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$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$T is somewhat anomalous that these two words which are so closely allied in meaning as to be practically equivalents should be regarded by those to whom they are specially applicable with such opposite feelings.

The Protestant who is ever parading this title is simply one who dissents from the teach ing of the Church of Rome. The Dissenter who however, never parades this title, is simply one who dissents from the teaching of the Church of England. Why the former should be vain glorious over his conventional and exceedingly imperfect and purely negative designation, and the latter be ashamed of his equally conventional, imperfect and merely negative designation, is indeed curious and unreasonable. Why the same man boasts of being styled a Protestant while he is annoyed at beirg called a Dissenter, when both words mean practically the same thing, is mysterious. That there is some occult power of offence in the very syllables of the word Dissenter we are inclined to think. Why should the Wesleyans resent being classed among Dissenters? In England no person speaks of a Methodist as a dissenter who knows anything of social usages. Yet surely one of this body is as truly a dissenter as a congregationalist ? If not, if a Wesleyan does not dissent from the Church, why does he refuse to worship at her altars or receive the Sacrament at her hands ? But it is so, that an English Methodist regards it as an affront to be styled a dissenter. Our theory is that there is a latent and ofttimes a very acute consciousness felt by the higher order of dissenters, the few who are not merely political enemies of the Church, and who use religion as the best weapon of attack, the few who are by family inher itance the possessors of a dissenting creed, that there is in their antagonistic attitnde to the Church something also antagonistic to the teach ing of Christ. The name dissenter irritates because it touches a sore spot in the conscience These men feel that their dissent is not the outcome of their spiritual life, but is a jarring element therein. They feel as they cannot but feel being christian men, that the attitude of dissent to their church brethren is painfully contrary to the spirit of brotherhood. They know as they cannot but know being disciples of the Master, that He did not sanction dissent personally or by His apostles approve of dissent they feel and they know that upon them rests the terrible responsibility of thwarting the desire of their Saviour, "that they," all His people, " may be one,". and are fighting against the Apostolic injunctionto be of one mind and to avoid division and division makers. Hence the sensitiveness of the pious "dissenter" when called by this title, it is a reproach solely because it awakens in him an uneasy sense of guilt.

In one of his interesting and able letters to the daily press, Dr. Carry quotes some passages from an article in the "Church Quarterly Review," for October, 1884, which we had
marked for use in these columns. That article demonstrates that " the word dissenter was not invented by Churchmen, it was the invention and choice of non-churchmen." The title Dissenter was invented by the Nonconformists not by the Separatists. Had it not been for the Dissenters England would have been made nonconformist by Act of Parliament. The few Erastians, who had seats in the Westminster Assembly called their Independent co-assessors "Dissenters," meaning no offence by the title. The title Dissenter thus given originally by Nonconformists to the Independents or Separatists, and shared by Presbyterians when they became Separatists, was accepted in turn by both and was held to be honourable."
It is abundantly manifested by the history of the days when the terms Dissenter, Nonconformist, Separatist, Independent, came into use that the word 'dissenter' was not used as a general term to include all those who dissented from and were organized as sects apart from the Church. Now that the troubles, the political and social troubles of those miserable days are over, dissent is an utter anachronism, as a phase of religious life. Hence the dreadful spectacle of a body of Christians, organized as a so-called Church of Christ, being " honeycombed with scepticism," as Mr. Spurgeon declares, being also the vehement champion of Mr. Bradlaugh, an avowed atheist, and being as is notorious in England, to a very large extent, passionately devoted to the politics of the day, seeking not souls for Christ but votes for a party leader! Hence, on the other hand, the shame felt by the remnant who have not bowed their knees to the Baal of modern dissent, at the very title "Dissenter," speaking to their consciences as it does in reproof and reproach, and reminding them of the judgment which in God's Providence has falllen upon a body which went on from dissent to sinful s.paration, from Nonconformity to schism, from being independent of certain church forms and discipline to bei.ag "Independent" of Christ's teaching, which is the sole cause of their separation from and organic independence of Christ's Church. Let Churchman thank God, that there is no titular word in use of which they are ashamed, or one which causes them irritation. But let them learn to avoid using any name which speaks of a mere negation which is common to all sorts of men, Christian, Morman, Turk or Infidel, which tells not of our faith, our history, our life or onr hope, but merely tells our relation to a Church from which we dissent. The less we share with unbelievers the better-a common name is for us a source of danger. When we stand before our Maker, in His temple, in His presence, and before all His people proclaim our belief, we tell out that we believe in "One Catholic and Apostolic Church.' If glory in a title we must, let us glory in a grand one like that to which we have exclusively an unchallenged right. Whoso takes the lower status, common as ,we said to Christian, Mormon, Turk or Infidel, is not worthy the dignity which comes of the right to use the noble title-A Catholic Church-

NOTES ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.
No 8. COMMUNION WITH GOD.

$I^{\mathrm{T}}$has, we trust, been made clear that, in order to communion with God, we must know who and what God is. We must see that He with whom we are holding communion, is verily the God who is revealed in Christ. And then the true ideal of communion further involves the desire to hear his voice, to make known our thoughts and desires to $\mathrm{H} \cdot \mathrm{m}$, and to conform ourselves to His Holy image. All this is so simple, that it might seem hardly worth while to say it ; yet so important and so often forgotten, that its reiteration becomes an absolute necessity.
We begin then with the Life and Mind of Christ. We must know this-purely, intimate. ly, deeply, comprehensively, if we would knor the God with whom we should hold communion. Let us not be too sure that we do thus know Him . We know much of Him -of His words, His deeds, His sufferings ; but we are apt to be ignorant of His very thought and mird just in those points in which it is most necessary that we should be acquainted with Him. It is so easy not to see that which we don't want to see. It is just there we most need that Holy Scripture should afford us doctrine and reproof that we are apt to let our eyes pass lightly over its pages.
It is well, therefore, that we should examine ourselves as to our willingness to receive the truth, to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Lo we want to know that God is a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right? Do we want-are we willing to knor what this means-to see it illustrated in the deep unselfishness, the absolute self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ ?
In holding communion with God, we must listen to His words. He must speak before we can do so. And he has spoken, and it is for us to hear. He has spoken by His Soo. He has spoken by those whom that Son appointed to be His representatives here on earth. In the Gospels and in the Apostolic Epistles we have God speaking by H is incarnate Son and by holy men who are taught by the Holy Ghost.
Now, is this what we read in Bibles for. To hear God speaking to us, or merely to fulfil a duty which we think it will be inconvenient of injurious to neglect? Do we go to the Bible, and especially to the New Testament, saying, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth ?" This would be a real communion with God.
Then we must speak to God. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son; Jesus Christ." We have this right, for He has sent forth the Spirit of adoption into our hearts, crying Abba, Father. It is that we may ask and receive, that we may seek and find, that these encouragements are offered to us. And we cannot hold abiding communion with the Most High, unless we go to Him and hold converse with Him, and offer up our spiritual sac. rifices before Him.
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God for the purpose of communion? What making His abode in the heart-this must do we go to Him for? The answer which even here, be fullness of joy and pleasure for many Christians will give will tell us principally that they go to God for forgiveness, in order to obtain the supply of their wants, in order to give Him thanks, in order to ask blessings for others. A good and christian answer without doubt, and herein is involved a real communion with God. But is that all Let us think what we mean by holding communion with that one Supreme Being whom we do entirely admire, venerate, admire. Fir one thing, we desire to see Him, to know Him. The first thing is to enter into the secret of the Lord. "I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory." This must always (in whatever terms express. ed) be the prayer of those who seek communion with God. It is not merely the gifts of God that they seek ; but God Himself. "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us."
And God never refuses to respond to such longings and prayers ; because they come from a heart which has already felt the power of his love, and has begun to love Him in return. "If a man love Me," says Christ, "he will keep my word ; and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. What wonderful grace and goodness speak out in these words! What blessedness is promised to those who thus in love seek the Father through the Son!
And then, as a consequenee of the desire for the spiritual vision of God and of its realization, there will come the desire to be like Him For this is necessary in order to perfect communion. " How can two walk together, except they be agreed ?" Our communion with God will be real and deep just as our spirit is in harmony with His. It is possible for men to mount up, or to fancy that they mount up, on the wings of mere natural excitement, and to think that they are then holding communion with God. It is the wildest and grossest of all delusions. God is a Spirit and those who hold communion with Him must hold spiritual communion, and they must have their spirits cleansed and sanctified, and kindled by the energy of Divine love. Hence our attitude towards the Most High in prayer must not only involve an earnest longing for the revation of His character, but also a deep desire for conformity to His image.
And then, indeed, there may be sweet and blessed communion with God in prayer, in the reading of Holy Scripture, is the worship of the Sanctudry, in the Sacrament of the Altar in every sacred ordinance, in every holy work, in every lawful occupation, even in those things which we count secular. "My meditation of Him shall be sweet," says the Psalmist. O how sweet the meditation of the great and blessed and living God should be to those who know Him and love Him, and are conscious of His fatherly love and care!
Then would communion with God no longer be thought of as a duty or a necessity, but looked forward to, nay, rather even enjoyed as a privilege, a means of peace and joy, and love and hope. To dwell in Him-to have Him

# WHAT IS THE CHAFF TO THE WHEAT. 

thic relation between outward and in Ward worship. By the Rcv. W. S. Darling, M. A.

