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BASTER OFFERING.—Everybody, man, woman, and child should take a part in the Easter offering. Put by semething day by day for the forty days; do not wait until Easter to do it.

THE Church Schools Company met on Monday at their fifth annual meeting to declare a dividend of 21 per cent., although only £3 of each £5 share has been called up. 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, Durham, Newcastle on-Tyne, 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 sound and full of promise for the future, and in the case full of promise for the future, and in the case of the older schools a high standard of excellence has been attained.'

IT is reported that the Committee of S.P.G. have received a donation of £25,000 from a clergyman. 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.

EARLY in the year 1887 the Bishop of Singapore and Sarawak consecrated the first Anglican Church in the native States. This is the Church of St. Mary at Kuala Lumpor, and is a modest structure 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 sun and rain. The Church has been built by the contributions of the inhabitants assisted by a grant from the State, and a donation from the S.P.C.K. Another new church (at Taipeng in Perak) the Bishop consecrated in August.

CANON Venables, who lately resigned the important living of Great Yarmouth, has accepted the quiet rectory of Burgh Castle, Norfolk, offered to him by the Lord Chancellor.

Among 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 Rev. A. G. Gayber was ordained for the "unpaid diaconate"; and the Rev. F. B. Speed is an assistant master at King's College, Lon-

MISCELLANEOUS .- On Friday (St. Matthias' Day), the consecration of the two new Bishops-Suffragan took place at St. Paul's Cathedral. Though the service took place at an unusually early hour there was a very large congregation. including many friends of both Bishops-designate from the country. The cathedral clergy met the Archbishop of Canterbury, the assistant Bishops—the Bishops of London, Lichfield, Wakefield, and Dover, and Bishop Bromby—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 Archbishop being preceded by his domestic chaplain, the Rev. M. Fowler, bearing aloft the archiepiscopal crozier. As the procession slowly passed by the nave to the choir and sacrarium, the well-known hymn, "The Church's one foundation," was sung by the choir and people. The Archbishop, accompanied by the Rishop of London and Lichfield, proceeded to Bishop of London and Lichfield, proceeded to the Holy Table, while the other Bishops and the Bishops elect occupied seats near the pulpit Arrangements of service, choice of hymns, under the dome, his Grace and the Bishops of directions to organist—these should have been

London and Lichfield joining them just before the sermon. The Primate at once commenced the Communion Office, and Bishop Maclagan read the Epistle; Bishop Temple reading the Gospel for the day. The sermon was preached 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-crease 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 difficulty of the Church'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 us into union, sometimes in spite of ourselves."

THE hospital collections in the different Churches in New York, amounted this year to the sum of \$50,408.10, the largest sum received in any year.

CHINA has made more progress toward civilization in the last five years than for twenty years before. The population of the empire is so vast that it is estimated that twenty-four are dying every minute, 34,560 every day, and 12,441,600 every year. At this rate the whole population of the United States would 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, \$5,000 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.

With 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 trusteeship of Baron Rothschild and Baron de Worms, for the education of the poor Jews of Russia.

IN THE VESTRY.

"HOLINESS BECOMETH THY HOUSE FOR EVER."

One of our chief aims in building our Churches with dignity and arraying them with beauty is to aid the mind in associating the Church with all that is reverent and sacred. Everything done in the Church should tend in the same direction. Trifles influence us for good or evil. 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 sure we shall be pardoned for pointing out that the Clergy and churchwardens 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 Church.

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 right-eousness," the clergy should vest themselves silently-not letting a sound of conversation pass through the door to be heard in the Church.

all made before, or be handed in writing by the clergy to the officials concerned. No subject of social or parochial interest should be discussed. With awe and holy fear, the clergy man, who has approached the Church lifting up 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 Church with his own hands; and then he will return and wait till the moment (punctually observed) for his entrance to the Church, when he will go to the desk with quiet and unhurried steps, to enter on the high function as leader of the people's worship.

After service the like silent and reverent demeanour will not be forgotten. Now a disturbing element frequently comes in. Imagine The ruddy-faced bustling farmer churchwarden receives from the clergyman (we hope does not himself take from the Holy Table) the alms plates, and carrying 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 Church. Then in brisk 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 double vestry the clergy could have a few moments for silent prayer and humiliation before the counting of coin were to be faced, and the semi-secular 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 brief collect, and then turn to their counting in silence? Some reform in this direction is demanded in many Churches if the maximum of reverence is to be shown; but 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 filled 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. There 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 for 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 trust no clergyman holds 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 but four or five persons attend. The Church door should be shut during the time of business; prayer should be offered. It would be best if such were offered in the Church previous to adjourning to the vestry; but in the eyes of most of our Irish vestrymen we doubt if this would not seem superstitious. 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 during discussions should be as nearly as possible in unison with the spirit of the prayer with which the proceedings were begun.

If there arise "burning questions," the greatest harm they can do will probably be the mutual irritation between clergy and people which they may engender. If the clergyman remembers that burning questions are sure to burn themselves out; if he does not wantonly cross the will of others, and introduce changes where they are necessary with wisdom, and only after engaging the sympathy of the majorCALIFORNIA DE LA CALIFORNIA DE LA CA

ity, he will be able calmly to meet the brusque words of a certain class of vestrymen, and to hold 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 clergyman, and will for the cause 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 Gon; he makes us ashamed of our tempers."—Irish Ecclesiastical 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 stated, that the time had now arrived for the erection of Trinity Church into an independent rectory. 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. Parl'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 be come to with St. George's, should be defined as having its northern boundary at Hurd'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 establishing itself, St. Paul'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 fully 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-souled 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 form 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 beauty of surrounding shall be a sacred lesson and ease in contrast to the squalid homes; an earnest energetic 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 blessed 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 popular 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 Sheburne, than whom none The aged Rector of Sheburne, than whom none so generally beloved in the county, sent a letter of congratu ation to the congregation, once under his charge, which was read by the Rector of All Saint's Church, Passadena. Mr. The services of the Church have been well attended and regularly conducted. Seven new charge of All Saint's Church, Passadena. Mr. The services of the Church have been added to the communicants'

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 by Divine help been enabled to erect a building more worthy His name to whose glory it will be dedicated. Let me, dear Brethren, affectionately remind you, that it is not enough to assist rearing alters and building up temples to the living God, we must ourselves be built up a spiritual house—an habitation of God through the spirit; we must, 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 mercy, be received, into that Heavenly city where the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple thereof.

