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Thi Ohurch Sohools Company met on Monday at their fifth annual meating to declare a dividend of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., althongh only $£ 3$ of each £5 share has been called np. Founded in 1883 on the model of the Woodard scheme, the company now possesses seventeen schools, viz., at Brighton, Brockley, Bury St. Edmunds, Colchester, Dewsbury, Darham, Newcastle onTyne, Northampton, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Stoke Newington, Streatham, Stroud Green, Sunderland (two), Surbiton, Tottenham, and Wigan. "The education," to quote the report, "both religious and secular, is sonnd and full of promise for the fature, and in the case of the older schools a high standard of excellence has been attained."

IT is reported that the Oommittee of S.P.G. have received a donation of $£ 25,000$ from a elergyman. The money goes to the General Fund, and is said to be the largest donation, as distinguished from a legacy, ever given to a Church society.

Elarly in the year 1887 the Biahop of Singapore and Sarawak consecrated the first Anglican Church in the native States. This is the Churoh of St. Mary at Kuala Lampor, and is a modest stracture of wood on a brick plinth. One feature in the building sounds strangely to readers at home. This is a verandah on each side, which have externally the appearance of aisles, but they are quite open, and enable the congregation to worship with open doors, secure from san and rain. The Church has been built by the contribations of the inhabitants assisted by a grant from the State, and a donation from the S.P.C.K. Another new charsh (at Taipeng in Perak) the Bishop consecraied in Augast.

Oanon Venables, whe lately resigned the important living of Great Yarmonth, has accepted the quiet rectory of Burgh Castle, Norfolk, offered to him by the Lord Chancellor.

Amona the deacons ordained at St. Paul's on Sunday, 26th, was the Hon. J. G. Adderley, lately of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, a younger son of Lord Norton. He was licensed generally as "an East London clergyman"; the Rov. A. G. Gayber was ordained for the "unpaid diaconate"; and the Rev. F. B. Speed is an assistant master at King's College, London.
Mibosllankous.-On Friday (St. Matthias' Day), the consecration of the two new BishopsSuffragan took place at St. Paul's Cathedral. Though the service tooi place at an unusually early hour there was a very large congregation. inoluding many friends of both Bishops-designate from the country. The catbedral olergy met the Archbishop of Canterbury, the assistant Bishops-the Bishops of London, Lichfield, Wakefield, and Dover; and Bishop Brom-by-and the Bishops-elect, the Ven. A. Earle, and the Ven. Sir L. T. Stamer, in the Wellington, or Southwest Chapel of the cathedral. A procession was formed in the usual order, the Arohbishop being preceded by his domestic chaplain, the Rev. M. Fowler, bearing aloft the arohiepiscopal crozier. As the procession slowly passed by the nave to the choir and sacrarium, the well-known hymn, "The Charch's one foundation," was sung by the ohoir and people. The Archbishop, accompanied by the Bishop of London and Lichfield, proceeded to the Holy Table, while the other Bishops and the Bishops-eleot ocoupied seats near the palpit under the dome, his Grace and the Bisiops of
 the Bormon The Primato at once commenced
 read the Epistlo; Bishop Temple refding t trip Gospel for the day. The sermon was preiched by the Rev. Canon Sandford, Vicar of Cornwood, Devon, who chose for his text, Ephesians iv. 16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined
together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh in. orease of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." In the course of an eloquent sermon, he said, "Complex unity" is the Divine ideal here portrayed, and the vastness and difficalty of the Charch's work in these days tend to make it a practical reality. Thus good comes out of evil. The battle thickens, but the danger draws ns into union, sometimes in spite of ourselves."
Tere hospital collections in the different Churches in New York, amounted this year to the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 , 4 0 8 , 1 0 \text { , the largest sum received }}$ in any year.

Caina has made more progress toward civilizaticn in the last five years than for twenty years before. The popalation of the empire is so vast that it is estimated that twenty-four are dying every minute, 34,560 every day, and $18,441,600$ every year. At this rate the whole population of the United States wonld be swept off in five years! There is one Protestant missionary to every 500,000 people.
Dr. Tolman Wheeler; of Chicago, has presented to the Western Theological Seminary property in Chicago, having a value of at least $\$ 100,000$, as a permanent endowment of that institution. He formerly gave $\$ 100,000$ for the erection of the seminary, 85,000 for the library, $\$ 20,000$ for , the erection of a clergy-house and school-house, and a handsome stone house as a residence for the Bishop. The diocese of Chicago is to be congratulated.
Wite one exception, the most magnificant gift of charity in the history of the world is the gift by Baron Hirsch, of $\$ 10,000,000$, which has been deposited in the Bank of London, under the trasteeship of Baron Rothschild and Baron de Worms, for the education of the poor Jews of Rassia.

## IN THE VESTRY.

"Holingss bedometh Thy House for Ever."
One of our chief aims in bailding our Churohes with dignity and arraying them with beauty is to aid the mind in associating the Churioh with all that is reverent and sacred. Everything done in the Charch should tend in the same direction. Triffes influence us for good or ovil. A very little thing may destroy the elevating or calming effect of a sacred service, or drive away the sacred feelings which the Holy Communion has called forth. And we are sare we shall be pardoned for pointing out that the Clergy and ohurchwardens may help to raise their own tone and that of the people by importing into the vestry-room the holy thoughts and reverent ways which we trust they are careful to observe in the Charch.
On Sundays, and whenever Divine service is to be held, it is most desirable that the vestryroom should be reserved for its highest usesas a place where, lifting up their hearts in the prayer, "Let thy priests be clothed with rightoousness," the clergy should vest themselves silently-not letting a sound of conversation pass through the door to be heard in the Church. Arrangements of service, choice of hymns, directions to organist-these should have been
all made
 social or parôchial interestshouldu ditutused. Withawe and hgly fear, theolergy man, Who has approached the Churoh lifting pip his heart to God as Moses did when arriving at the trysting. place on the summit of Horeb, will silently robe, and then kneel and commend himself and his helpers and his flock to the Most High. The sacred elements will be arranged and carried into the Charch with his own hands; and then he will retarn and wait till the moment (punctaally observed) for his entrance to the Churoh, when he will go to the desk with quiet and anhurried steps, to enter on the high function as leader of the poople's worship.

After service the like silent and reverent demeanour will not be forgotten. Now a disturbing element frequently comes in. Imagine a case. The ruddy-faced bastling farmer churohwardon receives from the clergyman (we hope does not himself take from the Holy Table) the alme-plates, and oarrying them to the vestry empties them with a clash of copper on the vestry table, the door being still open, and the congregation not yet out of the Charch. Then in bripk tones he discourses on the weather, and remarks on some incident of the service, or congratulates the rector on his"able discourse." We should be heartily glad if this weekly incident could be modified off the face of the earth. Where there is a donble vestry the clergy could have a fex moments for silent prayer and humiliation before the counting of coin were to be faced, and the semi-secalar discussion begun once more. Could the churchwardens not sometimes, when they are com. municants, be induced before they lay hands on the plates to stand while the clergy repeat a briof collect, and then tarn to their counting in silence? Some reform in this direction is demanded in many Churches if the maximum of reverence is to be shown ; bat we would have it all proceed from reverent hearts, and not be put on like a stage dress, or because it is "the proper thing." If all our clergy, were filied with the holy awe in ministering (which we doubt not the vast majority of them pray for), this awe would accompany them to the vestry-room as well as to the chancel, and they could not but lead others to the like mind; but they must not be ashamed to show it. Thera is a limit to reticence, and to the principle of "praying in secret." The clergyman who is not ashamed when he enters his Church on a week day to kneel in pew or on the chancel step fcr a minute's silent prayer, is eloquently preaching to any who may be there his faith in the Divine presence.
At meeting of the vestry more might be done to maintain a spiritual tone. We trast no olergyman $\cdot$ holda them in the body of the Church except under the pressure of necessity. A very small vestry-room is large enough for ordinary meetings of the Select Vestry, when probably bat four or five persons attend. The Church door should be shat during the time of business; prayer should be offared. It would be best if such were offered in the Charch previous to adjourning to the vestry; bat in the eyes of most of our Irish vestrymen we doubt if this would not seem superstitions. The clergyman should pray and watch much against giving way to excitement, impatience, or above all, of having his own way in these vestries. His bearing daring discussions should be as nearly as possible in unison with the spirit of the prayer with which the proceedipgs were begun.
If there arise "burning questions," the greatest harm they can do will probably be the mutual irritation between clergy and poople which they may engender. If the clorgyman remembers that barning questions age sure to barn themselves ont ; if he does not; wantonly eross the will of others, and introduce changes where they are neeessary with wisdom, and only after engaging the sympathy of the major-
ity, hewin be able oaling to meet the brusque words of a certain class of vestrymon; and to told his peace rather than lose his temper. The vestry will be quite able to discover this holy meekness and gentleness in the conduct of their olergyman, and will for the canse of Christ, if even when they cannot follow him in some of his wishes, they are constrained to say to each other, "he is a man of Hon; he makes us ashamed of our tempers."-Irish Eicclesias tical Gazette.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.
Halifax. - Trinity Church.-A Meeting was held last week at which the Rev. Dr. Hole atated, that the time had now arrived for the erection of Trinity Church into an independent reetory. He had laid this proposition before the vestry and they having approved it had agreed to call a meeting of the parishioners. The following propositions were made:-

That certain readjustments of St. Payl's and St. George's parishes should be made provided the Rector and Churchwardens of the latter consented, and that the new parish of Trinity should, assuming that an agreement would bo come to with St. George's, should be defined as baving its northern boundary at Hard's lane and up Cogswell street to Quinpool road, and its southern boundary the north side of Duke street from Water to Brunswick streets.

To give Trinity the opportunity of estab. lishing itself, St. Panl's to agree to pay towards the support of the ministry for five years the following sums: First year, $\$ 700$; second year, $\$ 600$; and for each of the succeeding three years $\$ 500$.

