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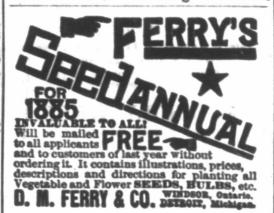
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from one city only, not from Jerusalem alone—do wo go forth to meet Christ this day, but from all the world the myriad-membered Churches everywhere go forth to meet Jesus, not with waving palm branches in their hands, but with alms, and brotherly love and virtue and fasting, and tears, and prayers, and vigils and every kind of piety, which they offered to Christ the Lord."

THE NEW COMMANDMENT AND THE EUCHARIST.—In the Church Reader for Lent, which we have already commended, there occurs the following fort, and warning. passage by the Rev. J. W. Parker, A.M., being the latter sentence in a sermon on Christ's New Com in the institution of which His words were in all the unassisted memory of man, to be borne by each the well-known document called Magna Charta. generation of men or by each individual. He was about His death. They must "do" what He together. told them to "do" and that "act" which they observing his commandment, they would also learn public worship of Almighty God. to estimate in some degree the extent of His love for them. So would they also have before their minds a pattern of that love which they should have for each other. Thus we discern that in the blessed sacrament of His body and blood Our Lord designed that His disciples should seek and find a perpetual nutriment and sustenance to the highest and holiest aspirations of their regenerated nature. In it would they be united mystically but really with Him, their sinful bodies made clean by His body and their souls washed with His most precious blood. In it would they be most effectually united with each other, inasmuch as all would be one body, as all were "partakers of that

days was called the Great Week, St. Chrysostom Source of Life.—The discourse quoted above con- Lord? It you do, oh, tell me not that you believe says, "We call it Great Week, not because the tinues: "Let us seek then to make all our com- in Christ. For what Christ said was, 'If ye love days of this week are of longer duration than the munions with Him, have an intimate practical Me, keep My commandments.' 'If thou wouldst days of others, for there are days which are longer bearing upon our thoughts and daily actions, mould-enter into life keep the commandments.' Why than these; nor yet, because they are more in ing and tempering them in accordance with the call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that number, for the days in every week, without excepmend of Christ. If we are earnestly striving to I say? He that heareth My words and doeth them tion, are seven; but because in it great things were grow in the love of God and man, let us not make not, is like a man that built his house upon the accomplished for us by the Lord. For in this the mistake of choosing our own way of promoting sands.' Perhaps you call this justification by Great Week the long standing tyranny of the that growth. If God has condescended to unfold works. To whom then do you apply your party devil was destroyed, death was extinguished, the to us the mystery of our soul's life, how it lives, watchward? For I have been quoting only the strong man was bound, his goods were spoiled, and how sustenance is administered to it, it would word of Christ. I have only to do with what sin was abolished, the curse was destroyed, Para be supreme folly to overlook His advice. But Christ taught. What priests have taught I know not dise was opened, heaven became accessible, men were surely he has advised us. As surely as Jesus nor greatly care; but what God's prophets have associated with angels, the middle wall of partition Christ came into the world, and died upon the cross, taught, and what He taught of Whom all the prophets was broken down, the barriers were taken out of the so surely has He taught by precept, by parable, by witness, that I know; and if you call it 'justificaway and the God of peace made peace between the last bequest of his love, the institution of the tion by works,' call it so by all means, and I shall things above and things upon the earth; therefore holy sacrament of love, that He Himself, by a not waste my time by telling you that one good it is called the Great Week. And as it is at the mystical in dwelling, is the spiritual life of His dis-deed, one holy deed, one noble, generous, selfhead of all other weeks, so the Great Sabbath is ciples. Such being his teaching, what can be our denying, loving deed, if ever you can prove yourthe head of this week, in which it bears the same duty but obedience? We cannot compound for self capable of it, will be enough to exorcise from relation to the other days as the head does to the such obedience by strength of mind, by skill in your minds all the petty demons of a verbal rest of the body. Therefore in this week many controversy, or by any subtility of misinterpreta- theology. For of all the sixty-six books of the persons increase their labours; some adding to tion applied to the Redeemer's words: We shall Bible which you search because you think that in their fastings, others to their holy watching; others grow in love if we obey. We shall keep the new com- them you have eternal life, while you will not come administer more abundant alms, and testify the mandment if we have the spirit to keep it. We unto Christ that you may have life, there is not greatness of the Divine goodness towards them by shall acquire and retain this spirit by reverentially one which tells you that either your opinions, or their anxiety to perform good works, and their honoring, not despising, or profanely, carelessly, your outward observances will save you, but they solicitude after pious and holy living. As after the and irregularly using, the means which Christ Him- all say, as your Lord said, 'Whatsoever ye would resurrection of Lazarus all the people of Jerusalem self appointed and consecrated, namely, prayer and that men should do unto you, even so do unto them,

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Practical Christianity.—Preaching at Cambridge, on Ash Wednesday on Christ's words "But, if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," Archdeacon Farrer said, "Do you think that it is of any use to call yourself a Christian and not to be a Christian? To say, 'I go, sir,' and not to go? Do you think that at the solemn bar of judgment you will be examined about your party or your opinion? Do you think that your Father in heaven cares anything whatever about your moral and religious speculations, your pet shibboleth, or your favourite form of ritual, or your particular theory about the sacrament? Do you think that if you are base, and unclean, and false, and envious, and saturated with unfair pre-THE SACRAMENT OF LOVE, MADE THE SPIRITUAL judices, it will help you one iota to say, 'Lord, for this is the law and the prophets; and this, 'Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord,

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THE EVIDENTIAL FORCE OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

TT is plain that the antagonism between Science and Religion arises much more from a difference of spirit and temper in the student of each than from any inherent opposition between the two. The man of science is inclined to shut out from consideration a whole body of evidence, the moral and spiritual; the believer is inclined to shut out the physical. And each, from long looking at that evidence alone which properly belongs to his own subject, is inclined to hold the other cheap, and to charge on those who adduce it either blindness of understanding or wilful refusal to accept the truth. And when such a conflict arises it is the higher and not the lower, it is Faith and not Science that is likely to suffer. For the physical evidence is tangible, and the perception of it not much affected by the character of the man who studies it; the spiritual evidence stands unshaken in itself, but it is hid from eyes that have no spiritual perception, and that perception necessarily varies with the man. By what means then can a man keep his spiritual perception in full activity? And is there any test by which a man may know whether his spiritual faculty is in contact with the source of all spiritual life, and is deriving from that source the full flow of spiritual power? Revelation, if it tells us anything, ought to tell us this. The answer which Revelation makes is expressed in the words of St. Paul, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." doctrine runs through the New Testament, and it implies that one main purpose of our Lord's appearance among men was to give them in His life, His character, His example, His teaching, at once a touchstone by which they could always try their own spirits, and judge of the real condition of their own spiritual faculty, and also a vivid presentation of the supreme spiritual law by which they could for ever more and more elevate and purify and strengthen their own spiritual power and knowledge. Let a man study the Jesus of the Gospels. Let him put before his conscience the teaching that Jesus gives; the picture drawn of our Father in Heaven whose holiness cannot allow a stain upon a single soul, and soul should perish; Who ruleth all the universe, and yet without whom not a sparrow falleth to the ground; the picture drawn of the ideal human life, the humility, the hunger and thirst after righteousness, the utter self-sacrifice, the purity; the picture drawn of human need, the helplessness, the hopelessness of man without God. Let him ponder on all this and on the many touching expressions, the truth, the depth, the force, the superhuman sweetness and gentleness with which all is presented And if his conscience bows before it, and can say without reserve and in unalloyed sincerity, "This is my Lord; He shall be my teacher; other can. here I recognise the fulness of the eternal law;

eternal truth; His voice will I trust to the very utmost; then may that man be sure that his conscience is in contact with the Father of spirits, and that his study will guide him i.ito liever seeks to keep his faith steady in the fuller and clearer knowledge, and more certain conviction that he is grasping the truth of storms of disputation, he will read of, ponder God. Let a man put before his heart our Lord's own character. Let him think of the Lectures, 1884. life of privation without complaint, of service to His kind without a thought of self; of His unfailing sympathy with the unhappy; of His tenderness to the penitent; of His royal simplicity and humility; of His unwearied perseverance in the face of angry opposition; of His deep affection for the friends of His choice, even when they deserted Him in His hour of darkness; of His death on the Cross, and the unearthly love that breathed in every word He uttered and everything He did. Let Him read all this many times, and if his heart goes out to the Man whom he is thus beholding, if he can say with all his soul, "This is my Lord, here is the supreme object of my affection; Him will I love with all my strength; from Him I will never, if I can help it, let my heart swerve; no other do I know more worthy to be loved; no other will I keep more steadily before my eyes; no other will I more earnestly desire to imitate; no other shall be my example, my trust, my strength, my Saviour;" if a man can say this, it is certain that his heart is touched by God, and the heavenly fire is kindled in his soul. Let a man put before his will the Lord's commands; the aims, the self-restraints, the aspirations that the Lord required in His disciples. Let him ponder on the call to heavenly courage in spite of all that earth can inflict or can take away; the call to take up the Cross and follow Him that was crucified; the warning and the promises, the precepts and the prohibitions; let him think of the Leader who never flinched, of the Lawgiver who outdid His own law; let him think on the nobleness of the aims to which He pointed; of the promise of inward peace made to those who sacrificed themselves made by our Lord and re-echoed from the very depths of our spiritual being; let him think of the sure help promised in return for absolute come to an end. "And so," as St. Paul reatrust, tried by millions of saints and never yet known to fail. Let a man put this before his will, and if he can say with all his soul, "this for the conversion of the Jews, not only for is my Lord, here I recognize Him who has a whose tenderness cannot endure that a single right to my absolute obedience; here is the master that I mean to serve and follow; and in spite of my own weakness and blindness, in spite of my sins, in spite of stumbling and weariness of resolution, in spite of temptations, desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they and in spite of falls, I will not let my eyes swerve, nor my purpose quit my will; through throughout the world does offer that prayer, death itself I will obey my Lord and trust to that all Jews may be saved among the remnant Him to carry me through whatever comes;"that man most certainly is moving in the strength of God, and the power of the Eternal Spirit lives within him. Our Lord is the crown, nay, the very substance of all Revelation. If He cannot convince the soul, no

would learn what it is that makes believers so sure of what they hold, he must study with an open heart the Jesus of the Gospels; if the bepresence of so many, and sometimes so violent on, pray to, the Lord Jesus Christ.—Brampton

#### MISSION TO THE JEWS.

AST week we printed a letter sent to us by the Rector of St. George's, Toronto, from Canon Sutton, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Parochial Missions to the Jews Fund, which has its headquarters in London, England. It is a rule in this Diocese, and a growing custom everywhere, to take up a collection for Jewish Evangelization on Good Friday. The near approach of that solemn day, supplies an occasion for saying a few words as to our duty to the Jews.