The Rector has been enabled to secure for this Church many valuable presents. The east window from Castle & Sons, Montreal, is in memory of the late great Bishop of Newfoundland, Edward Field; four alar cloths one of white silk, are gifts from Rev. Theodore Mayo, an English friend; the three beautifully worked pied mats are from the Messrs. 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 themselves 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, London Docks, giving the amount for one lamp for the sanc-tuary was told by the Rector, and we trust that such a deeply touching incident may inspire others to go and do likewise.

Another lamp was 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 Jordan Falls, in memory of his wife, once a good supporter of God's Church on earth, now in Paradise. It is of beautiful design, splendid workmanship, made by D. Dunlop, of Jordan Falls, and we hope that the full gospel of Jesus Christ may ever be faithfully preached from it.

The interior work was performed under the direction of Wm W. J. Cox, with whom the work was certainly a labour of love.

The cornerstone of this Church was laid Oct., 2, 1885, by the wife of the Rector an account of which appeared in the Church Guar-DIAN at the time.

THE BISHOH-ELECT.-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 Yarmouth, has put berths on board his Boston steamer at Dr. Courtney's disposal, and thus secured his first appearance in the Diocese for that parish. Prince Edward Island is to have it is said, the earliest visitation of the new Prelate; then Picton, Albion Mines, Truro. This will occupy up to the Synod in July, after which it is thought Dr. Courntney will go to England for the Pan-Anglican Council.

The Daily papers are the authority 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.

of Lockeport, Rural, Dean Gibbons. In this Browne's labours had been blessed with increase letter, the Rev. Dr. White says: "It seems but and it is to be regretted that he cannot continue and it is to be regretted that he cannot continue the good work. Under Rev. Mr Browne's ministry a Rectory has been built and the Church has increased wonderfully. When he took charge 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 new Church costing not less than \$30,000, and seating about 600 per-

> C. of E. S. S. Association.—The monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday-school Association, was held last week in St. Stephen's Chapel, Halifax. There was a large attendance of members, over 100 being present. Rev. Dr. Partridge, president of the association, acted as chairman. An excellent and interesting paper on "Sunday-school teachers' responsibilities" was read by Miss Jones, and the subject was afterwards discussed by Revs. F. H. Almon, C. W. McCully and H. G. Lancaster, Mr. W H. Wiswell and Mr. D. H. Whiston. Rev. Dr. Partridge delivered a valuable paper on the subject, "Grading in Sunday-schools," which also elicited considerable discussion. One result of this paper will try the grading system, the teachers having special subjects and the pupils passing through their hands successively.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

MISSIONARY MEETING .- Report continued from last number] :-

Mr. Justice Hensley presided, and on eponing 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 deceased prelate, and its satisfaction with the election of the Rev. Dr. Courtney, to the vacant See. Reference was then 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 clergy was given. These show considerable life and advance-for example, at St. Paul's (Rev. S. Weston Jones), the receipts for the past year showed a considerable 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 attending 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. Eleanor and Summerside, (the Rev. C. F. Lowe, rector), the services held in the Churches of the parish had been well attended, and those at Traveller's Rest and Wellington, increased interest had been shown. The Sunday-schools have done good work during the year, a complete library from the S.P.C.K., having interested the scholars in good whole-some literature. The number of communicants has increased, greater opportunities of receiving having been given. Receipts \$1,306; baptisms 40; marriages 5; burials 13.
At Milton (Rev. Wm. Sampson), the interest

in the services had deepened, tho' it was found necessary to discontinue the services at North Wiltshire and the Sunday-school during the

winter months.

At Parkhill (Rev. Henry Harper, rector), the services of the Church have been well at-

list. The Sunday-school and Bible class had been held as usual during the summer months. but regret is expressed that so few parents and older members of the parish interest themselves in those important branches of Church

At New London (Rev. T. B. Reagh), there have been 220 services held in the parish, 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 marriages; and 5 burials. All the Sunday schools in the mission were in operation during the past summer, and did an excellent work. The debt against the mission chapel had been cancelled, and the site and property made over to the Rector and Vestry of St. John's Church, Crapaud. A Church had been erected at Long Creek; but it is not yet ready for services. Contributions \$444.14.

At Georgetown, services have been held regularly on Sundays, Holydays, and during 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 day and administered the Holy Communion. In the summer the Rev. W. E. Cooper, B.D., of Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ont., spent two months in Georgetown, giving daily services and weekly communions. Mr. Simpson adds, "I consider that great credit is due to this congregation and their earnest lay reader for the devoted way they have held to their Church through many trials and discouragements." Number of services held 200; celebrations of Holy Communion 15; amount raised \$196.

At Cherry Valley, the fortnightly services have been held since October except when the ice was forming on the harbor.

At Alberton (Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, rector). two additional Charches were in course of erection—one at Alma, the other at Lot 6—which it is hoped will be ready for consecra-The total receipts amounted tion next year. to about \$1,600.

Mr. W. H. Aitken, Treasurer, followed with his report; and then short addresses were delivered by A. B. Warburton, Esq., on the duty of giving liberally; Rev. S. Weston-Jones on the great truth that the missionary spirit is the life of the Church; 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 Labrador; E. J. Hodgson, on the mission of the Church; and R. R. Fitzgerald, on the 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 March 9th to St. James' Church, Lime Kiln Mission, of Edwardsburg, by Mrs. Abraham Newman. Last year she placed in this Church a beautiful window in memory of her husband who, I may notice, was instrumental to a great extent in erecting the Church. Her daughter 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 acts of selfdenial to induce others to give to the Glory of God some of those blessings with which they have been favoured.