TE question above is found in Jeremiah 23 c . and 28 v ., and from it I propose to draw out some lessons regarding the underying principle of the ceremonial worship of the Church. As regards ultimate value, the first and most natural meaning which would be drawn from the words is undoubtedly truethe chaff is as nothing in comparison with the wheat. It is the universal conviction and acceptance of this truth, which leads men houghtlessly to overlook other truths connected with the subject, which nevertheless are well worthy of consideration. In our eager selfishness we think chiefly of the great end of our efforts-the securiug of the wheat, which is not only the staff of our temporal life, but the main source of our wealth. We blow away the chaff as a nseless thing, we burn it, we turn it into a very symbol of worthlessness, a proverb and a parable of everything that is valueless and vile. If the question were asked "what is the chaff to the wheat ?" we should answer contemptuously that it is as nothing. This is true if we compare the two in the last tage of development. In this sense they are requently used in Scripture as types of what is valueless on the one hand and precious on the other. If from another point of view we ask "what is the chaff to the wheat?" the answer can have no reference to what we regard as the worthlessness of chaff. On the contra$y$ we must recognise it as being just as much the work of God as is the wheat itself. Being so, it has all the features of a divine work. It is full of beauty to the observing eye because of its wonderful adaptness to the ends it is intended to serve. It is absolutely necessary as one of the chief means of obtaining the wheat. It protects the grain in its incipient growth. shields it from the biting cold and from the scorching heat. It defends the wheat from the thousand ills which would otherwise be its destruction, until in the fulness of the ripened grain its wondrous work is accomplished. If the chaff were to be removed no substitute could be devised by human skill, the wheat without the chaff would inevitably perish and the crop be ruined. Thus we see that this worthless thing is a Divinely appointed means to a Divinely appointed end, it is the means of he wheats' protection, growth, and perfecting, and fills these functions by the ordering of Divine wisdom.
It is the same in higher things. We frequently hear people who profess to reverence the word of God, speak slightingly of the body as if it were a vile and refuse thing, as nothing $\left|\begin{array}{l}\text { compared with the soul, forgetting or knowing } \\ \text { not how near such a view brings them to a }\end{array}\right|$
grievous heresy of old. What is the body to the soul? We answer, what the chaff is to the wheat, only in a far higher and nobler sense. The body is the Divinely formed shrine in which the spirit dwells, the means and instrument by which the soul is brought into contact with outward things, which furnish the sphere of its growth and education for a higher world, and apart from which, we know not nor can imagine, how its powers and faculties can be called into exercise. The application of the question what is the chaff to the wheat, what the soul to the body, is more striking when applied to the outward " means of grace" as men rightly call them-the Sacraments of God's Church, the ceremonial of religion, the whole constitution of Christian worship. It is much the fashion amongst a certain class who are straining after a false spirituality, to depreciate the value of outward religious observances even though sanctified by Holy Scripture, practised by our Lord and His Apostles, and adopted by the most eminent of God's servants in all ages. They speak despairingly of forms as if by some necessary antagonism forms were opposed to spirit instead of being as God intended them to be and as they always are when used according to the Divine will, the means apoointed by the Almighty for developing, protecting, and bringing to perfection the worship of the inner spirit. What then are sacraments, rites, and outward ceremonial to the worship of the soul? When rightly used they are as the chaff to the wheat, that is, outward means devised by Divine wisdom for the protection and nourishment of the inward life of the soul and adapted to that end with a fitness and a beauty not of this world. To attempt to do without the chaff of outward observances is to lose the wheat of spiritual increase, to curtail and render it as cold and bald as possible is inevitably to contract and shrivel the roundness, the completeness of the Christian character. This is no matter of opinion, it is capable of undoubted proof. Look at the sect of Quakers, who reect Sacraments and abjure all forms. After a brief existence and notwithstanding much personal excellence amongst its members, there have grown up among them many grevious errors of doctrine, such as a denial of our Lord's divinity, and by the confession of its most zealous supporters this sect is fast dying out. Look to those other sects who have made the reverent ceremonial of the Church the ground of seperation from her, and you will see that the type of Christian character which they have produced is generally narrow and peculiarTheir subdivisions are numberless and their latent conviction of the original error on which hey were founded is leading them, in a wonderful way, to adopt forms of worship of which their fathers and founders never dreamed. In fact the growth of outward bodily worship among the sects, is proportionately to their position and principles greater than in the Church. To depreciate, or try to do without a reverent outward ceremonial in Divine worship s to attempt the impossible task of growing wheat without chaff. To be satisfied with mere ceremonial, would be as it were to spend our
energies in cultivating a field for the pirpose of growing nothing but chaff. In the one case we should be so bent in the end that we neg. lected the means by which that end could alone be secured, on the other we should be so ab sorbed in using the means that we lose sight o the end which alone rendered them of value.

While there is a superstitious value placed by some on outward forms and ceremonies of re ligion, it is unquestionable that there is entertained on the part of some a superstitious dread of outward ceremonial. We must serve God with the whole man and not with half our powers. We have bodies as well as souls, and God requires the worship of both-He demands the homage of the body as well as the service of the soul.

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Pozms of the Pratrigs. Tnis is another of Mr Alden's books and he tells ns that if we "do not
warmly weloome the Poems we ought to resign on ${ }^{\text {r }}$ editorial chair and go west !
Having in our callow days pablished poems, we appreciate much a publisher who speaks so well of
his wares, for as a rule, publishers of pootry are his wares, for as a rule, publishers of poetry are
the most indifferent of all persons to the charms of verse. Although the poems are all short we must refrain from quoting any here, but we give the following as a fair specimen of the author's style. The poem is an eulogy of " Every day work," and thas concludes:

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small,
Are elose-knit strands of one unbroken throad, Where love ennobles all.
The world may soand no trumpets, ring no bells, The Book of Life the shining records vells.
The authoress has the faculty of putting wise witty, humorous thoughts in verse form, which, i not poetry in the highest sense, are very agreeable reeding.
The Frger Earl Oatrns, by the anthor of Eng. lish hearts and English handa. Pablished by 8 . R. Briggs, Toronto. The deceased Earl was doubtlees a good man in a religious sense, althong grievously mistaken in regard to the Oharoh of Ohrist and its teachings. We have for many year most reverenoed this distinguished judge beoanse f his splendid service on behalf of the Church of fought with immense talent. England in him lost a mighty man in intellect and oharacter.
Disestablishignt, sermons by Rev. G. Arbuth not, Stratford on Avon. We are indebted to a friend for copy of these excellent sermons. Alwe in Canada have an interest stronger than some imagine in the welfare of the Mother Charch. The Attorney General has said in good plain English that "the efforts of dissenters are directed to the robbery of the Charoh." We mistake our country men if they sanction what would be as wicked piece of thievery as guilty men ever committed Fanoy those who are plotting thus, declaring that they are anxious to raise the spiritual tone of their proposed victim, Christ's Canaroh, in Eagland !

Obscure Sortpture Characters, by Frederick Hastings, editor of the Homiletic Magazine. Published by S. R. Briggs, Toronto. The anthor gives Seripture." That obseare characters Lights of Soripture." That obscure characters may furnisb
much light in the study of the Word is a common experience of Biblical stadents. These personages flash light on human nature, on local customs, on race pecaliarities, on climatic and religions ioflaences, so that they indeed are worth special study The anthor gives us twenty-eight lectures, each about ten minutes long. His idea is to draw out practioal lessons from each phase of character pre sented, and this renders the work valuable for use in vottage services, etc. The teaching occasionally falters, but on the whole is Soriptaral and therefore profitable for instruction.
Paying the Pabtor, by James Bealty, D.C.L. Q.O., M. P., ex-mayor of Toronto. Pablished by T. Fisher Unwin, London, England. We give our friend Dr. Beatty all his titles, past and present, as he needs them and very much more to make his book acceptable to Ohristian people who desire to provide things honestly, and to owe no man any thing, hence do not wish to take pastoral or any other services without remuneration. We shall deal with this ill-advised and illogical book at a later date. It is a pity Dr. Beatty does not take his own physic and refuse fees as a lawyer.
Music. Te Drum Laudamus. By W. Frederick Foot, organist St. George's, Goderich. Pablished by 0 . Diteon \& Oo. From a cursory reading, having had no opportunity of a vocal test, we should regard this as well within the capacity of any well tagined Choir, and would be acceptable also to congregations.
By-ways and Bird Notes, by Maurice Thompson

Published by John 13. Alden, New York. This is reading, for it brings with it awoet aury. For town reading, ways and woods; for the conntry, for it of an a vivacious, well informed companion it ate only helps us to enjoy rural sights and sounde, bot tells as all sorts of anteresting and instructive facts as to the birds and flowers which delight ear and eye. One remark in Tangle-leaf papers, page 41, we quote. It happens that the mocking bird never imitates the cooing of a dove. The writer says: "This fact has an artistio value. A moaraful desponding voice is never attractive to a vigor ous, healthy natare. Cheerfulness and enthusiasm are what win the olergy who have so mach to de. press them shoould take note of this and coltivate oheerfulness of tone, and as far as they can shom enthusiasm in their work. A hard task wo ad. mit !

A Hand-book or Paycholoay, by J. Clark Mar. ray, L.L.D., F.R.C.S.. etc., etc., MoGill College Montreal. Pablished by Dawson Bros., Montreal A book which requires carefal stady before notic ing beyond acknowledgemnt.
(inome \& foreign Cbhurth gews
From our owe Corrrapondents.