First of all, have we any duty to the Jewswhat do we owe them? "Much everyway," we might answer. Rather, what do we not owe them, that we count precious in the Faith? From the Jews we receive the Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation; every line of the New Testament also was penned by the Jews; "of the Jews, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, Who is over all, God blessed for ever." Nay, by their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, and by their unbelief, we have obtained mercy. What language could be too strong, what terms too extravagant by which to measure the extent of our indebted. ness to the Jewish race?

But this is by no means the whole of the matter. The Divine economy clearly contemplates the re-conversion of the Jews. For the moment, the severe side of God's providence is turned towards them, as, towards us, He has turned the gracious side. But they are still His beloved people, for their forefather's sake. The covenant was made originally with the Jew; he is the natural heir to the promises, and when the ingathering of the Gentiles is complete, the temporary rejection of Israel will sons, "all Israel shall be saved."

Meanwhile it is the christian's duty to labour love's sake, but also because God has some marvellous blessing in store for his Church through their restoration. We need not wish ourselves accursed from Christ for their sakes, but every Christian should say, "my heart's may be saved." On Good Friday, the Church of the true Israelites, and that our Lord's design may be fulfilled, that there shall be "one Flock, one Shepherd." We cannot say that there has been any large answer to such prayers. But have we any reason to suppose that prayers will receive a favorable hearing unless they are winged by alms and effort. What The believer stakes all faith on His truth, have we done, what have we given? The at His feet will I drink of the well-springs of all hope on His power. If the man of Science Church of England in her corporate capacity first to bring it into being. All honour indeed

to the older society for its past work among

the Jews, and to its indefatigable agent in To-

ronto, who is devoting his declining years to

its advocacy, but that Society has never had

the confidence of the Church as a whole, be-

cause of the sectional character of its manage-

ment. On the other hand, the Parochia

Missions to the Jew's Fund is worthy of all

encouragement, because it proceeds on lines

neither broader nor narrower than those of the

Church of England herself. And it is for this

reason that we earnestly, and with every con-

fidence, commend it to the approval and sup-

port of the Canadian Church. It may seem at

first sight as if Canadian Churchmen have so

many other claims of a Missionary character,

that they cannot recognize any claims upon

their sympathy and aid in respect of the Jews

Similar arguments were used when the claims

of Foreign Missions were brought before the

Church. Our Diocesan and Domestic Missions

need all the help we can give. Let England

support Foreign Missions. The Church, how-

ever, refused to be governed by selfish consid-

erations, or to imagine that the neglect of one

duty was to be condoned by the performance

of another. The duty made clear, performance

followed; and the first year of our Foreign

gifts witnessed the largest contributions ever

made to our Domestic Missions. Even so, we

cannot doubt that a corresponding increase of

spiritual blessing will follow an awakened inter-

est in God's ancient people. Of late years the

Mother Church has been led to consider the

condition and prospects of the Jews. At the

Church Congress, held at Derby in Oct., 1882

this subject was discussed, the Dean of Lich-

field, President of the Parochial Missions to

the Jew's Fund, being in the chair. In the

papers read and discussion that followed, many

interesting facts were brought out, one being

specially emphasized, viz., that the prospect of

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has done nothing beyond putting forth the few years, no doubt, the Church throughout the expression of her mind in one of the Collects Province will feel the propriety of coupling of Good Friday. "Until recently," we quote alms with prayers for the Jews on Good Friday. from the last Report of the Parochial Mission Of what value is one apart from the other? to the Jews," it had been the peculiar honour United, they go up as "a memorial before of one section only of our Communion to have God." Last year, as far as appears, two collections were taken up in the Diocese of regard for the spiritual interests of God's Niagara, one in Algoma, forty-eight in Toronto. ancient people; but now, happily the Church of England is beginning as a whole, and without The number will be further increased this year. Many, no doubt, have been waiting for an aprespect to party, to recognize her own direct responsibility in the matter." This improved peal on behalf of an agency in which they can feel full confidence. We refer them to the state of feeling has been brought about very forcible letter of Canon Sutton in our last issue, largely through the instrumentality of the and to the appeal of the Very Reverend Dean College, Oxford. Rivingtons, London, England, Parochial Mission to the Jews, and by the of Lichfield, which we reprinted, a few weeks efforts of the Bishop of Truro, when Vicar of the large and influential parish of St. Peter's, ago, from the London Guardian of Feb. 11th. Eaton Square, who was indeed one of the very

### PATRONS OF PAROCHIAL MISSIONS TO THE JEW'S FUND.

N a leading article to-day we have recommended the Parochial Missions to the Jew's Fund to the support of the Canadian Church. For the information of our readers we give below the names of the chief Patrons of this Fund, together with the concluding words of the last report: the Archbishop of Canterbury Earl Nelson, the Bishops of London, Durham, Salisbury, Lichfield, Truro, Winchester, Lincoln, Bedford; the Deans Lichfield, St. Paul's, York, and Llandaff, &c.

The last report closes in the following words: "In conclusion, your committee invite you earnestly to join with them in invoking the guidance and blessing of God upon this undertaking, and in enlisting the sympathy and support of our fellow Churchmen. Our Lord's command to make disciples of all nations; His prayer for the forgiveness, in particular of His own nation, uttered on the Cross; the exhortations which St. Paul has given us in the tenth Romanist to Unitarian. It is well to hear all sides, and eleventh chapters of his Epistle to the no one theory is absolute truth, and in the midst Romans—to teach us that through our mercy, God's once chosen people should be restored to the mercy and the love of God in His Son Jesus Christ;—all these, and other Scriptures, point to the great duty in this behalf that is laid upon us, with regard to the Jews. And we are sure that in endeavouring to promote the Parochial Missions to the Jews Fund to the utmost of our power, we are working at once for the spiritual advantage in Christ of ourselves and of our fellow Christians, as well as for the conversion of God's ancient Israel, our Lord's own brethren after the flesh.

#### BOOK NOTICES.

On the sublime and beautiful, by Edmund Jewish conversion was far more hopeful than it Burke. John B. Alden, New York. One vol., fine cloth, price 50 cents. This is a charming edition of one of the most famous of books. One sentence in the first chapter reads: "There are some men Church, has rolled over to our own shores, and formed with feelings so blunt, with tempers so cold and phlegmatic, that they can hardly be said the daughter Church, if she be a living branch of the Church Catholic, will presently recognize to be awake during the whole course of their lives, upon such persons the most striking objects make her duty to the Jew, and begin to see that the but a faint and obscure impression." This is one full blessedness of the Christian Church is of the acute reflections which abound in Burke's bound up with the salvation of Israel. Recog- famous essay, and he seems in these two sentences to have pictured the person who can see Mr. Alden's nition of duty is a plant of slow growth. In a edition of "The Sublime and Beautiful," so elegant Church Press," published in Philadelphia, edited by

'n look, so clear in print, so rich in wisdom, without at once becoming the owner of this literary

THE LITERARY MAGAZINE, John B. Alden, New York, \$1.50 per year. This publication contains about twenty articles in each number, selected from the leading English and American reviews. The subscriber thus gets the cream of the serial literature of the day for the price of "an old song," as the phrase is, but literally he secures ninety-six pages of splendid reading for the price of a drink or a cigar.

THE PROFITABLENESS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT Scriptures. A treatise founded on 2 Timothy iii. 16, 17, by Rev. W. A. Bartlett, M.A., Wadham may be had at Rowsell & Hutchison's, Toronto. When the Old Testament Scriptures are likely to receive a degree of attentive reading and study they never have had before, for there vised version will certainly have this result, the work of Mr. Bartlett is especially opportune and likely to prove of much service to readers and students of the O. T. This work betrays very considerable scholarship and wide reading, as well as earnest and devout thought. The clergy and divinity students will find it most helpful in their pulpit work or preparation for the literary labours of a ministerial life. We cordially agree with the brief but eloquent summary of this valuable work, which is that all Scripture is a revelation that "God is Love," and that Christian perfection is attained in proportion as this Divine attribute is secured.

Depression of Trade, a treatise by James Currie, Esq. Edinbro.' As friend has called our attention to this exceedingly able compilation of statistics. We notice it in order to say that the writer in urging wholesale emigration without discrimination is not well advised. Canada has more skilled artisans and labour in the rough than she needs. It is cruel to send journeymen here at present. We want tillers of the soil, men with some means, lots of energy, and no small powers of endurance, of such we can absorb thousands yearly, for our good and their good.

INSPIRATION, a Clerical symposium, Thos. Whittaker, New York, may be had of Rowsell & Hutchison. The members of the Symposium are representative clergy of different schools, ranging from of such a literary banquet, there are aspects of truth presented, or shadows from defective truth, which afford an entertaining and instructive study. We are much amused at the names of Leathes and Farrar being presented to represent the Church of England. It almost amounts to a practical jest.

THE PULPIT OF TO-DAY. Monthly Magazine of Sermons. Toronto News Co. The February number contains sermons by Canon Liddon, Archdeacon Farrar, Dr. Parker, Prof. Johnston, H. W. Beecher, and sermon notes by Spurgeon and others. The first discourse is a masterly, a really brilliant setting forth of the inevitability of mystery and mysteries in religion, as this element pervades all created things.

THE SABBATH AND THE SUNDAY, by Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis. American Sabbath Tract Society. We take this to be a defensive tract of the seventh day Baptists. It is a very clever little effort, the author literally annihilates the theory that the Sabbath was transferred a day later. He, however, needs teaching that the Church does not hold this notion, but distinctly claims authority as God's Church to observe the first day of the week as the Lord's Day just as in the same way the Church sets forth the Scriptures as the Lord's Word of revelation. Those who deny the Divine nature and authority of the visible Church, have not a leg to stand upon in upholding either the authority of the Canon of Scripture or the obligation of the Sabbath rest day.

We have received a copy of a new paper "The

the Rev. E. Ransford, L.L.B. This is a brightlively paper, full of meat and suitable condiments

A sample copy of the new local weekly has come to us, entitled "The Merchant." It is well arranged, well printed, and in every sense presents a very attractive appearance, while the editorials give promise of being fully equal to any mercantile organ now issued in Canada. We wish our young contemporary every success, the field is wide and will reward tillage.

## **Come & Foreign Church Aews.**

From our own Correspondents.