The subject was very fally discussed, and resolutions embodying the above were unanimously carried. The resolutions were passed with a view to having all preliminaries arranged, in order to be able to submit the question at the earliest possible date to the Bishop for his approval, the division of parishes, on the request of the parishioners, resting with him. We heartily commend the proposed change. Many years ago under the able administration of Rev. Mr. Ancient, Trinity Church had an overcrowded congregation; this was also the case under Canon Cochran's administration. A series of reverses managed as is too often the case, to scatter the congregation and leave the Church comparatively empty. The whole-sonled work of Rev. Mr. Sampson brought many of the congregation together again, and to his indefatigable efforts and leading is due the movement which has culminated in the proposal to forma a separate parish. Trinity possesses a field for promising work if in the hands of a good worker, surrounded mostly by the poor, and near one of the worst and most degraded parts of Halifax, a mission work unparalleled in the history of the Church is the possibility open to the new parish. Bright hearty service; a Church whose external beanty of surroanding shall be a sacred lesson and ease in contrast to the squalid homes ; an earnest energetio mission worker as Rector, and then Trinity will rise once more to regain and go beyond the grand position she held in the days of the bleesed ministration of a Cochran and an Ancient.
Lockeport.-On Sunday evening, March 4, the new Church at Jordan Falls, was opened for divine service, the Rev. H. How, the popalar vicar of Shelburne, preaching an able sermon from Ex. xxv.. 34, upon the Presence of Shekinah in Holy places. The eloquent address was eagerly drunk in by the large congregation which completely filled the building. The aged Rector of Shebarne, than whom none so generally beloved in the county, sent a lettor of congratuation to the congregation, once nnder his charge, which was read by the Rector
of Lookeport, Rura, Dean Gibbons. In this letter, the Rer. Dr. White says: It seems but as yesterday when the cornerstone of the first place of worship and erected at Jorian, as
laid by the writer of these words. You have laid by the writer of these words. You have
by Divine help been enabled to erect a building more worthy His name to whose glory it will be dedicated. Let me, dear Brethren, affec tionately remind you, that it is not enough to assist rearing altars and building ap temples to the living God, we must onrselves be built up a spiritual house-an habitation of God throngh the spirit; we mast, ourselves, be the temples of the Holy Ghost, and Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith-and having assisted to raise a temple to His glory here on earth, may you, dear Brethren, through His abounding meroy, be received, into that Heavenly oity where the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple thereof.
The Rector has been enabled to secure for this Charch many valuable presents. The east window from Castle \& Sons, Montreal, is in memory of the late great Bishop of Newfoundland, Edward Field ; foar alar oloths one of white silk, are gifts from Rev. Theodore Mayo, an English friend ; the three beautifully worked pied mats are from the Messra. Greswell, friends of our late Bishop at Oxford. The large Bible and Prayer-book were given by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, Poplar, E. London, England. Two beautiful hanging lamps were gifts, one from the poor congregation of St. Peter's, London Docks-one from the family of a coachman at North Lodge, Windsor Forestwho denied themselyes of sugar in their tea in order to show their love for the missionary Church of our common Saviour. The manner of the poor people at St. Peter's, Loadon Docks, giving the amount for one lamp for the sanctuary was told by the Rector, and we trust that such a deeply touching incidont may inspiro others to go and do likewise.
Another lamp wes given by a little girl in England whom the missionary interested in missionary work.
The beautiful pulpit of oak, was given by R. W. Freeman, Esq., of Jordaa Falls, in memory of his wife, once a good supporter of God's Churoh on earth, now in Paradise. It is of beantiful design, splondid workmanship, made by D. Dunlop, of Jordan Falls, and we hope that the full gospel of Jesua Christ may ever be faithfully preached from it.
The interior worik was performed under the direction of Wm W. J. Cox, with whom the work was certainly a labour of love.
The cornerstone of this Churoh was laid Oct., 2, 1885, by the wife of the Rector an a count of which appeared in the Ceveron Guar. diAN at the time.

Ter Bisifor Elecot.-If reports are true the new Bishop will go to work in right earnest after his consecration, April 15th. It is said that. Mr. L. Baker, an active Churchman of Yarmonth, has put berths on board his. Boston steamer at Dr. Courtney's disposal, and thas secared his first appearance in the Diocese fur that parish. Prince Edward Island is to have it is said, the earliest visitation of the new Prelato; then Picton, Albion Mines, Truro. This will occupy up to the Synod in July, after which it is thought Dr. Courntney will go to Fingland for the Pan-Anglican Council.
The Daily papere are the anthority for stating that the Rev. Dr. Courtney will be consecrated Bishop of Nova Scotia on Sunday, April 15th. This day, if the one appointed, will be an inconvenient one for the country clergy, many of whom will not close their Churches on account of the fierce reclaim competition in their parishes.
Prebonal.-Many of our readera will regret to learn that the Rev. J. D. H. Browne has been obliged through ill-health to resign his eharge of 'All Saint's Church, Passadena. Mr.

Brownola labours had been blessed with increase and it is to be regretted that he cannot continue the good work. Under Rev. Mr Browne's. ministry a Reotory has been bailt and the Ohurch has increased wonderfully. When he took oharge there were but 43 communicants. There are now 167, the membership having nearly been quadrupled in a term of eighteen months, and arrangements have been perfected for the building of a now Charoh costing not less than $\$ 30,000$, and seating about 600 persons.
C. of E. S. S. Assooiation.-The monthly meeting of the Churoh of England Sundaysohool Association, was held last week in St. Stephen's Chapel, Halifax. There was a large attendance of members, over 100 being prosent. Rev. Dr. Partridge, president of the association, acted as chairman. An excellent and interesting paper on "Sunday-school teachers' responsibilities" was read by Mias Jones, and the subject was afterwards discussed by Revs. F. H. Almon, C. W. McGully and H. G. Lancaster, Mr. W H. Wiswell and Mr. D. H. Whiston. Rev. Dr. Partridge delivered a valuable papor on the subject; "Grading in Sunday-schools," which also elioited considerable disoussion. One result of this paper will try the grading system, the teachers having special subjects and the pupils passing through their bands successively.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Missionary Merting.-[Report econtinued from last number]:-
Mr. Justice Hensley presided, and on opening addressed the meeting at some length, after which Percy Pope, Esq., the Secretary of the Society, read the report of the Executive Committee which, after referring to the death of the Bishon of the diocese, on behalf of the Society placed on record an expression of its recognition of the great administrative ability of the doceased prelate, and its satisfaction with the election of the Rev. Dr. Courtnoy, to the vacant See. Reference was thon made to the various changes in the several parishes and missions, and a resume of their condition and progress taken from the reports of the olergy was given. There show considerable life and advance-for example, at St. Paul's (Rev. S. Weston Jones), the receipts for the past year showed a considerab'e increase over last year, and the parochial organizations were actively at work.

In St. Peter's Church, the Rev. James Simpson, Incumbent, reports steady progress in the work of the Church. Services held 887; celebrations of the Holy Communion 162; burials 13; baptisms 14; marriages 1. Total amount contributed about $\$ 4,700$. There has been a considerable addition to the number of children altending the Sunday and week.day schools for boys and girls in connection with the Church. The societies within the Church have done satisfactory work.
In St. Eileanor and Summerside, (the Rev. C. F. Lowe, rector), the services held in the Churohes of the parish had been well attended, and those at Traveller's Rest and Wellington, increased interest had been shown. The Sun-day-schools have done good work during the year, a complete library from the S.P.ס.K., having interested the scholars in good wholesome literature. The number of communicants has increased, greater opportunities of receiving having been given. Receipts 81,306 ; baptisms 40 ; marriages 5 ; burials 13 .
at Milton (Rev. Wm. Sampson), the interest in the services had deepened, tho' it was fonnd necessary to discontinue the services at North Wiltshire and the Sanday-sohool daring the winter months.
At Parkhill (Rev. Henry Harper, reotor), the services of the Cbureh have been well attended and regalarly conduoted. Seven new names have been added to the commanicants'

1het Thhe sanderechool ata Bibleciclass had been held as usual daring the summer months: but regret is expressed that so few parents and older members of the parish interest themselves in those important branches of Charch work.

At New London (Rev. T. B. Reagh), there have been 220 services held in the parieh, 1,146 communions have been made; 24 new communicants added to the roll. Total receipts $\$ 1,324$.
Rev. T. W. Johnston, of Crapaud and Springfield, reports 153 services; 26 celebrations; 20 catechisings; 13 baptisms; 2 marriagea; and 5 burials. All the Sunday.schools in the mis sion were in operation daring the past summer, and did an excellent work: The debt againgt the mission chapel had been cancelled. and the site and property made over to the Rector and Vestry of 'St. John's Church, Crapand. A Ohurch had been erected at Lone Creek; but it is not yet ready for services. Contribations 444.14.

At Georgelown, services have been held regularly on Sundays, Holrdays, and daring Lent by James Easton, Esq., lay reader, and during last winter and spring the Rev. James Simpson, of Charlottetown, went down once a month on a week des and administered the Holy Communion. In the summer the Rev. W. E. Cooper, B.D., of Trinity College Sohool, Port Hope, Ont., spont two months in George town, giving daily servioes and weekly commanions. Mr. Simpson adds, "I consider that great oredit is due to this congregation and their earnest lay reader for the devoted way thay have held to their Churoh through many trials and discouragements." Number of services held 200 ; celebrations of Holy Commanion 15 ; amount raised $\$ 198$.
At Cherry Valley. the fortnightiy services have been held since October except when the ice was forming on the harbor.
At Alberton (Rev. C. WI. Mackenzie, rector). two additional Charches were in course of erection-one at Alma, the other at Lot 6which it is hoped will be ready for consecration next year. The total receipts amounted to about $\$ 1,600$.
Mr. W. H. Aitken, Treasurer, followed with his report; and then short addresses were delivered by A. B. Warburton, Eisq., on the duty of giving liberally; Rev. S. Weston-Jones on the great trath that the missionary spirit is the life of the Churoh; the Rev. H. Harper on the work of the Church in this Province ; the Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd. on the domestic missions of Algoma, the McKenzie River, Qu'Appelle, and Lubrador ; E. J. Hodgeon, on the mission of the Church; and R. R. Fitzgerald, on th duties and responsibilities of olergymen.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Edwardsburg.-Si. James'-I take advantage of your valuable paper to make public acknowledgment of the very generous gift of one of Doherty's organs, presented on Maroh 9th to St. James' Church, Lime-Kiln Mission, of Edwardsburg, by Mrs. Abraham Nowman. Last year she placed $\ln$ this Church a beantiful window in memory of her husband who, I may notice, was instrumental to a great extent in erecting the Church. Her danghter also gave a month ago a very neat chalice and paten to be used in the same. I hope that these kind persons will excuse me for sending this report to the paper, but it seems a duty occasionally to mention such good deeds and aots of selfdenial to induoe others to give to the Glory of God some of those blessings with which they have been favoured.
There are two more ohurches, and other persons, to whom this whole Miesion is greatly indebted, and one in particulur who contribates very largely towards the support of the Clergyman and gives most liberally to all calls made

In connection with the Charch, of whom, if pormitted, I may agaiñ have an opportunity to write.