There are two more churches, and other persons, to whom this whole Mission is greatly indebted, and one in particular who contributes ting nearly 200 children, with a chapel overlargely towards the support of the Clergy-man and gives most liberally to all calls made which will give sufficient room for the time with about the same dimensions, will be afforded, Spirit's Work"; "The Preparation of Serman and gives most liberally to all calls made which will give sufficient room for the time mons"; "Life in Abiding Union with Christ";

permitted, I may again have an opportunity to write.

DICCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.-St. Matthias.-Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Hamilton, formerly of St. Luke'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 usual stirring manner in this Church on Sunday evening last, his subject being "Acceptance with God." The Bishop of Algoma is announced to preach next Sunday evening.

St. James'.—In response to an appeal on behalf of the Mission fund of the Diocese of Toronto made from the pulpit of St. James' Cathedral last Sunday morning, Mr. S. J. Van Koughnet, Q.C., has kindly donated the sum of \$500 to the fund. It is very earnestly hoped that many others who heard the annual appeal referred to may be influenced by this example to contribute 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 Church's missionary work in the diocese, a list has been opened at Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchinson's, where names and subscriptions may be recorded.

Holy Trinity.—The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Church of England Sunday. School Association was held last Thursday night in Holy Trinity Schoolhouse The chair was occupied by Rev. John Pearson, rector of Holy Trinity Church. Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, the Secretary of the Association, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. Twenty-three representatives were present from St. Matthias Church, 22 from proved. Grace Church, 17 from Holy Trinity Church, and a large number of others from different Churches throughout the city. Rev. J. Fielding Sweeney, rector of St. Philip's Church, read an interesting paper on Bible classes, their management, instruction and place, and the economy of the Sunday-school. The paper The paper was afterwards discussed by the chairman, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Mr. S. G. Wood, Mr. Biggar and others. The meeting adjourned at ten o'eloek.

Church of the Redeemer.—The Young People's Association of the Church of the Redeemer gave one of their successful open meetings in the schoolhouse on Thursday evening. Rev. A. K. Griffin occupied the chair. The chief feature of the entertainment 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 appreciate the points brought forward by the debaters. The resolu-tion was to the effect that the "Tiger" came 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 audience, 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 hardly 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 future chancel, organ chamber 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 temporarily. By this means a fine basement about

in connection with the Church, of whom, if being. The plans for the finished building, by Mr. Frank Darling, show a church of fine proportions, rising 65 feet to the ridge of the roof, and capable of accomodating about 700 or 800 peeple, and costing eventually some \$30,000. The present undertaking is, however, but the first instalment of the work, and will cost about \$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 efficiency 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 hundred 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 burned off and the interior gutted, many valuable memorial windows being destroyed. Since that the Church has been reconstructed and a new chancel built on to the original structure. terior is furnished very artistically with varnished black ash pows, upholstered in crimson rep; the lectern, chancel rail and chandeliers 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 during the past seven years, a beautiful silver-plated communion service by Mr. John Parker, of the Meriden Britannia Company, a decorated brass alms basin by Senator Donald McInnes, a set of books and communion linen by Mrs. John Stuart, 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 Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Canons Belt, Read and Sutherland, Rural Deans 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 Communion held in the edifice since its trial by fire. The Church was formally opened on Sunday, 4th March, when the handsome organ built by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, of Toronto, was heard for the first time. The Dean of Montreal, and brother of the Rector, preached at both services.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

London.-The foundation stone of the new Church of St. John the Evangelist was laid on the afternoon of the 7th 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 precincts, and the necessity for a building with no secular associations impressed itself upon 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 Wellington streets, and last fall the erection of the new church was begun 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 subscribed.

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 deep interest in the proceedings, the object of which was to strengthen their hands and give them renewed courage to perform the great work to which they had been called. The conference opened with the usual service of song and prayer.

"Parochial Visiting and the value of example," and after each a discussion followed in which many of the clergy took part.

GLANWORTH.—The Rev. Clarence Ball has been working faithfully in this parish, and it is largely owing to his exertions that a fine Church has been erected. In the adjoining school-room a lecture upon "Habit" was given by the Rev. W. J. Taylor a few evenings since, to pay for a stained glass window which has been put in the Church. The subject was treated in a thoughtful, amusing and earnest manner, and from first to last commanded the close attention of the audience, who, by their hearty applause showed their appreciation of the lec-

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.—The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Asso intion took place on Wednesday, the 7th March. Holy Communion was administered at 9 a m. in St. Paul's Cathedral by the Bishop and several of the clergy. The congregation was very large. The morning ression of the W. A. M. A. commenced at 10:30 in Victoria Hall; the President, Mrs. Baldwin, in the chair. Fifty delegates from branch associations had announced their intention of being present, but some were unavoidably prevented from coming at the last moment.

The Rev. Cooper Robinson, Missionary elect to Japan, opened the meeting by an address, after which be retired; and the President read an address in which she alluded in feeling terms to the death of the Dean of Buron, whose funeral took place that day, and called on those present to pass a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Boomer and the family of the late Dean. This was carried unanimously by a standing vote. In the course of her address Mrs. Baldwin impressed upon her hearers that she was entirely in accord with the Bishop's views on the subject of Church entertainments, most strongly objecting to raising money for church purposes by bazaars and similar means. After words of welcome to the delegates and an expression of much thankfulness at the prosperity of the W. A.M.A. the President called 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 during 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 \$1,132 30.

The Afternoon session was even better attended than the morning. The reports were adopted, and the Secretary and Treasurer were re elected. Miss Maingault 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, Durham; and Miss 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.

Addresses were given by Rev. J. Farthing, Rev. C. O. Meara and Rev. J. Ridley, and the meeting was concluded by the Bishop pronouning the Beneaiction.

