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## ECCLESIASTIGAL NOTES:

The Chorgh a Monaroity.-The modorn, Protestant idea of a Church is that it is a domocracy, i.e., that twenty or a hiundred good mon may get together, form a Church, and appoint a ministry, whose authority shall be derived from them-that is, that the ministry is the creature of the people. This is especially popular, of course, in this repiblican country, where all att thority is the gift of the people.
Exactly opposite is the case, however, with the true Church of God. Thiat is a monarchy, with Christ its'King, and all authority coming down from Hin (not up fiom the people), first through the Apostles whom He had chosen, then through that sacred line known as the Apostolic Succession, which until to-day is the only legitimate source of ministerial authority in the Kingdom of our Lord.

For 1.500 years this was the sole rule. Today il is the rule of nine-tenths of the Christian world.-Our Parish; St. Jude's; Philadelphia.

What a Lathian Can Do for MissionsMr. Russell Sturgis, Jre, read a paper at the last Amorican Church Congress on this subject, in which be pointed out that the difference between the clergyman and the layman was one oot of kind but wholly official-that overy child of God was born into the kingdom through the work of the one spirit. Each baptized member of the Church of Christ is a missionary; that thongh Christians had different positions and distinctive work, that the samo degree of consecration was expected from ench; that the highest prelate in his great field of work might be no more pleasing to God than the woman who swopt his house, or he who cleaned his boots, if each work was done to the Lord. $\quad * \quad * \quad *$ Each Christian man should be intensely intefiosted in carrying on the work which his Master came to do, and to basten His coming. This is being done in two ways, by gathering together the elect, and by causing the Gospel to be preached to every nation as a witness. This glorious coming of the Lord has been the great hope and mainstay of the Church, and more thin anything else has buoyed upthe misionary in his fearful work in the diark places of the earth.

How to Exfroise the Franoilbe.-The Archbiehops of Canterbury and York, in their joint address to the elcciors, urged them to avoid the temptation of self-interest, and to weigh with caution the ready promises with which this land is 'satiated. The duties of faithful dealing, and of toleration of the adverse opinions of neighbors, of thinking for themselves and accepting a personal rosjoonsibility, are also solemnly advocated.
The address, which betrayed no political bias, concluded thus: "God is in the midst of us, and we will not fear. Our history has been built upon something surer than the promises of candidates, or votes in Parliament. Let os ronew in our prayers our faith in the Divine government and protection, and let on! rote be given with the firm puipose of advancing the glory of God and promoting the good

Mibsionary Progrebs. - The remarkable' statement is made that the converts last year in Japan equalled the total number of converts made during the first twenty years of missionary work in that empire.
Madagascar is almost a miracle of missionary triumph.: It is said that the native Christians of that island have given more than four million dollars for the spread of the gospel within the past ten years.
Who are the Helpers.-It is pertectly sstonishing how little some people give to help forward the cause of Christianity. It is the very poor that we find sometimes, like the widow of old, casting in all the living they have. Noble men of vory moderate monns often give a tenth of their income. With few exceptions, the very rich give'very little, and if it were possible for a man to buy his way to heaven, many would find it still a very hard thing for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, unless their payments wers much larger than their present free-will offerings.
A. Mibtaken Notion.-The idea is that thinly attended chuyches evidence poor preaching, and vice versa, that a full congregation proves a fine preacher; that itis a matter simply governed by the law of oause and effect; in other words, that the success of the preaching of the Gospel depends very much npon eloquence. Of course no one doubts the value and power of elcquence ; consecrated to the use of roligion it has done noble sorvice, but it is neither a common possession nor a necessary adjunct to preaching ; it is not considered a requisite to the outfit of a minister, St. Paul even saying to the Corinthians, "my speach and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wiadom;" though he adds; "it hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." What are the facts? In ever'y town and village in the land there are churches successfully administered, while there are bat very fow ministers of remarkable eloquence.
Bighop Coxe on tee Prebent Times.-In his Advent Pastoral Bishop Coze says :-
For you and I are working in no ordinary day: "it is the last time". in a sense more forcibly literal than it was whon this last dispensation began. Let us reflect that "the times of the Gentiles" are very nearly fulfillod. This is proved by those books of prophecy, the book of Daniel and the Revelation of St. John. The ninth chaptor of Daniel was clear enough to make all who were "Israelites indeed"' quite sure that Messiah was nbout to appear, in those days of Herod and Augustus Cersar. And if we consider the second chapter of the same prophet, as interpreted by many of the AnteNicene Fathers, it is clear that we have reached the last stage of worldly empire, and the little stono (verse 45) is beginning the work of pulverizing human syatems, that the Kingdom of Christ may ultimately prevail. One of those primitive Fathers expressly fortells the univer sal democracy of this age of ours; the irreconcileable character of federalism and the popular element (vorse 43); and the terrible explo-
nions that must occur in the pulverizing procese
to which Divine Providence is committed may bo inferred from many details in the prophecy. of St. John.
Wo have reachod the days, then, whon those who moan to be Christians must bo willing to be a "peculiar people," not only, but also a people "zealous of good works."
Our life and convorsation ought to robuke. more forcibly than our words. A woridly', self-indulgent aud uttorly undisciplined poople are the people of this country : crazy in their childish love of novelty, sensation and excitement, and living like irresponsible creatures. A life of animal appotite (mixed up with mental appetitos that precisely corrospond to their iensualism) charncterizes a large majority of those who fancy themselves the "bottor classes." Among these our own work chiolly lios; and thousands of just such peoplo imagine thomselves to be Christians, and frequent our altars. Brethren, "what manner of mon ought we to be?"

Baptigm of a Jew.-The son of an eminent Rabbi in Russia recoivod Christian baptism at St. John's, Highbury, England, Intely. The Vicar, the Rov. G. D. Wyatt, baptized him at the Evening Service, after the Second Leesson, in presence of a large congregation; which included many Hebrew Chribtians and unbelieving Jows.

Tie Polpit and Politics. The Bishop of Salisbury, in Pastoral in reference to the political crisis in England, arys:-
You will not, I know, bo betrayed into tho mistake of using the pulpit for the purposes of party politics. If others have done so let it bo your glory not to do so. The pulpit is for the proclamation of religious traths, for the enforcement of moral duties, for the deepening of religious lifo, and for the interprotation of Holy Scripture. It is a right place also in which to sum up fiom time to time the lessons of history and the results of holy and noble lives of men who have passed away. But it is suicidal to make the house of God the instrument of party. If it were conceivable that all the clergy in the land could combine to uphold ono party in tho State, they might perhaps for a time cairy the elections, but they would make themselves onemies of. half theiv poople and slaves of the other half, and woakon the religious life and bolief of all.
According to the Advent number of the Living Church Anvual and Clergy List Quarterly, the number of communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is 397,192, a net incroase ovar last year of 14, 077 . Other statistics show 3,729 clorgy, 4,565 parishos and missions, and 34,069 confirmed.
Advent Mission:-Our exchangos up to Docember 12th, represent the succeas of the Advent Mission in New York as assured, in so fai as the members in attendance at the services and the interest manifosted therein are concerned. Old Trinity has bean crowded to the very doors at the noon-day' meetinge. The vast assemblage being " made up almost wholly of the best and busiest men in New York,"

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.
Gathered specially for this SPaper by Our Own Cotrespondents.
DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTLA.

Maitland, N.S.-The people of this parish have not beon standing idle the past year Under their respected leader, the Rev. Mr. Martell, improvements and repairing have been carried on with complete success.
Trinity Charch has received two coats of paint, and is thoroughly under-pinned. A.beautiful new stove has taken the place of the old one; and the interior of the church is all that could be desired.
The congregation of St. John's Church, Five Mile River, bave paid off the debt, an'd put.a new stove in their beautiful little church, which is a peifect model of neatacss.
St. Peter's Church, Kennettooir, has received an entirely new dress. The oll-fashioned square tower has been cut down, and a handsome bell tower has been built. One side of the roof has boen newly shinglad, and the whole britlding has recoived two coats of paint, the amount spent being about $\$ 200$. The debt on the organ has been paid, and ai beautiful chandelier has been placed in the charch. The young ladies also made the Rov. Mr. Martell a marriage prenent of $\$ 10$ as a amall taken of their esteom.
The hall at Northfeld has been nicely seat ed, and reading desks built, also a now stove bought.
The Rectory bas been put in thorough repair, $\$ 170$ having been spent on it, and the present of a new hall stove from the congregation of Maitland.
Too much praise cannot be given the ladies of the different congregations for their'selfsacrificing labor, and the united thanks of the parish are due to the Recter, who seems never weary in woll-doing.

Sparngiidl.-Three handsome new chandeliers have recently been put into All Saint's Church, and they light it up brillinntly. The money needed was collected through the efforts of three young ladies of the Sunday-schoolMissen Eisthe: Redpath, Eliza Langilie and Katie Clurls.

Personal.-The Rev. A. D. Sylveater, curate of St. Luke's, Halifax, and who was ordainod to fill that office last Ohristmas, we haar, has accepted the curacy of St. Lake's Church, Baltivaore, U.S. The reperend gentleman will be greatly missed from Haiffax, where his enthusiasm on the tempernnee question was of great ralue. The mission work of St. Luke's oves much to his zoul and liberality. It is not long since he purchased the grounds and building of one of the missions for the purposes of the Chureh of God.

The death ia amounced at Southsea, England, of Mrss Gilpin, wife of Rev. Alfred Gilpin, known to all the oldor inhabitants of the westorn part of the province as rector of Yarmonth. Weymonth and Windsor, raspectively. They removed from the province some twenty years ago. Mre. Gilpin was a sistor-in-lawo of Res. Mr. Milner, who was chaplain in the garrison a quarter of a centrury ago. Many of the elderly poople of the wostern counties woro ba tized by Mi. Gilpin, who is still halo and bearty for a nonogenarian.
ST. Matiaias' Mission.-The congregation of this growing mission purpose holding a congregational toa the first week of the Now Ye:rr. A special effort is to bo mado to complete the building by the addition of the chancel during the coming year. One plan proposed is to ask the settled churchos in town to permit the
tion of a dollar offering from members for this purpose. In this, way the building conld soon be complated and made comfortabio. yhe pao ple of the mission pay entitely thêir own rum ning expensef; and on ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ lask for hilp to build the edifice. Wo hope that the sigegested plan will receive hearty support.
St. Lutur's Bazaar.-The pagaar held last weel for the parpose of atarting a fund for the new parish church was a success. The Freemasons' Hall presented a very lively appearance on both days. The tables were well stocked with useful and fancy articles, and some vory valuable and artistic pieces of fancy work were displayed. We believe that the sum of nearly $\$ 1,000$ was cleared for: the new ohurch.

Churcer of Engand Sunday-Sohool Asso clation. - The monthly meating of the Absociation was held in St.: George's school-room last week. It was proposed at the meeting; and a commitee appointed, to seek the afflia tion to the Society of all the Sundeyperchoole in the Diocese. It is to be regretted that the advantages of the Association are not seized moro by the teachers in town. The teachers of several of the city churches were conspicuous by their absence. The new management should try every possible means to renedy this defect, and thoroughly consolidate, if possible, the various schools in town.

Yarmoverr- - We see fiom the local papers that a large to meeting is shortly to be held in this place, for the purpose of raising funds for a new and second Episcopal Church in this thriving town.