## DOMINION.

Halifax - The monthly meeting of the Governon of Kiag'i College was held at the Bishop's residenoe, in Halifax, on Tharsday last. Arrangements were completed for opening the college at the usual time, lat Uctober, with a full and strong etaff of professors. As 14 was found impossible with the short time al their disposal, to nelect and secure the services of a president, a redistritbution of the work was made, so
that all the subjects in the course would be effielently that all the so
provided for.
provided for.
Rev. Issac
Rev. Issac Brock, M.A., of Oxford, with honors, and late of Bisbop's College, Lennoxville, was ap ponted Prof. of Therlogy, adaccax presidel, definite appointment of president 18 made. Cha
D. G. Roberts, M. A., of $F$ ruderioton, was appointed Prof. of Enghsh Literature and French. Mr. Ham. mond, who hold" a B A., of Has vard. and M. A., of Princeton, was appoioted Lecturer in Classics, and Princeton, was appoioted Lecturer in Classios, and
Gurman. He comes particularly well recommended from the American aniversities, where he has stadied. Principal MoCosh, of Princeton. apeaks of him in bighest terms. Mr. Roberth is a rusing yoong Now Branswick man, who has devoted moch ume to lite ary work, and is a perfect entbussast in his work. Among other important measares, a motion to this effect was passed unanimons: "That whereas in the opinion of tbe Board it is very essential to the well being of King's College, that the mand college baila ing be put in a state of thoroagb repair ; therectere solved that a committee be appointed to solicit con tribations towards a restoration huad, and be adh rized to carry out the work. Farther rosolvedion the committee be requested to ask the oo. opera committhe was named and steps will be immedistely taken o carry ostimaty out the provisions of $\$ 1,000$ will do the work safficiently.
The friends of the college have reason to be pleased at the present prospects of the institatien, and with the resumption of work in October, we feel assured that old Ktog's will again enter upon a long course of in the Provinces.

## ontario.

Otrawa.-Tbe pic-nic of the Charch of England anday Schools of this city and vicinity at Britannie, on 27 th , was an unqualified saccess, andis that has asken place near this city for a long time. In the early morning the weather looked threatening, and the overcast sky angured ill for the sucoess of the pio-nic, but as the day wore on the weather became quite fine, and although the atmosphere was somewhe chilly for spectators, it was none too moth mo
the merry romping children who took part in the sport

## Clark Mar.

## ill College

 - Montreen, fore notio-and games. The various Sunday achooln which were represented and the Bartholemew's, New Ediuburgh, were as A. W. Hannington ; St. Joha's, Rev. H. Pol ard and Rev. Mr. Mackie lard and Rogert ; St. Paul's, Rochesterville. Rev. Mr. Garrett St. George's, Rev. Mr. Jones: Chrint, Venerable Archdeacon Lauder and Rev. J. W. Mucklentone; Trinity, Arohieville, Rev. Mr. Joues ; Billingn' Bridge,
The Rev. Mr. Lee; St. James', Hull, Rev. F. R. Smith. The ohildren, with their teachers, assembled on Par $G_{\text {., }}$ marched with bannery flying to the U inion Station Whenoe they left at ten o'clock by special train for Britannia. Two other special trains loaded with ex arsionists ran out during the moruing, and by noon there were in which were situated in a beautiful grove opposite the rapids. All the arrangements, which opposite the rapids. All the arrangements, which Wieksteed, were perfect. A regular course for the Wieksteed, were perteot. And games was staked off, Mr. Bethune, manager of the Great Northwestern Telograph Co., kindly sapplying wire for that purpose and sending out one of the company's repairers to stretch it. The day passed off very pleasantly, those present indulging in boating, swinging, fishing and other amasemenis until the warning whistle of the locomotive announced that the hour for departare had arrived. The various sports and games were well contested, and furnish

Brockrilles.-St. Peter's.-The 13th Sunday after
Trinity was a festival day in our Church. The Lord Trinty was a festival day in our Church. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation, to about twenty five candids es. choice flowers, and the music appropriate and well prepared. Morning prayer was sas, at ten o'clock, prepared. Morning prayer was sask at cen o clock, His Lordship bega.」 the service atter the rector preHis Lordship bega.t the service after the rector pre-
sented the candidates, by an extemporaneous address, suitable to the Jcoasion. After this, the congregation were desired to offer private prayers for those about to be confirmed, and while still on their knees the "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung softly. Tbe effiuct was most touching and beantiful. The service was then proceeded with, the Amens being choral. The Malock, our former pastor, assisting in the office. The altar was handsome in its beantitul linen, choice dowers, artistic re-table and magnificient plate. The latter is of pure gold nicely jowelled. It was present ed mapy years ago to the Church as a memorial of Sidney Jones, Esqr., and is the finest the writer has seen on this side tue Atlantic. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Low, has presented the Church with a fine ordinance table, in solid black walnut in keeping with the other can now comply with the rubric, instead of having the vessels and elements on the holy table all throngh morning prayer. It was annonnoed that the Bishop would preach in the evening, and a very large con gregation attended. His Lordship, however, has but just got up from a ling illness, and was too ill and ured to attend, and the rector preacbed in bis stead. The text was 1 Timothy vi. 12. The sarmon wa clear, forcible, eloquent and above all instructive. I is intended to hold confirmation in this Church once a year for the future. The class to day was the largest tor some years.

Brockville.-Erratic Teaching.-The Church people of Brookvile arenot a little disturbed at the extaordin. ary discourse, by the young incumbent, who has recently settled tnere, delivered before the Orange association on 13th July last. The points which tex Charch coment and the condemnation of all instructed Charch people, are these: The preacher con-
demned the observance of holy-day as contrary to the Gospel. A very singulbr doctrine for a clergyman to preach, with the Prayer Book in his hand I Oddly enough the sermon was preached in celebration of the small account with Onge body I Consiatency seems o which is ready to seep hivgess. The kind of piety of Orange, and regards keeping say holy-day in memory of St. Panl as contrary to the Gospel, is a piety contrary to that of the Church of Christ. Then the sermon went on to condemn masic in divine service as contrary also to the Gospel and primitive usage. The preacher needs instruction of an elementary order on this subject, as there can be hardly a doubt that at the services at and thy our Lord and His disciples, and the Apostles great a priy services of the Church, there was a choral proportion of music as is even used in our trary to thes. If the preacher consider music con Church or home? Gospel, why does he permit it in his this most erratic and mischievons discourse, all of them directed againd mischievous discourse, all of or the castoms of the Church of England, as being
"opposed to the Gospel." The simple fact is that
diviner of this "School." if men who diviner of this "School," if men who bave not learnt more than the alphabet of theology and history, can
be clansed properly as a "School." use the words, "the Gospel," as a cant phrase which has no mean ing whatever beyond what would be better expreseed as "my notions." The Church can only be weakened by clergy, who be-little her anthority and scoff at he teachings, as appears to have been done in this strange ncalled for and foolish discourse. The preacher is wisdom in rising above the temptation to pander to Orango or any other party prejudices, and by preach.
ing the Gospel as this Charch of England has received it and set it forth in her round of holy-days instruction, and by her solemn services of song and
throngh her Ministry of Apostolic order. Eccentriaty is a weakness not a power.

## toronto.

Toronto Notes - The Rev. John Pearson, of Holy Trinity Cburcb, has juat returned from an enjoyable rip on the Northern Lakes. The Rev. J. F. Sweeney, aickoess, has resumed bis dutios. We earnestly prast that his flock will help to restore him to com plete bealth and strength by their sympathy and try has been called into the country to the bedside of a sick daughter. We pray that the little one may be soon raised up to cheer and adorn the parental home. The Rev. W. S. Darling, who has been rusticating at Norway, has returned to England for the winter, Where he will engage in promoting the mission cause, on, St. Matthias, has gone east to take daty a Cbarlottetown natil the new rector arrives from England. It is expected that Archdeacon Farrar will preach at St. James' Charch when in Toronto. Could he not be induced to preach on the sublime topic of the Reformation considered as the triamph of Amen over Awmen? or, "The spiritual life as effected by hear ing eermons preached by the wearers of blacis howns
sod white surplices." How edifying such topics woulu prove

Church of the Holy Trinity.-A vestry meeting was beld on the 31st Ang., and to consider a proposa being part of his allotment from St. James' surplus It was decided to hold Mr. Darling Luarmless in case ny litigation arose involving this fund. The gift is to be devoted to the school building fand.
missionary in charge. On Tuesday the 25th Angust, the Sunday school children were given a pic-nic by
Mrs. J. D. Edgar on her own gronnds overlooking the Mrs. J. D. Edgar on her own grounds overlooking the swings, etc., so kindly provided for them, and after parswings, etc., so kindly provided for them, and after par
taking of a good tea, dispersed to their homes. Sev. eral improvementa have been made lately to the Charch.

## NIAGARA.

Hamilton.-The eminent Rev. Canon Farrar, of bodon, England, is expected to preach at St. Charch of the Ascension on the same day.

Pgrsonal.-The Rev. Hartley Carmichael, of Hamilton, will be one of the missionaries at the great dvent Mission in New York. He and the Rev. rotessor Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto, will hold avenue. The mission will begin on the first Sanday in Advent and last about ten days.

The Bishop of Niagara will return to Hamilton about the 15th of Sepember, and on the 19th inst., will proceed to the Raral Deanery of Wellington, to ishes.

Fonthill, Wellandport and Smithville.-This axtensive mission field is in charge of the Rev. F. C Praer, a zealons aud faithful misionary. It is mos; the new charch gronnd commenced a few months ago The Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, of Flamboro West, has sindly spent a few days in the mission, inclading Sundsy, Aug. 30, aiding the young missionary in services preparatory to a three weeks mission to be held next month one week at each station. The attendance on each occasion was large, but better still was the reverent and devout spirit which seem to pervade early hours of Sunday and two week days, the nnm bers indicated result of the Chnrch's faithfol teaching throngh her minister. It is probable that the new chnreh Smithville will be opened for divine service on the first of October next, and will probably be consecrate on the same day, if the small balance of $\$ 375$ can b arst obtained to complete the last payment required. Who will help to remove this small debt? In giving help the spirit of brotherhood will be greatly appreciated and many will rejoice in rendering honour and glory to
God, in the dedication of another temple to His Holy God, in the dedication of another temple to His Holy
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commend the Rev. Mr. Piper and his large, yet most commend the Rev. Mr. Piper and his large, yet most
promising work to the loving sympathy of all Chris promising work to the loving

## HURON.

Meaford.-Christ Church.-The excursion to Owen ound on Friday, the 21st August, under the auspice Christ Charch Sundey school, was, considering the sate of the weather, a decided success. The morn ing opened dark and cloudy, with frequent showers o rain, which led a great many to believe the excarsion would be postponed-in fact that was the arrange Bell arrived at the wharf and intending excaraionist had to horry around to get ready. Some 250 ment had to hurry around to get ready. Some 250 went on sail to Owen Sound was a delightful one, just enough breeze blowing to give zest to the trip, and the party arrived there in good spirits. Between two and three hours were allowed to "do the town," and the return trip was began. The sail home was even more de lightful than that of the morning, and the party arrived at Meaford about 8 p.m., well satisfied with the day's outing, and many sorry that the trip on the bay did not continue for a longer time.