A drawing room meeting at Bishopstowe was held on the 8th, by invitations of Mrs. Baldwin, at which all the delegates and members of the

W.A.M.A. were present. In the evening a conference on Missions was held in Victoria hall, His Lordship the Bishop in the chair, and a large number of clergy and members of the W. A.M.A. were present. This brought the Missionary meetings of the W.A.M.A. to a close.

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The Bishop prononneed the Benediction and the two days Missionary meeting came to a most gratifying and successful conclusion.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

BARDSVILLE.—Continuation of the Bishop of Algoma's Confirmation 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 aiults, and one had been baptized some short time before. I need hardly add that the earnest practical conscience touching words of the Bishop were received with marked attention by the whole congregation. I must not omit to add that in the interests of the clergyman as well as in the higher interests of the congregation the Bishop did not fail to insist upon the fulfilment by the congregation of their pecuniary obligations to him who ministered to them in sacred things. The congregation here promised to settle all arrears towards Incumbent's stipend for the maintenance of his work by Eastertide. The Bishop most generously promising a liberal sum towards some much needed repairs in the interior of the

On Sunday morning a large congregation was present in the village Church, St. Thomas', when three candidates were presented for Confirmation. Our confirmation class in the village had been seriously interrupted by the prevailing epidemic Diphtheria, which was the instrumental means of our losing at once an organist and confirmee, the dear girl, however, being both ready and desirous was admitted when almost in the throes of death into full Communion with the Church in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ which she meskly received before she closed her eyes in death.

On Sunday afternoon the Bishop visited St Thomas' Sunday-school, under the able and painstaking supervision of Mr. Thomas Dowler. There are about 100 names on the roll with a staff of about 12 teachers. The prevailing disease this summer hindered very ser-The preiously our work here, but we are now I trust, recovering our lost ground. The Bishop was warmly welcomed by the teachers and child-ren. 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 precautions taken to provide for an unusually large congre gations the building was crowded. Well! if they went away marking, learning, and in-wardly 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 Church 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 population, and the successful issue of the work has fully justified the wisdom of the removal. With the help of a lay reader divine service is kept up on every Sunday, in addition to which a practice of the Church canticles is held every week which is faithfully attended by the musical portion of the congregation.

The cost 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 conse-Our Service here was not so well atorated. it might have been, but taking into tended

account the fact that the service was upon a week day and that most of the representatives of Church families were away 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 Church may prosper in this locality.

The Episcopal visitation occupied about a week and has had I feel convinced a most beneficial effect upon the Church in this District.

Our prayers and best wishes go with our Bishop in his proposed visit to England to plead the cause of the struggling Church in the rocky wilds of Muskoka.

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

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

CALGARY.—This town now takes its place among the Dioceses of the Province, the Archbishop of Canterbury as Primate of Rupert's Land having given his formal consent to the erection of Alberta into a separate Diocese. A Synod must be formed, and steps will be taken to procure an endowment. In the meantime Bishop Pinkham will continue to have jurisdiction over both Dioceses. As Calgary was set apart by the Provincial Synod on the anniversary 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 youngest daughter of the Mother Church.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Confirmation classes are in course of instruction at All Saints' and Christ Church. The St. John's College Choral Society founded by Rev. Canon Coombes, M.A., Professor at the College, and Precentor of the Cathedral, has been doing very useful work in presenting a high class of music. The Society is composed of amateurs from the different parishes. Recently the oratorio of "Christ and His Soldiers," by John Farmer, was given in the school houses of St. John's, Holy Trinity and All Saints, and in the Parish Church of Christ Church. At the latter the attendance exceeded all expectations. The aisles were filled and many were unable to gain admittance. Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath explained that the hymns rendered devotionally and listened to reverently would be helps to devotion, and spoke of the power of music as an element of worship. He spoke also warmly of the efforts of Canon Coombes to raise the standard of music in the city, and of the foresight of the Bishop in founding a Professorship of Music in connection with one of the Canon-ries at the Cathedral. There was a full orchestra present, and Canon Coombes conducted. The offertory amounted to \$67, divided between the St. John's School House and the Choir fund of Christ Church.

The Executive Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday. The principal business was the completion of the arrangements for the site of the Indian Industrial School. The Dominion Government gives \$5,000 for buildings and \$100 per head for each Indian child trained in the school. It is believed that the Rev. W. A. Burman, B.D., the energetic missionary to the Sioux Indians will be appointed Principal.

The Women's Auxiliary have been doing use. ful work for our Home Missions. Meetings are held monthly at the house of Mrs. H. H. Smith. Assiniboine street.

Consent has been given by the Executive Committee to the absence of the Secretary, the

Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, D.D., during the tical and earnest address on the importance of CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION. months of May, June and July. The Dean exmonths of May, June and July. The Dean expects to visit England.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—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 Sunday, the 11th 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 public 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 orders—and of good ability, is required; and such 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 Church both morning and even-ing, on Sunday last.

St. Thomas - On Sunday evening, the 11th of March, the rite of Confirmation was administered to fourteen yourg people by the Lord Bishop of Montreal. His Lordship, after the candidates had been brought to the altar railing, addressed them earnestly, in reminding them that in their great battle against sin and the wicked one in this world, they would need to put on all their spiritual armor, the most pretective of which was prayer and the reading of God's Word, with regular 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 beautiful Confirmation service.

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

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION held its usual Menthly meeting on the evening of the 19th inst, when papers were read by Dr. David. son, Q.C., on Sunday School Literature, and by Miss Barnjum on Temperance work in the Sunday School.

COTE ST PAUL.-The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the Church of the Redeemer here, on the evening of the 16th March inst., when 7 persons were presented to him for Confirmation. These had been carefully 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 St. James the Apostle, Montreal (of which this Mission nominally forms part) and by Dr. Davidson at the Bishop's request. The Confirmation office was used, with hymns 347, 348, 349, and 271 A. & M.; the Nunc Dimittis being sung after the Benediction. The Bishop addressed the candidates and congregation in loving and earnest words, and warmly commended the work which had been and was being done in this Mission through the lay reader; the communicants now number 51. There was a very large congregation, and a hearty service.