Windsor.-King's College.-The Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rector of St. George's, Halifax, has recently given a courso of lectures in King's College on ."Christian Apologeties,"" which Were much appreciated by the professors, studonts and Christian ministers from Windsor who had the privilege of listening to them. The first lecture embraced the following sub-jacts:-Definition of Apologetics; How related to Dogmatics; Questions dealt with; Outline of the History of Apologetios; High value of early treatises; and Present State of the Scionces. The second lecture was on the distinguishing features of Deduction and InductionInduction as applied to other seiences; Illustrations of the kind of proof to be expected in Theology. The third lecture dealt with the principal Anti-Theistic theories-Pantheism, Positivism, Materialism, Agnosticism,-and concluded by pointing ont the practical importance of the truth or falsenood of Christian ity, and the imperative character of probable cvidence. Dr. Partridge, who, by appointmient of the Governors of King's College, is Lecturer on Apologetics, hopes to continue this course next term, and intends to take up the bearing of recent discoveries on Old Testament history. Dr: Partridge had opportanities of meeting ali the profossors and students of the College, and to several of the resident Govornors he oxpressed himself' as greatly plensed with the state of things he now found provailing at the College. He was unwilling, he stated, to relinquish convictions which he had slowly formed in reference to confederation, but he considered that the question of confederation, by the prosent happy state of thinge at Jing's College, was adjourned for some twenty-fiye or thirty years.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Dalhobsin.- Ter. E. P. Fleweliing, rectorof Dalhousie, has accepted the rectorship of the parish of Brandon, Manitoba.

ST. John. - Theannual moating of tho Church of England Sunday-school Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. W. M.

Jarvis in the chair. The attendance was large. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Rëv, Canon Brigstocke, Satisfactory roports were yoad from the superintendents of the following selhoois': Trinity, St. Jobn's, St. Paul's,
 It wasi resolved that a $\quad$ nummary of the reports be printed for distribution among the members of the Asbociation. Mr. W. M. Jarvis was unamimously elected president for the ensuing year, and was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the efficiebt manner in which he has occupied the dhaii dduring the past nine years, to which Mr. Jarvis made a fitting reply. r Rey. W: O. Raymond was chosen secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. S. Carter, the retiring secretary, was tendered a vote of thanks. After the singing of a hymn, the meetingwas brought to a closo by Rev. Oanon. DeVeber pronouncing the benedietion.

St. Jonn.-Trinity.-On Thursday evening, the 10th: inat., a. concert, pnder the patronage of the Church of, England Sunday-school Institute, was held in the $\mathrm{S}^{6}$ boolroom, at which an oxicelifent programme was presented, and it is n bedless to say was well rendered. The programme contained the names of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Perley, Miss Bowden, Miss Beryman, Miss Smith, Signor Ronconni, and Messre. J. A. \& G. C. Costen, H. G. Mille, J: C. Troop, J. Wilson, G. S. Mayes and Hemry Max Sterne.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Shebshooke:-The anniversary of the Church Society for the District of St. Francis, was celeheated on Wedresday, the 9th inst., by a service in St. Peter's Churoh here in the morning and a missionary meeting in the evening in the Church Hal!
In the morning an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Roberts, viceRector of St, Paul's Cbureb, Concord.
The evening meeting was large and influential. The chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. The report was read by the Secretary, from which it appears that the total amount contributed during the past year in the District of St. Francis for all Church purposes has been $\$ 23,800$. Of this sum $\$ 20, \circ 50$ was for objects strictly. parochial. This leaves a balance of $\$ 3,550$, which was divided between Diocesan clains and claims outside the Diocese.
To the Diocese was assigred $\$ 2,810$, namely: The Church Society, $\$ 1,100$; Bishop's Collego $\$ 160$; and to this is added the amount collected for Bisbop's Collego Endowment, $\$ 1,550$.
The balance, \$740, was given about half of it to Algoma and the Northwest missions, and the rest to missions to the heathen; $\$ 360$ to Algoma and the Nortbwest; $\$ 380$ to the heathen.
Comparing the total amount raised with last year, it is found that this year fallsshort by the sum of $\$ 7,600$. This, however, is chiefly accounted foi by specially large sums expended ast year in building churches and, parsonages. It is fairor to compare the amounts contributed for the Church Society and for missions: The amount raised for the Church Society this year has beon $\$ 1,100$; last year it was $\$ 1,160$; the year bofore, $\$ 1,200$. Leaving a balance against this year, as compared with last, of sixty dollare, and of one hundred as compared With the year before. The amount given to missions last jenr was $\$ 1,025$; this year it is only $\$ 7.40$; a falling off of nearly $\$ 300$-and $a$ falling back to the year bofore last, when it was about the same as this year.
The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector of the Cathedral of Montreal. He solected as the subject the Parochial Missione of the Church in England.
At the close of Mr. Norton's address followed a very interesting incident, namely the presentation to the Rev. Dr. Reid of an address and a testimonial by the clergy on the completion of the fiftieth year of his ministry:. Dr. Reid, who
was much moved，made a brief bat very suita ble reply．
The meeting was next addressed by the Rev． D．C．सेoberts；tho，in a v6ry pappy and inter esting speech，pressed upon his uudionet the needs and claims of missions．
The offerings foi the day amounting in all to about \＄55，were given to Algoma．
亡twino 文立ilth．－A most interesting lecture was aelivered at the Colloge Hall，On the eren－ ing of the 10th，by W．A．Ashe，Esq．，P．L．S： the subject being ：＂The．Esquimaux of Hud son＇s Straits．＂Mr．Ashe was one of the mem bers of the Hadson＇s Bay Expedition．

Ricimond and Méboumes．－The health of the Rev．A．J．Balfotur；has been quite seriously impaired；preventiag any parish work for the past two months．During à poitloti of this time the Sunday services were kept ap by Mr． Wilcox，Cburchwarden，who for some years has done pery efficient work in the district as lay reader．The Rev．H．J．Peti＇y has been placed in charge by the Bishop and is working with his usual zeal and success in the town；as he has been forbidden by his physician to un－ dertake ant long drities the dasual services at St．Johin＇s Chlirch；Melboürne，hävé not been undertaken by him；his knowledge of this part of the conntry，（having spent sevonteen years in the adjoining Mission of Danville）；is no doubt of great assistance．By the way， Danville is at present deprived of the active of－ forts of the resident clergyman，the Rev．J．M． Thompson，who has gone to New York；to take part in the great Advent Mission of the Charch in that city，where he has charge of the special services in the Church of the Holy A postles． His son is acting as Lay Reader in his absence． tt is feared Mr，Balfour will be laid up for some time，he has goïe to queboc hoping the change will be beneficial．

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL．
Deanery of Shefford．－The quarterly meet ing of the Rural Deanery of Shefford was held at Waterloo，on the first inst，at 10 o＇clock a．m There wore present，Rev．Rural Dean Long hurst，Ven．Archdeacon Lindsay，Revs．C． $\mathcal{P}$ Abbot，J．D．Garland，A．B．Given，E．T．Saphir F．II．Baldwin and Willam Robinson，（Deanery of Brome），including some members of the laity．Holy Communion was celebrated in St Iulie＇s Church by tho Rural Dean，assisted by the Rev．F．M．Buldwin，after which the mem－ bers adjournod to the Court House for discus－ sion on matters of interest in connection with the Church．
At 12：30 they retired to the basement of the Church，where the ladies of the congregation had very kindly prepared an excellent dinner． The afternoon scssion began ：bout 1.30 P．M．， the main subject being＂United work of Clergy and Laity in saving of souls，＂which was thoroughly and rery profitably discussed． After passing an nnanimous vote of thanks to the ladies the Dennory adjourned．
The next meating will be hold（D．V．）at Granby，on Tuesday，Feb．23rd，1886，where a large attendance is earnestly solicited．Subject for consideration：＂that special meetings for special prayer（otherwise than our present form）be conducive to the spiritual life of our people．＂
Montreal．－St．John the Evangelist．－On Tuesday evening a meeting of the mermbers of the congregation of the Church of St．John the Evangelist was beld in the Schoolroom of the Church，to take measures to establish a Young Men＇s Association in connection with the Church．His Loordship Bishop Bond presided and expressed his gratification that a Young Men＇s Association was about being formed． He referred to the noble work done by the St． George＇s Ascociation，and he believed that the same would be repeated by that now to be tormed Association．He advised the promoters
not to bedisheartened by dity failures at first． Union wasistrongth，and especially was it 80 in． spiritual．work．

Mr．Chipmnn，Manager of the Ontario Bank， the of the oldest members of St．George＇s Young Men＂s Christiäh Assoeiation，gave an：account of the work which had been doty＂by that organi－ zation，after which a general discussiot took place on，the necessity for establishing a society in connection with the Church of St．John the Erangelist．The following committeo was ap－ pointed to draw up a constitution and rules；to be submitted to an adjowned meeting ：－Rev． Dr．Wright，Rer．E．Wiood；rector，and Rev． Arthur French，Messrs．Plumtaer and Holland， churchwardens，and Messrs．Ross，Reiffenateine H．Spence，W．George and W．Plimsoll．

Trinity．－A most successful concert was given the evening of the 8th Dec．，in the Lecture rooth of the Church，by members of the choir， under the able direction of Mr．F．A．Simon，the organist，Mise Bancroft，Miss Ready，Mrs．Ack－ erman and Messirs．Fall，Morris，Fraser，Epence， Fleming and Taylor took part in the pro－ gramme，and also the choir in several gleas The pianoforte duet by Misa Bancroft and Miss Reddy received well merited applause．

Grace Crionoth．The Ladies aid Society of Grace Church intend holding a sale of useful and fancy articles in the school－room，Welling． ton street，Point St．Charles，on Wednesday and Thursday，the 16th and 17th inst．Open from 2 to 10 p．m．The attractions are good， and the proceeds are to be devoted to clearing off the debt of the church，occasioned by the flood last April．

Children＇s Servioe．－We 1 egret to say that the intention of having a United Sunday－school Sertica on Epiphany，as decided upon by the Sunday－school Association has been abandoned．

Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod Office during the month of November， 1885 ：
For the Mission Fund．－Glen Sutton，$\$ 1.30$ Franklin and Havelock，$\$ 11.55$ ；Outromont， additional，81；Aylmer，\＄3；Glen Sutton，mis－ sionary meeting， 81.37 ；Potton，$\$ 6.07$ ；South Bolton，$\$ 2.16$ ；Bolton Centre，$\$ 1.60$ ；Abbotts－ ford，$\$ 5.25$ ；West Farnham，$\$ 14.46$ ；Nelson ville，$\$ 6.36$ ；Lachute，$\$ 8$ ；Christioville，$\$ 30$ Cote St．Louis， 84.12 ；Papinenuville，$\$ 3.05$ ； Trinity Church，united thanksgiving service \＄37．26；Buckingham， 82.27 ；Coteau du Lac， 84．75；L＇Eglise du Redempteur， 81 ；Adams ville and East Farnham，$\$ 4.66$ ；Boscobel， $\$ 5.50$ ；St．Johns，Que．，\＄40；St．Luke＇s，Mon－ treal， 86.79 ；Hull，\＄2．40．