Windsor.-The rector of All Saint's, Rev. W. H Ramsay, M.A., expects to leave for Englard the end of September, for the parish which he has accepted in Devonshire. The Essex Record, England, ssys: Wm Edmonds, Esq., of Wiscombe Park, has presented his cousin, the Rev. A. H. Ramsay, to the rectory of cousin, the Rev. A. H. Ramsay, to the rectory of W. James. Mr. Ramsay, who through his acceptance resigns the rectory of the important parish of Windsor, Ontario, was from 1871 to 1881, rector of Ballyoroy, county Mayo, Ireland. After the ceremony of induce tion, which took place on Friday, July 24th, the churoh bells rang forth a merry peal. The new ree-
in Ootober. A description of Mr. Ramsay's oharob. which is dedicated to St. La wrience, may be of intor ent to mang of the readers of the DDorriros Cruzor MAN. Stiring's guide to South Devon says: "Soath
 the oommenoement of the Aftrenth contury, opening
into


 pieoe is a aplendid p zat inin, reproeenting with happy fidelity the wise men offoring gifts of gold, trankin conse aod mytrit to the uffant Jesos. Near the altar are noonumente of white marble to the memory of the following perseos:- -1 . J. M. Howe. E.q, who died At Wisoombe, March 12 sec. 1818, aged 57: the Rev. T. Howe, A.M., Maroh 15th, 1819, aged 61, und the Rev Jumee Howe, Fabruary, 4th, 1817. 2, John and Richard Roose, Esq.e., of Morrananays, snd Elizaboth mite of the latter. who died Decoember 7th, 1705, aged 79. 8, tor the Vickers, insoribei with the family the Ionio monoment of Robert Drake Armiger Aty io toe 1600. Io the niobe under itso corniee are five shielde. 1 , Drake Argent. a wivera with winge, die played gales impaliog abovron Argeot, botween bupaling Pint. 2, Drake impaling Graviilio. Drake mpeaing Prideanx. 4, Drake impaling Alesoce, be the parish is commoted at $£ 226$, and the reotory hones and gardens are surrounded with a globe of thirty five acres.

All Saints' parish prosents a very desirable field of labour for an incoming rector. The congregation is
now larger than it has $\epsilon$ ver been, and the numbers rowted greater. There is a good charch feeting in the parish. Most of the congregation express grea regret at Mr. Ramsay's lesving, now the church is prospering, and look anxiously to the fatare of the

The Atrican Episcopal Methodists and their minis ter are anxions to be received into the Enghsh Chorob and have applied to Bishop Baldwin. They are pre pared to bring their charch fabric with them, and


Drmorr.-The Evangelist of Huron diocese, Rev. natins on the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, and a evensong preeched to a very large congregation. The reotor of Grace Charch, Rev. Dr. MoCarroll, who had lor some time officiated in Toronto, is doing a good work in the sister diooess of Michigan, and is highly people.

Lownow.- Of the many correspondents of the Toronto Mail, one from London who takes the signa ture "A Charchman," arrives at the conolusion that clergymen," and he knows no worship, too many clergymen, and he knows no other canse for our posenion than this. There are here, be says, thirty 25,000 . We Episcopalians have sevent population o a radius of a mile, with the inevitable results of weak congregations and church indebtedness. Can this be so? In the Dominion Census Report of 1881, the popalation of the city of London, 18 given as 19,746 The members of the Church of England in the cuty a 6,592, say 33 per cent. of the whole city. The Anglian places of worship in the olty are four, seat. ing about 3,200 , about one half of the Charch mem. bers. These figures are indisputable. Have we too many clergymen ? Oar inquiries in regard to this query also reter only to the Anglican Charch. Nearly indese charches, he says, must support two clergy men and pay their incidental expenses besides main taloing sunday schools, etc. The fact is, every Angli coa church and the suborbs has one clergyman and no assistant minister. For , in which there is as a rule however, in St. Paol.' For the last year and a halt did all the parish daties. The sam, singlehanded, applicable to our suburban charches remarks are soonth, east and west, the members of in London Charch bear aboat the same proportion of the popal ation as in the enty. Loudon West, according to the same censsns, had 546 Charch members in the care ot one clergyman. There is in the censas no special re port of London Soath, but we mas safely pat the Charch members as about 1,000 in a large district. The seventh echurch mentioned by "A Churchman," (not St. Lake's, but St. Matthew's) is but one of a mission of two churches in London township in the care of one clergyman. The census report gives the number of Episoopalians in London East, (St. Mat.
thews Church, as 1,096 .

St. Thomas.-Rev. G. G. Ballard, for some yeara reotor of Truity Churoh, 8t. Thomas, has arrived in Honge to take oharge of the church of the Chaptar ciated in St. James ing left for a long vaoation on a streagth reoruitio cour. Mr. Ballard oommenoes the pastoral dutien of Ohapter Honse next Sanday. Ere his departure rom Trinity Obaroh, a number of intlaential membera of the ohurch met him by appointment, and Alderman Midgley read the following address

## Cbov. oo rge Grey Ba

Rev. and dear $S_{\text {Ir }}$, - We, the undersigued members of the congregation of Trinity Oharob, oannot permit the oocasion of your removal from this parish to pass without testifyng our regret a the soverace of our present conneotion, and wo desire respectrally to ex ress oar admiration of the bold and earnest 4 as amongst us, presobed and exponnded the Word of Trath. We Also desire to assure you that we truly sympathize with you in your recent beavy bereave. ment. And in conclasion we beg your acoeptavioe of the acoompanying parse as al small voken of our astoem, and we wish you every success in your new abondan laboar, and that the God of all mercy may aarnest prayer of each and everyone of us.
Mr. Midgley then presented Mr. Ballard with a parse containing 5340. The reverend gentleman evi. dently was much affected with parting from those who had proved their friendship to him in his greal trials. He replied in feeling and appropriate terms to the kind parting address. Several prominent members spoke, expressing their regret at his departare rom St. Thomas and wishing every sucoess in hiv new tome. This event conarms the opinion expressed re now in the Domior Churchuas, that the uneasantness that had manifested itself in the charch fowe, whe "I miled to arw members and tast not a note that in 8t. Thomas they have had for many years a succession of Evangelical ministers Henoe we may conclode, arose the unohurohly spirit and actions of the malcontents.

Londos.-Chapter House.-Tbe Rev. G. G. Ballard will commence his pastoral daties in the Cbapter House of the pro cathedral of the Holy Trinity, on next Sunday. The congregatiou have presented a parse contalning 853 to the Rev. E. W. Haghess who induction of Mr. Ballard to the parsh.

Wallackburo.-Rev. E.W. Haghes has been ap pointed incambent of the mission parish of Wallace barg.

Sx. Mary's.-The seoretary of the Clergy Trust Test fund, according to request, begn to aoknowledge through the Duminion Churchman, the recelipt of si Augost 81 . 180 trom R. H.
T. D. Stanley.

## Carrespandence.

## the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or

## our correspondente.

## SYNOD GREETINGS.

Sir,-The perasal of the agluable discussion o sougreetings in the Dominion Churchman, seems on. Sappose of two practical points not yet touched instance, sent official greetings to the Synod, what woald it be the daty of synod to reply? That masi be left, it may be said, for the Synod itself to settle, and it would be equal, doubtless, to the occasion. riendly we are surrounded with all sorts of bodies riendy and inimioal, brethren or rivals, it 18 practi wheory abont importance that We should have a righ neoery about these thinga. Since bishops are no vide Rer J. Cary and ay that they arry now o the perfect or proeressary to the ease bat only Is not any and every Christian of the Christian chare? ? Or brotherhood a portion that they are a Christian brotherhood ye say of some tion of the Christian church. We are righty no por to distingaish between those who have pherited heresy, and those who start one between the victim of a sochism and its founders, bat the salvationists

Mormons will in another genoration be in the position of inheritora or viotims, not of founders. What shan we then say to them? Whon nuch diffurence of opinion provait, pashing the ruling principlo of docimion. Avoid may revee atill lingers as an apostolio rule upon the solasanstion Writ, and we have to stady ite interpretation Holy ame obligation is on un to compare the The Augustine with those of Boripture, that the Bords of bad to so compare St . Panl'n, and surely the avold aocording to Paul belongs to marderers it any. How are we going to reconcile the Augastinian lonut with the apostolio? Again, baptiam is tre "supposing the matter and words of that sactamen o be duly administered since lay baptism is of min donbted validity." The terms, lay baptism and dol administered, are both nufortunately ambiguons, an the ambiguity has often led to laxity of ideas, adminisirator , baptism duly administered, the ode.," is that an andhoriantion no auth? " Gio and tesch be ch is that ar and one. Is every one pos in holy or nuyoue and every only a one transmit to snother that whichat name. Ont oeived, or appoint to position one oue has not re. obtained \% The judicious Hooker seems not openal only two thinge are necessary to the bapthold tis person, certain words and water, yaptism of any arriving at such conclusion seems diffionts to for St. Paul even after his oonversion did not to fici bimself, but was instructed to be baptised. Noptis we once setule the value and extent of the fond mental commission then we may find some princing to apply to wh caven, but we shall have, I thint, begin at the beginaing, and that beginaing seamat be that origual corumissien.