## DIECEEE OF TORONTO.

Toronto.-St. Matthias-Rev. C. El. Whitcombe, of Hamilton. formerly of St. Lake's. Toronto, preached in this Church at both services last Sunday. On Wednesday evening. March 14th, the Bishop of Niagara was the preacher.
St. Stephen's - Rev. Prof. Clark preached in his nenal stirring manner in this Charch on Sanday evening last. his snbject being "Acceptance with God." The Bishop of Algome is announced to preach next Sunday evening.
St. James'.-In response to an appeal on behalf of the Mission fand of the Diocese of Toronto made from the pulpit of St. James' Cathedral last Sunday morning, Mr. S. J. Van Koughnet. Q.C., has kiodly donated the sum of $\$ 500$ to the fund. It is very earnestly boped that many others who heard the annual appeal referred to may be influenced by this example to contribate to the present and pressing necessities of the fund, now overdrawn by about $\$ 3,500$. For the convenience of any who may be moved to help the Charoh's missionary work in the diocese, a list has been opened at Messrs. Rowall \&'Itatohinson's, where names and subscriptions may be recorded.

Holy Trinity.-The regalar monthly meeting of the Toronto Chareh of England SundaySchool Association was held last Thursday night in Holy Trinity Schoolhouse The chair was oceapied by Rev. John Pearann. rector of Holy Trinity Ohurch. Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, the Seoretary of the Association, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. Twenty-three representatives. were present from St. Matthias Charch, 22 from Grace Charoh, 17 from Holy Trinity Chareh, and a large number of others from different Charches throughout the city. Rev. J. Fielding Sweeney, rector of St. Philip's Charch, read an interesting paper on Bible classes, their management, instruction and place, and the economy of the Sunday-school. The paper was afterwards discussed by the chairmun, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Mr. S. G. Wood, Mr. Biggar and others. The meeting adjourded at ten o'clock.

Church of the Redeemer.-The Yonng People's Association of the Charch of the Redeemer gave one of their successfal open meetings in the sehoolhouse on Thursday evening. Rev. A. K. Griffin occapied the chair. The chief feature of the ontertainment was the debate on the subject of Stockton's work, "The Lady or the Tiger." The story was ably read to the large audience by Miss Lester, that they might the more thoroughly appreoiate the points brought forward by the debaters. The resolution was to the effect that the "Tiger" came out. Mr. T. R. Clougher and Mr. F. W. Green skilfully argued for the affirmative, while Mr. D. T. Symons and Mr. W. A. Frost, maintained that the "Lady," and not the "Tiger," came out. The chairman summed up the arguments and left the decision with the andience, who decided in favor of the negative.

St. Mary Magdalene.-The Committee who have this new Mission Church in hand are erecting the beginnings of what can bardly fail to be a really good and substantial Church some day. Instead of any temporary erection, the foundation of the walls of what will eventually be the fature chancel, organ ohamber and clergy vestry, have been well and substantially laid, and are being carried up to a height of some 15 or 20 feet and roofed over tempor arily. By this means a fine basement about eleven feet bigh and capablo of avcommodating nearly 200 children, with a chapel over head of the same dimensions, will be afforded,
Which will give sufficient room for the time
bing. The plans for the finished building, by Mr. Frank Darling, ahow a charch of fine proportions, rising 65 feet to the ridge of the roof. and capable of accomodating about 700 or 800 peeple, and costing eventasilly some $\$ 30,000$. The present undertaking is, however, but the first instalment of the work, and will cost abont $\$ 3,500$. It will form for some time to come a good mission centre, and will enable St. Matthias to reach this remote part of its district with much greater efficieroy and result than it was possible before.

St. Barnabas. - The sum required by Easter for expenses of this Church is one thousand dollars, not one handred as stated in last week's "Guardian."

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

Hamilton-About a year ago a fire broke out in the interior of the organ in the Church of the Ascension, and the roof was barned off and the interior gutted, many valuable jaemorial windows being destroyed. Since that the Church has been reconstructed and a new chancel built on to the original structure. The interior is furnished very artistically with varnished black ash pows, apholstered in crimson rep; the lectern, chancel rail and ohandeliers are of burnished brass and the woodwork is unpainted pine. A very handsome brass lectern has been presented to the Church by the members who have been confirmed daring the past seven years, a beantiful silver-plated communion sorvice by Mr. John Parker, of the Meriden Britannia Company, a decorated bress alms basin by Senator Donald McInnes, a set of books and commanion linen by Mrs. John staart, of Inglewood, and a brass reading desk by Mr. A. Bruce, Q.C. The new chancel was lately consecrated by the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Rer. Dr. Mockridge, Canons Belt, Read and Satherland, Raral Doans Mellish and Forneret, Rev. Messrs. W. R. Clark, Hartley Carmichael, F. Howitt, William Massey, C. R. Lee, Bennetts, Irving and Morton. There was a large congregation present, many of whom attended the first Commanion held in the edifice since its trial by fire. The Church was formally opened on Surday, 4th March, when the handsome organ brilt by Messrs. S. R. Warren \& Son, of Toronto, was heard for the first time. The Dean of Montroal, and brother of the Rector, preached at both services.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

London.- The foundation stone of the now Church of St. John the Erangelist was laid on the afternoon of the 7 th inst., by Rev. Principal Fowell, with solemn and appropriate services. The north-end parish is the only one in the city which has not had a church within its precinets, and the necessity for a bailding with no secular associations impressed itself apon the Rector and parishioners and they resolved to erect an edifice which would give them increased spiritual advantages. A site was selected on the corner of St. James and Welling. ton streets, and last fall the erection of the new church was began under the most favorable circumstances. It will seat comfortably between 500 and 600 persons, and will cost in the neighborhood of $\$ 10,000$, about $\$ 6,000$ of which has already been eubscribed.
The Bishop's Quiet Day.-Every parish in the Diocese was represented at the mutual conference of the Clergy held in Cronyn Hall on the 8th inst., and all manifested a doep interest in the proceedings, the object of which was to strengthen their hands and give them renowid conrage to perform the great work to which they had been called. The conference opened with the usual service of nong and prayer.
Eishop Baldwin gave addresses on the various subjects appointed, namely: "The Holy Spirit's Work"; "The Preparation of Sermons"; "Life in Abiding Unien with Ghrist";
"Parochial Fisiting and the value of example;" a nd after each a discussion followed in which many of the clergy took part.
Glawworth - The Rev. Clarence Ball has been working faithfully in this parinh, and it is largely owing to his exertions that a fine Church has been erected, In the adjoining school-room a lectare upon "Habit" was given by the Rev. W. J. Taplor a few evenings since, to pay for a stained glass window which has been pat in the Charoh. The subject wss treated in a thoughtful, amusing and earnest manner, and from first to last commanded the close attention of the andience, who, by their hearty applause showed their appreciation of the lectare.

Women's Auxiliary.-The annual meeting of the Women's Anxiliary Missionary Asso iation took place on Wednesday, the 7 th March. Holy Commanion was adminiztered at 9 a m. in St. Paul's Cathedral by the Bishop and seve. ral of the olergy. The congregation was vers large. The morning eezsion of the W. A. M. A. commenced at $10: 30$ in Victoria Hall; the President; Mis. Baldwid, in the chair. Fifty delegates from brapch associations had an nounced their intention of being present, bnt some were unavoidably prerented from coming at the last moment.
The Rev. Cooper Robinson, Missio، ary elect to Japan, opened the meeling by an address, after which be retired ; and the President read an address in which shealluded in feeling terms to the death of the Dean of Huron, whose funeral took place that day, and called on those present to pass a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Boomer and the fumily of the late Dean. This was carried unanimously by a standing vote. In the course of her address Mrs. Baldwin im pressed upon her hearer's that she was entirely in accord with the Bishop's views on the subject of Church entertainments, most strongly objecting to raising money for cha ch purposes by bazaars and similar meaus. After words of welcome to the delegates and an expression of much thankfulness at the prosperity of the $W$. A.M.A. the President oalled on the Secretary for her report.
The Secretary's report showed that the work had increased immensely during the past year. Forty-six branches were in existence and the number of delegates four times larger than last year.
The Treasurer's report was next read. The money received daring the past year was $\$ 845$. 29. Many bales and boxes of clothing, and Christmas presents to different Indian Reserves had been sent amounting in value to $\$ 1,13230$.
The Afternoon session was even better at.
The Afternoon session was even better attended than the moorning. Tho reports were
adopted; and the Seoretary and Treasurer were re-elected. Miss Mainganlt undertaking to supply the Secretary's place during her absence in England.
Mrs. Tilley read the report of the Literature Committee and interesting papers on Mission subjects were read by Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Beard, Woodstock; Miss Meckler, Durliam ; and Mies Chadwick, Ingersoll.
In the evening the public Missionary meeting was held in Victoria hall under the auspices of the W.A.M.A.
The hall was crowded. His Lordship the Bishop presided and many clergy were on the platform. In the course of an impressive address to the W.A.M.A. the Bishop especially reminded his hearers that they were not to be collectors of money, but that their work was to be accomplished by prayer and self denial.
Addreases were given by Rev. J. Farthing,
Lev. C. O. Meara and Rev. J. Ridley, and the Kev. C. O. Meara and Rev. J. Ridley, and the meeting was concladed by the Bishop pronouning the Beneaiction.
A drawing room meeting at Biehopstowe was hold on the 8th, by invitations of Mrs. Beldwin, at which all the delegates and members of the
W. A.M.A. were present. In the evening a con ference on Miasionis was held in Victoria hall, His Lordship the Bishop in the chair, and a large nnmber of olergy: and members of the $W$. A.M.A. were present. This brought the Missionary meetinge of the W.A.M.A. to a olose.
The Bishop prononnced the Bonediction and the two days Miesionary meeting came to a most gratifying and successful conolusion.