#### DOMINION.

ONTARIO.

MABERLY MISSION.—A course of confirmation lectures will be delivered in the several churches and stations in this mission, and were commenced Sunday, March 1st, 1885, by the Rev. E. Radcliffe, B.C. L., misssionary-in-charge, and Mr. P. T. Mignot, layassistant, for the purpose of preparing classes to receive the Holy Catholic and Apostolic rite of "laying on of hands" from the Bishop of the diocese of Ontario, early in the month of June (D. V.) Cottage meetings in connection with this course of lectures will be held in the homes of those people willing to place them at the disposal of their clergymen for this purpose. All are cordially invited to attend both church and cottage meetings, of which notice will be given, and will receive a hearty welcome from pastor and people.

Bearsbrook.—The incumbent, Rev. Mr. Christie, has been appointed to the parish of Wolfe Island.

Kineston.—The Rev. Principal Lobley, named in connection with the curacy of St. George's Cathedral, has declined the candidature. The Bishop has offered the position to the Rev. B. B. Smith, M.A., rector of Sherbrooke, Que.

#### TORONTO.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.—St. James'.—The attends upon the cottage meetings held in connection with St. James' Church, Toronto, met in the school-room on the 17th, for a social gathering. A lecture on Japan, with illustrations by Prof. Richardson, was much enjoyed, after this tea was served and addresses delivered by the rector and clergy.

St. Patrick's Day -- With a temperature ten below zero, it needed all the native warmth of the Irish heart to get up the annual enthusiastic observance of St. Patrick's Day. The usual procession of the benevolent societies was omitted, but the various sections of the Sons of Erin, with friends, met to celebrate the national festival. It has become however, not "St. Patrick's Day in the morning," but in the evening, or to use an Irishism, St. Patrick's Day in the night. The Protestant Irish had the privilege of entertaining at their dinner, Prof. Goldwin Smith, who has been roundly abused for sometime by the more violent Irish press. The Professor dwelt with eloquence upon the splendid achievements of Irishmen in the higher plane of public life. As rulers in Church and State, as lawyers, artists, soldiers and citizens, the speaker, showed how England had received and honoured destinguished Irishmen. The words of Prof. Smith, "Englishmen and Irishmen were brothers, the same destinies were confided to them, and every career in the Empire was fully as open to an Irishman as to an Englishman," were most timely as they are most true. Mr. Falconbridge at this dinner recalled the names of illustrious Irishmen, who had made a name to live in Canada, and elicited tumultuous cheering as he declared, . "They would find no true members of a Pretestant Irish Society among the advocates of secession, annexation or independence. They would be found always and ever true to the old flag." There is much virtue in that word "true" in this connection, as there is as is wellknown a party of "independence" agitators mixed up with the extreme wing of the Protestant party in the Church. Disloyalty to the Church has naturally bred disloyalty to the Empire.

we are simply a Catholic, and it is well for us to honour the memory of one who has stamped his fame upon the hearts of a noble people, so that they may know that this great Irish Saint was not in any sense a Romanist. St. Patrick lived in the days before "Popery" was invented, and therefore in the days before what is called "Protestantism" was born.

TORONTO S. S. ASSOCIATION -A meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday School Association was held on the 19th March, in St. James' school-house, Rev. Canon Dumoulin in the chair. After the opening service Mr. George M. Evans, Superintendent of St. Philip's Sunday School, gave an exposition of the lesson for next Sunday—" The Confusion of Tongues."

The Secretary asked the teachers who intended to be candidates at the Sunday School Institution examination, to be held in the city in May, to send in their names before April first. The names would be kept secret, and no record of those who failed to pass would be published. The examinations will be upon written papers sent out from England, and the answers wiil be returned with numbers indicating to whom the papers belong.

Intermediate Classes .- Mr. George A. Mackenzie, Superintendent of Grace Church Sunday School, then read a very thoughtful and interesting paper on "Intermediate Classes, their Object and Management." He recommended better grading of the classes and separate class-rooms for all above the age of ten or eleven years. / By means of many separate class-rooms many of the difficulties of the Superintendents would be lessened or avoided, and that laymen might be more readily induced to become Sunday School teachers. As to the best mode of keeping up the interest and of conveying truth, he strongly recommended the occasional use of teachers' services, such as have been conducted with much success for the past seven or eight years at Trinity Church, Geneva, N. Y. He thought too little attention was now paid to children in arranging the services of the Church. Morning service was too long and the evening service too late, to say nothing of the fact that the sermon in both cases was to a large extent unintelligible to children. He strongly recommended the children to pay more attention to this matter, and hoped that in every parish where there were two clergy, one of them would be a 'children's clergyman.' This was especially necessary in the case of growing boys. Ladies might manage elder girls, but the boys soon grow out of feminine control, and could be reached best by men. Laymen were too busy to devote themselves fully to this work, hence the need of "children's clergymen."

Discussion on the Paper.—An animated discussion followed the reading of the paper. Rev. J. P. Lewis spoke strongly in favour of the children's services. He thought they could not compete with other religious bodies in appeals to the emotional nature, and that not done, the whole scheme fails." unless children of the Snnday Schools became attached to the Church of England before the age of fifteen or sixteen years, they were apt to driftlinto other com-

The Secretary said the question of children's services depended upon what should be considered the true object of the Sunday School. As that object was commonly understood, vis., the personal teaching of the historical truths of the Bible and outlines of Church doctrine, he questioned whether the children's service was as well adapted as the present system. He feared, too, that in country parishes a musical service would be impossible, and it might further be questioned whether the holding of special services for children in the afternoon would not be a reason for non-attendance with their parents at ordinary morn.

ing service of the Church. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe said he thought the want of success to the Sunday Schools was due to untrained teachers. The clergyman, whose life was devoted to teaching, ought to be a better teacher than a layman, and one advantage of following the rubrical plan of catechising by the clergyman would be to secure uniformity of teaching instead of the great diversity which now prevailed. As to the best method of teaching Christian truth and Church doctrine, he thought the plan adopted by their Church of teaching the gospel by a regular round of service and worship incomparably superior to the ordinary system of lecturing. He spoke also of the great success of musical services for children in the country paishes. Mr. Cummings and Mr. De Grouchy took part in the

Mr. Mackenzie, in summing up the debate, said that his experience was that the use of children's services, at all events, occasionally was a great help toward accomplishing what all agreed upon as the object of the Sunday Schools. They should avail themselves of the lessons taught by the prayer book as to the best mode of teaching doctrine. As to the secretary's objection that special services for children would keep them away from church, the practical

all, and some means must be devised for getting them

The hymn, "Sun of My Soul," was then sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Canon Dumoulin.

Good FRIDAY .- " There will please God, be prayers, and perhaps sermons and collections, on behalf of the Jews in all the churches of the Church of England throughout the Dominion on Good Friday.

TORONTO. - Church of the Redeemer .- A lecture was given in the school-room of this Church, for the benefit of the Sunday School, on Eastern lands, by Mr. Lloyd. The locture was illustrated by transparen-

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT .- The concluding social entertainment of All Saints' Church for the season, was given in the school-house, on the 18th. Mr. J. L. Morrison in opening the proceedings, promised that the programme would be the best of the series. The programme was excellent and was successfully carried out. These entertainments, which were well attended, have been very creditable to the choir of the church, which has had the largest share in the management of them.

Squabbles over Charity.—It is much to be deplored that the work of charity cannot be carried on without unseemly disputes. There has been a squabble of late between two voluntary organisations for the relief of the poor, all arising from a protest made by Mr. Pell, against turning men into the street after they have used a refuge five nights. We are strongly of the opinion that a work of this kind would be better done in a central home directly under the control of a small Committee. The expenses of management for Toronto charities are altogether too high and machinery too elaborate.

#### NIAGARA.

The chairman of the Episcopal Endowment Committee has issued a circular, March 10th, to the incumbents of the several parishes in this diocese, on the subject of the necessity of a guarantee for their respective amounts, as assessed, to the Fund for completing the Endowment. It is urged that such reasonable assurance should be forthcoming from every vestay at Easter next, and, it is added, "The success of the plan entirely depends upon the condition that every parish shall take its share of the burden; if this is

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod of Niagara, J. J. Mason, Esq., has issued the usual blank forms for parochial statistics for the year ending March 31st, next, to be returned, duly filled, to his office, immediately after that date.

SYNOD OFFICE.—The books of this office for the fiscal year, ending 31st March next, will not be closed till Monday, 18th April, following. It is urgently requested that all remittances, on account of the year ending 31st March, should be made as early as possible, and in any case not later than 18th April.

Hamilton.—The annual sermon to the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, was preached by Rev. Hartley Carmichael, in Christ Church Cathedral, Sunday evening, 15th March. A large number of the order assembled at the hall and marched to the school-room of the church, where they were joined by a large number of the officers and members of St. Georges', Sons of England, and St. Andrews' Societies. They were then ushered into the church where they occupied the front centre seats. The church was crowded with friends of the societies represented. Rev. Dr. Mockridge conducted the opening of the service. Rev. Mr. Carmichael took as his text the first epistle general of John, iv., 20 and 21. "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loves his brother also."

The Rev. Dr. Hamilton, (Presbyterian), of the Scotch Church, New York city, delivered an eloquent and very instructive lecture in the Central Prebyterian Church of this city, on Monday evening, March 16th, on the Story of Christian Hymnology, from the first St. Patrick was not a Roman Catho ic, he was what difficulty now was that they did not attend church at to the eighteenth century. From a printed report of , 1885.

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Hamilton.—St. Mark's.—At the weekly meeting of inheritance and a consolation to the bereaved. this society, Monday evening, March 16th, Mr. Dempsey read a well written essay on the Power of Music. He was followed by Mr. Davis with an essay on Queen Elizabeth, contributing a great deal of interesting historical facts. The other members gave readings and recitations, after which a very interesting impromptu debate took place on the question whether women should be eligible for public, life the question being left undecided. A manuscript magazine has been started in connection with the society, and contributions are being made by the members every the policy of England in the Crimean war.

St. Thomas'.—The principle feature of the meeting, March 16th, was the reading by Dr. Hillyer of his that ministers and other well-known Christian people celebrated paper on the History of Medicine. The doctor was rewarded by a vote of thanks, and Dr. Ryall passed a high encomium on the essay, declaring that though he had already heard it twice, he could with pleasure listen to it again. Arrangements have been completed for an open meeting, to be held on Monday evening next, March 23.