On the evening preceding confirmation, the usual week-night L nten service was held, at Evangelist, Montreal, delivered a most pract both myself and wife."

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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Church members in this Diocese are cheered to find the prospects in the Home Missions so flattering. In the diocese of Qu'Appelle the vacancies are being filled by clergymen from England.

The Rev. Mr. Lyon, whose recent arrival at Medicine Hat causes general rejoicing there, speaks very encouragingly of that district and congratulates his predecessor on getting the Memorial chancel ready for putting in the stained glass east window. It is fitting, this the first chancel built in that diocese, should bear the revered name of Mountain, the Pioneer Bishop of the Great North-West of Canada.

The Memorial is to the Rev. A. Mountain, 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 energetic 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 before God" and bring down a blessing on both giver and reciver to the advancement of the Glory of His Holy name.

DIOCES OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

CARBONEAR.—News reached here during 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 went 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 Hugh Hoyles, late Chief Justice of Newfoundland, 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 churchmen 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 sufferers, and last fall Sir Hugh Hoyles sent a no-ble gift to the Rev. J. M. Noel, of Harbour Grace, to help to build their new school To mention all their noble deeds and works done for poor Terra Nova would fill a large volume.

The Rev. John Godden, well known and re spected in Canada and here, has also been the incumbent of the parish for several years past, and through his exertions the Church has been beautified by adding a transept and by enlarging the chancel. A new Parsonage House and School house have also been erected, and ano ther rebuilt.

Last summer the Bishop appointed him Rural Dean of Trinity Bay, and he removed to where he is doing good work for the Church. The Rev. T. W. Cliff is since October last the incumbent. The old school house has been taken down and a beautiful new one has been built, and that mostly by free labour.

Another Subscriber in Nova Scotia writes "Your valued paper is the most welcome paper which thirty or more persons were present. "Your valued paper is the most welcome paper. The Rev. Arthur French, B.A., of St. John the I receive, and is most highly appreciated by

The Church Chronicle, the organ of the Bishop of Kentucky (Dr. Dudley), says of UNITY:-

Church unity is certainly the chief thing to be desired by Christian people in our day and country. Beyond a controversy our present division are the source of weakness, and only weakness. Just as certainly a sensational union—a union of gush and speech-making, is but the shadow of a glorious name, as insubstantial 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 spirit, 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 Christ's prayer will never be answered, and the world will never be persuaded that His Father did send Him. Therefore, let us pray, pray, continuously that God will hasten its day.

And let us work, work, work, for this glorious result, by every means which shall bring Christian men closer together, which shall emphasize their points of agreement, and minimize their points of disagreement. Let us cultivate the spirit of loving tolerance, of mutual forbearance; let us co-operate in every good work from which conscientious regard for vital principle may not hold us back. So shall we develop the one spirit into such 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 per cent, that is to say just a trifle over one in every twenty. In 1865 they were 471 per cent, in 1875 418 per cent; but in 1885 they were only 4.13 per cent, thus showing a continuous diminution 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 public at large. First comes an article in the Month the (Jesuit organ) for January 1885, on the conversion of England. This calculates the Roman Catholics of England and Wales in 1841 as 800,000. But the whole population 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 actual 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, assigns various causes for the fact, but agree in thinking that the Church of England secures the great majority of the seeed 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 generations, numbering forty seven in all, only the original father and mother have remained Roman Catholics, and all the forty-five others have gone elsewhere.

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Further quotations are given laying bare other 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 education. Foreign born or foreign bred missionaries have always failed, and it is the convert clergy, not the Irish, French, Belgian, and other exotics who have gained converts here. But the convert clergy are dying out rapidly, and there is no one to take their places. The few who have seceded for quarter of a century 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 advertisement, to gain popular credit for prosperity, but 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 presper. It is losing both its clergy and its laity from causes which must continue to operate, whereas those reasons which formally led to secession from the Church of England are being, some of them removed entirely, and some seriously 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 Psalter should habitually be read! Strange, that the Songs of the Church should come to be perpetually used as a dialogue in prose! Yet it is so, with us; and long habit has injured the power of apprehension, until our way seems to us right and good, as doth every way of man in his own eyes. To read a psalm is, however, a contradiction. To read the Psalter habitually is so singular a preversion of its design and very nature that the phenomenon stands a claimant for criticism and study; and Wisdom herself might wonder by what combination of circumstances, or by what successive steps in process of decadence, such a custom 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 sing? or that they were too indolent to sing them? or that they disliked the old music, and did not fairly love the new? or that they considered them little adapted to use that way? or that they invented some rhymes 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 Psalter than of reading the metrical hymn. It is a change which cannot be forced nor prevented-Meanwhile. we find an additional proof in the divinity of of the Psalter in the fact that even thus denuded and degraded, it has the same all-powerful hold on your hearts. There are those among us who have never thought of it as what it is, Song Book of the Church; and yet they love it with deepest affection, and live upon its words. The glorious garb of music is required to display its peerless beauty; but even without that dress it is immortal and all-powerful, and the voice thereof is the voice of the Holy Ghost.—Dr. organ Dix.

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(The name of Correspondent mustin all cases be enclose with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

CHURCH MISSIONS TO THE JEWS.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Sir,-Will you allow me to make my annual appeal in your columns on behalf of the Parochial Missions 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 successful, an! that the whole Anglo-Jewish community has 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 Jewish 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 misfortune of our Church to be placed in the most unfavorable light beside the older Churches in the East. The Church Missionary Society instead of cultivating friendly relations between our Church and the Eastern Church, as Sister Churches, has 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 Christianity among the Jews utterly and absolutely refuses all Bishop Blyth's proposals to put Christ Church, Mount Zion, on a better footing. They say that they cannot depart from the simplicity which is a special feature of what they call the Protestant Church of Jerusalem. They declare that the Jewish mind is better impressed by emphasizing the contrast between "a simple missionary service" and the "more ornate work of worship" which prevail in the older churches, Bishop Blyth thus thwarted 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 Mission to the Jews in Alexandria. The Bishop will deserve well of the Church if he can succeed in representing the Church of England worthily in a city of such importance as Alexandria.