## Manitawaning, Alzoma,

J. S. Cons.

## Wright vs. huron

Srr,-The decision of the Supreme Court in the above case conveys a spocial lesson to the cleriy, and specially to those of the diocese of Haron, concerning rbair privileges and duties as members of Sypod. To net is, the great nc oessity there is for each membe rage of laws egitimate means best intereste of the Church. This is the neceser practical experience of the absolate power of Syno bered th present antimed, moreover, be it remem the fashion ot those of the Medes and Persians it requires a two thirds majority to alter it.
The ecclesiastical stratery, and absolation that has laid these "cords" upon ns, (not silken onep), hes provided that it will require a very decided and tho ough resolation to allow of their removal. The caw of Wright va. Huron, is bat one of the results of th "reign " of the late Bishop.
Without ignoing the moral force of trath, and While recogonzing the unchangeable character of Him who is its Eternal sonrce and upholder, our presea our liberties, an Britons undur British law.
I cannot, yet. bat believe that what our forefathen obtained from Kiog John, has been well enongh preserved in our Constitution to protect every English. man against wrong and injustice, come from where it mill.
It is rad, indeed, to have to confess the atate of the Church to be such, that our national law, glorions bhough it be, is our grestest safeguard.
The inaction of the late Synod, endorses the polioy of the past, in this matter, and until a most decided and emphatic reversal of the principles that has, herein, governed this diocese, is so expressed, canse of true religion and of the Church cannon prosper. All honour to Mr. Wright for his moral constansy in the canase of truth and righteousness, and above all, all prasse be to Him who has sustained asd will sustain hım, and who has, in His own time ralp.
up some to guve him both moral and material help.

Edward Softley B.D.

## CRUCIPHOBIA.

Sir.-Hatred of the Cross is one of the bulwarks of the altra evangelical shibboleth. This is carried to most ridiculous extremes. Even the word, the name of then ross must needs be expanged from hyma books thy in their public services. The verse "Hold roon in cross betore my closing eyes," is no longer sang our ultra evangelical congregation here. t taking ing this change the minister must surely be tad the leave of his senses. One would imagine that hymn was being sang to the officiating, priest, prayd 0 nide hold his cross betore their closing oy they ongh gio them to ther heavenly resh to theat Hi priest, eternal in the heavens, praying Him to holl

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the Crose of Hingreat A tonement for the nina of the whole world, belore and alone, we muy have hinht to lond a o life elernai. our Lord Jesas Chrint." exclary, kav the true evangelical. Amen, we heartily reply. A God grant their poor darkened underntandings more the holy cross of Christ's passion to soe tho truth an it is in Christ Jesus. And more charity to those who in meekness try to receive the truth of the whole is the Christian's trademark (if we may with rever onoe nse the symbol). His duty, hin burden and solace bere. If worn worthily in this life, it will be exchanged for the crown of glory in the heavenly mansions.
Let the Christian always remember, be be evangel cal or Churchman, that well worn but ever new Brockville, 1885.

## HOSPITALS FOR WOME

Sir,-In your paper of Angust 6th, writing of St John's House. you say there is no hospital for women in Canada. Yon probably have not heard of the work bas been done for some years, both in nursing poor women who cannot be trealed at home, and pro I hoprin of forg a Ing been this ther ino yeako.
on will poblish this letter in yonr papll be glad i ougbt to be more generally known that there is such a hospital. Yours, truly.

We shall take an early opportunity of giving notice of the Western Hospital, and shall be glad to
receive its Reports for future ase.

## peace vs. strife.

Sir,-Will you once again allow me the use of you columas, to say a fuw worde to my brother laymen and desolating our fair diocese of Huron, and whing or years has our fair diocese of Huron, and which battle ground for law courts. In the meantime the diocesan treasury is extausted. poorly paid mission aries are having their grants reduced, whilst lawyers live and thrive apon our nnseemly quarrels. Now
why is this so? Not because "one man loves to be Why is this so ? Not becanse "one man loves to be
litigious," or " squabbles for money." No, the trouble is far deeper seated. It is because God's law has been dishonourtd and his precepts broken, because hrongh intrigue, and greed of gain and power, the indeed, the rights of the latty too, and God speaks by the voice of a man, whom 1 cannot belp fteeling $H_{0}$ has rassed up to set bis face like a thint, to resist oppression, and every evil work, and by bim He sayo "Shall not my soul be avenged upon euch a diocesse that case of Wright vs. Huron, 18 now rom Mr. Wright's Duminion Churchana, most plainly set forth the present cause of hitigation in all its ugliness, and we must believe in all its truth, since most serious charges Criaging about the present disastrous state of affairs, Criaging about the prosent disastrous state of affairs
fail to call forth any reply from them, cau things re fall to call forth any reply from them, cau things re-
main thus? Shall we stand still and see the diocese of Huron wither like a blighted branch of the Church and make no effort to destroy the worm that is eating out the lite at the core? What says our Bishop in his recent annual address? "In some places we are absolutely statiohary, in others pail and the only hope of returning to to painfully true hings, is by puting away the evil out of our midst Preaching is in vain without practical amendment When the case of Wright vs. the Synod, shall have been settled to meet the aims of jastice and equity then and then only will loyal Churchmen rally round he bishop. Three able and learned judges, have given decision in favour of Mr. Wright, and the genloubtful jul the public goes with their decision. The apellant judge who arrived at his decision against the pent. "If the law is ard "if" in stating his judge ment. " "f the law 18 as stated," etc. It is to have "solid Churchmen," that Mr. Wright, supported by the Privy Council. But the point I want to come to is, cannot some meaus be devised to bring this conention to an end without further litigation? 1 have and will renew it again to the Clergy Trust Fund, ase shall fall to the ground without another effort.
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 oing of a fresh start in a better way. I feel nure tha on an appoal to the Bishop, he would convene a Synod peacefal solotion. His position is a very difficalt one, but I do not nee how it will be bettered by prolonging the suit, and Churchmen will not regain confidence whilst those who bave brought about this mischie re in power and continue to hold the reins of office Wiadom would dictate that we continue to prepar for war, whilst we earnestly hope aud pray for peace
and we commend the canse first to the Great Head the Church, and under Him to our good and respecte Binhop, Yoars truly.
Galt, August 29, 1885
P.S.-To you Mr. Editor weare deeply indebt opening your columns so freely to our ase and ope your paper will become a weekly visitor in ever Church family in Huron diocese, for though you mak no boast of your Evangelical prochivities, you never theless take the true steps to lead your readers to the
snowledge of the blessed Evangel of our Sacred Mas ar, Who has left us a legacy which will ensure peace His words "Wha egacy which will exsure peace do unto you, do you even so to them.

## ENGLAND OR ROME

Sir,-In these days of revived Charch teaching when both doctrine and practice which long lay dormant, are springing into hife amongst us, we n longer so much ask what we must believe and do, a
how best to fulfil our religions obligations. On how best to fulfil our religions obligations. Our
fathers erected common barnlike charches; we seek fathers erected common barnlike charches; we seek
to baild and adorn to the best of our power, grudging 0 work to that which is to be set aside as the House God. Our fathers knew littie of choral service talent in the worship of Him, Who gave them. It is difficult now to place oneself quite in the position of these to whom we owe this grest inlige posicion suthors of the Oxford movement, and easy to condem them for mistakes they may have made, but they have at least placed so much light in our hande, that we have only to search and look for ourselves, and then wo go forward in the paths which their wisdom, learn ing and piety have pointed out. There is one detai of Church ceremonial, to which in this present article desire to call the attention of my brother charch men, as its negluct has brought upon us the no
eutirely undeserved accusation of "copying Rome." Far be it from me to say one word against the Siste Uharch; the old cry of Popery is pretty well out o one ourselve by the neglect of the laws of our own Charch in on cular
I speak now of the colours of the altar cloths and estments. Clergymen who wish to be what is con udered a little "high," often follow with anxiety th roman rule, and look upon a green altar cloth fo equivalent to saying that the Church of England as given us no directions in this matter. Wonld it cot have heen better, instead of peeping in at the open doors of the nearest Roman chapel, to have baken the trouble to refer to our own old rubrics, and o have looked out the Sarum use which ruled ou Ghurch for so many centuries? In the early days o but oxford moveny was chorchmen has facil at now the indastry and the plain simple rules we ind may be in anyone's hauds, and can only be set side by carelessness, if not by deliberate disloyalty. Those who care to study the sabject from the foun tain-head, I would refer to the Sarom missa of which the English Translation was published by whe Church Press Company in 1868, but as this is a expensive book, I should rather recommend all who cake an interest in the question to obtain "Ritual Con formity," published by Parker \& Sons, Oxford, price 18. Both books lie before me now, and I will give a extract from the latter. We read on page 12: "I he notices of Sarum, which seems to have been re garded as a standard of English usage op to the eginning of the reign of edward y., red was direct Faster useason and the Ascension festival, up to Whitsun eve, and except on any other festival mark ad by the use of white, which takes precedence of the particular Sunday. In these cases the colour would be white.