For Widows＇and Orphans＇Fund．－Archdea－ con Lonsdell， 85 ；Berthier－en－haut， 86.
For Superannuation Fund．－Abbottsford， $\$ 6.38$ ；Berthier－en－haut，$\$ 10$ ；Sabrevois，$\$ 1$ R．W．Shepherd，Esq．，fourth and fifth instal ments of subseription，$\$ 50$ ；St．Luke＇s，$\$ 5.50$ St．Matthias，\＄35；Abbottsford，additional $\$ 1.25$ ；Lacolle， 86 ；Philipsburg and Pigeon Hill，$\$ 3.41$ ；Adamsville and East Farnham， $\$ 3.53$ ；St．Johus，Que．，$\$ 10$ ；Hull，$\$ 4.35$ ； Rawdon，\＄1．51．
For Foreign Missions Fund．－Franklin and Havelock，for C．M．S．，\＄8．
For Domestic Missions Fund．－St．Matthias \＄40；Philipsburg，\＄3．89；Pigeou Hill， 82.20 Bockus Sunday－solhool，\＄2．

Parochial Endowment Fund．－Abbottsford， $\$ 50$ ；Vaudreuil，collected 研 St．Mary＇s，Como \＄11．39，and at St．James，Hudson，\＄6．69．
For Sufferers from Small－pox．－Como， 87.86 Hudson，\＄7．14．
For St．Saviour＇s Ward，Mount Royal Hospi－ tal．－Como，\＄5．42；Hudson，\＄4．32．

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO．

Kinaston－－On Sunday，the 6th inst．，tho Lord Bisbop of the Diocese held a general ordi－ nation in St．Georgo＇s Cathedral．Candidates ordained to the priesthood were：Rev．Messrs． J．F．Snowdon，of Fitzroy Harbour，Geo．Scan－ tlebury，of North Frontenac，T．J．Stiles，of Cumbermere，A．J．Fidler，of Lombardy，and S．Bennett，of Roslin．Mr．J．M．Taylor，of Maitawa，prosented himself for dencon＇s orders． The clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario，Archdeacons Laudor and Jones，Revs．E．P．Crawford，B．B．Smith and A．W．Cooke．The sermon was preached by Rev．E．P．Crawford，the Bishop＇s chaplain． The sermon was concise and to the point，and contained advice which，if followed by those ordained will ensure them euccess in the minis－ try．

The Bishop preached in St．Paul＇s Church Kingston，in the ovening，the lesaons and pray－ ors being read by those ordained in the morm－ ing．

St．James＇Church Temperance Sociotyr， Kingston，held a very successful meeting on the evening of the 8th．The Rsv．J．K．McMorine delivered a lecture on＂Stones crying out，＂． giving an interesting account of the discovery of the key to the reading of the inscription upon the walls and porticos of Porsepolis．The rev．gentleman handled his subject in a very able manner．A vary enjoyable evaning was spent by the large number present．

Ottawa－SSt．John＇s．－The usual weekly meating of the Men＇s Guild was held in the： School hall on the evening of the 8th ult．，the first Vice－President，Rev．Mr．Mackay，occupy－ ing the chair．Resignations having been ro－ ceived from the Secretary and Treasurer，the same were accepted，and Mesers．J．G．Tornent and T．Beeson respectivoly were unanimously elected to fill the vacated officer．The consti－ tution was amended on motion，by altering the night of meeting from Tuesday to that of Mon－ day in each week，and by making eightoon the eligible ago for members．The essayist of the ovening，Mr．T．Beeson，then captivated the ot－ tention of the meeting at some length with a vigorous and graphic speech on the Roforma－ tion．The meeting on Monday ovening last was a＂general night，＂when songe，readings and recitations were given by the mombers in place of the usuni literary entertainment．

Upper Ottawa．－The Rev．Foister Bliss gratefully acknowlodges the following contri－ autions to Mission work on the Upper Ottawa， and desircs to express his hearty appreciations of the very kind and encouraging letters which accompany remittances por the post in response to the statement of mission worls recontly pub－ lished．The value of the offering is greatly en－ hanced，when so cheerfully and kindly mado： Smith＇s Fnils， 829.50 ；Belleville， 846 ；Toronto， St．Luke＇s offertory，$\$ 24.04$ ；T．oronto，general， \＄135；Kingston，Cathedral offertory，\＄25．62．； Kingston，general，$\$ 25.35$ ；Kemptville，851．04； Brockville，\＄32．Per post：Robt．Hamilton， Eisq．；Quebec，820－Mrs．Christopher Robin－ son，Toronto， 85 ；Miss Rico，Kingston，84；Mr． Tidy， 84.

## DIOCESF OF TORONTO．

Personal．－The Rev．William Roiner，for－ morly of this Diocese and Huron，is at prosent in the city，and it is reported will shortly enter＇ on work in this Diocese．

The Ven．Archdoacon Pinkham，of Rupert＇s Land，is now visiting Ontario．He preached at St．Luke＇s，Ashburnham，and St．John＇s， Peterborough，on Sunday last，appealing for aid to Church work in the Northwest．

The Dean of Montreal passed through To－
ronto on Thureday last en route to Hamilton and Liondon, where he lectured last week.
The Rev: H. B. Owen, who has been in Britigh Columbia for about a year, wiehes to retain to this Diocese, and is now seeking a position here!

Vacant Missions.-The Missions of Cookgtown and Alliston are both vacant at present. The Missionary at the former place has removed to Streetsville, and owing to ill-health the incumbont of the latter has gone to Califorinia. The Mission Board is now heavily overdrawn, the existing debt being about $\$ 800$, so that a crisis is impending unless the people give liberal offe:ings for Mission work this fall and winter.

Milebroox--St Thomas'.-This new church will be opened on Wednesday, December 16th: It has been under construction for nearly a year, and has been much deluyod owing to dibputes between the architect and contractor. There will be Divine service at 10.30 a.m., when tho Lord Bishop will preach; at 3 p.m. ho will administer the rite of Confirmation, and the sermon will bo preached by Dr, 0 'Meara; of Port Hope, and at 7 p.m. Evensong will be hold, whon Canon Dumoulin, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, will be the proaeher. Collections are asked at ali the serwiees for the Church Building Fund.

Lanatiy v. Domoulin.-The following is the full toxt of the judgment given by the Supremo Court in this case. It will be remembered that the Churchwardens of St. Jamos' nppliod for leave to appesal from the decision of the Ontario Courts.
Mr. Justice Strong oxprossed himsolf as fol-lows:--Leave to appeal granted on giving proper indomnity, to bo settlod by a Judge in Chambers to Caton Dumoulin, indemnifying him against costs, and giving the usual security for costs of appeal to respondent. The reasons for this judgment are thoso which I stated in disposing of the application made to me in Chambers:

## Mi. Justice Fournier concurred.

Mr. Justico Honry said:-I am of opinion that the parties have not shown themsolves ontitlorl to succeed on tho application they have made to this Court. The action was brought against Canon Dumoulin to test tho validity of a statute passed by the Legislature of Ontario, and he defonded the suit, and he did so, as it appoars, at their instigation, and on indernity from them for costs. There is no evidence that he wer zo weknowled to hold for the parties applicants, and never' admittod he wis a trusteo for thom. Thoy have failod to show that he was. The law is very plain that a party that holde for anctioer can bo forced to dofend the right of those for whem ho holds on being indemnitied for costs, but hero, after reading all the nffidavits, I hrve fonad nothing to satisfy my mind that ho ever admitted that ho held the property for these parties. He agreed when the snit was brought to be indemnified by them for the costs of the action brought against bim, but ho did not admit thoir alloged rights, although they elaimed certain rights which they alleged might be affectod by tho result of tha suit. It was undor those circumstances that an arrangement was made by which Canon Demoulia urreed to dofond the suit at their cost. Judgrient having boon given in favor of the plaintiffs, and they having applied to him to appeal from that judgnent, ho declined to do so, stating, "I am satisfied with the judgment given by the Court, and I will go no furthor." They contended that be, having defonded the suit at their instance and under their indemnity, mant try tho mattor out. He substantially replies, "You have no right. I never admitted I held for you. I repudiate any connection with you
ther." I:think that before they can claim to go on with the case they must first show that he is their trustee, and that ought to be eatablished before their application is grantod. Under these circumstances it: seems we are asked to put the oart before the horse. . We are asised to permit the parties to appeal, and subsequently to consider and decide' as to their right to do so. There is nothing to show he ever admitted himself to be their trastee, or to hold as such. Entertaining this opinion, I am in favor of dismissing the application.
Mr. Justice Taschereau said :-I would aleo have been against the motion but for another reason. I do not think any ground has bean shown for allowing an appeal per saltem from the Court of original jurisdiction. It is-ad. mitted these appeale, should be rarely granted, and no sufficient ground bas been shown in this caso, Dumoulin can hardly be said to have made out such a case as to prevent an appeal, but the appoal should be first to the Court of Appoal for Ontario.
Toronto--Holy Trinity.-At the last meeting of the Young People's Association of this church, a lecture was delivered by Prof. Babington, of the School of Practical Science. Tho subject of the leciure was "Water, its chemical and physical properties," and it was splendidly explained by means of some brilliant oxperiments. There was a large attendance of members and friends.
Church of the Redeemer. - The monthly meeting of the Young Poople's Association here was also saccessful. An interesting programme of music and readings was rendered, after which the most interesting feature of the evening took place, viz., a dobato by Mesers. Iynch, Robinson, Marphy and Acheson on-Resolved, That all real estate and property, except goveromental or municipal, and aill incomes be taxed. The decision was by vote for the affirmativo.
St. Philip's.-The Young People's Association held their mouthly concert recently. The following ladies and gentlemen took part therein, viz., Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Miss Vaughan, Miss Muldrow, Rev. F. W. Baply-Jones, Prof. Bohner, Dr. Evans and Mr. A. C. Curran. At the closo of the programme, the audience were invited to partake of the good things provided by the members of the Association, after which the meeting disporsed.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

Er. Tromes,-St. Jobn' Church жas reopened on Sunday, Dec. 6th, for divine worship by the Bishop of Huron. The Church has lately been enlarged to twice its former size, and otherwise improved, at a cost of about $\$ 1,000$. Large congregations wore in attendance at the sorvices. The collections were very liberal. The Rov. S. L. Smith, the incumbent, esssisted the Bishop in the services. His Lordibhip preached a Missionary aermon, in connection with the Intercession Service. Tho congrogation was not only deeply interested in thosermon, but moved by the earnest, touching traths which were uttered by the Bishop, and cuch made to feol that it was not alone the duty of the ordained ministers of the Church to preach Christ's gospul, but everyone bad a duty to peeform in connoction with this blessed work.
In the afternoon the-Bishop drove out to Glanworth and preached to a largo congregation, many of whom bave known him for the past twenty-five years. Hore he spent some of his earliest days in the ministry, and the congrogation feel hay lấve never hatd ono liko their old and true friend.
In the evening bis Lordehip returned to St. Thomas and preached again in St. Jobn's Church. This 3rd sorvice being ended the Bislop very kindly gave a most interesting addross in his usual-earneet style at the Sunday
night meeting of the Canada Southern R.R. Y.M.C.A.

Lo ndon-Bishop Baldwin's Friday afiernoon Bible Readings are very largely attended, and the general interest in them seems to be increasing.

Tev. Canon Innes preäched in St. Annc's Chapel, Helmuth Ladies ' College, on Sunday evening last. He founded bis sermon on the text talion from 2nd Cor', y ., 14 and 15 verses. The discourse was an instructive and interesting one.