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 to 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 Church, that the Secretary of the Parochial Missions to the Jews writes, that "the noble contribution from the Church of the Dominion is not only very helpful, but also very gratefully appreciated."

The Committee would earnestly impress upon the clergy the importance of marking collections intended for the Parochial Missions to the man," the price of which alone \$1.10.

Jews for that Society, and specially, if so desired, "for the Alexandria Mission." For lack of care in this respect 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 Society, a memo of the name of the Church, Incumbent, and amount of collection should be sent either to the Diocesan-Treasurer (names appended below) or to myself.

J. D. CAYLEY. General Secretary.

SIB,-I wish some time you would see your way to writing a few lines on the great impropriety 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 Sunday, and I wish some one would show them the error of their ways. We came from a city Church where such practices were unknown, and so you can believe we find it a trial to see gossiping in the pews continued up to the time of the bell's tolling and after service, and by those who should set the best example. This sounds very bad, but it is mildly put and for a good purpose. Yours very truly, CHUCHWOMAN.

[We sympathize with our correspondent in this which is always a trial to the reverent and devout. The habit referred to is reprehensible; and we remember hearing such conduct condemned by more than one of our Bishops; but: we would fain believe that it is not as largely prevalent as it was a few years ago .- ED.]

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

- 1. Let nothing induce you to speak disparagingly of your parish. Stand up for your Church 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 fellow-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 Church.
- 5. Speak to strangers about the Church, and invite them to attend it. Be polite and attentive to those who do come. Give them a welcome, a seat and a book, 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, Milwaukee, Wis.

INCIDENTALLY we beg to call attention to the great amount of information of very valuable and instructive character to be derived from a study of the Prayer-Book. It is not a haphazard arrangement of services, festivals, col-lects, and selections of Scripture, but is the result of an immense amount of study and labor and prayer on the part of the Fathers of the Church. There are weighty reasons, deep meanings, great lessons, in all the details of this book. In our next we shall call attention to a recently issued book, giving a short, plain account of the Book of Common Prayer, which we can highly recommend to our readers.—Ibid.

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... CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

MARCH 4th-3rd Sunday in Lent.

" Ilth-4th Sunday in Lent.

18th-5th Sunday in Lent.

25th-6th Sunday in Lent.-Annuncia tion of Virgin Mary.

26th-Monday before Easter.

27th—Tuesday before Easter.

28th-Wednesday before Easter.

29th—Thursday before Easter.

80th-Good FRIDAY. Pr. Pss. M. 22, 40, 54, 69, 88.

" 31st-EASTER EVEN.

THE PRAYER BOOK IN SUNDAY. SCHOOLS.

By the Rev. Samuel Hart, D.D.—(From the February Number of the American Church Sunday-School Magazine.)

(Continued).

And, in the same way, the Sunday-school is an assistance to the minister. As nothing can ever really take the place of training at a father's and mother's knees, so nothing can ever really take the place of the minister's intruction of the children who are committed to his charge. But there is a good deal that can be done by way of preparation for this, and there is a good deal that can be done by way of enforcing it and applying it after it has been given. The answers in the catechism need to be taught and to be explained; the great facts of the creed, and the other great facts of the history of the Scriptures, need to be impressed upon the mind; and with us Churchmen the great principles and laws of the Church's system need to be taught and illustrated. With a preparation of this kind, and with a like enforcement of what is said from the chancel, or the pulpit, the Christian child will be helped to profit by the teaching which is specially intended for him in the regular catechetical instruction of his parish minis-

Thus the duty of the Sunday-school teacher is to fill out and supplement the teaching of the home, and to prepare for and enforce the teaching of the minister in church, with a care for the child's intellectual training in sacred things, and also for his moral and spiritual growth and development.

Now, all religious training, it needs not be said, is based upon the Holy Scriptures; and the work of both teachers and scholars will never lose sight of the Bible, and will often be expressly devoted to it. But for us, as churchmen, our study of the Bible is largely marked out by the Prayer-Book, and our interpretation of the Bible is largely guided by the Prayer-Book. We become familiar with large parts of the Scriptures from repeatedly reading them or hearing them read in the services; we have the outlines of the history of the Gospels brought before us in the Creeds and in the successive seasons of the Christian year; we

of our Church are taught to find expressed in the Prayer-Book the outline of Christian belief, the principles of Christian duty, and the guide to Christian worship. In addressing myself especially to the subject of the use of the Prayer-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 depends largely for its authority, as it does for its form and its language, upon the

Holy Scriptures.

And herein let me speak first of the most evident purpose of the Prayer-Book, implied in its very name. I cannot speak from great experience, and doubtless some will have very good reasons for disagreeing with me; but I do feel strongly the conviction that, as a rule. the worship of the Sanday-school should be on the lines of the Prayer-Book, and in the words of the Prayer-Book. There is a seemliness and beauty in the ancient forms which appeals to the instincts of even the youngest child; and there is a devoutness and rhythm in them which lifts up even the child's mind and entices his soul to worship and fixes the words in his memory. The Prayer Book teaches the child 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. One feels One feels sure that even children know the difference, and that they do not praise God or pray to Him as well as they might, because they are not taught the best way in which they may offer their praises and their prayers. As to the precise way in which use should thus be made of the Prayer-Book, it would be presumptuous to attempt to lay down a rule. When children attend the regular morning or evening services, before or after Sunday-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 sermon—I think that the special service should be very short, and that a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and one or two Prayer-Book collects, or a prayer framed upon their model and in their style, will suffice to open the session, while at the end (perhaps after another hymn) the Creed may well be said, as confessing the truth of what has been learned, just as in the church service it follows upon the Lessons read from Scripture; 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 country parishes there is no need of turning the Sunday-school into the children's church, as it is sometimes called. 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 their place in the ordinary congregation; should learn (as they easily can) to join in its worship; should become familiarized with the words which 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 worship 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 little older and feel that they have outgrown the Sunday-school. But in many cases, and especially in cities and in connection with mission work, the children must have their special service—perhaps their only service—in connection with the Sunday school. In that case, I should say that this service should be carefully framed on Prayer-Book lines and, as far as possible, in Prayer-Book words. Let it, for example, begin with the Lord's Prayer and the versicles; then should constantly appeal to the Scriptures for proof of follow a Psalm and a Lesson (not very long) and that all the boys should have been baptised the teaching of our Church, or for justification of and a canticle; then the Creed, the Collect for the form of which it is east. And so, while gath- the day, and the two Collects which should perience to have been sometimes overlooked)