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA:

Bardsfille.-Continuation of the Bishop of Algoma's Cunfirmation tour:

A fair congregation greeted our arrival on Friday at the Church, when 4 candidates were to be received into full Communion, two of whom were alulits, and one had beon baptized some short time before. I need hardly add that the eardest practical conscience touching words of the Bishop were received with marked attention by the whole oongregation. must net omit to add that in the interests of the clergpman as well as in the higher interests of the congregation the Bishop did not fail to insint upon the fulfilment by the congregation of their pecuniary obligations to him who ministered to them in ascred things. The congregation here promised to settle all arroars towards Incumbent's stipend for the maintenance of his work by Eastortide. The Bishop most generously promising a liberal kum totards some much needed repairs in the interior of the Cbarch.
On Funday morning a large songregation was present in the village Churoh, St: Thomas', when three candidates were presented for Confirmation. Oar confirmation class in the village bad been serionsly interrapted by the prevailing epidomio Diphtheria, which was the in atrumental means of our losing at once an organist and confirmee, the eisar girl, howevor, being both ready and desirous was admitted when almost in the throes of death into fall Communion with the Church in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ which she meokly received before she closed her eyes in denth.
On Sanday aftornoon the Bishop visiled St. Thomas' Sunday-sehool, under the able and painstaking supervision of Mr. Thomas Dow. ler. Thore are abont 100 names on the roll with a staff ol about 12 teachers. Tho prevailing disease this summor hindered very serionsly our work here, bat we are now I trast, recovering our lost ground. The Bishop was warmly welcomed by the teachors and children. He has a warm place in his heart for the little ones and they are not slow to discover it.
The Evening service in St. Thomas' brought the weeks labour to a close; chairs occupied the aisle, and notwithstanding the procantions taken to provide for an anusually large congre. gations the building was orowded. Well! if they went away marking, learuing, and inwardly digesting the whelesome counsel which they received concorning the government of the tongue there would not be much room left in Bracebridge for scandal or the word in malice spoken.
A word remains to be said concerning the Charoh at Falkenburg station. The Church had been removed from its old site to its present position to keep pace with the varying requirements of an ever shifting popalation, and the saccessful issue of the work has fally jastified the wisdom of the removal. With the halp of a lay reader divine service is kept np on every Sunday, in addition to which a practice of the Charoh cantioles is held every week which is faithfally attended by the musical portion of the congregation.
The cest of removing the building has taxed rather severely the resources of congregation, but the greater portion of the debt is now paid, and we hope soon to have the building conseorated. Oar Service here was not so well atorated. Oar service have been, bat taking into
account the fact that the servige was upon a week day ard that most of the representatives of Churoh families were awsy in the Timber camps, the attendance was fair and the interest manifested by the congregation in Church work warrants the hope that with God's blessing the Chareh may prosper in this looality.
The Episcopal visitation occupiod about a week and has had I feel convinced a most benefioial offect upon the Cburch in this District.
Oar prayers and best wishes go with our Bishop in his proposed visit to England to plead the canse of the struggling Charoh in the rocky wilds of Muskoki.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks a largo box of articles from St. James' Sanday-school for the Mission of Rosseau, por E. C. Acheson, Esq.

## PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

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Calgary.-This town now takes its place among the Dioceses of the Province, the Arohbishop of Canterbary as Primate of Raport's Land having given his formal consont to the erection of Alberta into a separate Diocese. A Synod must be formed, and steps will bo taken to procure an endowment. In the meantime Bishop Pinkhim will continue to have jurisdiction over both Dioceses. As Calgary was sot apart by the Provincial Synod on the anviversary of the consecration of the first Colonial Bishop, and completes the roll of dioceses formed during the past 100 years, the Bishop will be able to appeal with peculiar force for this joungest daughter of the Mothor Church.

## DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipza.-Confirmation classes are in course of instruction at All Saints' and Christ Church. The St. John's College Choral Socioty founded by Rev. Canon Coombes, M. A., Professor at the College, and Precentor' of the Cathedrul, has boen doing very useful werk in prenenting a high class of music. The Society is composed of amateurs from the differont parishes. Recently the oratorio of "Christ and His Soldiers," by John Farmer, was given in tie school houses of St. John's. Holy Trinity and All Sainta, and in the Parish Church of Christ Chareb. At the latter the attendance exceeded all expectations. The aisles were filled and many were unable to gain admittance. Rev. E.S. W. Pentroalh explained that the hymns rendered devotionally and listened to reverently would be helps to devotion, and spoke of the power of masic as an element of worship. He spoko also warmly of the efforts of Canon Coombes to raise the standard of musio in the city, and of the fore. sight of the Bishop in founding a Professorship of Music in connection with one of the Canonries at the Cathedral. There was a full orchos. tra present, and Canon Coombes conducted. The offertory amounted to 867 , divided betweon the St. John's School House and the Choir fand of Christ Church.
The Executive Commitieo held a special meeting on Tuesday. The principal business was the completion of the arrangements for the site of the Indian Industrial School. The Do minion Government gives $\$ 5,000$ for buildings and $\$ 100$ per head for each Indian child trained in the school. It is believed that the Rov. W. A. Barman, B.D., the onergetic missionary to the Sioux Indians will be appointed Principal.
The Women's Aaxiliary have been doing ase ful work for our Home Missions. Meetings are held monthly at the honse of Mrs. H. H. Smith, Assiniboino street.
Consent has been given by the Executive Committee to the absence of the Secretary, the

Vory Rev. Dear Grisdale, Did, during the months of May, June and July: The Dean expects to visit England.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAI.

Montaral.-The Rev. Canon Norman has closed his connection with this diocese, and has taken possession of the Rectory of Quebec, to which he was lately appointed. He preached his farewell sermons at the Cathedral on Sanday, the 11 th inst, in the morning to the congregation, and in the afternoon at a Special service for the Masonic fraternity. He will. however, return to the city again, when he will be given a pablic Reception by the citizens; and be presented with the citzens Memorial. His place at the Cathedral has not yet been filled. The Rector doubtless feels that for the Parish Church of the Diocese a man of ripe judgment-no "stripling" either in years or or-ders-and of good ability, is required ; and suoh an one, can not be readily secured. In the meantime the Rector must find the work of this large and important parish-the Mother parish of the city-extremely arduous, but he goes bravely on; and lessens nothing in daily services or visitations.

St. James the Apostle.- The Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishops' College, Lennoxville, preached at this Charch both morning and evening, on Sunday last.

St. Thomas - On Sunday evening, the 11th of March, the rite of Confirmation was administered to fourteen Fourg people by the Lord Bishop of Montreal. His Lordship, after the candidates had been brorght to the altar railing, addressed them earnestly, in reminding them that in their great battle against sin and the wioked one in this world, they woald need to put on all their spiritual armor, the most protective of which was prayer and the reading of God's Woid, with regalar attendance at the Lord's table. The address was closed by an urgent appeal to the congregation to aid the newly confirmed by example of prayer, with the laying on of hands followed the short but beantiful Confirmation service.

Prisonal.-We regret to learn that the Rev. Canon Mussen, of West Farnham, has been for some time past seriously ill; and that the regalar services had to be suspended. We trust that he may soen be restored to health.

The Sonday-Sohool Absoolation held its usual Menthly meeting on the evening of the 19th inst, whon papers were read by Dr. David. son, Q.C., on Sundaj.School Literature, and by Miss Barnjum on Temperance work in the Sun-day-School.

Cute St Paul.-The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the Church of the Redeemer here, on the evening of the 16 th March inst., when 7 persons were presented to him for Confirmation. These had been carafully trained by the layman in charge, Dr. Davidson, Q.C.; and were presented by the Rev. Canon Ellegood,
M.A. Rector of the parish of $S t$ Jamest M.A., Rector of the parish of St. James the Apostle, Montreal (of which this Mission nom: inally forms part) and by Dr. Davidson at the Bishop's request. The Confirmation offico was used, with hymnn 347, 348, 349, and 271 A. \& M.; the Nunc Dimittis boing sung after the Benediction. The Bishop addressed the candidates and congregation in loving and earnest words, and warmly commonded the work which had been and was being done in this Mission through the lay reader; the commanioants now number 51. There was a very large congregation, and a hoarty service.

On the erening preceding confirmation, the usual weok-night $L$ nten service was held, at which thirty or more persons were present. The Rev. Arthur French, B.A., of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal, delivered a most prac-
tícalland earneat addresi onitheimportanco o so called "Little Things and Little Acts."

## DIOOESE OF QUEBEC.

Queben.-The Oharch members in this Diocese are cheered to find the prospects in the Home Missions so flattering. In the diocese of Qu'Appelle the vacancies aro being filled by clergymen from England.
The Rev. Mr. Lyon, whose recent arrival at Medicine Hat canses general rejoicing there, speaks very encouragingly of that district and congratulates his predecessor on getting the Memorial ohancel ready for putting in the stained glass east window. It is fitting, this the first chancel built in that diocese, shonld bear the revered name of Mountain, the Pioneer Bishop of the Great North-West of Canada.

The Memorial is to the Rev. A. Monntain, son of the third Bishop of Quebec; and the clergy and others in the diocese who joined in it are glad to hear of its completion so far, and trust it may prove the means of increasing the love and zeal of Churchmen there, which so characterized the family whose honoured name it bears. The success of the earnest appeal of the enorgetic Bishop of Algoma speaks well for the General one at Ascensiontide for Domestic Missions. The intervening period is not too long a time to consider the many wants of our Home Missionary work, and if each congregation in the older dioceses chose some particular field to which the best energies of her members could be applied, there is no doubt as of old "their prayers and alms would come up as a memorial betore God" and bring down a blessing on both giver and reciver to, the advancement of the Glory of His Holy name.