If all Sundays of the year be red exoept when they re white, how have we an excuse for the Roman green? "Neither law nor onstom recognize the
modern Roman seguence of colours."
are the important Sarnm colours, the only ones in fact page turang to the Saram Misosi, (temeral alar are required, that among the orbaments of the difficaligy that inventories of there acknowledge the ane lists of altar clotbs of various colours, tDen bla and black; these mast have been cffered by some who perbsps after soma great berupement lud for ever the rich brocaded reat bereavement laid asid the future ase of the altar; or who thought it proper o clothe the Charch in black apon the death of one her members. In our own young days we hav obsolete

Iu going back to our old English custom, there is a least neither difficulty nor expense. Poor, indeed that congregation must be, that cannot cffer for the covering of the Holy Table, one red altar cloth
which will suffice until safficient be collected to add o it the festal white. But let as not bring upon our elves the ridicule of our Roman brethren by ou gnorant imitation of them, and let us no longe ntemptuonly neglect even the soll ar beloved Mother Church of England

## Osmund.

## WANDERINGS IN THE NORTH.WE3T

Sir,-On the 24th of Jaly, Hev. E. F. Wilson, principal of the Shingwank Home, accompanied by aree indian boys, lett here for the North. West Terri tores to try and induce some of the Indians there to The following extracts from his letters may prove interesting

I have been improving my time by learning Sioux om Frank Brown, an intelligent young Indian who adopted by a Prince Albert lar that place just a he commencement of the rebellion.
Before I started I was afraid that the Sioux an Cree reserves woald be widely separated, but accord ing to Mr. Brown there are Cree, Sioux and Ojibeway feserves all within fifty miles or so of one another nd some only five or six mules apart. A pony and buck-board can be bired for, from $\$ 2$ to $\$ 3$ a day, and te shall go about and camp on the prairies, tieing Fle Hulls and Tonchwor Huls and if ot to Batoche. In his ?nd letter, Mr, Wilson inform of his visit to Regina. Here are a few items. " rote to yon on the 28th and have now three day ord to give. Most of my time has been spent in court, hstening to the evidence and making portraits, and now I have completed a large picture of the whole scene, and am golng to send it to the 'Graphio' We have also been successful in seeing Big Bear, etc., do you know it is unlawful for anyone save counsel to interview the prisoners, so it was only through the very great kindness of Christopher Robinson, q., of Toronto, that Mr. Wilson saw the greai nor. The Indian question is a hard one to sette as Wilson is now directing his attention.

I am Sir,
Sault Ste. Marie,
C. A. French

11 August, 1885

## THE COMMUTATION FUND.

## Letter No. 7

Sir,-It mast be borne in mind that the action of the Synod of 1876, was not the commencement, but he calminating point respecting the aboltion of the ommutation Sarplus as an endowment for the ynod of the first subtle blow was struck daring janged 1874, when the fundamental condition was isposition which the first By law regulating he first By-law of 1869 was qualifying condition of f less than $\$ 300$ per annum, whilst that of 1874 was an income from any source, however precarious, of ess than $\$ 1,200$. From this time the certainty con nother change was effected, which I have already forth, a bolder stroke indeed, and which macad ised the way for the sahtagem of 1876 .'The first scene in the act was but the prelude to the final fors de main. Unworthy minds might regard the action by way of applanse, and orown its anthor with the heroic emblems of deep penetration and a masterly conception of mind, whereby the exercise of power 18 obtained. But how speak the glory of God, th honor of the Saviour, the good of men, and the wel fare of the Church? If such proceedings receive of the Church, it is easy to determine why and Laity of the Church, it is easy to determine why the honor


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good, and honoring Hime who is her glory and her good, and honoring Hime who is her glory and her
Head. No, for bad it been, no such jenultical means would have been nsed to acoomplish it, for it was done woon theory that the end justifies the means. It was one amongst other things to bring the clergy into a state of slavish foar, so that forther designs and pur. poses could be effected by an anauthorined ase of centralised power. It does not stand alone as being injurious to the Church, but has for its associate the founding of a Wastern University. To accomplish abjection. The same guiding band is visible in them both. The revelations respecting the Uaiversity, which in its conoeption and work was covered with the Church's wing, are more ghastly than those relat ing to the Commatation Fund, although not so far reaching in personal suffering. They are known to the writer, and supported by the clearest and most indis patable evidence. made to bask in the brightness of ort mevidian sun, they would so deform the chaste cape of parity and trath, that wbilat the manls chee could crimson with righteons indignation, woman brow would pale with borror, and the honest verdic would be pronounced by every lip, that the adminis. ration of the Charch of God in the Diocese of Haron during the late reyime was worthy of Augeas.
It 18 now within the power of a spiritaal Hercules o cleanse the atmosphere of the soul-destroying malairs which so enveloped the Charch of Him, who "was the brightness of His Father's glory," and "who redeemed her with His own most precions blood." May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ give him wisdom, holy boldness and spiritual arength, to do His righteons will, and to freely use arpeonke glad the city of God, his hereor make hiad place
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## 41.

How wonderful are the ways of God's providence! Joseph had been sold into slavery, and there, being falsely accused of a horrible crime, had been cast into prison. Bat Joseph in servitude had been true to himself and faithful to his Master and his God. So was he in prison, and "the Lord was with Joseph," so that the keeper of the prison trusted him and committed all the prisoners into his hands, (ch. xxxix. 21, 23.) In the prison were "Pe chief butler and the chief baker of the "Pbaraob," or "King," (for such tbe word meanns) Egypt. Each of these now had a dream whicb Joseph finterpreted for them. And the dreams came true according to the intrepretations, The chief baker was hanged, while the chief butler, or
cup.bearer, was restored to his butlership, (ch. xl.) He, "however, in his ingratitude, forgot all about Joseph, though Joseph had begged of him to speak to Pararah for him, (ch. xl. 14, 28.) Yet Joseph "waited still patiently upon the Lord and He inclined unto him and heard his calling." (See Joseph xxxvir. 7; xl. 1, 2; Heb. vi. 15.) And
poon becomes the chief minister of Pharaoh.
(1). Pharaoh's Dreams, vs. 14, 32. For Pharaoh now had dreams. In general dreams have no meaning, (See Jer. xxix. 8,) but doubtless God has used them at times to make His will known to man. So with the butler and baker, (See also Dan. ii. and iv. and St. Matt. ii. 12, 18, 22.) And
Pharaoh had two dreams, both with the same
meaning. This was to mark there solemnity and oxcite attention to them. In the first dream seven fat kine, or cows, came up from the river and fed And seven lean kine followed them which deroured the fat ones. In the second dream seven full and good ears of corn on one stock, were devoured by seven thin ears. As in these dreams the evil pre. vailed on the good, Pharaoh was troubled and sought an interpretation. Yet the magicians, who professed skill in divination and atsrology, could not explain. Bat the batler doubtless nade rod's providence, now remembered Joseph, (vs 9 18.) He was sent for and interpreted the dreams, showing that they pointed to seven years of grea plenty, to be followed by seven years of famine. Ye Joseph took not the credit to triamph, be was ful of humility and faith, (See vs. $16,25,82$, and ch . xl. 8.) Like Daniel, (Dan. ii. 27, 28, 30,) and Peter, (Acts iii. 12.)
to be done in advice, vs. 38, 36. What there is to be done in view of the falfilment of the dreams. Joseph advices, first, let a discreet, wise, and able man be sought ous and placed over the whole country, with 00 mpetent officers ander him
im :-second-let fifth paring the seven land art of the produce of three years would be so sbandant :- and next-but all this food be carefully stored in the cities for use during the years of famine.
(3). Joseph's Elevation, verses 87-45. This ad vice was good and greatly pleased Pharoah and his servants. And who so fit a man to superintend this work as Joseph himself, whose wisdom and discretion, yea, and whose inspiration Pharosh could not but acknowledge. And so, under the providence of God, the captive, slave and prisoner becomes the prime minister, none being greater in the land than he, save only the king himself. Peculiar marks of honor were shown to him. Pharoah puts his own ring on Joseph's hand, thereby anthorizing him to aot in the king's name, (see Esther iii. 10, viii. 2 ; 1 Kings xxi. 8). He clothes him in the fine linen, which was worn by the Egyptian priests and other high functionaries He puts a chain of gold about his neek to declar his unvestiture in his high princely office. He makes him ride in the second chariot, and cause all the people to bow before him. He changes his name to Z apbreath-paaneabs, (varionsly interpre ted "Revealer of secrets," "Lord of life" and "Saviour of the world "), and gives him to wife the daughter of the Priest of On , (i.e., of Heliopolis, the City of the Sun).
How changed then were Joseph's fortunes and prospects! Let us learn from him to be patient, hamble, faithful, hopeful, and ,trustful in God. And let us learn, too, that God does not forge those who fear Him. Moreover, let us see in Juseph a type of our Saviour, Christ, who, after his sears of humiliation in this world, was exalted to the right hand of the throne of His Father, and to whom was given "a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, (the Saviour the world), every knee should bend," (Phil. ii. 9 10).

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## miscellaneous extraots.

The Churoh and the Bar.-It is worthy remark that barristers, in their addresses to the jury are studiously distinct in their enunciation. How mportant is it, then, that Clergymen, who have ar weightier matier to communicate to their hear ors, should aim at the same distinctness, by speak ing deliberately, giving every syllableits properquan tity, and avoiding the prevalenterror of dropping the voice (sometimes half an octave) at the close of a sentence, whereby its meaning is often lost. The Clergy, in large churches especially, seem not to be aware of the inconvenience and deprivation experienced by their congregations, from non attention to these particulars; and informing them of their failure would be so much like finding fault, that few persons would run the risk of giving offence.