Dundas.—The Scott Act meeting in Dundas, Friday March 13, night was well attended. Dr. Walker was chairman and the principal speaker was F. S. Spence, secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance. A resolution moved by W. Woodsworth, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Munro, was carried, to the effect again be submitted to the electors of Wentworth, and that a convention should be held in some central locality. The time and place of the convention were

NANTICOKE.—Active preparations have been taken towards the erection of a new church in this parish, to replace the frame building of some forty years' saintly Rev. B. C. Hill. long day. We would be peak substantial encouragement in aid of the building fund, from church people inner union. in the County of Haldimand especially, in loving memory to the late Rev. B. C. Hill, and in fraternal sympathy to the present faithful missionary, the Rev. John Leaman, and his parishioners. We would claim for the new building a substantial tower, (a little of Lake Erie. The very sight of a church near the about £30,000 to the Church of Ireland. lake shore, and the sound of its church going bell, may often deeply affect the heart and inspie a prayer from many whose business is on its great waters.

JARVIS.—The Rev. G. Johnstone, B. D., has been confined to his house during the past month, from a serious attack of bronchitis. We shall be glad to hear of his speedy recovery and ability to resume work in his large and prosperous parish of Jarvis and Hagersville. .

#### HURON.

Aquila Walsh, late Dominion Land Commissioner, has removed a highly esteemed public officer, and taken from the Church in the N.W. a strong supporter. The as a christian man,

thoughtfully designed to direct the attention of Chris- and the arduous nature and extent of his official dutian people to the true nature and character of this ties, we can bear testimony to the warm estimation in which the deceased was held by the Dominion in German, said:-"I have been here at Kishineff Government, and all who came into official contact nearly twenty-five years. During the whole of that with him. The memory of the just is blessed, it is an time I have always taken an affectionate interest in

#### UNITED STATES.

The Christian Intelligencer gives Ingersoll a fair retort: Robert Ingersoll asked his auditors the other evening whether a poor wretch arriving in a village without a dollar in his pocket, would inquire the way to a Presbyterian deacon's house? and they week. Next Monday evening a debate takes place on trying to get off a smart satire upon the meanness of greeted the sally with immense applause. He was orthodox Christians, as contrasted with the generosity of infidels; but he missed his aim. Everybody knows are the first to be besieged by beggars. I have frequently said to these persons, "Why do you come here? Why do you always go to ministers' houses? The invariable answer is that they think they will be more likely to receive sympathy and help there than elsewhere. We might retort the question of the jolly lecturer and ask whether a poor stranger was ever known to inquire where the infidels of the town lived, or whether a person in any sorrow was ever known to seek out an infidel to afford him comfort. Will the man who goes about ridiculing Christianity, tell his audience the next time he lectures, where they can find an infidel hospital, or refuge of any kind for poverty and distress, or any society composed that the time had arrived when the Scott Act should of infidels which seeks out and relieves the suffering, in this country or in any other on the face of the

#### ENGLAND.

Truro said that the future of the Church of England in Northern India, are quite encouraging. One of the duration, erected in the missionary litetime of the as a National Church was hidden from our eyes, but missionaries writes:—"It may be truly said that the The material of brick and in his own name, as president of the conference, he Mussulmans here are like sheep without a shepherd. lumber is already laid on the ground adjoining the desired to give utterance to the longing of their hearts One result of this, is the observance of many idolaintended site. The work of building may be slow, for union. He asked his brethren never to mistake trous practices. Many of the Mussulmans put the proceeding only as funds are forthcoming. There is friend for foe, and never to forget that all who loved sign of the goddess Lakhi on their walls in the same great necessity for a new building better and more the Lord and acknowledged Him, though they might way as the Hindus do. In preaching to such men, durable than the old one, good as it has been in its under present circumstances, remain outwardly differ ent from them, were one with them in the deep and

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette, says that the Archdeacon of Dromore stated in the Down Synod, that the sum contributed by the members for the maintenhigher perhaps than the old one,) which may easily be seen, whose bell may be heard far and near, by leave the church during the last fifteen years, was binds the Mussulmans of Bengal almost as fast as it binds the Hindus, Mohammedanism would fall to earn that it was incidentally stated at this synod, people at least within a few miles on land, and by learn that it was incidentally stated at this synod, pieces. I speak for my own district, but I believe that Judge Longfield has, altogether, contributed the same holds good in rural Bengal generally. If

### FOREIGN.

Russia.-New Israel is the title, writes the Times Odessa correspondent, of a Jewish sect founded about eighteen months ago at Kishineff, the capital of the neighbouring Government of Bessarabia, by Joseph Rabinovitch, an Israelite, and which accepts Jesus Christ as the Jewish Messiah. And on Christmas Eve (O.S.) a room in the house of that reformer's brother's was, with the permission of the Minister of the Interior, consecrated as a synagogue for the sect, on which occasion there were present, the Rev. F: Faltin, the Lutheran pastor of Kishineff, the police-OBITUARY.—Aquila Walsh.—The death of Mr. master of that town, the commissary of police of the district in which the new sanctuary is situated, a few Christians of the educated class, and a number of young Jews and Jewesses. In the middle of the room Rev. Mr. Fortin, of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, stood a Christmas tree loaded with fancy articles, and elevation of humanity, ending in attainment spoke of the deceased in eloquent terms as one of the and variously coloured candles, of course lighted. On to eternal life of the same, through Jesus Christ chief movers in erecting that building. The remains one side of the room was a table covered with black our Lord. were brought to Orangeville by the son, Mr. W. L. cloth, trimmed with gold fringe. On this table were Walsh, where they were met by a large circle of the Old and New Testaments, and various religious baptismal office, this attachment is a thing which by mourning relatives and friends. The burial services publications. The consecration service commenced nature we cannot have, and is revealed to us as the were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gemiey, Rector of with the singing of hymns by a choir of men and direct work of God the Holy Ghost. Attachment Trinity church, who, in the evening, preached an eloquent sermou from the Gospel by St. Mark, 13th sacred concert concluded, Mr. Rabinovitch mounted a ing of spiritual necessity, and it means a positive chapter, verses 33 to 37. Well and eloquently did slightly elevated platform, read portions of the Old the preacher urge the living to take the words of his Testament, first in Biblical Hebrew and afterwards in spiritual purpose to be served thereby. Attachment text seriously to heart, and watch lest coming sudden- Russian, and then preached in the jargon of his people does not mean that fancied feeling of good will, purely death should find them sleeping and unprepared. a sermon, largely filled with citations from the Holy ly sentimental, which members have to her who are He spoke feelingly of the sadness of the occasion, and Scriptures, demonstrating to his brother Israelites, not in communion with her, and who give no evidence testified to his personal regard for the deceased and their error in expecting the Messiah to come again of her idea governing their lives. high appreciation of his moral worth and character upon earth, inasmuch as he had already appeared in Agencies imply an adaptation of means to ends, the person of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. but all that man can do is to employ them in the

Knowing as we do the high character of Mr. Walsh, This discourse was listened to with great attention by the congregation. When it was finished Pastor Faltin took the place of M. Rabinovitch, and speaking the welfare of my Jewish fellow-townsmen, and dene all I could for those of them who chose to seek my help. I do not mention this with a view to thanks, for to help one's neighbour is the bounden duty of every member of the Christian faith. But I know that all forms of religion derived from are the Hebrew form, and that to the Hebrew nation are we beholden for Our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our and your Messiah. That verity, our brother Joseph Rabinovitch, has found out for himself, without assistance from any one. It is, therefore, better that he should tell you—in that language too which you best understand—in conviction of your error." At the conclusion of these few words, the pastor gave each one present, a tract, printed in London, expounding the principles of the new sect, the existence of which causes no little excitement among the Jews at Kishineff. Two of the Odessa papers seem inclined to throw cold water upon the movement, for the Odessa Messenger remarks:-" If its members accept Jesus Christ they are essentially Christians, and as such can worship in Christian temples, and hence they have no need to erect synagogues;" and the New Russian Telegraph says, "that, as the acknowledgment of a second Divinity is at variance with the spirit and genius of Judaism, we cannot see how any one can be Jews and Christians at the same time."

> CHINA.—The consecration of the Rev. William J. Boone, as Missionary Bishop of the China Mission, took place at Shanghai, on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, October 28.—China at the present time, taken as a whole, has not one missionary to a half a million of its people; while its interior provinces have only a missionary to several millions of the population.

India.—The operations of the Church Missionary In closing the Diocesan Conference, the Bishop of Society among the Moslems in the Krishnagur district we can speak strongly on the ground of their own creed. In many villages we have acted as Mussulman reformers in getting the people to erase all the idolatrous signs. We always feel that when we have succeeded thus far with them, we have established our characters as religious teachers, and that a good step has been taken to bring them to complete obedience to the faith. But for the chain of caste, which the Church at home were alive to its duty and opportunity, Bengal would be overrun by itinerating missionaries giving special attention to the Mussulmans. Schools and colleges hardly touch this vast community." There is an impression among them that they must ere long all become Christians.

In India, the Church of England provides ministrations for one hundred and seventy thousand native Christians, and a free education for seventy thousand

native boys and girls.

THE AGENCIES BEST ADAPTED TO ATTACH PEOPLE TO THE CHUROH.

BY MR. CHAS. JENKINS, PETROLIA.

In considering the question of the agencies best adapted to attach the people to the Church, we have to bear in mind that the Church is a Society instituted for carrying on the work of the redemption

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proper spirit, knowing that while Paul may plant and Apollos water, God alone can give the increase.

The agencies best adapted to attach the people to the Church must be those that convey most clearly to the minds and hearts of those sought to be attached the ideas and feelings of spiritual life the Church seeks to declare. The Church universal being the body of Christ, may be called the permanent manifestation of Christ in humanity, and those agencies that can bring home to the hearts, minds and consciences of the people, the living knowledge and likeness of her glorious " Head, from which all the body, by joints and bands, having nourishment ministered and knit together increaseth with the increase of God," are the agencies that a sanctified intelligence

But the question of agencies to attach, is as old as the institution itself; and what additional light can we throw on this, after nearly 1900 years experience is on record? More particularly considering the history and constitution of the Church of England itself how are its well known agencies to be improved upon, and further, why have they not been more successful in keeping numbers within its pale, and why does it not extend as quickly as some other, religious

In England, after the Reformation settlement, the whole nation, except the Romanists, belonged to it. That is not the case now, while in Canada, although it had whatever advantage a state connection might give it, it is not by any means first in point of numbers or revenues.