## DIOCES OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Carmonear.-News reached here dariug the first week in March of the death of the Rev. Wm. J. Hoyles, for over twenty- years in charge of this parish and much esteemed and beloved. He wont to England ten years ago on account of ill-health, and there passed away on the 22d February last, leaving a noble wife to mourn him. In January his brother, Sir Hagh Hoyles, late Chief Justice of Newfonndland; died at Halifax. where he had been living for several years. The names and deeds of love and gifts of both will long be remembered. They were the chief donors towards the erection of the beautiful church here, and which stands to the churitimen of Carbonear as a memorial of them. Only about three years ago, when that terrible gale on the Labrador coast made such havoc amongst the poor fishermen, the Rev. W. J. Boyles sent out $£ 20$ for the relief of the sufferors, and last fall Sir Hagh Hoyles sent a noble gift to the Rev. J. M.. Noel, of Harbour Grace, to help to build their new school hoase. To mention all their noble deeds and works done for poor Terra Noya would ftll a large volumo.
The Rev. John Godden, well known and respected in Canada and here, has also been the incumbeat of the parish for several years past, and through his exertions the Church has been beantified by adding a transept and by enlarg. ing the chancel. A new Parsonage House and School house have also been erected, and another rebailt.

Last summer the Jishop appointed him Raral Dean of Trinity Bay, and he romoved to where ho is doing good work for the Church. The Rev. T. W. Cliff is eince Ootober last the incumbent. The old sohool house has been taken down and a beantiful new. one has been built, and that mostly by free labour.

Another Subsariber in Nova Scotia writes Your valued paper is the most welcome paper I receive, and is most highly appreciated by both myself and wife."

CONRK MPORARY OHOROR OPINION.
The Church Chronicle, the organ of the Bishop of Kentucky (Dr. Dadley), says of UNITY:-

Church unity is certainly the chief thing to be desired by Christian poople in our day and country. Beyond a controversy our present division aro the source of weakness, and only weakness. Just as certainly a sensational union-a union of gash and speech-making, is but the shadow of a glorious name, as insnb. atantial and valueless as any other shadow. What we need is, even what our Lord prayed for, an organic oneness, even one body, animated by one spiriu, preaching the one gospel, bearing the one witness. We want an organic unity, which shall be entirely consistent with differences of opinion and practice. Shall this ever be attained? If not, the suffering Ohrist's prayer will never be answered, and the world will never be persuaded that His Father did send Him. Therefore, let us pray, pray, pray, continuonsly that God will hasten its day.

And let us work, work, work, for this glorious resnlt, by every means whioh shall bring Christian men closer together, which shall amphasize their points of agreement, and minimize their points of disagreement. . Let as cultivate the spirit of loving tolerance, of mataal forbearance; let us co-operate in every good work from which conscientions regard for vital principle may not hold us back. So shall we develop the one spirit into sucb vigor of control that itself will compel the unity of its habitation.

The Church Times (London, England), gives the following extacts from a notable article in the British Quarterly Review, on the decline of Romanism in Great Britain:-

Now, these returns show that the highest figure ever reached by Roman Catholics in England, was in 1853, when they stood at 5.06 por cent, that is to say jast a trifle over one in every twenty. In 1865 they were 471 per cent, in 1875418 per cent; but in 1885 they were only 4.13 per cent, thas showing a continuous dimination during twenty years. Broadly put the case stands thus: Fifty years ago Roman Catholics were one-third or so of the population of the United Kinkdom, they are now one-seventh.

Next is adduced the confession of Roman Catholic writers addressing their own co-religionists, and not the pablic at large. First comes an artiole in the Month the (Jesuit organ) for January 1885, on the conversion of England. This caloulates the Roman Catholios of England and Wales in 1841 as 800,000. But the whole popnlation has increased sixty-two per cent. since then, so that even if there had been no other additions to the Roman body by converts or immigrants, it should have been augmented by that rate, by 490,000 births, thus making a total of $1,200,000$. But the vast Irish immigration has in fact brought over $1,000,000$ more ( 780,000 Irish-born residents, and 280,000 children of Irish-born parents), so that the actaal figure should now be $2,300,000$. But they are no more than $1,302,000$-which is more than the marriage returns would make them-so that there has in fact been a lo-s of just $1,000,000$ in the forty-six years. And as the Irish immigration is now very small, it cannot be trusted any longer to fill up the gap. The Month and the Tablet in a similar article on May 21,1887 , while admitting that the Roman body lose more yearly than it gains, ssaigns various causes for the fact, bat agree in thinking that the Charch of England secares the great majority of theseeed ers. The Month returned to the question in October, 1886, and gave as an example of what is happening, that in a family of three generutions, nambering forty seven in all, only the original father and mother have remained Roman Catholios, and all the forty-five others have gone elsewhere.

Further guotations are given laying bare othier sores and proposing various remedies, which; as the reviewer observes, take largely the form of copying Anglican methods. But there is one all but insuperable difficulty ahead; and very near. All proselytzing success in England, so far, has always been won:by Eng. lishmen in birth and cdacation. Foreign born or foreign bred missionarios have always failed, and it is the conver't clergy, not the Irish, Hrench, Belgian, and other exotics who have gained ooiverts here. But the convert clergy are dying out rapidly, and there is no one to take their places.' The fow who have seceded for quarter of a oentury past (and notably since the Vatican Council) have been intellectually such a poor lot that they cannot be looked to hopefully, and when the men with brains die out, there will be no one left competent to conduct a proselytizing compaign. The great show of plans is mainly an advertise--ment, to gain popular credit for prosperity, bat it really means a heavy load of debt, and is a millstone round the necks of the Roman hierarchy.

In sum, the Roman mission does not prosper, and is not likely to prosper. It is losing both its olergy and its laity from oanses which must continue to operate, whereas those reasons which formally led to secession from the Cbarch of England are being, some of them removed entirely, and some serionsly enfeebled, by the steady progress of healthy reform, and the spread of better knowledge of the merits of the controversy. We have been obliged to omit many points of interest discussed in the article, to which we refer those of our readers who desire to go further into the matter.
THE PSALTER, THE SONG-BOOK OF THE CHURCH.

Strange, that anywhere, or at any time the Pasiter should habitually be read! Strange, that the Songs of the Charch should come to be perpotually used as a dialogue in prose! Yet it is so, with as; and long habit has injarod the power of apprehension, until our way seems to us right and good, as doth every way of man in his own ejes. To read a psalm is, however, a contradiction. To read the Psalter habitnally is so singular a preversion of its design and very nature that the phenomenon stands a claimant for criticism and stady; and Wisdom herself might wonder by what combination of circumstauces, or by what successive steps in process of decadence, suich a oustom could have established itself in any branch of the Church of God. Was it that men knew not how to sing? or that they did not know these words were made to $\sin _{\mathrm{s}}$ ? or that they were too indolent to sing them? or that they dieliked the old music, and did not fairly love the new? or that they considered them lititle adapted to use that wiy? or that they invented some rhy mies which they thought better fitted for their purposes? Howsoever it be, we need not argue the matter. When men come to a sounder mind,-I had almost said when they come to their senses,- the anomaly will be set right. We may yet see the day when we shall no more think of reading the Pealter than of reading the metrical bymn: , It is a change which cannot be forced nor prevented- Meanwhile, wo find an additional preof in the divinity of of the Psalter in the fact that even thus denuded and degraded, it has the same all-powerfal . hold on your hearts. There are those among us who have never thought of it as what it is, -Song:Book of the Charch; and jet they love it with deepest affection, and live upon its worde. The glorious garb of music is required to display its peerless beauty; but oven without that dress it is immurtal and all-powerful, and the voice thereof is the voice of the Holy

## CORRESPOTDENGE

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## CHURCH MISSIONS TO THE JEWS.

## To the Elditor of the Churon Guardian :

Sir,-Will you allow me to make my annual appeal in your columins on behalf of the Parochial Kiissions to the Jews Fund." This fund was established 12 years ago for the evangelization of the Jews in England by means of the Parochial system. The Committee states that the work which the Fund has accomplished during the past ten years has been eminently sucoessful, an ! that the whole Anglo-Jewish commanity bas been leavened with Christian ideas by means of their Mission workers. Hitherto the work of the Fund has been limited to supplying English incumbents with curates specially trained to labour among their Jowish parishioners: Now, however, an opening for Foreign work has been made, and the Committee appeals to the Canadian Church to take advantage of it. Bishop Blyth, the lately consecrated Bishop of our Church in Jerusalem and the East, wishes to open "a Mission on Church principles to the many thousands of Jews in Alexandria." Hitherto it has been the misfor tane of our Church to be placed in the most anfavorable light beside the older Churches in the East. The Church Missionary Eocicty instead of oultivating friendly relations between our Church and the Eastern. Church, as Sister Churches, hais pursued a policy of proselytizing most offensive to the native churches. (See Canon Churton's letter in your columns on this subject last August). While the Society for Promoting Cbristianity among the Jews utterly and absolately refuses all Bishop Blyth's proposals to put Christ Chureh, Mount Zion, on a better footing. They say that they oannot depart from the aimplicity which is a special feature of what they call the Protestant Charch of Jerusalem. They declare that the Jewish mind is better impressed by omphasizing the contrast between "a simple missionary service" and the " more ornate work of worship" which prevail in the older churches,
Bishop Blyth thus chwarted in his efforts to raise the position of our Church in Jerusalem, may surely count all the more certainly on the support of loyal Churchmen for his Missiun to the Jews in Alexandria. The Bishop will deserve woll of the Church if he can succeed in representing the Churoh of England worthily in a city of ench importance as Alezandria.
The Canadian Branch of the Parochial Missions to the Jews Society, of which the Bishop of Niagara is President, hope that there will be a general and hearty response te Bishop Blyth's appeal through the offertory on Good Friday. They feel that Canadian Churchmen will take a more lively interest in the work of Church Missions to the Jews if a definite Mission is put before them, which they can support as their own special work.
It is most gratifying to the Committee to note from year to year the growing interest in Jewish work. It shows that Christian people are realizing more and more the debt which they: owe to the ancient people of God, and wish to do what they can to repay a portion of that debt to their descendants. A sure index of this state of feeling is the increased amount of the offerings on Good Friday. Last year they were double that of the preceding year. So gratifying is the hope that comes from the Canadian Charch, that the Secretary of the Parochial Missions to the Jews writes, that "the noble contribntion from the Charch of the Do minion is not only very helpful, bat also very gratefally appreciated.'
The Committee would earnestly impress apon the clergy the importance of marking collections intended for the Parochial Missions to the sired, for the Alezandiria Mision: For lack of care in this reepect many collections made for this Society have gone to the others. All moneys should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, and in order that a full statement may be sent to the. Parent Sooiety, a memo of the name of the Charoh, Inoambent, and amount of collection should be sent either to the Diocesan-Treasurer (names appended be: low) or to myself.
J. D. OAyLyr, General Seoretary.