London Souta.-Rev. Jeffrey Hill, of Chatlaza, delivered a very interesting Jectura Tues day, Dee 8th, In St. James' School House, London South, to a small but highly appreciative audience, the unfavorable weather preventing many from atiterding who would otberwise hare been present. The subject cliosen was, "What I saw down South," and dealt with incidents that came under his observation doring a tip in the Southern States shortly after the revellion. It was embellighed with illustrations, and was heartily enjoyed' by all. At the close a cordial rote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

The regular monthly meeting of the London Cierical Association was held at the See Houso last night, Bishop Baldwin presiding, and ten members being present. The greator portion of the evening was spent in the study of tho Holy Scriptures. Among other subjects of local terest that of providing night lodginge for the homeless and destitute was discussed.
Cgapter House.--The entertainment in aid of the Chapter House Sunday-school, hed at the Convocation Hall, Wosterd University, was a splendid success. The tableany of "Lalla Rooks," "Married and Happy," "The Merchant of Venice," "Coriolasus," and "Blue Beard's Wives," and the classical group of "Art and Literature," were rendered greatly to the dolight of a large and apprecintive audience. The tableaus were all introduced by excellent readings, descriptive of the scenes reprosented by them, and many pleasant songe and instrtmental pieces wore also given. Rofreshments were served in the green room. The entortainwill be repeated on Thursday evening.

Sarnia-An Apron Fair was held in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the ladies of St. George's Church, on Dac. 1ste, whon $\$ 190$ Tras made, after paying all expenses.
The monthly subscriptions indenvelopes towards the puying the interest on the Church debt was between $\$ 50$ and $\$ 60$. The officors of the Church feel quite encouraged, as the revenue is not only equal to the oxpenditure but enables them to deal with tho principal as well.
Brantrond.-St. Jude's.-A Vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening to consider the purchase of a new pipe organ. Mr. A. Hemeworth, one of the Churchwardens, and the organist, Mrs. Weir, who had been deputed to examine and juegotiate for the purchase of a new organ at present in St. James' Cathedral Schoolhouse, Toronto, reported very favorably of the build and tone of the instrument. After a fall discussion of the merits of the organ, and the advisability of purchasing it, on motion of Mr. A. Fair it was almost unanimously decided to secure' the organ and bave it erected beforo Chrietmas. The fact that only one person voted against the purchase in one of the largest Vestry meetings held for some time shows a high appreciation of the faitiful: and efficient services of the choir.

An entertainment was given on the evening of the 4th inst.; at the residence of Capt. John Ellison, which was largely attended. It was regarded as most succeseffu, both in point of
numbers and pecuniary results. The Harmo nica Band, from the neighbibiring city of St. Thomas, added greatly to the entertainment of the Company. Although the weather was anything but propitious, it being quite stormy, nothing was lacking for the amiusement and enjoyment of those present: It being the second of a series of those social gatherings, which it is contemplated holding during the winter:' 'ihe church poople here feel eqcouraged at the prospects, and regard it as an earnest of good times to come at Port Stanley:

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

## Notes from Nipegon.

We cannot asy fai:otell to iour Indian Mission at Negwenenang for 1885 without a few words more, in order to enable its friends to appreciate at their true woth the difficulties and discouragements at'sending its prosecation. Some, doubtless, would prefer that these should be kept in the background, fëring their dampening efficit on the interest felt by those who: contribute to its support; but (1) should not Missionary reports be true to all the facta "of the caso? and (2) ought not the very knowledge of the difficuities intensify rather than diminish our zeill, as we remember in whose footuteps we are trying to follow, and that, though eighteen ceinturies have gone by since Ho preached "the Kingdom of God," even foi Him the tine has yet to come when." He shall sec of the travail of the soul, and shall be Batisfied?"
First, then, as one important factor in the case, be it remombered that with the Indian the peculiar featares in his case, yet to be eninmerated, are grafted in an evil root; viz., the original depravity of our fallen nature, which, in white and red man alike, offors a very stubborn resistance to the truth.
Secondly, as peculiar to the Indian, remember the migrativeness of his habits, and his inborn and inherited aversion to the resiraints of a settled, civilized life. How long his forofathers may have occupied thê continent nono can tell, but all theso centurios he has been a wanderer, and the process of civilizution cannot be condensed into the brief space of a "transformation scene." The process must necessarily be very slow, and will demand, wherever attempted, more faith and patience, as well as a wiser and more liberal employment of tho proper instrumentalities thai has yet been expended on the solution of the problem; And Cuurch and State must both co-operatetho ono in payment of a just and righteous dolt, the other in discharge of a dirinely imposed duty and obligation: For the adult Indians comparatively little can be done. The force of habit is too deeply ingrained to bo soon or easily evercome, Dut let us lay hold of the childron of both seses, and gathor them, where possible, into such Christian and Industrial Homes as the Shingwauk and Wawanosh, and with such material in our hands, soft and pliant and ductile, there is nothing to forbid our expecting great results, provided the expeement be fairly made, and time enough be allowed. In a word, give the Indian fair play in the race for social and religious improvement, and he will not disappoint the hopes of oven the most sangaine among bis champions.
Thirdly. No Miseionary enterprise among tho Indians can afford, at least in its earlier stages, to ignore their bodily needs. These; from the nature of the case, ere very urgent. We require them to build and occupy Iog. houses, discouraging them from wavdering, if possible, but theieby, till they have learnt how. to till the ground, we cut of their formor and only means of support, viz., the produce of the cluse. True, some settlemente, like that at Negwenenang, may be fortunate enongh to be within reach of prolific fishing gy inude, where salmon, trout and whitefish may be found in
abundance, but (1) only one month in the year produces them in any quantily, and the Indian, among his other characteristics, has very little idea of providing for the future, preferring a kind of hand-to-mouth life. (2) The fisheries are a very precarious dependence, failing altogether'as they do occasionally, and then staivation stares the Indian in the face, unless the Missionary is prepared to feed them, and this is no ensy matter, in view of their immense "capacity," as may be judged from the consumption of provisions by twelvo Indians during the six days occupiod in tiansporting a portion of Mr. Renison's supplies from Red Rock to the Mission, viz., $1 \frac{1}{2}$ bariels of flour, 125 lbs. 'of pork, 10 lbs. of tea, 25 lbs. of sugar'; and 2. bags of potatoes. The "department of the interior" is, therefore, no amall factor in the Indian question, and, as shown on a largei scale by the late rebellion, the minister, whether of Chiurch or State, who would deal with the problem satisfactorily, must make some provision for it: Just here, however, lies one of the many grave difficulties attending our Missionary work, viz., the danger of fostoring a merconary spirit, and seeming to purchass their adhesion to the faith for the sake of "the loaves and fishes." Not, indeed, that they own to the impeachment: Their version of the matter is it much more charitablo ono-"Tho Great Father has sent you, you say, to caro for our souls; but we and our children are hungry. Does He not care for our todies?" And with this logic of nature we must be content, wait ing patiently till their ability to support themselves relieves us of all further ribly of a mis construction of our motives.
(To be continued.)
THE AD VENT MISSIONIN NEW YORK.
On Friday, November 27th, the opening sorvice took place in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, where the pastors of the twenty-one Churches in which the mission will be couducted, and the missioners themselves, took part. Within the chancel of the Church were seated Bishops Bedell, of Ohio; Tuttle, of Utah; Elliott, of Texas ; and Assistant Bishop Potter, of New York, together with the assistant reetor, the Rev. Dr. D. Parker Morgan. "The service was the regular ante-communion service of the Episcopal Church; all the Bishops participating. When this had beon concluded, Assistant Bishop Potter formally welcomed the missioners from abroad, warmly commending the Mission Committeo for its faithful and zealous services in preparing the field for the mission, which he said was in full accord with the principles and life of the Episcopal Church. Orie of the most cheering indications of succoss, the Bishop said, lay in the very great number of communications received from persons outside of the Episcopal Church, expressing their full sympathy with the proposed work.
On Saturday; November 28th, the services in the different chrrches were formally opened by the rectors and the missioners in charge.
At Calvary Church,' Fourth avente, a large congregation saw the rector, the Rev. H. Y. Satcerlea, deliver the parish to the missioners, Bishop Tuttle, of Salt Lake City, and Bishop Elliott, of Texas. Short addresses were delivered by these gentlemen, and 100 voices sang in the choir. At the Church of the Reconciliation, Thirty-first street, near Second avenue, the rector, the Rev. Newton Porkins, delivered the parish to the charge of the Rev. Dr:Campbell Fair; who addressed the congregation briefly in an interesting and fervent exhortation, in which the objects of the mission, the efflcacy of prayer, and the good of religion were entertainingly preaented.
The Church of the Heavenly Rest contained a large assemblage, and the Rev. Dr. Hrancis

Pigou said that he had nover before seen so large an attendance at the opening of a mission. Dr. Pigou is the Vicar of Halifax, England, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Qucen. His voice is low and pleasing, and his words wore listened to with attention. The meoting was devotional in character. The missioner told the poople that it was the old, old story ho had come to speak of, and that only. In regard to the conduct of the mission, Dr. Pigon said ho would like to see those who wishod a privato interView at the Church from 3 to $5 \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{m}$. enoh day. Evory morning there will be the Holy Communion and an address. Thore will be Bible readings in the afturnoon, and in the evening a sermon and "aftor meeting" of an unconvontional nature.
The Church of St. Mary the Virgin was well filled at the preliminary meeting of the mission. The Rev. George C. Betts, of Chicago, one of the missioncrs, walked down the nislos among the poople as he delivered his sermon on "Contrition" in an earnest manner. The large number of men present, who listened attentively to his remarks, was noticenble. Mr. Retts will be assisted by the Rev. Fdward A. Laraboe, of Chicago, as missioner. There have beon 1,000 visits made proliminary to the services in the district from Forty-second to Tiftioth streot and Sixth and Ninth avenue. Thore will bo hourly celebrations from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the mission days. At 3 p.m. on Monday, Wodnesday and Friday thero will bo addresses for women only, and at the same hour on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for men.
The Advont Mission at St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, was opened with al roception of the Mission preachers in the chapel. The purposo of this preliminary moeting was to introduce the workers to one another, and to. foster an enthusiasm among the members of the Church for the senson of conversion before them. Aftor singing from the hymnal spocially prepared for these meetings, the Rev. Wm. S. Rainsford, the Rector, made $n \cdot$ brief address of weicome in the course of which ho said he had suggested an Advont Mission two years ago, and at last the work of his brother pastors and himeolf had borne fruit; although some o the Episcopal Churchos had declined to como into the work, enough had joined it to insure success. He thon introduced the Rev. W. H. H. M: II. Aitken and the Rev. James Stephens connected with the Mission Society of the Church of England. The Rev. Mr. Aitiken seferred to the great Mission moetings of 1869 in England, which had proved an epoch in the history of the Church, so universal was the enthusiasm, and he trustod they could worls ap a similar zeal here in New York, and make their record equally historical. The spirit of indifforence was the worst fos they had to fight, and he hoped every member would make it a point to persuade some indifterent friend to come with him to the Chureh. Those among them would do the best work who brought into the reetings the laboring classos as well as tho rich. He prayed them to understand they had no pastime before them. The Rev. James Stophens followed with words of appeal and oncouragement.