Ancitent Sees-England and Wales.- The bish oprics of Eugland and Wales were institated according to the following order of time, viz:-
London, an Arcabishopric and Metropolitan of England, founded by Lncius, the first Caristian Kıng of Britain, A.D. 185 ; Llandaff, 185 ; Bangor St. David's, 519. The Arcubishopric Wales from 550 to 1100 , when the Bishop submit ed to the Archbishop of Oanterbnry as his Metro pohtan; St. Asaph, 547; St. Angustine (or St Austin) made Canterbury the Metropolitan Arch bishopric by order of Pope Gregory, A.D. 596 Wells, 604 ; Rochester, 634 ; Winchester, 650 Lichfield and Coventry, 656; Worcester, 679 Hereford, 680 ; Darham, 691 ; Sodor and Man 898 ; Exeter, 1050 ; Sherborne, (changed to Salisbury, 1056 ; York, (Archbisboric,) 1067 ; Dor chester, (changed to Lincoln,) 1070 ; Chichester 1071 ; Thetford, (changed to Norwich,) 1088 ; Bath and Wells, 1088 ; Ely, 1109 ; Carlisle, 1123 . The fullowing six were founded apon the suppression of monasteries by Henry VIII. :-Chester, Peterbo rough, Gloucester, Oxford, Bristol and Westmin ster, 1538. Westminster was united to London in 0.

Archbishop Ussher and the Surplice in Preach ing.-In the discussions upon the propriety of
preaching in a surplice, much ignorance prevails as preaching in a surplice, much ignorance prevails as to the early practice of our reformed Charch. Some boldly deny that the Preacher ever wore a surplice and those who defend the practice are content with such obscure references as are given in the letter of Dr. Guest to Sir William Cecıl. The following quatation will set the question at rest.-It is from the Clavi trabalis, by Dr. Bernard, whose devia tions from the Church of England were certainly not in the direction of Rome. He says, p. 58" He (Archbishop Ussher) came constantly into the church in his episcopal habit and preached in it and for myself, by his approbation, when I offici ated I wore my surplice and hood, administered the Communion, and at such occasions preached in them also." This quotation not only establishes the early practice of preaching in a surplice, but gives it the sanction of Archbishop Ussher. His authority might stop the cry of Popery, which has been industriously raised against its advocates.
Christianity, like a child, goes wandering over the world. Fearless in its innocence, it is not abashed before princes, nor confounded by the wisdom of synods. Before it the blood-stained warrior sheathes his sword, and plucks the laurel from his brow ; the midnight murderer tarns from his purpose, and like the heart-smitten disciple goes out and weeps bitterly. It brings liberty to the cap tive, joy to the mourner, freedom to the slave, re pentance and forgiveness to the sinner, hope to the faint-hearted, and assurance to the dying. Itenters the huts of poor men, and sits down with them and cheir children; it makes them contented in th midst of privations, and leaves behind an everlast ing blessing. It walks through great cities amid a their pomp and splendor, their unimaginable pride and their unatterable misery, a purifying, ennobling correcting and redeeming angel. It is alike the beautiful companion of childhood and the comfort able associate of age. It ennobles the noble; gives wisdom to the wise; and new grace to the lowly. The patriot, the priest, the poet, and the elognent man, all derive thair sablime power from its uflu ence.-Mary Howitt.

Revealed religion," says Cardinal Newman furnishes facts to other sciences which those sciences, left to themselves, would never -reach Thus, in the science of history, the peservation of onr race in Nosh's art is a histori cal fact which history would never arrive at with out revelation."

The present time is frequently spoken of as exceeding in corruption and irreligion previous ages. The Dean of Windsor, at a recent ordination t Cuddesden, took exception to this statement in he following remarks:-"Did you ever, in the face of the cry 'our oreedless generation' and the rottenness of our moral standard,' turn back a cen tury or so, and compare with such detail as is pos sible the then literature, the then popular creed he then moral standard, with our own? Do we
realize what the faith and the morals of educated men in England were, say at the beginning of the centnry? Look at the sparkling pages of the Spectator, or the Tatler, and see how Steele and Addisou drage to light a motal turpitude, aud intel lectual creedleseness, firty times blacker than any thing our own day has seen. To appreciate Addi son's senthing essay on the supposed visit of an Indian king to St. Paul's Oathedral, or Swift's satirical 'Argument against abolishing Christianity, it is necessary to realize a prevalence of godlessness among educated men to which the nineteenth century in England offers no parallel at all. Pass on half a century, and we find Bishop Butler-the most careful and guarded of menopening his famons charge to the clergy of Durham with a complaint that ' the influence of religion is now wearing out of the minds of men ; ' and again, - It is come, I know not how, to be taken for granted by many persons that Christianity is not so much a sabject for enquiry, but that it is now at length discovered to be fictitions,
nothing remains but to set it upas a principal subjec of mirth and ridicule.'

## THOUGHTS OF HEAVEN.

Thoughts of Heaven ! they come when low The summer eve's breeze doth faintly blow When the mighty sea shines clear, anstirred By the wavering tide or the dipping bird, They come in the rush of the surging storm, When the waves rear up their giant form, When the breakers dash o'er dark rocks, white, And the terrible lightnings rend the night; When the mighty ship hath vainly striven They come whers can thoughts of heaven The trackless forest's solitude; In the tracikiess forest's solitude;
In the stillness of the grey rock's beight, On pesks where lie the unwasting snows ; In the sun-blight islands' ruch repose ; In the beathery glen; by the dart, Where the wild swan broods in the rear lake, Where Nature reigns in her deepest rest,
Pare thoughts of heaven come unreprest.

They come as we gaze on the midnight sky, When the star gemmed vault is dark and high, And the soul on the wings of thought sublime Soars from the world and the bounds of time, Till the mental eye becomes nnsealed, And the mystery of being in light revealed They rise in the old cathedral dim,
And the organ's tones well fill hymn
Till the roof peals back the mell and high
Thoughts of Heaven ! from his
They come to the bright-eyed, plastny beguiled, To the man of age in his dull decay
Bringing hopes that his youth took not a way To the woe smit sonl, in its dark dietress, As flowers spring up in the wilderness; Like the light of day in its blesse 1 fall, Such holy thoughts are given to all.

Mary Howitt.

## a RELIGION FOR aLL WEATHERS.

There is a fishing village on the coast of Cornwal where the people are very poor, but pions and in telligent. Last year they were sorely tried. The winds were oontrary, and for nearly a month they could not pat to sea. At last, one Sanday morning the wind changed, and some of the men whose faith was weak went out toward the beach, the women and children looking on sadly, many saying with sighs, "I'm sorry it's Sunday, but-" "If we wer not so pocr-

But-if-" said a sturdy fisherman, startin up and speaking aloud; " surely, neighbors, you're not going with your buts and ifs to break God's law."
The people gathered around him, and he added "Mine's a religion for all weathers, fair wind and foul. 'This is the love of God, that ye keep His law.' 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it came not to break law, friends. And our Lord we are poor; what of that? Better poor and have Goi's smile, than rich and have God's frown. Go, you that dare; but I never knew any good com
These words in season stayed the parpo
rest. They went home and made ready for the house of God, and spent the day in praise and prayer. In the evening, just when they would have been retarning, a sudden storm sprang up hat raged terribly fur two days. After the tem pest came settled weather, and the pilchard fishery complaining in the village. Here was a religion complaining in the village. Here was a raigion
for all weathers. Remember the words, " Trust in the Lord and do good, and verily thou shalt be fed."

## THE NOBLEST THING.

We remember reading somewhere a great truth pressed in these besutifal words

## "Tbe noblest thing a man can do,

However to do his daty,

## Or void of earthly beanty.

"Just to do his duty," is all that God asks of any man, and when he does that be may safely leave the rest with Him, for "he shall in no wise lose his reward."
We can only qualify ourselves for higher duties and wider fields of usetulness by doing willingly and earnestly the humblest labour to which we may be assigned. He who grumbles and repines be canse "the world does, not understand him," and te is no int proper sphers, and therefore takes no interest in his present employment, and labors to no purpose, is likely never
motion or have his talents recognized.
The daty of the presest hour-knowing thatto do it well is the noblest thing a man can do. It matters not after all, if we seek the approval o God and not the applanse of men, whether our deeds are trampet-tcngued through all the land or known only to H um and ourselves.
He who is honored in Heaven is honored indeed; but worldly fame attained by selfish ambition, at the expense of the best and holiest attributes of man's nature, is vanity and a delusion that means bitterness beyond the grave.

## FAMILY PRAYER.

Mach has been written and said of family prayer. The testimeny borne to its happy effects by those Who have enjoyed the priviltge of morning and evening worship by the family circle is of the most convincing character. This serviee is one of the great means of drawing out the affeetions of parents and children to God and one to another. The light many a wanderer back the means of bringing had been for years straying the right path after he had been for years straying away. And its blessed influences have been mighty in rearing men and
women for Christ and the world women for Christ and the world.
Truly does Canon Liddon say: There is one mark of a household, in which God is known and loved, which is too often wanting in our day-I mean the practice of family prayer. Depend upon it, the worth of a practice of that kind can only be measured by its effects during a long period of fow minutes, do make a great occupying only a honsehold at the end of a year. How, indeed, can be otherwise, when each morning, and perhaps old and eving, too, all the members of a family, the dd and the yonng, the parents and the children, the master and the servants meet, on a footing of perfect equality before the Eternal, in whose presence each is as nothing or less than tely dear that whom each is so infineach and all of them? How must not blood spirits that are the enemies of pure and bright amd untruthfulness and sloth, of envy and pride tribe of evil thoughts, and and the whole His gracions presence, in make way for and young alike, who, as $H_{e}$ brings ns does $\mathrm{He}_{\mathrm{e}}$, and He alone, make of our existence, nind in a house here within the narrow prese of each home circle, and hereafter in the presence
tongues, which shall dwell with Him, the aniveran Pareut, for all oternity
It is intimated that in the hurry and frequent interruptions oi modern life, family work is lable mitted neglected. No such omission should be per. mitted. It wonld be to lay aside one of the great mevns of grace, one of the mighty restraints from
evil, and of the powerfal agencies for good. evil, and of the powerfal agencies for good.