The men of the Reformation, as the Book of Common Prayer bears witness, did their work well. In re-organizing the Church services such a spirit of calm and reverent devotion has been infused into them by their compilers, that we are impressed with the fact that these men, although living in exciting and perilous times, and doing work that they well knew might result in a martyr's death, yet had in large measure "the peace of God which passeth all

understanding." The whole system is built up on the basis of constant and careful culture in things spiritual, and open recognition of God in every event of life. Baptism, sponsorship, catechising, habitual attendance on ordinances, of the public worship of Almighty God, confirmation, Church seasons with the accompanying special atmosphere of thought and feeling, Holy Com munion, preaching, are all agencies which have attached and do attach. The further special interest taken by the Church in human affairs is to be seen in the provision she makes in her services for the hallowing that fundamental bond of society, marriage; for visitation of the sick, making them objects of peculiar care: and the order for the burial of the dead, which cheers up the gloom of the grave with the light of the resurrection morn.

The sympathy of the Church with all varieties and needs of national life permeates all her services. It is strikingly expressed in "Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea." One rubric is, "The Prayer to be said spirit that recognizes God in Christ. As far as they could go at the time, the Reformers of the Church of England made provision for expression of all human wants and necessities.

Moreover, as it was a national work, national provision was made to sustain the ministers and ordinances of religion. Churchwardens were empowered to compel attendance on divine service. Everything was done, according to the light of the times, to bring the people in contact with the teachings of religion, in good, thorough going, English style; and the consideration that inevitably arises is, what are or have been the influences that have detached people from the Church of England?

This question introduces us to the great modern problems of religious history, and the forces they deal with are as active and powerful now as ever they have been. The Reformation settlement did two things: It got rid of the errors of Rome, but it gave a prominence to the individual rights of private judgment that had possibly never existed before, and the Church of England had to accept the logical consequences of this newly liberated force; and the probfem she has been trying to solve for three centuries, which is still unsettled, is the necessary reconciliation between authority and freedom.

The Church being a human society, must proceed according to the conditions that govern human action in corporate life where individual action is allowed free play. We find that in movements of bodies of men, two distinct tendencies are manifested, and the individual allies himself with those with whom he has most affinity.

It soon became apparent that Church order, asserted by the civil power, did not quite meet the altered conditions, and that the Reformation was something John xii. 12, 13. Our lesson opens with a very difmore than the exchange of Pope for King. The

ment, and the feeling that to be in Christ was to be a mean? That "God so loved the world, that He new creature, which was not to them exactly the gave His only begotten Son." What for? Of whom same thing as connection with a national church, led was the procession composed? Roman soldiers in numbers to the conclusion that their spiritual life charge of a centurion. Three condemned men carry. could not be nourished in the Church of England as ing crosses. A crowd following, priests exulting, then governed and administered. The Puritan or women weeping St. Luke xxiii. 27. Whither going? Presbyterian party came into existence, and those who had a strong sense of individual freedom and but it was "outside the gate," Heb. xiii. 12. Comliberty of conscience, came in direct collision with pare Acts vii. 58, because executions always took those who depended chiefly on church order and place there. Our blessed Lord thought not of Him. ecclesiastical authority for developing the Christian life. Now, for a full manifestation of spiritual life both mental conditions are necessary. Authority is wanted, and freedom is wanted. In the balancing of the nails were piercing His sacred hands and feet them God governs. We see this illustrated in nature what does he say? "Father forgive them" etc., St. by the motion of the earth round the sun : the centri- Luke xxiii. 84. Again to the penitent malefactor, fugal and centripetal forces are so balanced as to produce the desired motion. We see it in that balancing of the static and dynamic forces that makes our globe capable of being the home of organic life.

But authority and freedom were not left to adjust themselves on moral grounds. The secular arm was on the side of authority, and the penalty of obeying conscience in religious matters was treated as an offence against the state. This could have only one result, and combined with other causes led to this effect, that in one hundred years from the Reformation, England was divided into two camps, and author ity and freedom engaged in death grapple. The party of freedom won, but at the expense of their own subdivision, and the reaction in the national feeling led to the re-establishment of the party of order and authority. An attempt was made at the Savoy Conference to reconcile all, but it was no use, and the Anglican Church, having the power, passed its act of Uniformity and created modern Nonconformity. "My kingdom is not of this world," says the Master. At this time the rulers of the Church of England did not fully appreciate that truth as applied to the

Charles II. passed away. However little he had allowed church ideas to influence his private life and conduct, he had obeyed the church party in questions of public policy, but his successor tried to re-introduce the old system cast out one hundred and fifty years before. The trial of the seven bishops caused Episcopalian and Puritan to submerge their differ-James lost his crown, and his successor, William III., attempted by law to comprehend all varieties of religious opinion in one body. He failed,—such a work cannot be done by statute law. The atmosphere of toleration, however, had diffused itself. fit to be the "one sacrifice for sins forever." Nonconformists were no longer interfered with. It was not possible to imprison another John Bunyan, and within the Church itself, the High and Low agreeing with the Nonconformists.

on is very necessary but not exclusively necessary. St. John vii. 37. The manna in the wilderness, before a fight at Sea against any Enemy." The old The questions between them are not the causes of the Exodus xvi. 15, compare St. John vi. 82, 88. difference, but the results of the working of different mental constitutions. Where is the line to be drawn? The brazen serpent, Num. xxi. 8, compare St. John Where do authority and regulated order merge into iii. 14. Jacob's ladder, Gen. xxviii. 12, compare St. that liberty, the proper enjoyment of which, is the most noble privilege of man?

To be continued.

# Notes on the Bible

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BIBLE LESSON.

"The Death of Jesus Christ."—St. John xix. 16, 80. A special lesson to-day, because the death of our

Lord Jesus Christ, which the Church commemorates on Good Friday, forms its subject.

The Sunday next before Easter, has received the name of Palm Sunday, from the act of the multitude who five days before His crucifixion hailed the Lord Jesus, on His triumphal entry into Jerusalm, as King of Israel, at the same time, as the Eastern way of showing honor, strewing their robes, and the green branches as a carpet for Him to pass over, while before and behind, others waving the long palm leaves sang glad Hosannas, St. Matt. xxi. 8; St.

self or of His sufferings, Luke xxiii. 26. Even while He hung upon the cross. Three of the "seven words" recorded, illustrate this. At the very moment when hanging on the cross beside Him, who, alone in the whele world, took Christ's side, what does He say? To day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise, St. Luke xxiii. 43. Again to His Mother and St. John, St. John xix. 26, 27. A gift to each, this was the hour when the 'sword' was indeed piercing through His soul, St. Luke ii. S5, but the Divine Son gave her in His dying anguish to the beloved disciple to protect and care for.

What were the other sayings of His which are recorded? A cry of grief, His suffering, St. Matt. xxvii. 46, "My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Had the Father really forsaken His beloved Son? There is only one thing that shuts off God's smile, see Heb. i. 18. But Jesus had no sin, why, then this cloud? see Isaiah liii. 6; 2 Cor v. 21. Again, a cry of burning thirst, His body suffering, St. John xix. 28. The sixth saying, "It was finished." verse 30. What finished? all the types and prophecies fulfilled, all His sufferings at an end, the cup drunk to the dregs, His great work complete.

The seventh saying, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit," St. Luke xxiii. 46. He yields up His life, of His own accord, for us, St. John x. 18, Christ was the great sinbearer, His sufferings were for you, for me, an atonement for the sins of the whole world. God cannot look upon sin, Heb. i. 18; Isaiah lix. 2. Our iniquities were laid on Him, Isaiah liii, 5, 6; 2 Cor. v. 21; 1 Pet. iii. 18. What is sin? Transgression of the law, the punishmens due for sin is, what? see Ezek. xviii. 20; Rom. vi. 23; Gen. ii, 17, ences and unite against the hated rule of Rome. Every child of Adam has sinned, Rem. iii. 22; Psalm xiv. 2, 8. All are under sentence of death; Jesus voluntarily took on Himself the punishment due to sin, and thus put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Jesus, a "perfect man and a perfect God" was alone

There are many aspects in which the death of Christ can be viewed; as the propitiation of offended justice, the fulfilment of type and prophecy, the crisis parties became distinct, the latter in many points of the conflict with Satan, the great proof of God's love. Last year we looked at it in this last aspect. This division exists still, and will exist. The differ- To-day let us view it as the accomplishment of type ence is caused by the natural limitation of human and prediction, ex. gr. The offering of Isaac, Gen. faculties and mental bias. The truth that each rests xxii. The well in Horeb, Exodus xvii. 6, compare

> The paschal lamb, Exodus xii, compare 1 Cor. v. 7. John i. 51. Now let us look at some of the prophecies which were fulfilled in the death of Jesus Christ, Psalm xxii, 1, 6, 8, 16, 18; Psalm lxix. 21; Isaiah liii. 8, 7, 12. Some of the "benefits which by His precious bloodshedding He hath obtained for us" are Redemption, "brought back," 1 Pet. i. 18, 19; Gal. iii. 18. Reconciliation, atonement at one with God, Col. i. 21; 2 Cor. v. 19 Adoption, Gal. iii. 26; 1 John iii. 1, 2; Gal. iv. 5. Biernal life, Rom. viii. 11; 2 Tim. i. 10; St. John x. 28; Rom. vi. 28. These benefits are for us all, 1 John ii. 2. Yet how many turn away and refuse to listen to the wondrous message of love, see the way open, and God standing with outstretched arms to receive, them yet will not come! Let us remember Heb. ii. 8, " How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

> > Holy Jesus, grant us grace, In that sacrifice to place All our trust for life renewed, Pardoned sin, and promised good.

## Correspondence.

- All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.
- We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

#### CONVERSION.

SIR,—I have read carefully the letters on Conversion in your paper, but so far have been unable to disferent scene, another procession coming out of Jeru- cover what certain Toronto Evangelicals mean by sense of the moral responsibility of each man to God salem, the very same 'King of the Jews' going to that term. Will you kindly give me space to quote execution amid taunts and insults. What did it from an Evangelical Clergyman of the American

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Church, who, in a sermon on confirmation gives an ing to build decent temples that men may learn to tradition." W. B. ought to know enough of the very explanation which commends itself to me. It is as worship God the Father and the Eternal Son in the sad history of not only Romanism, but of all the other follows:-

mean by urging those who have not a change of heart settlements of our country. to make a public profession of religion? We must have a great change, they say, ere we can be meet for such a duty, or receive the sacraments of Christ's Church. And so they make this seemingly pious regard for the sacraments, and this high sense of the qualifications for their due reception, an excuse for neglecting them. Why do they not seek a change of heart, then, if they need it, instead of making the want of it a plea for neglect of duty to God? Before the next administration of confirmation, they may, change which they want to render, then meet to restrange to be told that they could not become prepared for death because they had but a few days to live; much more may they prepare for sacraments, in a short time, when in all the vigor of health and life. And what is a change of heart? It is such an alteration in the dispositions as will bring those who neg lect their duty to God, disobey His commands, and will be the change of heart which you need."