The mission was encouragingly opened in the Church of the Epiphany with a simple evening service, led by the Rev. Alfred A. Butler, Rector of the Church. In a few words be introduced the missioner, the Rev. Otis A. Glasebrook, of St. Jöhn's Church, Elizabeth, N.J., to whom the spiritual care of the Church is given during the mission. The missioner spoke of his desire to become acquainted with the people during the next ten days. The sorvices to be held. in the evening of each day will bo of a general character, and afternoon Bible talks for women and children are the special features of the mission.
The services at the Church of the Holy Communion are in charge of the Rev. Dr. Fr Court-
ney, of Boston. He made an address to work-
ore After maling various suggestions as to mission worls, he urged the necessity of cooperation among bolievers. "Perhapa during this mission," said he, "some one of you" may be wounded 'by a shar'p doubt suggested by the enemy. The question, " What does it all amonnt to?' in the mind of some discouraged worker Put your arm around that woundod comrade as you would in actual warfare, and comfor and help him. Others may be wounded in different ways. Be ready to assist them at all times:': In conclusion, Dr. Courtney said he should expect the workers to be present at the stated morning and ovening services during the mission, and at the Holy Communion:

In the Church of the Holy Spirit, at Madison Avonue and Sixty-sixth street, the Advent services wero begun with the Rev. Samuel $W$. Young, of England; the Rev. Edmund Guil bort, Rector, and the Rev. Henry R. Freeman, Assistant Rector, offliciating. The attendance was faii., The regular form of orening service was used; and the Rov. Mr. Freeman delivered an address to young mon and women. The subject of the addross was Christian humility.
At the Church of the Holy Apostles the mission is conducted by tho Rov. Isaac M. Thomp son, of the Diocese of Quebec, Canada. He was given a reception at the rectory on Friday evoning, and the sorvice on Saturday included morning prayer at 11 o'clock, and devotional hour and an address by the missioner in the ovouing,

The Chureh of the Incarnation, Madison $\Delta$ venue and Thirty-fifth street, and Zion Church, Madison Avenue and Thirty-eighth street, unite their services. The mission preachers are the Rov. R. B. Ransford, of London, England, and the Rev. Hartley Carmichaol, of Tamilton, Canada. Sorvicos will be held horenfior at Zion Church at 8 and 11.30 a.m. nad 3.30 p.m. daily, and at the Church of the Incarnation at 8 p.m.
At the Charch of St. Philip (colored), No. 305 Mulberry street, thore wass a largo attendauce at the reception meeting, when the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, N.Y., was introducod to the members by the Rev. George G. Mepburn, pastor. The Rov, Mr. Crapsey mado an oarnest plea to his hearers to throw themselves unselfishly ipto the mission work. He desired to know personally every one of them, that he might stimulate them with his own zeal in the causo,
A religious moeting, "for working peopie only," the bille said, was held under the auspicos of St. Mark's paribh at Clare Jdon Hall. It was condructed by the Rev. J. E. Johnson. A sextet and the congregntion sung a number of hymns to the accompaniment of a brass band. In discussiag the miracle performed by Jesue, in raising the daughter of Jairus from the dend, Mr. Johnson aaid that Christ was a working man, and that none but a poor man could have saved the world.
The services on Sunday were largoly attended at all the churches. Powerful sermons were proached, and a farorable oxcitement was produced. As wo go to pross the servicos continue with unabated interest, and a full report of them will appear in our pext issue.

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During the late London Mission a series of sorvices for businoss mon was conducted by the
Rev. W. Hay Aitken with Rèr. W. Hay Aitken with marked success. These were midday services hold in a church in the vicinity of the Bnak of Eagland, and the missioner preached to ovorflowing congregations of mon only, manifosting a power that even his best friends had not anticipated. The Rector of Trinity Church has kindly granted the uae of Trinity Charch, at Brondway, Head of Wall street, for a similar, series of services. The'rddiesses will bo delivered at $12.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., by'thé Rep: Mr. Aitken. Only mon will be ad.

## CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Wrtwess And Kemper.-One of the Charch's titles, in which she takes mach pride is Witness and Keeper of Holy Writ. That she should put the consideration of the Scrip tures for the second Sunday ip Advent after the general announcement of the fact of the Loid's coming is proof of her concerin that the Word of God be kept and its integrity witnessed to.
Another evidence of her zeal in behalf of the Bible is the large number of selections from it she causes to be read before the people at every service, and read, too, so that they, collected into a single harmonious service, always teach some doctrine or truth which men must needs know and believe for their soul's health. There is no hody of Christians which is or pretends to be the Church of the Living God that affords near as much of the direct substance of Scripof it along with reverent, simple interpretation of it, in ptayers and hymis and special ser vices, as our branch of the Church.
In mentioning these facts we would urge each individual Christian to regard this feature of the Church's life and system, for the purpose of observing its wisdom. We do this the more emphatically because we are not sure that there is not an increase of those who affect scientific theories with which, they say, the Bible cannot be reconciled, and if not reconciled, then alas for the Bible and away with it -Church Messenger, Charlotte, N.C.

## A Plea fon tee Study of Chcron History.

 -The Rev. Courtenay Moore, writing under this head to the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette, says:-It is to be feared that many of our people are densoly ignorant as regards Church history. The ordinary Dissenter, indeed, seldom or never attempts to bridge the chasm between the death of St. John and the birth of Lather. It is all a sort of "blackness of darkness" to him ; and he probably supposes that "drowned in idolatry" sufficiently deacribos the history of the Cinrisilan Church for these fourteen centurios or moro. The English or Irish Charchman, from his use of the Nicene Creed, has a definite hold on Christian antiquity until the fourth century; so that to him about 400 years are cut off from the long period which is such a blank to his diseenting brother. There can be no doubt that this greatignorance of Church history has a very injurious influence upon the minds of those affeoted ly it. There is, of course, nothing like going back to the New Testament as the well head; but a person totally ignorant of Church history almost whollj loses the ides of the corporate life of the Church, which is of necessity so sensibly present to the student of the varied past. The popular Pro: testant idea is not that "the Church teaches and the Bible proves,", but that each person is to go to the Bible bimaself, and deduce from it a system of religion for himself, to which the idea of Church membership is entirely subordinated. We: venture to say, e.g., that Plymouth Brethren, as a rule, are totally ignorant of Church history, for it is almost inconceivable that anyone even moderately acquainted With its bare outlinea could aocept such a view of the Church of Christ as they presont. . While the stady of Church history at large is so useful, there is a spocial fitness in men studying the history of their own National Church. For the clergy particularly this is a very clear and definite duty.

The Anglican Church Chronicle (Honolulu, H.I.) thus refers to the duty of family prayer:

Are we Christians better than they? Cari we not learn a lesson as to our specific duty in the one act of Chriatian worship which concontrates all our best religious cultare in the family Can the body of Christian believers olaim that they give to family worship, the
morning and evening devotions of the house hold, a prominence relatively great as com pared with the practice of many who deny that our Messiah is the Christ. To a deplor able extent the hallowed scenes and acts of family devotion are banished from the house holds of professed members of Christ. The strongest and surest mode of imparting dee religious impressions is neglected. An infla ence which in after, life takes form to be seen and known is dieregarded.
" Around each pure domestic shrine,
Bright flowers of Eden bloom and twine. Our hearts are altars all."
Yet Christian parents fail most signally in this most important daty of family worsbip.
Too often it is the disposition of the fathe to leave this matter to the mother, but tho ferrful danger remains that the ohildren will fail when they reach the age of inquiry to see exhibited in the family what they have received from the mother's single instruction The careful praying mother works against the power of strong contradiction in a divided house, and of some child of proud promise it must be said, "his foes are those of bis own household.
The family altar is the household's tower of strength, the home consecrated to God is the poworful auxiliary of the Church, and the Church must have an abiding power' where the riches of the blessed Gospel are found in their fallness in the Divine institution of the Christian home.

The Church Eclectic for December furnishes an extract from the John Bull on the proposed new Marriage Law in England, of which we quote a part:-
The Duke of Aigyle would have an easy task in resisting the second reading of this obnoxjons measure if the question were to be decided by Holy Scripture or on any recognized principle of religion, law, or morals. On none of these is there room for argument, and none has been seriously attempted. The advocates of the Bill have but one plea-that they see no harm in it; and this is equally valid against all prohibition and against marriage itself. Christian Marriage is nothing but a lifelong prohibition on natural desires, in which the parties concerned see'no harm. Mormonites see no harm in polygamy. George Eliot sew no harm in living with another woman's husband, and too many see no harm in coming together " like brute beaste which. have no understanding." If every one is to be at liberty to couple with whom they like, it is illogical to forbid them from separating when the liking turns to aversion.
If it wer' a poor man's question it would come to the front in bidding for the poor man's vote rather than on the ecarlet benches of the aristocracy. Bat it is not so. The agitation from first to last is factitious and thoroughly dishonest. Beginning with a ring of lawbreakers seeking condonation for their own guilt, it is swelled by all those who have their own quarrol-and a much wider one-with the restraint of marriage. It has been taken up by the political Dissenters, who, having loog abandoned the Puritanism of their boasted ancestors, hate the Cantrch and the House of Lords more than they love freedom of conscience. It is resisted by the Church journals of all parities: it is adrocated by the Radical and Nonconformist prese with equal unanimity. The Times opposes it in the interests of society. The women of England-we know nothing of Court ladies-are anited against it. The Church of England Working Men's Society are issuing tracts against it: The Bible is against, it and the laws of all Christian churches, east and west. The Spectator, indeed, which affects a character for impartiality, affirms that the prolibitions in Scripture are
against marriage. But When aupplied by Dr. Trevor with chapter and verse to the contrary, the cardid critio suppresses the letter and coolly reiterates its misiepresentation. This is only a specimen of the usual method.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## To the Editor of The Chorcu Guabbian:

Dear Sir,-Considering that the Missionary Diocese of Algoma was, with much onthusiasm, set aprrt by' the Provincial Sypod of Canada, or that known as such, consisting of representatives of the Church in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunspick' and Nova Scotia, and that pledges were given by these same men that it should recoive their cordial support, I fail to see there has been any unfair or unequal diatribution of the funds at the disposal of the Board of Missions in granting it the larger share.: It is the bounden duty of those represented by the delegates who established the Diocese to mnintain it liberally, and with the exception of their own parishes and domestic missions, it should have the first claim. It has been my priviloge to go over a large portion of the district included in this Diocese, and if ever thore was a purely missionary field, it most emphatically is Algoma. The few hamlets called villdges aro scarcoly deserving of the name. Neither the houses nor the people indicate prosperity. The farmers are scattered at long distan ces from each other orer a country consisting for the most part of rock baroly covered with soil. In the winter the privations are extreme; all communication with the outaide world is cut off for weeks at a time-Port Arthur the only exception: To attempt to pass from place to place is recompanied with the greatest danger, because of the inclemency of the wenther and the almost trackless roads. Last winter a dovoted missionary undertoole to carry somo medicine to sick parishioners, five or six miles off, Part of the way lay across a bay. It was towards night, and intensely cold. He set out.' The boy who acted as his guide, after they had gone two miles, returned home, being diraid to go on. The missionary pushed forward, IHe missed the right direction, and gladly he sought the shelter of an ompty hut. He was so exbausted and benambed that he actually could not raise his hand from his pocket to take a bite of biscuit. When he was somewhat recovered, he again started off and reached'his destination, only too glad to find he was in time to be the means of saving a fellow-creature's life, and that his own had been spared: for he learned that during the night three men had perished on the vory road he had passed over. Speaking this summer to the delicate wife of one of the most comfortable of the settlers on the Georgian Bay, I said, "How far have you to send fo a doctor?" The reply was, "Twenty-two miles" by open boat across the bay" over which we were then looking. Tliese stories of cold, distress and isolation fall far bolow what could be told of those living amongst the Indians in Lake Superior. The direst want is oftentimes experionced. With the exception of one or two places, little or no moner cun be had from any of the Missions for the support of the clergy laboring in themfor the very good roason that there is positively none to give. These men, then, are altogether dependent upon the liberality of the Churchmen in the wealthier parts of the Dominion for their support:
The Northwest Ter ritorios cannot possibly have the same claim upon us as this portion of Canada; for ecclesiastically all the dioceses in that far off part separatad themselves and put themselves under a Hetropolitan of their. own selection. The people who have taken up land
in Manitoba are principally from the nortiorn coantries, and they can proporly and justly look to the same for assistance. It is quite different with Algoma; it is the Canadian Church's-that is as was known in the Pro vincial Synod of Montreal-first and only child, and it would be a disgrace to the'Church peoplo repiesented in that Synod to attempt to loavo it, at this early stage of its existence, to struggle for its life. In fact, to do so would be its death. Let not those who are not of as have cause to sneer at the voices of acclamation together with the unanimous shout, "We will maintain Algoma !". Which ;arose when it was first constituted; nor let them suppose that the strains of praise which were raized to God; on the announcement of the election of Dr. Sullivan to the office of Bishop of the same Diocese, appear: to have been "vox preterea nihil."