Sib,-I wish some time yeu would see your way to writing a fer linea on the great im. propriety of talking in Church, at the door and down the aisle. The Rector, his wife, and some of the people make a practice of this every Sanday, and I wish some one would show them the error of their ways. We came from a oity Charch where such practices were naknown, and so you can believe we find it a trial to see gossiping in the pews contioued up to the time of the bell's tolling and after service, and by those who ahould set the best example. This sounds very bad, but it.is mildly put and for a good parpose. Yours very traly, Chudimoman.
[We sympathize with our correspondent in this which is ulways a trial to the reverent and devout. The habit reforred to is reprehensible; and wo rernember hearing such conduct condemned by more than one of cur Bishops; but. we would fain believe that it is not as largely prevalent as it was a few yeara ago.-ED.]

## THINGS TO BE REMEMBFRED.

1. Let nothing induce you to spoak disparag. ingly of your parish. Stand up for your Charoh as you would for your mother.
2. Pray for your minister. He needs it. He is but a man, with great responsibilities, and many to please.
3. If any acquaintance of yours needs the aid or counsel of a clergyman, or if there is any opening to do a follow creature good, let your minister know about it.
4. Let your minister know if there, is any one sick in your family, or in the family of any member of the Charch.
5. Speak to strangers about the Church, und invite them to attend it. Be polite and ationtive to those who do come. Give them a.welcome, a seat and abook, and invite them to come again.
6. Make no engagements on week nights when there is service at the Church, Church engagements stand before all others,
7. Consult your minister before you appoint the hour for a funeral. He may have another funeral the same day.-Reminder, Milozukee, Wis.

Ingidentally we beg to call attention to the great amount of information of very valuable and instructive character to be derived from a etudy of the Prayer-Book. It is not a hap. hazard arrangement of services, festivals, col. lects, and selections of Soriptare, but is the result of an immense amount of study and labor and prayer on the part of the Fathers of the Ohurch. There are weighty reasons, doep meanings, great lessons, in all the details of this book. In our next we shall call attention to a recently issaned book, giving a short, plain account of the Book of Common Prayer, whioh we can highly recommendito our readers.-1bid,
To any one sending $\mathbf{n s} \mathbf{\$ 1 . 7 0}$, with the name and addresa of a NEW sabscriber, we will send a copy of Little's "Reason's for being a Oharoh man," the price of which alone . 1.10 . Written therein or proved therebt, the children of our Churohrafe tanght to find expressed in the Prayer-Book the ontline of Ohriatian belief, the principles of Christian duty, and the gride to Christian worship. In addressing my gelf espeoially to the subject of the use of the Praser-Book in Sunday-schools I hope that it will not be imagined that I would put the Prayer-Book in the place of the Bible, or forget that it depende largely for its authority, as it does for its form and its langaage, upon the Holy Scriptares.
And herein let me speak first of the most evident parpose of the Prayer-Book, implied in its very namo. I cannot speak from great experience, and doubtless some will have very good reasons for disagreeing with me; bat I do foel strongly the conviction that, as a rule. the worship of the Sanday-sohool should be on the lines of the Prayer-Book, and in the words of the Prayer Book. There is a seemliness and beanty in the ancient forms which appeals to the instincts of even the youngest child; and there is a devontness and rhythm in them which lifts up eren the child's mind and entioes his soul to worship and fixes the words in his memory. The Prayer Book teaches the ohild how to pray at the same time that it helps him to pray. It is sometimes almost painful to pass from the stateliness and attractiveness and melody of the service in church to the ill. arranged, undignified, and prosaic form with which the Sunday-school begins. Ona feels sure that eveu children know the difference, aad that they do not praise God or pray to Him as well as they might, becanse they are not taught the bost way in which they may offer their piaises and their prayers. As to the pre. cise way in which use should thus be made of the Prayer-Book, it would be presumptuous to attempt to lay down a rale. When children attend the regular morning or evening servioss, before or after Sanday-school-and it is very desirable that they should do so, as soon as they are of the proper age, even if for a while they are excused from staying to hear the se:mon-I think that the special service should be very short, and that a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, aud one or two Prayer-Book collects, or a prayer framed upon their model and in their style, will suffice to open the ses sion, while at. the end (perhaps after another hymn) the Creed may well be said, as confessing the trath of what has been learned, just as in the charch service it follows upon the Lessons read from Soripture; and then the children may be dismissed with a prayer for God's blessing and a benediction. Certainly in the case of most of our conntry parishes there is no need of turni.g the Sunday-sehool into the children's oharch, as it is sometimes oalled. In fact, it ought to be desired everywhere, as it certainly is the intention and the rule of the Church, that the children should find thoir place in the ordinary congregation; should learn (as they easily can) to join in its worship; shoald become femiliarized with the words whioh they will hear or take on their lips all through life; and should not have the slightest reason- to think that there is one church and one worshir for themselves, and another for their elders, or the slightest excuse for a break in the place and the time of their attendance, or in the form and manner of their worship, when they become a tittle oldor and feel that they have outgrown the Sanday-sohool. But in many cases, znd especially in oities and in conneotion with mission work, the ohildren must have their special service-perhaps their only service-in connection with the Sunday school. In that oase, I should say that this service should be carefully framed on Prajer-Book lines and; as far as possible, in Prayer-Book words. Let it, for example, begin with the Liord's Prayer and the versioles; then should follow a Paxim and a Lesson (not very long) and a cantiole; then the Creed, the Collect for the day, and the two Collects. which should
 er, as the case night be-robody oan ever be too familiar with these-and a fitting spegial prayer; and then, after a hymn, the inetruetion can take the place of the sermon; and the Sunday-school can be closed as the services in the chureh would be. A child brought tap to be familiar with such a servico as this would find no difficulty in the mornang and evening prayer, with ics penitential introduction, its longer portion of the Psalter, its two Lessons and Canticles, and its additional prayers; he would be learning how to pray and to worahip, and what words to use ; he would be gaining a familiarity with the Psalms of David in that easy and rhy thmical version which still retains, and is likely always to retain, its place in our affections, and thus would be storing his mind with a treasure absolutely invaluable; and he would also bs learning to take his part in public won ship all through his life. But, while holding to this general mould and form, I should make as much variety as possible in the service. Not to speak of hymbs, and choice of which, with their tanes, calls for sho exercise of a discriminating judgment, the Psalm and the Lesson should be carefally chosen as suitable to the season of the Christian year or connected with the spocial teaching which has been designated for the day; and in the course of the year a good many Palms and a considerable part of the narrative and specially instractive portions of the rest of the Bible could be read. Then, for the canticle after the Leeson, though there is considerable room for choice among all those which are now provided in the morning and evening prayer, it would be well, I think, to havo children learn to chant others of the Psalms than those which mostof as are in the habit of using as chants; only they should, as a rule, be Psalms of praise, whioh resd in our translation as if they were meant to be sung, and which eavily fix themselves in the memory. We use in our College Chapel, among others, the 93:d Pialm-" "The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel "-and the opening part of the 24th-"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is;" and I think that the introduction of these gives a freshness and life to the service, while it does a little to familiarize the congregation with the idea that the Palms are hymne, and especially adapted to musio. In this way, and in others-as, for instance, in the committing to memory of the Collects-the child may learn in the Sundayschool from the Prayer-Book the principles and the rales of Christian worship and of Christian prayer.

> (To be continued.)

## CHURCH MUSIC.

## Choir managiment.

## From the Church Review.

With regard to the management of the choir, it will, perhaps, be best to consider•town and, country choirs separately, first giving a few hints whioh will apply equally to both.
It should be distinotly laid down, and strongls impressed upon all choirmen and choir boys, that they are Ministers of the Sanctuary, and as such are admitted to sing not as aot of condescension on their part, but as a privilege which has been granted to them by the Siapreme Being, and of leading the congregation in the vocal expression of their worship, praises and prayers. For this canse, it cannot be too atrongly insisted apon, that all adult members of the choir should be communioants, or at least resdy and desirous to become suoh; and that all the boys should have been baptised (a qualification which we know from ex. perience to have been sometimee ovarlooled)