#### ADORN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

SIR,—Far be it from me to say ought against that noble spirit of Christian zeal and reverence for Divine things which leads men and women to adorn with expensive furnishings the different parts of the house of God. Many of our churches in both city and country have been sadly wanting in beauty and neatness until a very recent date. Yet for all that, church adornments are of a much more expensive character than they need be at present, in many instances. It may appear to be a sweepingr chage, but is it not warranted by the contemplation of a sad fact? In the struggling mission fields of our dioceses are places where a church of the most humble preten. sions remains for years unfinished for want of means, and the few poor families who claim spiritual reon Saturday night as a ball room or a house of enter- with our good Bishop at the helm. (1 Thess. v. 3). tainment, or peradventure in a school-house. No altar is there to remind the worshippers of "The One Offering," no decent reading desk or lectern. How bare and unattractive is such a place? The extras in some elegantly furnished churches would suffice to complete, clear of debt, some of these little temples in the back woods missions, in which would worship some as true and loyal souls as ever trod this earth, albeit their persons might be clad but in coarse

In many of these missions our hard wrought clergy are not occupying the position they ought to occupy on account of poverty. The work of the church is nearly half a century behind hand. Dissent, which is hydraheaded, has drawn many of our people away from the church, because of its better appointments and its more frequent ministrations.

But you may say, are such people worth caring for ? I answer, if they have gone to dissent, in many cases, it is because the Church has treated them with neglect, whether intentionally or not I do not pretend to say. Who taught them the lesson that half a loaf is even better than no bread? or in other words, where did they obtain their first religious lessons? From their church-taught parents or guardians. They were glad of the opportunity of Common Prayer or anything approaching it, of hearing the Word of God read, or the Gospel preached, though error might even Christ in our beloved Catholic Church.

Yours faithfully in Christ, H. FARRER,

#### WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

Sir.—"Honor to whom honor is due." It is only just, I think, that the noble departure which our good by divine grace sought in earnest prayer, gain that Bishop has made in the method of providing ministers for vacant parishes, should be known abroad. Let ceive it. If they were on a sick bed, they would think it me say, first, that some years ago, the Syno I forced the patronage into the hands of the Bishop alone. I say forced, because, afterwards from the way in which congregations, which asserted the right, were permitted to choose their own clergymen, it is plain his Lordship did not want the patronage. And now, when the question is once more to be brought up in the Synod, the Bishop, determining this time that the love not His service, to yield themselves, with all patronage should not again be thrust upon him, has the soul, to love and serve Him. And this is the risen in his might and boldly sweeping aside the very thing we are seeking to persuade you to do. Synod, as it were, has committed to himself to the Pray for a disposition which will make you willing to rule of appointing to any vacancy, one out of three in confirmation and His sacraments—to trust in His way the vacancy in St. James', Kingston, was filled, righteousness, and to live a life of holiness—and that and in the same way the cathedral is being supplied. This innovation will be hailed by the laity as a grand step towards popular election pure and simple, which, with the Bishop's powerful help, is sure to come soon, and along with it the power of dismissing them ! Why not when we pay them? And what will then be the glorious result? The purgation from the parishes of the old ministers. The bringing forward of those who are young and vigorous, the pick of the country, into the heavy places in the diocese. No more such work as "rewarding" ministers with the best livings, merely for their greater age, experience, and service. If they deserve a reward they will get it above. But a happier result still of lay supremacy will be the end of all Ritualistic and doctrinal contentions, when to quote the words of a truly evangelical taught from the pulpit, and practised in the chancel,

> I remain, yours, &c. Vox Populi. Diocese of Ontario. March 20th, 1885.

#### ERRORS OF W. B. ON CONVERSION.

SIR.—I have more than once read very carefully the letter of W. B., in your issue of the 12th inst., on the above subject. Fearing that very possibly my cwn mind might be dark as to the very true and full meaning of the Conversion referred to in the New Testament, I have weighed well every sentence in that letter, in the hope that I might possibly be able to obtain some light which I did not already possess. And now I feel quite sure that if W. B. or any one else will fairly and honestly weigh each sentence of it not be able to escape the conclusion at which I have and christian knowledge? is very little understood and been compelled to arrive, namely: that when everything which can justly and fairly come under the head and to involve too much self-denial and self-crucifixion of mere allegation, assumption and opinion, is struck to suit the hollow emptiness of the popular christianity out of it, there is little or nothing left which has any real bearing upon the subject with which it attempts conversion is that it is made to completely overshadow be mixed with the truth. Hence they attended the to deal. In saying this I do not by any means overworship at the dissenter's meeting-house. Some of look the fact, that any one or more of these three trine of christian sanctification, in almost all the them have gone perhaps never to return. The most very convenient little things which W. B. has various stages in which the christian may in this more reverent and pious dissenters were made members of shewn so much attachment to in his letter, may often be true, but this does not help the matter What remains to be done? Both aggressive and very much, since any one or more of them may defensive work. Aggressive to assail the outworks of just as often and as readily be false. Possibly error. Defensive, that error may be driven far away. W. B. displays this loyal attachment to them in But in order that these two kinds of work may be order that he may be a living example of the perfect accomplished, it is absolutely necessary that the truth of his own words, when he says "we must ever army of the Church of God be furnished for its war bear in mind that Romanism has not a monopoly of fare from headquarters, viz., that funds be forthcom. the power of encrusting spiritual truth with human

beauty of holiness. Reverence, earnestness, holi- very numerous modern isms, both past and present, "In conclusion, the appeal is made to all of you ness cannot well be taught in any great degree with to be aware of the very patent fact, that if all mere who have not received this apostolic rite, to embrace out proper surroundings. Can there not therefore be allegations, assumptions, and opinions were removed the first opportunity of enjoying that privilege. You some congregational self sacrifice for the warning and from the various and numerous systems of theology will meet the appeal, perhaps, with an assertion of fulfilling of Christ's poor children in the lone wilder | which these numerous isms represent, there should your unfitness and unworthiness. Many will exclaim ness. Some of the most faithful men in the ranks of not be very much error left for true theology to fight with a sort of holy horror-what does the minister the clergy have been born and reared in the rural and struggle against. I think, therefore, t is exceedingly unfortunate that W. B., possessing the education which he evidently does possess, should not have thought it worth his while to make the slightest attempt to demonstrate by any process of logical and consecutive reasoning, the soundness of his view of conversion as set forth in his letter. If W. B's idea of conversion be indeed true, I think this omission of his to establish its truth in that most satisfactory way is very much to be regretted. At any rate I for one do in the most emphatic manner deny that his view of conversion is the true view of it. And consequently I deny that its Scriptural soundness can be demonstrated by any process of logical reasoning whatever. How, for instance, can W. B. or anybody lse, prove or in any way demonstrate the truth of his mere assertion, that "Our Lord forseeing the denial and fall of St. Peter, calls the recovery of that penitent apostle a conversion." Pray, where is this recorded in Holy Scripture? Nowhere. It is therefore nothing more than a bold assumption, nothing more than a very foolish opinion, having no foundation whatever, on which to rest. Moreover, I must object in the strongest manner to the use of the word "recovery," in the connection in which W. B. uses it, because its use in that connection involves a very take up your cross and follow Christ—to confess Him clergymen which the vestry may nominate. In this clear implication that our blessed Lord had lost St. Peter through Apostacy when in truth and in fact he never lost him at all, any more than he lost the rest of the apostles when "they all forsook him and fled." Even at the very darkest moments of St. Peter's cruel denial, Satan had never possession, and St. Peter, though sadly fallen, was not even for a moment lost. This is the simple truth of the matter, our blessed Lord Himself being very true witness, see St. Luke xxii. 28-34; St. John xvii. 12, xviii. 9. St. Peter's fall, very sad as it was, came very far short of Apostacy, the opinion of certain learned theologians to the contrary, notwithstanding. His denial was not a denial of Christ in any complete and absolute sense of the word, but amounted simply to a willingness for the time only to hide from the bitterly unbelieving and faithless ones in whose midst he then stood, the fact that he had any personal or special acquaintance paper, (English), "The doctrine and ritual of the of Christ, a thing which, alas! even now many who Church of England will have to be not what its found. pass for good Christians are in one way and another ers thought it was, or contemplated its becoming, but doing almost every day of their lives. The real fact what the majority of its lay members now wish it to is, that in an hour of very severe temptation and trial, in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, there be." When "what the laity as a body wish to be st. Peter through human weakness was not equal to the occasion, and therefore fell. Through the loving that the clergy must teach and practise. Those who mercy of God our Saviour he deeply and bitterly do not like this teaching and this procedure may repented and was forgiven, and that is substantially lationship with the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic secede, but those who remain must obey." This is all that can be said about it. To call his repentance Church, are left to worship in a hall used perhaps late on Saturday night as a ball room or a house of enter-with our good Bishop at the helm. (1 Thess. v. 3). and distinct. If it can be demonstrated that either St. Peter or any one else was converted before the day of Penticost, in the sense in which the word is used in the New Testament, I should indeed like very much to see it done, for I certainly do not at present believe it can be.

W. B. fails to distinguish between conversion and repentance, probably because from his point of view there is little or no distinction between them; when in reality they are just as much separate and distinct as are conversion and regeneration. According to W. B's. view of conversion as expressed in the fourth sentence of his letter, a man may be converted every day as long as he lives; but such a conversion as this is only a modern notion of the thing and therefore simply a modern invention. One of the very strongest objections to such a conversion is that it is made to completely overshadow and place in a very back seat the great and every day soul searching and sin convicting doctrine of repentance; one of the grand foundation "principles of the doctrine of Christ," which in with even only half the care that I have done, he will this very enlightened age, this age of religious light? still less practiced; because it is found to be too severe of the day. Another very serious objection to such a and ignore altogether the glorious and heavenly doctal life exercise, even up to the very highest stage which he may attain this side of Paradise.

> Long letters being for various reasons undesirable; and as in a short one it is impossible to demonstrate all the chief errors and mistakes in W. B's. letter, I hope to have the privilege of continuing the subject in your next issue.

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## Jamily Reading.

REPENT: BELIEVE: OBEY.

Believe and come to God, cast all your sins away; Seek ye the Saviour's cleansing Blood; Repent-believe-obey.