It "Jubtitia."
Hamiltoni, St. Andrew's Day.

## To the Editor of The Ghobce Guardian:

Dear Sir,-The very admirable tone of the Churce Guardian, in its weekly visits to the homos of the Church people, is oliciting, "us it deserves, the warmest commendation. Porhaps one of the best proofs of this is the effort which is being made by many to increase its circulation. For one, I can say that I have ontered upon an earnost and thorough canvass of my own parish, and hope shortly to be able to send forward several new names, with their subscriptions, so convinced am I of its excellence and value.

I wish, in this place, to testify, my own apyreciation of the excellent articlos which have recently appeared, especially those in the number of October" 28th. " One ontitled "Fiat"Justitia" merits more than ordinary attention from all good Church people: It expresses, without duabt, the sentiments of the truly Ioyal-citizen and subject; and in your quotations from certain papers we have the only true and correct viow to be taken eoncerning this matter, which has alroady been too long an incubus upon the land. I hope, therefore, that the offect of such articles will be to surengthen and build up truo visws and opinions legarding those things that so vitally influence the destinies of our common country. Whatever may be the final issue of this momentous question, you will have the grand satisfaction of being at least on the right side having thrown youir influence into the scale that only must be true and just. This consciousness of acting always according to those principles which govern the conduct of every real Chitistian is of itself' a reward, which trust has been already your own experience.

Yours, \&c.,
Clerio.
Port Stanley, Ont.

## BRITISH BUDGEI.

The value of the buildings of the Church of England, as estimated by the Liberation Society, is an aggregate of $£ 101,000,000$, of which $£ 99,000,000$ are the voluntary offerings to God of individuals; whilst nearly two millions were given to God by the Parliament as a thanksgiving for peace in 1817, 1824 and subsequent years. About one million pounds a year have been spent by individuals on their Church buildings during the last fifty years.
The late Bishop of Ely, who gave $£ 10,000$ to the : Ely Theological College during his lifetime, has, left the bulk of his fortuno to that institution.
The restoration of Ballynakill Church wias effected solely by the liberality: of Lady Domville, unaided by any of the parishioners. The chancel was erected in memory of her husband, the late Sir William Compton Domville,

Bart., and of her youngest daughter; Evolyn Caroline Domville.

The result of the tidennial election for the Sheffield School Board is that the Church party have returned the whole of their oight candidates, and thus secured a substantial majority on the Board.

The will of the Inte Bishop of Manchester has been proved in the Manchestor Court at ander $£ 85,594$, the bulk of which is left to the widow, who is sole executrix.

A sorvice was held at Lichfield Cathedral, England, for tho purpose of taking leave of Bishop Solwyn on his return to Melanesia. The right rev. prelate had been on a visit to England duying the past six months, and hins engaged in much active Church work, especially on behnlf of Missionary ontorprises. Ho has also received the distinction of Doctor of Divinity from his University, in recognition of his zeal and service as a Missionary Bishop of the Church of England. He has maxuied Miss Mort, of Now South Wiles: and roturns to the seene of his labors with an necomplishod and devoted helpmeot. The respeet entertained for the Bishop and his family at Lichfiold drew together a congregation such as is seldom seen in the Cathedral, excopting on occasions of extraordinary interest, tho building boing crowded. A shortenod form of ovoning sorvice was gone through, appropriate prayers and hymns being selocted for the occasion, and the service was, as we have proviously iutimated, mnst touching and impressivo.

It is stated that the Bishopric of Bloemfontein, which has been for some time vacant, has been offored to the Rev. George W. II. IKnightBruce, in charge of the districtof St. Andrew's, Bethnal. Green.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, following the exumple of the Bishop of London, has restored to his clergy tho priviloge of olecting their own Rural Deans.

The Archbishop of Cinterbury lias issued a commission, including the names of the Bishop of Bodford and Bishop Bromby, for porforming Episcopal functions during the vacuncy in the See of El 5 .

The Arclibishop of York his appointed the Right Rov. John Mitchinson, D.D., late Bishop of Barbados, and coadjutor of the Bishop of Peterborough, to act as suffiagan bishop for the diocese of Manchester during the vacancy in the See.

Canon Wilberforce, who has returned homo and has been ordered by his physicians to cease all work for six months, has notifiod to the Bishop of Winchester his willingness to resign the living of St. Mary's, Southampton. The Bishop has replied, doclining to accept his rosignation, and recommends him to talse the rost proscribed.

A statue of the Queen has just been placed in a niche reserved for it on the west front of Lichfield Cathedral. The Queen is represented as standing in medioral costame, the headdress being a veil falling over the bseck of the head, with a diadem encircling the forehead, The Queen holds a sceptre in her right hand. and an orb in ber left.

## AMERICAN BUDGET

The Rev. Geo. Williambon Smith, D.D.; President of Trinity College Hartford, has declined the election to the Bishopric of Easton.

Hobart College has met with a great loss in the destruction by fire, on the 19 th ult., of the building hitherto used as a Libiary.

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## CALENDAR FOR DEOEMBER.

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" 28th-Firat Sunday aftor Christmas.
" 28th-The Innocents' Day.

## ADVENT PASTORAL OFTHEBISHOP

 OF MAINE.Tho solemn serson of Advent upon which we have now, entered has the same relation to the Christmas fostival as the season of Uont to the Enserf festival. The meditations and spiritual exercisea to which it calls us are designed to cnahle us to colebrate the Nativity of the Saviour of men with the joy of those who both realize their need of a Sariour, and recognize in Jesus ono whom God hath provided to be their Saviour. Christmas bringe a cortnin gladness to all hearts; and it exerciges a gracious influonce evon upon those who give littlo heed to its real signifleance. It loosens the bonds of selfishness and incitos to doeds of kindness, and diffuses peace and good-will oven where the source of its poculiar power is quite unrecognized, and the, "unspalkablo gift" from God, which it commomorates, wholly ignored. But only thoso who believe in the reality of that gift, and appreciate its value, know the true Christmas joy; and, theirefore, the Church soeks, during this holy eerson, to quicken now our. faith in Christ, and ospecially to renew in us the sense of our helploss and hopeloss condition apart from Him.' Sho would also have us seriously oonsider that wo may not claim the incarnate Son of God as our personnl Saviour, unless we (are serving Him as our Master; and are striving to apprivy ourselves unto Him as our Judge: Slid bids us to try and examine ourselves, to rohpent us of our sins and shortcominge, to rouse pourselvos to greater watohfulpess and morezealbus labors; that our rejoicing at the great festival'may' be with amorereasonable confidence fnd'fifullor' gssituranee of faith. Let us heed Her oring voice, and be gtided by Her" wisdom, fraking ready the whiy of the Lord in our hearts Fund lives: and He Himimelf shall become "the
portion of our inheritance and of our cup," dwelling within us, a perennial well-apring of jo y and peace. - The North East.

## SPECIAL MISSION SERVICES.

These have bucome n recognized and accepted mean of carrying on the work of the Oharch; and as is well known have been in England signally blessed of God. The great Advent Mission sollong and so thoroughly prepared for in New: York has been most auspicionsly opened and now is in full operation:" Oar oarnest prayer is that it may be effectal "in tarning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom, of the just.". Several eminent English Missioners have been: secured-amonget them the Rev. Dr. Pigou, Vicar of Halifax, England, and Chaplain in ordinary to the Queen; and the Rev. W. H. Aitken. We also notice that in varions other cities of the United States like services are boing or have been inangurated, and the thnoght has suggested itself to us that it would be well if the Canadian Charch would follow: suit, and secure the services of some of these experienced and able Missioners for conducting Missions in the chief citios of the Dominion. Could not a General Committee for the Ecclesiastical Province be formed at onco to carry out such sorvices with the concurrence of oach diocesan? The Church Press, of New York, thus speaks of the expectant antitude and active life of the Churich in the United Statos:-
"We are on the eve of a glorious revival in the Church. It is, indeed, already dawning. The "showers of blessing" are now coming down. In almost every part of the Church there is a reviped feeling, an invigorated faith, an eariest expectancy, a fulness of commanion and joy almost unparalled in the hisiory of the Church. These " mission", services are only the outcome of the revival which has set in. They are in part the results of the Spirit's baptism and power ; and so again, rightly used, they will become meanis for obtaining a still richer baptism of the Holy Ghost. Are not the "last days" near at hand? Has not the '. set time" to favor Zion come? Is not God even now waiting to be gracious? And shall not we, as a great united Church, come up to the "help of the Lord, the belp of the Lord against the mighty?" "S:ve now, we beseech Thee, 0 Lord; O Lord we beseech Thee Bend now prosperity!"
Maynot the Church in Canada participate in this outpouring of the Spirit by the use of like monns? We know mission services bave been held in several places, but not; we: believe, genorally, and, perbaps, not as effectunlly as might be done if snoh:experienced leaders as those above mentioned could be and were obtained. We would very much like to see a movement towards thig and made in Montreal.

## PROFOUNDER REGARD FOR THE SACRED SCRIPTURES.

## (From: The Church:)

There are not a few persons who have "evolutionized" themselfos out of the reverent use of the Sacred Scriptares. They are scarcely conscious of the way in which the change has taken place in them. They aimply know that they have lived in a different at mogphere, and they have gradually come under its influence and power, criticisme which once ahocked them, theyi now aocepth finding no other fault with them than thie;
that they are not thorough enough. And now their condition is the very opposite to the state of mind possessed by the Pealmist: When he cried out, "Lord; what love have I unto Thy law I All the day long is my study in it. 0 , how sweet are Thy words unto my throat, yea, sweater than honey unto my mouth ! 1
It seems to the writer that the force of the attack upon the Bible, from the side of the "higher criticism," has spent itself," In that attack, very little has been brought out and established that is nem, and most of the argumante advanced have not stood the test of a still higher criticism to which they bave been subjected. The Bible is a book, not to be worshipped, i but to bee reverently studidied ; criticism is not to be deprecated, but the character of that venerable book is so high, and its beneficent inflaence so mighty and constant, that there is little excuse for the scholar who attacks it on grounds that are unhistoric and that do not commend themselves to the common sense of mankind.
One year ago we illustrated"the power and authority" of the Bible from the writinge of two scholars, with whose general teachings we do not agree. But the stitements of atthew Arnold in reepect to the Bible as the "teacher of righteousness" or "inspirer of conduct which is more than three-fourths of human life," and the teaching of Dr. Pusey that "the authority of the Church depends upon Holy Scripture," had deeply impreased us, and we felt that they would do good to our readers, as they had done good to ourselves. We pursue the same course this year, and we call attention to a book lately reviewed in our columns, to wit, "A Layman's Study of the English Bible," by Professor Francis Bowen, LI.D., of Harrard College. Professor Bowen indulges in pretty free criticism, but this increases the weight of his commendatory words.
We quote first his statement as to the value of the Bible as an "Engliah classic," illustrated by its influence in forming the style of John Raskin.
"John Ruskin is cortainly the greatest master that the present century bas produced of pure, idiomatic, vigorous and eloquent English prose; and as the first volame of his 'Modern Painters,' perhaps his best work, appeared over forty yeare ago, when he was a yecent 'graduate of Oxford,' bis style was perfectly formed while he was yet a young man. How was it formed. In one of his latest writings he has told us that in his childhood, as part of his home education, his mother required him to commit to memory, and repeat to her; passages from the Bible. A similar custom, as some of us old men know, prevailed here in New England over balf a contury ago, and I' hope that in some families it lingers stiil. Rinskin gives us, the exact list, twenty-six in number, of the Psalms and chapters he thus learned by heart; and as the selection was, in the main, an excellent one, we need not seek further for the secret of his admirable diction and perfect command of English phrasoology. In his list aie contained two chapters from the Pentateuch; the 15th and 20th from Exodus; eight of the Psalms, aming, which are the 90th, the 119th and the $139 t h$; the 5th, 6 th and 7 th of Matthew, being the whole Sormon on the Mount, and others."