## THE GREAT NEED

It is faith. Have no fear that your faith will root iteelf too deeply in the Soriptures. To sue. cessfully withatand the aseaults of infidelity it it essentive that the tap-root of the tree of righteons. ness strike deep down into the rich soil of divine trath. Let the Bible be kept always in sight and at hand. There is gryund for suspicion and fear that many are not mighty in the Soriptares, as it s their privilege to be ; that to a large number the anside of the Word of God has not a famuliar look; hat too many Biblee are relegated to the parlour table or library shelf, and lefi there, anused, until some great bereavement makes the people take them down. How shall we otherwise account for the faith of some being so limp, and the grip of otbers so slack upon that word of promise and pence, of hope, and salvation? Otherwise, why so much religious indifference and spiritual lukewarmness? Else, whence the army of backsliders that perplex oharch officials, who find frequent occasion for the revision of the charch rolls? And how does it come to pass that we hear the cry : "Give us the Gospel of good cheer and good works-the Gospel of duty rather than of doctrine?" as if it were possible to disorce Mount Smai and Mount Olivet -the Law and the Gospel. At this tume when there is so much loo-e thinking and irresponsible preaching, when with the old thungs that have passed away, so many would have the Bible and the Sabbath go toc, that all things might be new there is need for both the connsel and the caation: Beware lest any man spoil you throngh philone. phy and vain deceit, after the innen, The place for every believer is beside the Oross of Jesue, holding on with the grip of an anyielding, invincible faith, true to the dear old Book-old, yet over new, slaying the old man but creating the new, wrecking old hopes yet imparting hopes now.

## HELP UPWARDS.

I shall never forget the feelings I had once when olimbing one of the pyramids of Egypt. When haif way up, my strength failing, I feared I should aver be able to reach the summit or get bads gain. I well remember the help given, by Arab hands, drawing me on farther; and the step I could not quite make myself, because too great for ny wearied frame, the little help given me-someames more and sometimes less-enabled me to go up, step by step, step by step, until at last I reached
the top, and breathed the pure air, and had a grand the top, and breathed the pure air, and bad agrand
lookout from that lofty height. And so, in life's cokout from that lofty height. And so, in lifes
jurney, we are climbing. We are feeble. Every journey, we are climbing. We are feeble. Every if we have risen and tep higher than some other, let as reach down for our brother's hand, and help him to stand beside us. And thus joined hand in hand, we shall go on conquering, step by step, antil the glorions eminence shall be gained.

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## A CHILD'S THANKS.

When little Margaret was about two and a half years old, she was playing in her mother's room one day, when suddenly a bright butterfly flew in at the open window. The little maid was delighted, as she watched it flit about the room, lighting on the window curtains now and then to rest, and showing off its pretty, spotted wings against the lacy white. Her mother thought it a lovely picture : the child with her soft, sunny ringlets, and the gay, airy butterfly she was admiring. Gladly she told her little girl who it was that made the butterfly, so beautiful for her to look at. Little Margaret had heard of God before, and liked to pray her little morning and night prayer to Him. So now, without a word, she got down on her knees by the bedside, and said very earnestly, "Sank'oo for the buecterfly!"
$\qquad$ M.K.A.S.

## A BEAUTIFUL FATHER.

"Tell your mother you've been very good boys to-day," said a
school teacher to two little new school teacher to two little new scholars.
"Oh," replied Tommy, "we hasn't any mother!"
"Who takes care of you ?" she asked.
"Father does. We'vé get a beautiful father-you ought to see him!" " Who takes all the care of you when he is at work ?
" He takes all the care before he goes off in the morning, and after he comes back at night. He's a house painter, but there isn't any work this winter, so he's doing laborin' till spring comes. He leaves us a warm breakfast when he goes off, and we have bread and milk for dinner, and a good supper when he comes home, Then he tells us stories, and plays on the fife, and cuts out beautiful things for us with his jack-knife. You ought to see our father and our home, they are both so beautiful!"

Before long, the teacher did see that home and that father. The room was a poor attic, graced with cheap pictures. autumn leaves, and other little trifles that cost nothing. The father, who was at the time preparing the evening meal for his motherless boys, was, at first glance, only a rough, begrimed labourer; but before the stranger had been in the place ten minutes the room became a palace, and the man a magician.
His children had no idea they were poor, nor were they so with such a hero as this to fight their battles for them. This man, whose graceful spirit lighted up the otherwise dark life of his children, was preaching to all about him more effectually than was many a man - in sacerdotal robes in a costly temple. He was a man of patience and submission to God's will, showing how to make home happy under the most unfavourable cir-
cumstances. He was rearing his amall of my age. You see, sir, my boys to put their shoulders to the mother haen't anybody bat me ; an burdens of life, rather than become this morning I saw her crying becanse burdens to others in the days that are coming.
He was, as his children had said "a beautiful father," in the highest sense of the word.

## HER GRAMMAR.

It is a pathetic sight to watch the meanderings of the childish mind through the intricacies of English grammar. Little Jane had repeatedly been reproved for doing violence to the moods and tenses of the verb "" to be." She would say "I be " instead of "I am," and for a time it seemed as if no one could prevent it. Finally Aunt Kate made a rule not to answer an
incorrect question, but to wait until it was corrected.
One day the two sat together Aunt Kate busy with embroidery and little Jane over her dolls. Pre sently doll society became tedious and the child's attention was at tracted
frame.
"Aunt Kate," said she, "please tell me what that is going to be?" But Aunt Kate was counting and did not answer. Fatal word $b e!$ It was her old enemy, and to it alone could the child ascribe the silence that followed.

Aunt Kate," she persisted with an honest attempt to correc her mistake, "please tell me what that is going to am?"
Still Auntie sat silently counting though her lip curled with amuse ment.

Jane sighed, but made another patient effort.
"Will you please tell me what that is going to are ?"
Aunt Kate counted on, perhap by this time actuated by a wicked desire to know what would come next. The little girl gathered her energies together tor one last and great effort
" Aunt Kate, what am that going
to are ?"-Youth's Companion.

## A LITTLE BOY'S DECISION.

One day a small boy entered store. Tue merchant looked at him and asked : what will you have to day ?"
" Oh, please, sir, mayn't I do some work for you to-day ?"
"Do some work for me, eh? Well, what sort of work can a little chap
like you do? Why, you can't look like you do? over the counter."
"Oh, yes, I can, and I'm growing, please, growing very fast-there now, see if I can't look over the coun ter !" said the little fellow, raisin himself on his tiptos
The merchant smil
The merchant smiled, and then fail.
came round to the other side of the counter.
"I thougt I should have to get magnifying glass to see you; but, I
reokon, if I get close enough, I can reckon, if I get close enough, I ca find out what you look like.
" Ob, I'm older than I'm big, sir,
she couldn't find five cents in her pocketbook. She thints the boy that took the ashes stole it-and-I-haven't had-any breakfast, sir.
Then his voice choked, and his blue yes were filled with tears.
"I reckon I can help you to some breakfast, my litle fellow," said the merchant, feeling his vest "pocket. Here, will this quarter do ?
The boy shook his heat, saying
" Thank you, sir, bat my mother wouldn't let me beg, or take mones, nless I did something tor it.
"Indeed!" said the gentleman. And where's your father?
" $\mathrm{H}_{8}$ weat to sea in the steamer City of Boston. The vessel was lost nd we never heard of him after ".

Ah! that was bad. But you are a placky little fellow, and I like you. Lat me see," and then, after thinking or a few moments, he called out to one of the clerks, "Saunders, is the ash boy No. 4 still sick ?"

He died last night, sir," was the reply.
"Ah! I'm sorry to hear that. Well, here's a little fellow that can take his plase. What wages did No. 4 get?"

- Three dollars a week, sir," replif d the clerk.

Well put this boy down for four dollars a week." Then, turning to he astonisbed boy, he said, "Tnere, ny little fellow, go up to the cler where, an live and your and and tell your mother you've got a place at four dullars a week; come back on Monday morning, and I'H1 tell you what to do. Here's a dollar in advance ; l'll take it ont of your first week's wages. Now go."
Little Tommy darted out of that store like an arrow. How he flew along the street! How nimbly ht mounted the creaking stairs that leo o his mother's room! As soon as he lapping his hands, and jumping np and appor in and down. and erying out,- Mothee mother ! Im took Im took I Tvr There's the first dollar to get something to eat with. And don't you ever cry again; for I'm the man of the house now!"
Bat Tommy's mother did cry then. And how could she help it? She took the little fellow in her arms, and pressed him to her bosom. She wept tears of joy over him ; and then she kneeled down and thanked God for giving her we see how decided little Tommy was in doing what was right, and what success followed his decision.

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So I had a mother; I was glad I had something, they had taken so much from me already. My mother was a long thing spread out on something white. How different her touch! I took to her at once. Since I was to be touched and handled-although I could not see the necessity of such proceed-ing-it was delightful to be touched and handled so tenderly. I had undergone so much harshness already that I now could readily distinguish hard from soft. She was so soft! She had no angles; she was as round as the sun. I believe my love for my mother began then. How I cuddled round her! In a moment I lost myself, forgot all my misfortunes, and dwelt among the angels, the former companions of my life.

When my nurse heard that I was oing to write out my diary she laughed and said : " Write a diary, indeed! I have spanked all the wits out of him, if he ever had any." This is partially true, for I often wondered how the good Creator could stand there and see one of His machines thus spoiled, and not interfere. But evidently she is not acquainted with my anatomy -my wits didn't reside there ; so I will go on with my story in spite of her prognostications.

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