Say not ye cannot come, for Jesus bled and died, That none, who ask in humble faith, should ever be

Say not ye will not come; 'tis God vouchsafes to call, And fearful shall their end be found, on whom His wrath shall fall.

Come then whoever will, come while 'tis called to-day; Flee to the Saviour's cleansing blood, Repent—believe—obey.

Bishop Doane.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ON GOOD FRIDAY?

It was a cold, bright Saturday afternoon at the beginning of March, when Joe Wilkins the carpenter overtook Sam Jackson the mason, both returning home from their work.

"How are you, Joe," said Sam. "I have'nt chanced to fall in with you for several days; last time I saw you, you were rather ailing, I think?

"Why, yes, I was," said Joe "and I'm not much better now; what with all the wet and damp we've had, and working overtime too, I'm pretty well done up. I tell you what it is, Sam; we working men don't have near holidays enough. We should work much better if we had more, and feel more cheerful, too; leastways, I should, for one, I'm certain.'

"Well, there's truth enough in that, Joe, but then you must remember, the more holidays we have the less pay, so in bad times like this, when things are dear, I don't think poor men like us can

afford many holidays." "Well, at all events," said Joe, "there's Good Friday coming in a few weeks' time, and that's a general holiday; I mean to enjoy myself then, and than such an earthly friend could do; He had to sins, and to pardon our nation's sins, too, not forgo in for a regular day's pleasure. I only hope it will be a fine day, and not rain as it did last year. What are you going to do on Good Friday, Sam?"

"Do? why go to church, to be sure, morning and night, and take a quiet walk in the afternoon,

"Really, Sam, one would think going to church regular as you do twice on Sundays was enough for any man, without going again on Good Friday, a day on which all sensible people take a day's holiday. I'm sure we've not so many holidays in the year that we can afford to lose one. Christmas Day falls in winter, when the days are so short there's no use going anywhere. I think I shall go to the Crystal Palace this year, by the excursion train, but I've not made up my mind yet. I wish you'd join me, Sam, it would do you more good than moping in church.'

"No, Joe, I shall do nothing of the kind. I never use Good Friday as a day for pleasure, I think wrong to do so; and if you thought a little more don't think I can give up Good Friday, which I've about others. It is very Oriental, but a good many about Good Friday, and about what happened on been planning about for a long time. I'll think people might find that the East and the West are that day, you would see that I am right.'

"I'm sure I should'nt. As to Sunday, why I know that ought to be kept holy, because it says so as I ought; but there's nothing about keeping Good Friday in the Bible. Silas Hook was talking about it the other day in our shop, and said it was a gross piece of superstition keeping it at all, which we had learnt from the Roman Catholics."

"Silas is not a churchman," replied Sam, "and I'm sorry to say very few of his people observe Good Friday at all, except as a day of merry-making. I'm sorry for them, and for you, and for all who don't keep this day in a proper way, because I think such people lose a great benefit to their souls, and I'm sure the way they keep it can't be pleasing to God."

"Well, Sam, as I said before, there's nothing about observing Good Friday in the Bible, and I think what Silas said was very true and sensible, that it's only a day of man's appointment."

us, should be quite enough motive for us to ob- me in the day of His fierce anger. serve the day on which, for our sins, He died on

make some other excursion," answered Joe.

body on the tree; ' and Good Friday is the day on day for taking our pleasure." which he bore all that shame and suffering, and endured that cruel death for us. Think of this, warmly by the hand, "that God has guided you Joe, and then ask yourself—'Is this the day on to such a right conclusion. I'm sure you will which I ought to enjoy myself? Is this the day never repent of it." I should go out merry-making and indulging myself in all sorts of pleasure? 'Supposing you had it can't be right to go out merry-making and feastcommitted some great crime against the laws of our ing on a day when He who loved us so much that country, and were condemned to be guilty of death, and that the sentence was just about to be carried death on the Cross. I should feel all day what a out, when one of your friends, whom you had never loved or cared for much, came and offered to die in your stead; supposing, too, he really did die for you, would you then make it a practice wife and I always keep it as a sad day, and go to every year of observing that day as a great holiday the cemetery and put down some flowers on the -as one of feasting and merriment-of pleasure grave. How much more, then, should we observe and amusement?"

"Well, I don't exactly think I should," said Joe. think that it was from a far worse than natural death from which He redeemed us; it was from eternal death, from suffering the penalty of our We could not have sins in hell everlastingly. saved ourselves, for in us there is no good thing. We could not have satisfied God's justice. But He in His mercy sent His Son to die for us, and should tongue to the scandal of others, and made a confeswe not, therefore, on the day when He willingly endured such pain for us quietly meditate on His sufferings, and heartily repent of those sins which nailed Him to that Cross of shame; in His house of prayer humble ourselves before Him, entreating His mercy and forgiveness for our past sins, and strength to serve Him better in the future?"

"Well, there's certainly some truth in what you say, Sam, but we have so few holidays that I about it, though. Good afternoon, Sam," said Joe, not far apart. as he turned into his cottage.

"Good afternoon, Joe, and may God lead you to in the Bible, though I know I don't always keep it | do what's right, and if you only pray to Him to guide you, I know you'll spend Good Friday as you ought to do."

Good Friday came, and a beautiful morning it But alas! that day on which the whole Church commemorates the death of our Blessed Lord—that day on which was manifested the greatest love and the suffering the world has ever seen—was desecrated, as usual, by the thoughtless pleasure-seekers. Thousands who profess to believe in our dear Lord and Saviour, and in the Atonement which He made for the sins of the world on the Cross, turned it into a day of merri ment. Every place of amusement was full to overflowing; the excursion trains and steamers were crammed, and the streets crowded both morning and evening with a giddy throng, dressed in their gayest attire, in eager pursuit of pleasure, on that "It is a day which has been kept from the very day on which their Saviour shed His blood for and, slapping him familiarly on the shoulder, called

earliest ages of the Church, Joe, and if we profess them, and in bitter agony died for their sins on to belong to the Church, surely we should do what the Cross. Well He might, looking down on she commands. There are a great many things those thoughtless multitudes, say-" Is it nothing which we naturally do because we know them to to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if be right, and don't want to be told in the Bible there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is about them. Love to Jesus Christ, who died for done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted

Sam and his wife started in good time for church. the Cross, without any command in the Bible to do On the way Sam spoke about Joe, and hoped he had not gone out pleasure-seeking, as he meant to "Well, I can't see it in your light, and I think do. When they reached the churchyard gate, who Good Friday one to be a day for a good holiday, should they see standing there, dressed in his Sunand I shall go either to the Crystal Palace, or day best, but Joe Wilkins himself. He was evidently on the look out for Sam, for he came up to "I wish, Joe, you would think the matter over a him at once and said, "Good morning, Sam, I've little before you decide; just remember the state been waiting for you, for I thought you'd be we should all be in if our Blessed Lord had not glad to see me here, and to know that I hadn't left His Throne in Heaven above, and consented to gone out for a day's holiday, as I meant to do. I become man, to live among us, and to suffer for thought a great deal about the talk we had some our sins nailed him there—my sins and yours too, the conclusion that you were right. My wife, too, Joe-if you truly believe in Him, those sins for which, quite takes your side of the question. We hope to by His death of agony, He made an atonement, have a holiday on Easter Monday or Ascension Day, are washed away in His most precions blood. 'He and perhaps you'll join us then, for I'm sure both bore our sins,' as the apostle says, 'in His own those days are much more suitable than Good Fri-

"I'm very thankful," said Sam, as he shook Joe

"No, that I know I shan't, Same, for I feel now He would even die for us, suffered that terrible wretched, ungrateful man I was; I should be quite ashamed of myself! Why, when the day comes around on which our little Sally died, my the day on which Jesus died for us!"

"Yes, indeed," replied Sam, as they entered the "And remember, too," continued Sam, "that church porch; "and let us humble ourselves to-Jesus Christ endured and suffered more for you day before God, ask Him to forgive us our own bear the penalty of our sins, and of those of the getting the sad way in which so many turn their whole world. The anguish of His soul 'when He backs upon Him, by neglecting to come to His bore our griefs and carried our sorrows,' was such house, and by spending the day that commemas no human soul could ever feel. Then, too, orates His death in pleasure and amusement, and often, I fear, in rioting and gross sin."

#### A GOOD LESSON.

A story is told of a woman who freely used her sion of what she had done to a friend. He gave her a ripe thistle top, and told her to go out in various directions and scatter the seeds one by one Wondering at the penance, she obeyed and then returned. To her amazement he made her go back and gather the scattered seeds; and when she objected that it would be impossible, he replied that it would be still more difficult to gather up and destroy all the evil reports which she had circulated

#### JUDGING FROM APPEARANCES. -

"Hulloa, Limpy, the cars will start in a minute; hurry up or we shall leave you behind."

The car was waiting at a station of one of our Western railroads. The baggage-master was busy with his checks. The men were hurrying to and fro with chests and valises, packages and trunks. Men, women and children were rushing for the cars, hastily securing their seats, while the locomotive snorted and puffed.

A man, carelessly dressed, was standing on the platform of the depot.

He looked around him, and seemingly paid little attention to what was passing. It was easy to see that he was lame, and at a hasty glance one might have supposed that he was a man neither of wealth nor influence.

The conductor gave him a contemptuous look,

"Hulloa, Limpy, better get aboard, or the cars Take up your books, sir, I shall tell no one of what will leave you behind.

dividual, and he resumed his seemingly listless ation is continued. Good-morning, sir."

" All aboard!" cried the conductor.

"Get on, Limpy!" said he, passing the lame, carelessly dressed man.

The lame man made no reply.

Just as the train was slowly moving away the lame man stepped on to the platform of the last car, walked quietly in, and took a seat.

The train had gone a few miles when the conductor appeared at the door of the car where our friend was sitting.

Passing along, he soon discovered the stranger whom he had seen at the station.

"Your ticket, quick."

"I don't pay," replied the lame man quietly.
"Don't pay?"

"No, sir.

"We'll see about that; I shall put you off at the next station!" and he seized a value which was over the head of our friend.

"Better not be so rough, young man," returned

The conductor released the carpet bag for a moment, and, seeing that he could do no more then, passed on to collect the fare from the other passengers.

As he stopped at a seat a few paces off a gentleman who had heard the conversation just mentioned looked up to the conductor, and asked :

"Do you know whom you were speaking to just now?"

" No, sir."

"That was Peter Warburton, the president of

"Are you sure?" asked the conductor, trying to conceal his agitation.

"I know him."