## The Bible as a Text Book of Political Science.

With Prof. Bowen the Bible is something more than a book of noble and lofty style. For he says:-
ic For the mere student of political science, of the origin of government, of the theory of legislation, and of the determining canses of national character, I kiow of po study more inistructive and fruitful than that of tho history, the institutions and the laws of the Hebrow piople."

The hope for the civilization and happiness of the earth bound up with the Bible.
With rising earnestnoss the Cambridge Professor of Philosophy makes this declaration:-
"It is for the stadent to determine whether any system of liberal educétion can be regarded as complete and gencrous whieh does' not include thorough study of this great body'of Hebrew and Christian literature. " My Mown strong conviction is that the only hope for the strong conilizan and the happinese :of the generations that are to come in this English-speaking world copends on' the continued reverent study of the English Bible. Especially is this true in regard to those few great doctrinds, those underlying trutbs, so simply and" briefly expressed, which I bave ventuied to call the philosophy of the Jewish and Christiza Scriptures. For, know it well, the only choice' for us, in this piping nineteenth century, lies"between this piping nilosophy of the Hebrews and the phulosophy of dospair: the pessimism of Hirtmann and Sclopenhauer."
The Bible is an old book, but it is not an antiquated book; it is a' book foir him" who would accustom himself to noblid thoudhts nobly oxpressed; a book for him aliso who - ould perfect bimself in social science, atid who would form an adequate idea of the enduiting cluses of national character; a book for overy man who, in the recognition of God, "ruling the world in righteousness," con saye himself and those around hing from the "t pitiable ery which declares existence to be a burdon and a wrong, and bidis us eat, drink and rot." This book'" is profitable for doctinne", for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

## a ChURCEMAN'S POLITICAL :RESPONSIBILITY.

It is not without feeling the pressure of the importance of the subject that we draw the attention of our readers to it at this time. To say that the present is a critical hour is only to say what may be repeated every hour, for buman affairs within the spheres of political and religious life, as truly as within those of scicnce and speculative philosephy, have attained additional impressiveness from the rapidity of movement which is so character: istic of the age. At such a time, watchfulness and prudence are especially needed. In dayt of quict and slow progress, when men are calm and cool, and when opportunity is given for a carciul and patient consideration of all surrounding circumstances, there may be the less need for the quivering sensitiveness that is needed in days of rapid transformation. In this age of inventive skill and bold daring, when the mind is active, and facilities for the utmost freedom of individual enterprige are plentiful, it is most needful to guard all interests, civil and religious, with great care, and to act with the utmost caution, and with painstaking fidelity to great principles. With these views in our mind, we desire to awaken the attention of our readers to the duty imposell on all Christian people of, faithfully bearing and discharging their political respon-
sibilities sibilities.
A strange teaching has perverted the in junction of Holy Scriptare which teaclies os to "love not the woild, neither the things that are in the world.". It would be a sore loss to the nations if Christian meb did not discrimin. ate between that which is, not directity allied
with Christianity, and that which stands in direct antagonism to it. That the governiog powers of Statea have too often been unfriendly to the Church of Christ, eren when the Church was wise enough to know her own ephere and to keep within it; is but plain matter of history: But it is false reasoning to conclude that the powere of this world are avor to be far removed from sympathy with the Charch, or continue in undying antagonism to it. Whatever may be the attitude of thisese powers in other' lands, in our own land at the present day no such antipathy preysils. Undor the 'worst circumstances t the citizen must not be lost in the Christian, for no teaching better fits for citizenship than Christian teaching; and , the Ohiristian is the highest type of citizen. Every cititen lias duties from which religious profession cannot absolve him. Nay; a'trise interpretation of our holy religion would bind its disciplen by indissoluble bonds to the faithfilf dischinge of the duties of overy relation of life, and to thie as one of the chief. Nor does a mere observance of Iaw prescribe the limits of obligation. There are dutios that are not formulated as cominands, and the penalty of whose neglect is' not prescribed. 'Prominent amongat these are the duties arising from the relation which each man sustains to the nation in which he dwolls:- We refer more particulaily to the duty of oach using his measure of influence in the sphere of pational politics. :Indolence, cowardice or selfigh indiffoirence may lead a man to withdraw himself firm these "troublesome and perplexing matters. Some may refuse to participate in poli: tical affairs from fear of suffering diversion from more religious and spiritual matters, but it is not the highest style of religious life that seeks to sereen ituelf from the dangers to which duty may expose it. The noblest kind of religious life is that which can maintain itself amidst the distractions and dangers of duteous toil. An antocratic government is held, in abhorrence in our free land, where political rights have boen haidly won, and are now freoly and widely enjoyed. But political righte impose political responsibilities; and these cernubt be ignored without dishonor to the individual and injury to the community: One effect of the; withdrawal of Christian men from the toils and dangers of politicalilife, is the throwing beavier burdens on the shoulders of others. This is an unfuirness. Noi is it less a wrong to leave in the hands of more thoughtloss, men the management of such graveidaties. The nation needs its best mon to be at the front in all national affaire. To Christianize the State, overy Christion"minst be, accopding to his ability and opportintity, a statesman. Every man should, at the least, make himself familiar with the great questions that agitate the public mind; he ehould aeek to form a just judgenent upon them, and to throw his measure of phance into the scale in favor of wise and just measures. Nerer Wias the voice of the people more potent than to day ; never therefore, was it more needful than now that that "yoice should speale the word of wisdom, and judgent Calm refec. tion on ugreat zational questions will guard, men froin thd contagion of andae oxcitement. men the fmptise of the piagsion of crowds.

To use political rights under the guidance of religious principlos, and not to ignore them on the protense of guarding religions sensibility; to study political questions in the light of the same principles, not merely to be able to pronounce a right judgment upon them, but also with a view to right action; to exert one's individual influence calmly, and under the control of high principles in every way which is lavful and right; to bear a measure of the burden as well as to rejoice in the fruit of other men's labors, constitute at once the duty and the high prerogative of evory man who professes and calls himself a Christian. Whatever may be the external relations of the Chureh and tho State, it is the bounden duty of every faithful Churchman to aid in the moral and intellectuat, the social and coonomical welfare of that State to which his vory Charchmanship binds bim with strong, enduring and sacred bonds.

## VALUE OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

Every departure from the sygtem of the Church is a loss to individual character, and a weakening of belief and worship; it is the sure precursor of individualism, and, it may bo, of hereay. Our safoty-the safoty of priost and people-is living and working in the life and way of the Church."
These pregnant words are taken from an address recently delivered by a Canadian prolate; and they suticiently indicato the value to us of our Chureb's method of toaching.

1. Tho Church's method is well adapted for the formation of individual chnractor.
2. It enables us to traverse every year tho whole ground of thoological boliof and worship.
3. It is invaluable in preserving to us, not only truths in the best "form of sound words," but also Christian truth is a perfect whole with the relation of all its parts in their oxact proportion.
It is the weakness of Dissent that its method favore what is called above "individualism." That is, men establish reputations for themselves by their personal gifts, their peculiar tenets, or their habits of thought. One minister: is adored because he prouches so often on this or that theme with so murkod ability; another because he has this or that trait of character which commends him to his "audience." The Dissenter wants a sermon to his tante; ;and will "take his monoy" whero he can get it. May God in his meroy avert from the Church this degrasdution of the Divine oflice of preaching. A toaching Ohurch must have taithful preachers-men whoare not afruid to declare the whole counsel of God ; to follow in their plain expositions of the Word the circlings of the Christian year, giving prominenco to that which the Church of God in all ages has testified to as of supreme importance; the Incarnation, with its cloar and munifest teachings on the Divinity of the Son of God; the Atonement, with all it lossons of coinfort, strength, and grace; the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ; and the descent of the Holy Spirit; connecting with these great facts of the Creed all that which ia a logicul and inevitrable consequence, the unchangeable character of human responsibility; the assured day and universality of judgment, the cortuinty of ovorlasting reward and of eternal punishment. The value of the Chareh's system is that her liturgic worship. her chosen collocts, her appointed lessons from Holy Scripture, her Eucharistic readinge of Epistle and Gospels; all overshadowed and consecrated by wit roverent spirit, will if conscientiously adhered to, lead the preacher into a right spirit of exposition.Fancily C'hurchman.

## FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

## ADVENT 1885.

BY L. $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{s}}$
Ho comes I" Clear throngh the roosty stilline of of the al MIngs the glad warnlng, LD, your King doth come Mase graight Mip path' to every heart and home, Your thoughts make pure, for His approach prepare

With sprice and hemlock, and brightholly gproy. Your joving offerings on Bis altar lay Hall him the Prince of Royal Davld'sine!

Like warridr istenlag for commanding word Lilso yirgln who has watebod through the long night, Guarding with care her tnper's feeble light
To open at tho coming of ber Lord,

Tho great Church rlaes at the welcome sound He comes ! He comes!" o! joy thai I may meet My Infant Xing, and worshlp al hlis feet.

The first pure giows have coverad ali the plain Meot mantle for the dreary earth to wear When He draws near, Whose presence la all pur All bhould be white, withoul a spot or staln

With hand upon the latehet of the door
With ear attiont to hear His hastening feot
She watclies, thl her joy is complute i
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Living Church

GOING TO MEET THE KING.
(From the Young Churchman.)
Nettie lived in the South, in one of those lenutiful places where the cold winter does not go to canry away the grass and flowers.
Porhnps this was the reason why she was always so happy. For Nettie loved to be out in tho ficlds, with the birds and butterfies; and the sunsbine and the breezes had made her as brown as a nut.
Some of the people thought she was a little gipsy girl, whose wandering father had brought ler there. And certainly poor Nottie did not know any more than some of those gipsy childrenl She had no mother, and her father some times wont off to work and stayed several days. He always said: "Nettio is smart enough to take care of herself." And so she was. She did not want much, excopt to lio out in the sweet grass, and watch the butterflies, and gather the wild flowers.
If there was nothing to ent at home then Nottio would go to a noighbor's and work for hor meuls. She was so quick and pleasant that any one was glad to have her.

But it was a good day for our Nettio when tho new noighbors came to live in the old Colonol Rose place. For then the poor child found a true friend, who taught her more than the had ever known before.

