use different forms of alcohol, he is more generally diseased."
That in Germany attention is being called to "evidences of race deterioration caused by the free use of beer."
That their use as a medicine is being greatly curtailed by the most scientific physicians.
That the most advanced medical sciencejis discovering excellent substitures, which inspires the hope that evenin the treatment of disease, alcoholic liquors will yet be wholly superseded.

## A CAPTAIN SAVED.

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## (Hamitlon, Ont., Spectator.)

Some little commotion was occasiuned several months ago regarding the experience of a genteman weli known in this city, and at the time the matter was a subject of general conversation. In order to ascertain all the facts bearing upon the motter, a representative of this paper was dis patched yesterday to interview the gentleman in question with the following result:
Captain W. H. Nicholls, formerly in Her Majesty's service, is a man well advanced in years, who has evidently seen much oi the world. Endowed by nature with a strong constitution, he was enable to endure hardships under which many men would have succumbed. Through all privation and exposure he preserved his constitution unimpaired. A number of years ago, however, he began to feel a strange undermining of his life. He noticed that he had less energy than formerly, that his appetite was uncertain and changing, that he was unaccountably weary at certain times and correspondingly energetic at others; that his head pained him, first in front and then at the base of the brain, and that his heart was unusually irregular in its action. All these troubles he attributed to some passing disorder and gave them little attention, but they seemed to increase in violence continually- To the writer he said.
"I never for a moment thought these things amounted to anything serious and I gave them little, if any, thought: but I felt myself growing weaker all the while and could in no way account for it."
"Did you take no steps to check these symptoms?"
"Very little if any. I thought they were only temporary in their nature and would soon pass away. But they did not pass away, and kept increas ing. Finally, one day, aftel more than a year had passed, I noticed that niy feet and ankles were beginaing to sweil and that my face under the eyes
appeared puffy. This indication in creased until my body began to fill with water, and finally swelled to enormous proportions. I was afflicted with acute rheumatic pains and was fearful at times that it would attack my heart. I consulted one of our most prominent physicians and he g.uve me no hope of ever recovering. He said that I might live several months, but my condition was such that neither myself nor any of my lamily had the slightest hope of my recovery. In this condition a number of months passed by, during whicls time I had to sit constantiy in an easy chair, not being able to lie down, lest I should choke to death. The slight pains I had at first experienced increased to most terrible agonies. My thirst was inteuse and a good portion of the time I was wholly unconscinus. When I did recover my senses I suffered so severely that my cries could be heard for nearly a mile. No one can have any idea of the agony I endured. I was unable to eat or even swallow fluids. My strength
entirely deserted me and I was so ex. hausted that I prayed diny and night for teath. The doctors could not relieve me and I was left in a condition to die and that, too, of Bright's disease of the Kidneys in its most terrible form. I think I should have died had I not learned of a genteman who had suffered very much as I bad and I resolved to pursue the same course of treatment which entirely cured him. I accordingly began and at once felt a change for the better going on in my system. In the course of a week the swelling had gone from my abdomen and diminished all over my body and I felt like another man. I continued the treatment and an happy to say that I was entirely cured thulugit the wonderful, almost miraculous power of 'Varner's Safe Cure, which I consider the most valuable discovery of modern times."
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As the writer was returning home he reflected upon the statements of the noble old man with whom he had conversed, and was impressed not only with the truth of his assertions, but also with the sincerity of all his acts. And he could not but wish th it the thousands who are suffering with minor troubles which become so serious unless taken in time might know of Captain Nicholl's experience and the manner in which he was saved. And that is the cause of this article.


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On the day of the laptisms a number of Jews were seen struaming inew the English Eppscopal Church. S:rvise conmenced at 1.30 , by the iilmates of the Home singing the hymn, "Come home," translated into German. The touching words, and the impressive manner in which the hymn was sung, made a deep impresion on the Jews present, whilst the Cluristians heartily joined in the singing, and thus encouraged the converts not to be ashamed of their Lord and Saviour. Mr. Bachert the: preached the sermon from Acts iv. zo. "We cusuot but speak the thines which we have seen and heard." Although commotion :url disturbance were greatiy appreticnded, the Jews listened with extrem: attention, not even cvincing any rest lessness. At the close of the sermon Mr. Bachert said to his converts who were about to be baptized, "I amgoing to ask you some questions. Have I told you what kind of questions would be put to you, or what answers you should give ?" Having replied in the negative, the prach $\cdot$ r questioned them about the Trimity in Unity of God, the person and work of the Messiah, \&c. 'To the numer ous question the catechumens returned intelligent answers, supporting them from Holy Scripture. When the questions were ended, a second hymn, "Weary and heavy laden," was sung, Mr. Bachert proceeding to the baptisnal font, whilst the candrdates placed themselves around it, kneeling down in silent prayer. The congregation having sung "Alles alles geb' ich hin fur Jesum," the ordinary baptismal scrvice of our churck was read (of course in the German language, ) and each candidate had to repeat the creed separately, which was done in every case in a mosi impressive and distinct voice. Each then in turn knelt down to receive the rite of baptism. Amidst the silence of the congregation, the Jews looking very solemn, a soft beautiful prelude broke forth, whilst the words "I baptize thice in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," were distuctly heard above the sound of the organ.

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