immediatly follow in morning or evening pray-er, as the case might be—nobody can ever be too familiar with these and a fitting special prayer; and then, after a hymn, the instruction can take the place of the sermon; and the Sunday school can be closed as the services in the church would be. A child brought up to be familiar with such a service as this would find no difficulty in the morning and evening prayer, with its 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 worship, and what words to use; he would be gaining a familiarity with the Psalms of David in that easy and rhythmical version which still retains, and is likely always to retain, its place in our affectiors, and thus would be storing his mind with a treasure absolutely invaluable; and he would also be learning to take his part in public worship 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 hymns, and choice of which, with their tunes, calls for the exercise of a discriminating judgment, the Psalm and the Lesson should be carefully chosen as suitable to the season of the Christian year or connected with the special teaching which has been designated for the day; and in the course of the year a good many Psalms and a considerable part of the narrative and specially instructive portions of the rest of the Bible could be read. Then, for the canticle after the Lesson, 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 have children learn to chant others of the Psalms than those which most of us are in the habit of using as chants; only they should, as a rule. be Psalms of praise, which read in our translation as if they were meant to be sung, and which easily fix themselves in the memory. We use in our College Chapel, among others, the 93rd Psalm—"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 familia-rize the congregation with the idea that the Psalms are hymns, and especially adapted to music. In this way, and in others—as, for instance, in the committing to memory of the Collects—the child may learn in the Sunday-school from the Prayer-Book the principles and the rules of Christian worship and of Christian prayer.

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(To be continued.)

CHURCH MUSIC.

CHOIR MANAGEMENT.

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 which will apply equally to both.

It should be distinctly laid down, and strongly impressed upon all choirmen and choir boys, that they are Ministers of the Sanctuary, and as such are admitted to sing not as act of condescension on their part, but as a privilege which has been granted to them by the Supreme Being, and of leading the congregation in the vocal expression of their worship, praises and prayers. For this cause, it cannot be too strongly insisted upon, that all adult members of the choir should be communicants, or at least ready and desirous to become such;

and that there should be no objection on the part of their parents or guardians to their being confirmed at a fitting time. It will be well also that no one should be admitted at once to full membership in the choir, but that every one should pass through a period of probation, in order that it may be seen whether he has sufficient musical ability to render his help useful in the singing, whether he has a disposition such as shall make him a welcome companion to his brother choristers (using 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 full 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 allowed to continue in a choir, when, after trial he had been found unsuitable; and, on the other hand, it would be most difficult to turn a man out who had once 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 continued presence in the choir would throw the others out; 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 disputes; 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 which every would-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 ranks, if he has been found suitable in other respectsviz., morally by the vicar, and musically by the precentor, choirmaster, and organist times it may happen to a priest, upon coming into a new living, that some of the members of the choir 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 careful to admit no new members who are not communicants, or intending to become communicants, he will not rashly insist upon the old members communicating as a condition of remaining in the choir, but rather strive by gentle pressure to make them become full members of the Church. These hints may, in principle, 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 sufficient funds are available for the purpose, 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 desirable, receive further payment to enable them to dress as becomes their station; such payment might either take the form of clothes, or be given in cash to their parents. The men get a certain fixed sum, which might be subject 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 persons qualified both in voice and musical training, unless a good stipend were attached to the office. And many choirinstructors, both priests and laymen, have been found to say that so much difficulty is experienced by the irregular attendance of volunteers and their unwillingness to submit in the least degree to discipline, that wherever possible they would have none but paid choirmen.
There is very much truth in this. The chief fessionalism," which must sooner or latter come then have to begin to learn to sing from a no-the will not be able to pray.—Cast yourself on the to the front, a danger which must be greater tation. We do not purpose entering upon the to choirmen than to the clergy who have so much more in their work to help them to re-tonic-sol-fa and the staff notations; beginners pour upon us "the Spirit of grace and of supdanger is to be found in the tendency to "pro-

member that their duties are of a spiritual nature. We see how often parish clerks and vergers grow careless and irreverent, owing to their constant familiarity with sacred things, and this fault is very common amongst pro-fessional Church singers, and so on the whole we incline to a preference for voluntary choirs, if only there be a fixed set of rules which every member shall assent to at the time of his ad mission; rules which shall not be too strict to be observed, nor to lax to be of any use; rules (above all) which shall be rigidly enforced or they will in a short time become a dead letter. There ought not, for instance, to be any diffi-culty for a man to obtain leave of absence from any service or practice, but it ought always to be insisted upon that permission in every case be applied for, and, when granted, a notice should 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 tehearsal, unless the music should happen to be of an unusually easy character, or for some other good excuse, to be allowed by the choirmaster, or precen-

With regard to rehearsals, or practices, there should be one general practice for all the choir, and at least one in addition for the boys, so that the men may not have to sit doing nothing while the boys are being taken through some thing which they ought to have perfect beforehand. Occasional extra practices for the "parts" will also be found useful and time-saving, especially when any more difficult music is being learnt.