Mis. Bassett was walking one day with her littlo boy when she met Nottic. And she stoppod to usk her $\AA$ great many questions-all about the place, and if there was a Sunday school, or any Church services held there, because the town was so far away, and many could not get there every Sunday.
When Nettie told her there was not any such thing as Sunday-school; and that she had never seon a minister but once-when little Lily Polk had died, and one conme to "read out of a book, while they put her 'in the ground."
"It is dicadfull" thonght the lady, "that so many children are here who have no one to teach them l". And she found that poor little Nettie, with her bweet, bright face; was almost a heathen, for she knew nothing of God or her Suviour, or any of those things which most children learned at Sunday-school, or else from their pupus and mummas.
Then this good lady went home and talked with her husbund; and thoy made up their minds to start a Sunday-school themselves the very next week. And they did so.
So that all those children who could not go to town to church were asked to go there, and our own Nettie was one of tho tirst to go in, with her smiling, eagor face.
"I will toach Jou myself," saidMrs, Bassett, ${ }^{\text {th }}$, Anw a little lame child who was gathering
and she took Nettie, with several girls of her age, in a class together.
She could scarcely believe it, but Nettie was the most ignorant of them all.
Some of them could reäd a little, and most of hem had heard of God and the Bible. Bat Nettie could not read at all, and knew nothing of the dear Father in Heaven or His Holy Word. But there were such gentle and kind ways about this ginl that her teacher conld no help loving her and feeling interested for her And after a few weoks :had gone by, and ahe asw how lonely the child's home was, and what a useful girl she could be, M's. Bassett took her to her own home, and made her a nurse for ittle Hugh.
"I'know that I can trust her," the lady said "She knows all about the fieids and woods, and can keep Hugh out in the fresh air and sunhine all these bright days.
And ver'y happy days those were to Nettie and her little charge. She told him stories of the birds and bees, for she had watched them so much that she knew all their ways; she taught him how to make a pretty bouquet for mamma. And they would laugh merrily at Hugh's little dog, Puff, when he went scampering off after a rabbit and never caught it.
But as Sunday after Sunday passed, and Nettie learned something now aach holy day, her tories to Hugh became different. The little fellow would listen while she talked about "that God who made everything;" and then he would point to a butterfly and say: "Dod make dat! Dod make mal'
But as Advent Season drew near, and Mrs. Bassett talked to her class of the coming Sariour, Nettie's heart was full of new, strange thoughts.
She was very fond of singing; and the Sun-day-school hymns had delighted her. She had soon learned them all by heart, and now this new one about the King who was coming-the children's King, so great and so loving-filled her soul with wonder and happiness.
She did not quite understand. The children sang about "going out to meet Him," and "ottering gifts" to this good King, and Nettie began to wonder if she might not go, too.
One day, just before Advent Sunday, Nettie h'ad gone on an errand for Mrs. Bassett, taking little Hugh for a walk across the pleasan ields. As they walked, she talked of "Jesus the King."
'And, Hughey, we can't tell when. Why appose it should be to-day-this very day!"
Nettie looked down at her clothes and her bare feet. She had always gone with her feet bare, and she liked it. But would the King be pleased to have her meet Him so? Suppose she and Hugh should find Him as they went on? Her heart beat fast at the thought, and he hastened to do her errand, so that she might be free to go where she liked.
"Hughey, we will gather the loveliest flowors that we can find, and maybe they will do to 'offer to our King.'

It was indeed a beautiful bunch, when it wa complete, and Nettie held it caredully in her hand.
Don't you suppose, dear children, that Jesus in Heaven looked down in love and blessed the simple-hearted girl who wanted to find a gift for Him ? Yes, It is the desire which He looks at-the wish to please Him.
The children saw afir of in the sky a rosy cloud among the white ones, and Nettie said: "Maybe the King is coming that way." And they ran on and on, towards the sunset clouds, which faded and disappointed them.
By-and-by 'ilugh's little feet grew tired They had gone farther than they knew. Net tie took him in her strong, young arms and carried him; and just as his ey'es fell shat there appeared a cloud of dust and a fast diven carriage far'ahead. Nettie's face bright oned, and she thought: "The King is coming ?"
herbs"by the brook which ran along the road side. As the horses weat rushiag by, he turn ed to ..pick up his crutch, and was knocked down. His head struck upon a stone, and as the gentlemen in the carriage saw it, their faces grew white. They. reined in the lorses and jumped out. : But Nettie was ahead of them. IKneeling, with the boy's head in her arms, she was wetting it with water from the brook. He was dying, bat Nettie did not know it. She only: saw the joyful look on his face as he said:
"Jesus Christ-our Lord!" And then his lips closed forever.
"Why-Jesus! It is He who is coming!" she said, looking around with wonder.
:' He has come, my girl," replied ono gentle man, in a low, solemn woice; and, though the tears fell from his eyes, he was not ashamed.
"Where, sir? Oh, if I could see Him |" sho said.
"He is a Spirit. He has breathed upon usas the wind touches us, though we cannot see it, my child. He has come to take this little boy home to Paradise."
While the gentleman was speaking, Nettio's eyes were fixed. in wonder on his tace. The others had carried away the boy to a hous close by, Then they leturued, and spoke together, consulting what should be done.
Nettie went home with Hugh, who was wide awake again by that time. Her heart was full of all that she had seen and heard.
And little Hugh told his mother about the poor boy who had boen knocked down by the horses.
Mrs. Bassett saw that Nettie was much af fected, and so, when Hugh had been put to bed, the kind lady asked her more about what had occured during their walk.
Then Nettie told her how she wanted to see Jesus, the King and how the gentleman said He had come to the little boy who was killed.
So Mrs. Bassett explained how the dear Jesus had come first, aighteen hundred years ago, and had been made a Child, like her, and had lived on earth to be a Saviour for every "When He comes again, Nettie, Ho will come as a great King and Judge, to see if wo are living right and trying to do His will. Every jear we keep this Advent Time, to remember these two cominge of our Lord. And we must try to be always ready, for we cannot tell when He may come to any one of us, just as He came to that little lame boy today. Death is only Jesus coming; and if we love Him, we shall be glad when He comes, and not afraid,"

Then Nettie remembered how glad the littlo boy's face had looked as he said "Jesus," and she knew that he must have been ready to mect his King.

Jennir Harrison.

A good rule for Bible stady is this: W0 hould apply what we read to ourselves. The Bible was given, not to satisfy curiosity, or amuse our leisure, but to make us wise unto salvation,

## CHISTVIAE CARDS.

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## BOOK NOTICES, \&L.

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## MIS8ION FIELD. RANGOON.

The Bishop of Ranguon has contributed to the Ohurch News of the Diocese an interesting paper on the Mission to the Andamans. In apeaking of the inhabitants he Bayg:-:
"The Nicobarese have some dim, ill-defined notion of a Su perior Beitg, though they have no word in their language to repro sent God. The word they use sig nifies "up there," "above," and conveys :no idea of life or personality. In their island bomes Natiure lavithes upon them abandance of food, requiring but little labor, apid this they regard as the gift of some beneficent being. They notice the effocts of the moon upon the tides and the weather, and they think that the Good Spirit dwells in the moon, and fancy they can even trace his features as he gazes upon the earth. In their votive plates they sometimes represent the "Giver of All" in human form, droebed iñ a skirt made of craskee. They consider this being is kind and good, and has no wish to hürt them. They offer no worship to him, nor have they, any idols to re mind them of him. But though they are thus indifferent to the service of the one whom they be liovo to befriend them, a large por tion of the time and thoughts of man, woman and child are dovoted to conciliating the evil one and disembodied spirits. The lives of tlie Nicobareso are rendered utter ly miserable by their constant ab ject terror of the aneeen world. They impoverish themselves to offor brifies to the "epirits, which they suppose to be ready to pounce lown and eat the life out of them. To these spirite thej' asoribe sicknoss, death and misfortunge of all kinds. They dread even the spirite of $\frac{\text { thoir }}{}$ parents and relatives, imugining the soul in its disembodied state to be utterly miserable, pad over, tiying to return to life in the body, and to enjoy again its canoes, cocounuts and pigs. As marriage feasts impovorish the Hindus, so the Nicollarese spend their goods on denth fansts, which are hold on the dity of death, three monthe afterwards; and three years after death. In large families these mourning festivals are almost contifo ous throqgh lifg Invitations a:e sent out by strips of rattan, knotted, ouch ${ }^{\text {B }}$ Enot trepresenting a dayy." The nitme of the deceassed is nevor mentiónati ' he ia called son, or older brother, of bje some other title.: This cuiston' affects' the 'language; for if the dead man's name is "f fowl". che word changut be ite peated, and some mew word must be invented for the biud "thius de. signited. The friends come, bring: ins preaents of betol, spears, cloth, sce. The hody is washod five times, and then wrapped in the new cloth thus colleoted: It is placed on the death plank; orer which there is a shete to wridd betel bark. On'the bark ape aegeral layere of clfth, the more the better, for the apirit is to hide himsolf inis them, and no be:re-
moved with the body from the honser Some fhe women, sitting: around; and placing their elbows on the ibed $\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{o}}$, iory aloud, whilet pthers are, busy: making a fepst, consisting of pandanus paste: rice, cocoanute, plaptains, pineapples, , de., which with rum and toddy, nxe placed year the head, and romain there till the body, is remaved, when the viapde are thrown out for the doge and pigs :
The body is then remored to a grave behind the house, upon which they place the property: of thendeceabed,; 'his, paddles, spears; cloth, boies', \&o. Thd mioutiners return to the hoinsé and' preserve : silence for some:time. mithree, dayn after burialia cpołed fowh, porlk rice and pandanus paste are placed on tho graper lis at the second death fepst, which takes place three months later, the branches of a certain tree are ; hung yp in the house, which aros supposed to attract the spirits of the dead. At all feasto the manloene, witoh-doctor and priest is very busy.. He is pliod with strong drink, under: the influence of whieh be is very delever in discovering spirits. At, qunset the grave is visited, and the women decorate it with wreaths; and all night the prients ining and the women cry. Three years after burial comes the third ifeast of: koroak or ponge. For month begore the womeh are busy sewing nairow strips of Turkey xed cloth worn by men, and tho short blue skirts worn by women. These are hung up in the house till the whole roof, sides and Hoor are covered. As the day approaches the knotfed rattan invitations are sent out; a portico mado of young cocoonuts is at the entran'ce, and "on aséending thé'ladder and entering the room you see hundreds of yards of calico, as well as hand kenchioff tord in strips; ; in front of the door two rudely carved buman 'figures $;$ between these a triangle of wood about four feet from the apex to the base, with horizontal latbes of wood upon which are suspentded $\cdot a$ large numbar of silver and electro-plated spoons.: The "t wo luxuries which the opulent Nicobarere indulge in are tall hats and epoons." In:our hondman's house be, shomed me ton or twelve tali hats, so antique in shape that it must be nearly time for them to comeinto fashion again. As for the spoons, they were of all sizes, teaspoons, desertspoons, tableapoons, and of great variety in shape. Some had crests on them; many of them probably wero obtained from vessels; wrecked on these islands: The epoons are used to fxighten: away ovil spirits, or worn ag ornamants One young woman wore a number of spoons and a'spup, ladle suspended from a cane round her waiet. As the feast begins the spoons are rattled, the gonge: strice," the cocoanute used for holding wator are smashed, glass and earthenware are dashed to the ground, the people cry' aloud, and tho spiiits : 0 link away Tha pigs are killed, there is a feast in the morning; all sleep during the dáy, and at inight there is iniore: feasting with dancing. The-host distribntee
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