The color rose a little in the young man's face, thing. but with strong effort he controlled himself, and went on collecting his fares as usual.

Meanwhile, Mr. Warburton sat quietly in his seat; none of those near him could unravel the expression of his face, nor tell what the next movement in the scene would be.

And he, of what thought he?

He had been rudely treated; he had been unkindly taunted with the infirmity which perhaps had come through no fault of his.

He could revenge himself if he chose.

He could tell the directors the simple truth and

Should he do it?

And yet why should he care? He knew what he was worth.

He knew how he had risen to the position he now held.

When, a little orange pedler, he stood by the street crossings, he had many a rebuff.

He had outlived those days of hardships; he was respected now.

Presently the conductor came back.

With a steady energy he walked up to Mr. Warburton's side; he took his books from his pocket, the bank bills and the tickets he had collected, and laid them in Mr. Warburton's hand.

A I resign my place, sir," he said.

The president looked over the accounts for a moment, then motioning to the vacant seat said: "Sit down, sir: I would like to talk with you."

As the young man sat down, the president turn ed to him a face in which there was no angry feel ing, and spoke to him in an undertone:

"My young friend, I have no revengeful feelings praise. to gratify in this matter; but you have been imprudent. Your manner, had it been to a stranger, seasons of the Church Year is that it prevents an would have been injurious to the Company. I undesirable sameness. Aside from these changing might tell the directors, but I will not. But in seasons of our ritual year, our public worship is future remember to be polite to all you meet. indeed the same thing over and over again. But

has happened. If you change your course, no "Time enough, I reckon," replied the in thing that has passed shall injure you. Your situ

#### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Thy neighbour? It is he whom thou Hast power to aid and bless, Whose aching heart and burning brow Thy smoothing heart may press.

Thy neighbour? 'Tis the fainting poor, Whose eye with want is dim, Whom hunger sends from door to door, Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbour? 'Tis that weary man Whose years are at their brim, Bent low with sickness, care, and pain-Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbour? 'Tis the heart bereft Of every earthly gem; Widow and orphan helpless left;— Go thou and shelter them.

Whene'er thou meetest a human form Less favoured than thine own, Remember 'tis thy neighbour worn, Thy brother or thy son.

O pass not, pass not heedless by, Perhaps thou canst redeem The breaking heart from misery ;— Go, share thy lot with him.

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"What can you do?" asked the gentleman.

"I can try my best to do whatever I am put to," answered the boy.

"What have you done?"

"I have sawed and split all mother's wood for nigh two years."

"What have you not done?" asked the gentleman, who was a queer sort of a questioner. "Well, sir," answered the boy, after a moment's

pause, "I have not whispered once in school for a whole year.

"That's enough," said the gentlemen; "get the young man would be deprived of his place at aboard this vessel, and I hope to see you the master of her some day. A boy who can master a wood-pile and bridle his tongue must be made of good stuff."

## "OVER AND OVER AGAIN."

#### BY THE REV. A. W. SNYDER.

A common objection urged not only against the Should he care for a stranger's roughness or Church's observance of the Christian Year, but against her manner of public worship, is that "It Those who sat near waited curiously for the is the same thing over and over again." It is an objection well worth considering, not only because it is one often brought against our way of worship and teaching, but because it has to do with an essential condition of success in the Christian life.

It is said, "How can you repeat over and over again the same service day after day, and month after month, year in and year out?" The idea in the minds of many is that it must have an unedifying and tiresome sameness. It is apparently for gotten that any regularly recurring service must be substantially the same service. The fact is that Methodist or Presbyterian services are, Sunday after Sunday, substantially the same, and that not only in order, but even in words of prayer and

One of the great advantages of the ever-varying You cannot judge a man by the coat he wears, so is any regularly recurring public service. The and even the poorest should be treated with civility. services of the ordinary Protestant denominations to do.

are really the same services over and over again. And their sameness is no objection to them. The real question is, whether it be a desirable or an undesirable sameness. It is, we think, an undesir. able sameness. If a service be in itself an undesirable one, then it is indeed an objection that it should be repeated over and over again, or be used at all, for that matter. But the objection to it, in that case, is not to its repetition, but to the very thing itself. Our services in the public worship of the Lord's House are, we claim, in themselves good and desirable. The objection so often urged against them are therefore no valid objection, but their highest commendation. The ordinary conventionalities of life we repeat constantly. But it is no objection to them. Because they are fit and seemly, it is eminently desirable that they should be thus in constant use. We say, "Good morn. ing," "Good evening," "How do you do?" "I hope you are well," and many like expressions. These we repeat perpetually, and there is sense in it, reason for it. No man dreams of objecting to any such repetitions. So of our religious services. If they are what they ought to be, not only is their repetition permissible, but eminently desirable.

This is in accordance with the law of successful attainment in any matter. The great pianist becomes such by persevering effort, by doing the same thing over and over again. "Skilled labor" means the labor of those who have done the same thing over and over again until they can do it better than other men. It is the royal road to eminence, and not less so in the realm of the moral and spiritual. The one great difference between the faithful and the unfaithful Christian is, that one does, and the other refuses to do the same thing over and over again. Our duty towards God, and our duty towards our neighbour, are the same, one day after another. To live faithfully is by God's help, to address ourselves to the performance of those duties, day after day, week in and week out; in other words to do the same thing over and over again. And the Christian who keeps on doing it, is the one who learns to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Of such it is said "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching."--Live ing Church Tracts.

THE TWO KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Just as a casket which is strongly secured has two locks, and therefore can only be opened by two keys, so is the Kingdom of Heaven. God holds the one key, which He uses when He unlocks the heart by the exercies of His Grace; and man holds the other key, which he uses when he works out his own Salvation by the exercise of his will, working with and not against the Will of God.

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#### A ROYAL PHYSICIAN.

In the summer of 1768 a poor you good.' woman lay moaning on her bed in He sat down at the table, and gave evidence of the poverty of this." the inhabitants of that part of the He had hardly left the house gay capital. A glance at the in-when the door was again opened, terior showed the tenants to be and a doctor, followed by Franz, busily engaged in their various entered the room. occupations. Kind-hearted though she grew worse from day to day.

bear this pain no longer. See if ins, and is signed, Joseph." you cannot induce some doctor to call here and prescribe for me." With a sad heart, and with but voked blessings on him who had slight hopes of success, Franz obey-befriended her in her greatest need. ed. He called on several physicians and begged them to visit his here. He caused enquiries to be mother, but in vain. They all de-made about Frau Waldorf and clined because he was unable to her family, and was informed that to pay thier fee, which in those her husband had been an officer in days were a facing for made about Frau Waldorl and A little book of plain practical meditation for her family, and was informed that her family, and was informed that distribution. Price 15 cents a copy or \$3.50 for a days were a facing for made about Frau Waldorl and A little book of plain practical meditation for private use and general distribution. Price 15 cents a copy or \$3.50 for a days were a facing for made about Frau Waldorl and her family, and was informed that days was a florin for each visit. his father's army, and l.ad served In despair, and not knowing what to do next, he stood at a corner Year's War. In one of the last on senting a P O. O. for the amount. dreading to go home. Just then a engagements he had fallen on the private carriage came slowly by, in field of battle while gallantly chargwhich sat a distinguished-looking ing a battery. On learning this

ble to the most humble of his sub- be at his expense—Harper's Young jects, and was dearly beloved by People. them. He frequently mingled with the people, delighting to walk and ride about among them. On such occasions he was always plainly dressed, so that no one suspected that he was the Emperor.

Franz stepped to the carriage door, and taking off his cap, said humbly: "Kind sir, will you have the goodness to give me a florin?'

"Would not a smaller sum do, my little man?"

"No, sir," replied Franz; and emboldened by the gentleman's kind tone, he narrated to him for what purpose he required a florin.

The Emperor listened attentively, and then handed him the money. He also enquired of him where his mother lived, and ques tioned him about her circumstances. Pleased with Franz's replies, he then dismissed him, and bade address. On his arrival he wrapped himself up well in his cloak to avoid any possible chance of recognition. Then he ascended the stairs and entered the sick woman's room. She supposing him to be a physician whom her son had sent, poverty and struggles.

"I understand your case perfectly, health to so many people.

I will now write you a prescription, which I am sure will do

the attic of a dingy house in one after writing a few moments folded of the poor quarters of Vienna. up the paper. "When your son The house and its surroundings comes home he can attend to

Frau Waldorf was surprised at these people were, yet their daily this second call, and explained to struggle in the battle of life left the new-comer that a physician them but little time to give aid had just visited her and had and comfort to their suffering neigh-|left a prescription on yonder table. bour. Too poor to pay for doctor The doctor took up the paper to or nurse, Frau Waldorf was depend | see who had been there and what ent on ther only child, a lad of had been prescribed. He had twelve years, who dearly loved his however hardly glanced at it when mother. His heart would almost he uttered an exclamation of break when he thought how little surprise, and said; "Madam, do he could do for her, and saw that you know into whose hands you have fallen? This paper is an One day she said: "Franz, I can order on the treasury for fifty flor-

" The Emperor," shouted Franz, with delight, while his mother in-

But the Emperor did not stop with distinction through the Seven the Emperor at once gave direc-This was no other than the Em- tions that her wants should be peror, Joseph II. a most kind-heart-thereafter provided for and that ed ruler, who was always accessi- Franz's further education should

#### THE BIRD'S NEST.

see what they have done? Taken the bird's nest down from the tree where the mother-bird had laid the eggs, to raise her little ones! See the old birds, how they fly about, full of trouble, because their pretty home is gone.

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"Isn't there any way to get the naughty words rubbed out my child?',

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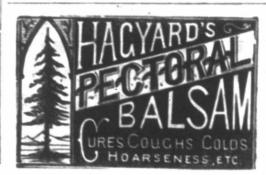
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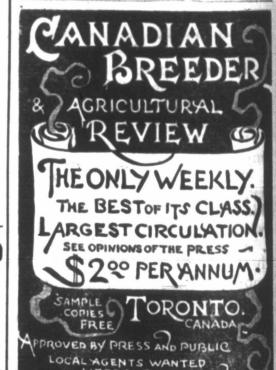
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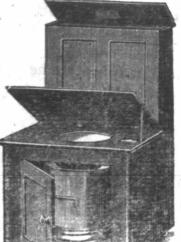
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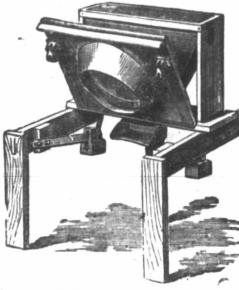
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