Natind
 also that no one shonld be admitted at once to fall memberghip in the ohoir, hat that every one abould pass through a period of probation, in order that is may be seen whether he has sumficient musipal ability to render his help useful in the singing, whether he lias a disposition suoh as shali make him a welcome companion to his brother choristers (asing the word here in its literal meaning, and applicable to the adult as well as to the junior members of the choir), and whether in the case of a man, he is willing to qualify himself for foll membership by becoming a communicant should he not be one already. It will be well for this period of probation never to be dispensed with, because no one could be so unreasonable as to be really offended at not being allozed to continue in a choir, when, after trial, he had been found unsuitable; aid, on the other hand, it would be most diffluilt to turn a man out who had onee been admitted as a full chorister. Sometimes a man who was supposed to be made of the right "stuff" proves to be a sorry singer, whose continuod presence in the choir would throw the others ont; or a quarrelsome individual, who has the unfortunate knack of setting people by the ears together, and who, if he remained in the choir, would be the cause: of endless dispates; it is highly desirable to guard a choir against such members as these, and we know of no better plan than that of having a time of probation through whioh every woald-be choirman must pass. In some well-ordered churches, it is the custom for the men of the choir to vote for the admission of a new member to their 1 anks, if he has been found snitable in other respectsviz., morally by the vicar, and musically by the precentor, ohoirmaster, and organist times it may happen to a priest, upon coming into a new living, that some of the members of the ohoir are not communicants. Now, unless he is a very unpractical and untactical man, he will recognise things as they are, and while he is very carefal to ad mit no new members who are not communicants, or intending to become communicants, he will not rashly insist upon the old members commanioating as a condition of remaining in the ohoir, bat rather strive by gentle pressare to make them become fall members of the Church. These hints may, in prinoiple, be applied to every choir. It remains to notice a few differences which, from the nature of the case, make the treatment of town choirs vary from that of country choirs. Here may very fittingly be said a few words about paid as opposed to voluntary choirs.. Of course in a town parish, where sufflicient funds are available for the parpose, it may be possible to pay-all the members of the choir. The boys receive their education free if there be a good middle-class school to which they can be sent, or, if desirablo, receive further payment to enable them to dress as becomes their station; suoh peyment might either.take the form of clothes, or be given in oash to their parents: The men get a certain fired sum, which might be sabjeat to fines; for : non-attendance, or for being late. Of course in a cathedral, Where two choral services are performed daily, it would be impossible to get men to give up the time, and to find personsqualified both in voice and musical training, unleas a good stipend were"aittached to the offce. And many' choirinstructors, both priests and laymen, have been fonid to say that so much difficalty is experienced by the irregular attendance of volunteens: and their unwillingness to submit is the least degree to disoipline, that wherever possible they would have none but paid ohoirmen. There is very much trath in this, The ohief dapger is to be found in the tendency to "profeesionalism," whioh must sooner or latter come to the front, a danger which must be greater to choirmen than to the clergy who have so much more in their work to holp them to re
 nature W We see how often parish clorks and Vergers grow carelesis and irreverent, owing to their constant familiarity with sacred things; and this failt is very common amongst professional:Churoh singers, and so on the whole we incline to a preferience for volantary ohoirs, if only there be a fixed set of rules which every member shall assent to at the time of his admission; rules whioh shall notibe too strict to be observed, nor to lax to be of any use; rules (above ali) which shall be rigidly enforced or they will in a short time become a dead letter. There ought: not, for instance, to be any diff oulty for a man to obtain leave of absence from any service or practice, but it ought slways to be insisted upon that permission in every oase be applied for, and, when granted, a notioe shoald be posted in the vestry stating the fact. One rule ought to be of universal obligation, and that is that no one should be allowed to take part in the Sunday Services who had not been present at the weekly rehearsal, unless the music should happen to be of an unusually easy character, or for some other good excuse, to :be allowed by the choirmasiter, or precentor.
With regard to reheareals, or praotices. thero should be one general practice for all the ohoir, and at least one in addition for the boys, so that the men may not have to sit doing nothing while the bofs are being taken "through some. thing which they ought to have perfect beforehand. Occasional extra practiees for the "parts" will also be found nsefal and time-saving especially when any more difficalt masio is being learnt.
Converning the officers of the ohoir; those who have read Mr. Baden Powell's book on the sabject (and he is an authority, both by experience and by sacceas, whom all interestod in ohoir training would do well to consult), will recognise the wisdom of the following apportionment. (1) The Precentor, who may either be the incumbent or a curate appointed by him, "overlooks the moral training of the ohoir," and "enjoins the service to bo used," in other words, selects, or approves of, the ohants, hymns, and iso on. (2) The choirmaster undertakes the musical training and managemont of the choir. (3) The Organist "plays at services requiring the organ." These offices need net of nocossity be beld by three distinot individnals; e. $g$, the precentor may also be choirmastor, or this office may be held by the organist. Whatever arrangement, however, is made, let it be distinotly understood at the ontset what are the duties of each office, and who is the roal choirmaster. Above all, let not the incumbent, after having delegated his office to these officers. worry them by needless interforence; by so doing he will inspire want of confidence in themselves and to wards him, and will make: them dissatisfied and destroy their interest in the choir. If anything is going wrong, it is manifestly his daty to interfere promptly, though not forgetting that there may be reasons for their action of Which he knows nothing, and that in this, as in all matters connected with choir-w.ork, the ntmost taet is necessary, for it is proverbial that musioians are the most quarrelsome people in the world.
TThe choirmaster, then training the boys' voices, will find that his labours have been practically, aseless if he has taught them to sing by ear, he can never be sure of their remembering the tune accurately, nor will they
have gained any knowledge of time. It will be less trouble in the long ran to toach them to read the music; even one staady practice of an hour a week will do wonders; and; moreover, when their voices break, and some of them enter the choir as adalts, 'they will not then have to begin to loarn to sing from a notation. We do not parpose entering. apon the vosed question of the relative merits of the
tonic-sol-fa and the staff notations; beginners
leatn to read much, booner and more acourately with the former, but do not seem to have the sque power of "tonality" as those who sing from the old staff notation, and coneequently are more liable to getout of tho tane, especially, so our experience teaches us, by singing "sharp." There is also the diffioulty about transposing masic from the old to the tonio-sol-fa notation, whioh is a barrier in the way of its more general adoption. Whichever is ased, let not the time be thought to have been wasted whioh has been spent in teaching the boys to "reaa" musie; the resalts which will sarely follow painstaking instruction in this art will amply reward the teacher for the labour he has expended upon it.

## HOLY WEEK.

Pat yourself into the hands of Jesus Christ for this week; to be taught. by Him, to be healed, to be dealt with by Him, as a living person, in what ever way He may see fit. At this very time, in that sad week, "the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them." And so you and I may lie at His feet-blind, lame, leprous, paralyzed, dumb, -to be healed, to be set free to run in the way of His commandments, to have our eyes opened to see His love, our lips opened to spoak His praise.
But, as you do this, gaard against a very common snare of Satan.-When wo start.. at the beginning of Holy Week, to seek a blessing, Satan takes care that we shall not get that blessing consciously. It often comes when we feel utterly dead and cold. As a wornout man, taking a holiday, feels tired all through, and thinkg no good has boen gained; and yet, on his return to work, is astonisbed to find in himself more force, nerve, health; so, when we are expecting to draw in spiritual health, we often feel no benefit at the time; and yet strength is being really poured in, and fruit comes afterward, in many a temptation conquerod, many a battle won.
Remember, then, that many a Holy Week of consoions weakness may not be a week wast. ed, only it is better not to put ourselves into Satan's hands by being unpreparod.
Think first of Ohrist, not self. Do not start with the idea of self, of gaining something, even spiritual blessing, for yourselves, bat of honoring our Lord Jesus Christ by following Him,as far as He may allow, in this week of His suffering. Irstead of wasting time in analyzing how far it is our own fanlt when we have failed, and feel troubld and fretted, by a crowd of trifles-so small, it may bo that we are ashamed to name them-let us surrender our spiritual selves to Him. Let us begin by acknowledging that we are sinners and that it is not for us to say how this Holy. Week is. to be used. We simply follow while He leadsdarkly, coldly, it may be, as it was with Him a time of darkness, bat following! Come to worship, not to have a spiritual feast. Of course if a spiritual feast is provided you will thank Him. But if not, say: "Amen; even so, Father !" Think of Him, not of self.
Believe in the Holy Ghost. Open your Bible. See how God promised the Holy Ghost to enable us to look on Jesus, whom we have pierced.-God promises the help of the Holy spirit to make us sorry for our sins, to witness for Christ, to give us sympathy with Him, to help us to follow Him whithersoever he goeth. The Holy Spirit alone can make the Passion a reality to us. The Holy Ghost loves to reveal Jesus to us. Whan you cannot feel, oannot pray, when you find nothing but diffleulties and darkness, do not take it for granted that you will not be able to pray.-Cast yoursalf on the Holy Ghost, "the Lord and giver of lifel" Say to Him : O, God, Thon hast promised to pour apon us "the Spirit of grace and of sup.
plication Ah, Ask, bolioking in yoni word, tíong ail may beem unreal to you. Pat yourself into the Saviour's hands, remembering to Zonor the Holy Ghost, and plead the promises in Tohn xiv and xv, Baying: Thou hast promis: ed.l"-The Ohurch Chronicle, Ky.

## FAMILY DEPARTMENT,

## A GOOD FRIDAY MRDITATION.

Before the cross, whose crael wood Upbearr the dying Son of God, To-day my only thought shall be: He died thereon for love of mel For love of mel ahl dearest Lord, My heart seems bursting at the wordThy passion in GethsemaneThose drops of blood-for love of me?
For love of mel Was it for this Thou didst endure the traitor's kissThé judgment-hall's indignityThe robe of scorn-for love of me?
For love of me, did'st thón essay, So weak and faint along the way That led to awful Calvary,
To bear Thy Crose? For love of me?
For love of me, Thy riven side-
Thy pierced limbs, 0 Crucified?
Thy crown of thorns-thy misery Of quenchless thirst-for love of me? For love of me? Nought I can say, Or do, such love can e'er repay: With all my sonl would I love Thee, And so return Thy love for me.
My love for Theo-like all the earth, Is wouk, I know, and little worth; Yet all I have I give to Thee, Because, dear Lord, Thou lovest me. My love for Thee wilk thou refine, And make it daily more like Thine; Until my heart's affections be Entiroly wrapt, dear Lord, in Thee.
-Rev.J. C. Middleton, D. D.

## LENT.

The darkness was just cooming un. Annie had been writing a letter, and had not finished the fourth page before the sun had sunk behind the horizon, and had left her with her writingdesk still on her lap, and her pen in her hand, but unable to go on with her letter; partly because she could not think what to say next, and partly because it was to dark to see the lines on the paper. Some one knooked at the door, and Annie answered "Come in." She knew who it was, as the knock had been prededed by a stumble up the stairs, and that always signified that Fred was on his way.
"Annie," said Fred, almost before be had fairly entered the room, "let's go shating to night. Will you? There's splendid skating on the pond, and a good many of the boys are going to bo over there, and Fannie and Hattie Kelso, and Mame Morris, and ever so many othere. It'll be no end to fan."
"Yes indeed I will, if Papa has no objection. I have not had one really good skate this winter, and here it is almost spring again."
"Oh I no it isn't. We have almost a whole month of winter left. To-day is only the ninth of February.
"Yes, I know that; but Lent coming so early this year, makes it-seem nearer epring than it is. Do you know that day after to-morrow is Abh-Wednesday ?"
"Yes, and that makes me think. How is it sister Annie, that we tell what time Lent comes ${ }^{\circ}$
"Let me see," said Annie; " it is something. about the next Surday after the fall moon
aftor hhe twonty firstof the hi Lhink, butLam not istre In look," and'so raying she lighted the gag and tarned to the first page of hor Prayer Book; to the "Rales toknow when the moveable feasts and holy days begin,". and read:'"Easter Day, on which the rest depend, is always the first Sunday after the fall moon which happens upon or next after the twentyfirst day of March; and if the fall moon happen upon a Sunday, Gaster Day is the Sunday after." Now, Fred, jast count forty days back. wards, and you'll find out when Aeh-Wednesday comes."
"Yes, I see," said Fred; "b but as I know it comesto-morrow, I wont count jast now. I am mach obliged to you, though, for telling me. I never know where to look for those things, as you do; and then you always bave your Prayer Book, or any other book you hap. pen to want, so handy that it isn't worth while to look for mine."

Annie laughed and turned down the gaf, and proposed that they should go down in the library and sit till it was supper time.
"Why, it's hardly dark here yet," said Fred as he opened the door; "how long the days are getting."
"Yes they are. Do you know that the name Lent was taken from an old Saxon word that meant the Spring of the year, becanase the Lenten fast always happens aboat the beginning of Spring, or when the days are growing longer?
"Is that so? I didn't know it."
"Nor I," said Nellie from behind the curtain, where she had been sitting unnoticed before by Annie and Fred. "Sister Annie, what do we call the first day of Lent Ash Wednesday for ?"
"Wasn't it becanse the people in old timos used to sprinkle ashes on their heads on that day in token of penitence?" asked Fred.
"Yes, and the ashes were the ashes of the palms and other evergreens burned on Palm Sanday of the year before. Wasn't that a ourions custom? The primitive Ohristians used to commence their Lent on the Sunday which is now the first Sunday in Lent, bat it was afterwards changed to the Wednesday before, as that made just forty days of fasting, and forty days, is what it ought to be. Yon know that our Saviour was under the dominion of death about for $\%$ hours, and so we keep that number of days. I was reading somowhere the other day that Ash Wednesday used to be called the "Head of the Fast.'
"There comes papa," said Nellie from her seat in the window, where she had been watch ing for him, and she ran out to meet him. In a moment more she came back triumphantly riding on her father's shoulder.-Selected.

## WOULD NOT DRINK.

There is nothing whioh the enslaved drunkard will not do to get his liquor. Sometimes, however, the spectacle of one who has lost all his will and his fine feelings, and who has dograded himself below the level of the brates, makes other men who are on the road to the same degradation pause and reflect.
"No, I wont drink with you to-day, boys," said a drummer to several companions, as they settled down in the smoking car and passed the bottle. "The fact is, boys, I have quit drinking; I have sworn off."
He was greeted with shouts of laughter by the jolly crowd around him; they pat the bottle nuder his nose and indulged in many jokes at his expense, but he refused to drink, and was rather serious aboat it.
"What's the matter with you, old boy ?" sang out one. "If you've quit drinking, something's ap; toll us what it is."
"Well, boys, I will, though I know you'll langh at me. Bat I'll tell yon all the same. I

 for etven year not a day has passed over my head that I didn't have at least one drink. But I'm done.
"Yesterday I was in Chicago. Down on Soulh Ciark street a constomer of mino zeeps a pawn shop in connection with his other bisiness. I celled on him, and while I wis there a young man of not more than twenty-five, wearing thread bare clothes, and looking as hard as if he hadn't seen a sober dáy for a month, came in with a little package in "his hand.
"fremblingly he unwrapped it, and handed the article to the pawnbroker, saying," Give me ten cents.' And, boys, what do you suppose it was? A pair of baby's ehoes, little things with battons only a trifle soiled, as if they had been worn once or twiced:
"Where did you get these?" asked"; the pawnbroker.
"'Got 'em at home,' replied the man, who had an intelligent face and the manner of a gentleman, despite his sad condition: ' My my wife bought them for our baby. Give me ten cents for 'em; I want a drink.'
"'You had better take those shoes back to your wife. The baby will need them said the pawnbroker.
" 'No, a-she won't becaüse shés dead. "Sbe's lying at home now; died last night:"
"As he said this the poor fellow broke down, bowed his head on the show case and cried like a child. "Boys," said the drummer, "you can laugh if you please, bat I-I have a baby, of my own at home, and I swear. I'll never' drink another drop." Then he got ap and went into another car. His companionaglanced at each other in silence. No ore laughed, the bottle disappeared, and soon each was sitting in a seat by himself reading a newspaper:South Western Presbyterian.

## PLAIN WORDS TO YOÚNG MEN ABOUT: LENT.

FIND OUT YOUR BESETIING SINS. Read carefully Matit. $\mathbf{y}$, vii, xxii, 36.40 , and lst Cor. xiii, pand size up your life by their standards.
TELL YOUR SINS TO GOD Hpsea xiv, 1-4.
LAY HOLD ON CHRIST YOUR SAVIOUR. John i, 29 ; John iii, 1-17; Aots xiii, Acts 38-39; 1st John i.
AMEND YOUR LIFE. ERekielswiii, 25 . 32.

Pick out your besetting sin and iticich His If it be IMPURITY resolve neither to apeqk nor willingly hear one word of emut; to lop at no picture oryiece of statuary, no máttor how respectably : located that suggests to you an impare thought; to look on no woman "to

If it be UNDUE INDULGENOE of any other appetite, out it off absolntely. Don't tonch a drop of liquor, and cat off smoking. Flat moderately, outting off entirely those things of which you are immoderately fond.

If it be GAMBLING touch ne card in any game.
If it be PRIDE, offer yourself fon suoh Chiristian work as may be most diatastoful to you. Seek out those whom you have wronged and ask forgiveness, and those: who have wronged you, and offer it.
If it be SELFISHNESS, seek at all times and places-at home with the family, at achfool;: or office, or store, or in society with your com-rades-to make those about you happy. P.ut yourself out of mind and try and thint only of yourself
others.


Seleotured tho of the bosetting ains ahd fight them for ally you are worth in the mame of the Lord Jesus:
GIVF SOMETHING TO GOD Give Him an hour of your time every day-in prayer, in reading His Word, and in the service of His Charoh., Give Him all the money you bave by denying yourself, and all you can spare besides.
CAUTIONS. Use common sense Don't triy to do too mach. Liet your resolution be for half of what you think you can succeed in, and let your deed be double your word. Planiont the campaign beforehand, and don't get discouraged. The devil will down you if he can. Up and at him again!

Whatsoever things you do, or endure, deny yourself, or fight against, let it be

CN HIS NAME

## MAQAZINES.

The Atlantic Monthly.-Houghton, Mifflin \& Co., Boston; 84 per annum; 36e, each. The March number of this well known monthly -now in its 61st volume-contains amongst the usual quantity of good reading matter, an article of mnch interest on "The Marriage Celebration in the Colonies," by Frank Gaylord Cook. He points out how "through the rise of Independency in England; the American colonists - in interpreting the rules of God," through the medinm of their religious belief: were led to forsake all precedent, and to institute a form of marriage celebration unique in modern times," viz. ; that before a magistrate. We fanoy the unwisdom of such course and the evils following upon its adoption clearly appear from the state of marriage and the namber of divorces in the United States. Another intereeting article is that on "The Beginnings of, the American Revolution," by John Fiske. A paper by Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Over the Teaoups," will also be read with pleasure.

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Wrie Rev. Francis L. Hawks Pott, Sfthe China mission of the P. E. Churoh of the U.S., communicates to the Ohurchman a series of qués Tions which bring out clearly the fimportance of missionary work in China, and from which we quote as follows:-
4. Have you ever stopped to think of the mighty, gigantic difficulties there are in bringing the revelgation of God in Christ to the bearts of this people, and that they show but too plainly evidences that here: aitter they may wish to accopt the ontward fruits of foreign civilization with none of that Creed which has been the oovice of that civiligation; and that there ars nigns That, if ever that parely scientific age is to come of which scientists are so fond of talking, it will be here in materialistic China?

Have you ever for a moment honesily confessed that the handful of men the Charch bas sent to China is pitifully, shamefally Small; all out of proportion to the number she keeps at home?
Have you yet realized that all life jeg the resalt of zacrifice in the epiritual world and natural world alike; that our Lord said: "Except a eorn of wheat fall intot the ground and die, it abideth alone; bat if it die it bringeth forth much froit;" and that the sending forth of men to the outskirts of the world means not a deorease but an increase in the life of His Body, the Oharch, and until that sacrifice is made, a dead Church at home will be tho result?

Aro you seoing to it that our theological students in onr semis. aries are being quaght to look on Ohristianity as anything more than a sort of parish theology, to be applied in parishes at home to the needs of the Eluropean white race?

Are any of us roalizing us we onght io do, the meaning of a worldreligion, the revelation of God to all the sons of men? If so, would there be that continual, hamiliating exhortation after exhortation, appeal after appeal, for men to think enough of Foreign Missions to make some slight offering for their support? -Spirit of Missions.

## GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN.

Bishop Williams, in writing from Tokio under date of January 17th, saya: "My visit to Osaka during the Christmas holidays was most encouraging; the work there has never seen:ed brighter or so fall of promise. The Christians seemed all alive and zeady to work for Christ Sixty-three were confirmed in Osaka; thirteen in Wakayama; and thirty-cne in Nara. At other points which I was anable to visit there are candidates ready for confirmation." The same letter contains an urgentoall for a teacher for the Oasaka Ladies' Institate, which will bo found among the Foreign news of this magazine. Trinese are most oheering signs in
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