Converning the officers of the choir, those who have read Mr. Baden Powell's book on the subject (and he is an authority, both by experience and by success, whom all interested in choir 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 choir," and "enjoins the service to be used," in other words, selects, or approves of, the chants, hymns, and so on. (2) The choirmaster undertakes the musical training and management of the choir. (3) The Organist "plays at services requiring the organ." These offices need not of necessity be held by three distinct individuals, e. g., the precentor may also be choirmaster, or this office may be held by the organist. by the organist. Whatever arrangement, however, is made, let it be distinctly understood at the outset what are the duties of each office, and who is the real choirmaster. Above all, let not the incumbent, after having delegated his office to these officers, worry them by needless interference; by so doing he will inspire want of confidence in themselves and towards him, and will make, them dissatisfied and destroy their interest in the choir. If anything is going wrong, it is manifestly his duty 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-work, the ntmost tact is necessary, for it is proverbial that musicians are the most quarrelsome people in the world.

The choirmaster, when training the boys' voices, will find that his labours have been practically, useless 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 run to teach them to read the music; even one steady practice of an hour a week will do wonders; and, moreover, when their voices break, and some of them enter the choir as adults, they will not learn to read much sooner and more accurately with the former, but do not seem to have the same power of "tonality" as those who sing from the old staff notation, and con-sequently are more liable to get out of the tune, especially, so our experience teaches us, by singing "sharp." There is also the difficulty about transposing music from the old to the tonic-sol-fa notation, which is a barrier in the way of its more general adoption. Whichever is used, let not the time be thought to have been wasted which has been spent in teaching the boys to "read" music; the results which will surely follow painstaking instruction in this art will amply reward the teacher for the labour he has expended upon it.

HOLY WEEK.

Put 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 speak His praise.

But, as you do this, guard against a very common snare of Satan .- When we 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 thinks no good has been gained; and yet, on his return to work, is astonished 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 conquered, many a battle won.

Remember, then, that many a Holy Week of conscious weakness may not be a week wasted, only it is better not to put ourselves into

Satan's hands by being unprepared.

Think first of Christ, not self. Do not start with the idea of self, of gaining something, even spiritual blessing, for yourselves, but of honoring our Lord Jesus Christ by following Him, as far as He may allow, in this week of His suffering. Instead of wasting time in analyzing how far it is our own fault when we have failed, and feel troubld and fretted, by a crowd of trifles—so small, it may be 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 leads—darkly, coldly, it may be, as it was with Him a time of darkness, but 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. When you cannot feel, cannot pray, when you find nothing but difficulties and darkness, do not take it for granted that you

plication." Ask, believing in your word, though all may seem unreal to you. Put your self into the Saviour's hands, remembering to honor the Holy Ghost, and plead the promises in John xiv and xv, saying: Thou hast promised!"—The Church Chronicle, Ky.

FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

A GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION.

Before the cross, whose cruel wood Upbears the dying Son of God, To-day my only thought shall be: He died thereon for love of me!

For love of me! Ah! dearest Lord, My heart seems bursting at the word-Thy passion in Gethsemane-Those drops of blood—for love of me?

For love of me! Was it for this Thou didst endure the traitor's kiss-The judgment-hall's indignity-The robe of scorn—for love of me?

For love of me, did'st thou essay, So weak and faint along the way That led to awful Calvary, To bear Thy Cross? For love of me?

For love of me, Thy riven side-Thy pierced limbs, O Crucified? Thy crown of thorns—thy misery Of quenchless thirs —for love of me?

For love of me? Nought I can say, Or do, such love can e'er repay: With all my soul would I love Thee, And so return Thy love for me.

My love for Thee-like all the earth, Is weak, I know, and little worth; Yet all I have I give to Thee, Because, dear Lord, Thou lovest me.

My love for Thee wilt thou refine. And make it daily more like Thine: Until my heart's affections be Entirely wrapt, dear Lord, in Thee.

-Rev. J. C. Middleton, D. D.

LENT,

The darkness was just coming on. 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 knocked at the door, and Annie answered "Come in." She knew who it was, as the knock had been preceded by a stumble up the stairs, and that always signified that Fred was on his way.

"Annie," said Fred, almost before he had fairly entered the room, "let's go skating to-night. Will you? There's splendid skating on the pond, and a good many of the boys are going to be over there, and Fannie and Hattie Kelso, and Mame Morris, and ever so many others. It'll be no end to fun."

"Yes indeed I will, if Papa has no objection I have not had one really good skate this win-

ter, and here it is almost spring again."
"Oh! 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 spring than it is. Do you know that day after to-morrow is Ash-Wednesday?"

after the twenty-first of March, I think, but I am not sure. I'll look," and so saying she lighted the gas and turned to the first page of her Prayer Book, to the "Rules to know when the moveable feasts and holy days begin," and read: "Haster Day, on which the rest depend, is always the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or next after the twentyfirst day of March; and if the full moon happen upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after." Now, Fred, just count forty days backwards, and you'll find out when Ash-Wednesday comes."

'Yes, I see," said Fred; "but as I know it

comes to-morrow, I wont count just now. am much obliged to you, though, for telling me. I never know where to look for those things, as you do; and then you always have your Prayer Book, or any other book you happen to want, so handy that it isn't worth while to look for mine."

Annie laughed and turned down the gas 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, because the Lenten fast always happens about 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 because the people in old times 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 Sunday of the year before. Wasn't that a curious custom? The primitive Christians used to commence their Lent on the Sunday which is now the first Sunday in Lent, but 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. You know that our Saviour was under the dominion of death about for y hours, and so we keep that number of days. I was reading somewhere 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. a moment more she came back triumphantly riding on her father's shoulder.—Selected.

WOULD NOT DRINK,

There is nothing which 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 degraded himself below the level of the brutes. 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 theysettled 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 put the bottle under his nose and indulaed in many jokes at his expense, but he refused to drink, and was rather serious about it.

"What's the matter with you, old boy?" sang

"Yes, and that makes me think. How is it sister Annie, that we tell what time Lent comes?"

"Let me see," said Annie; "it is something about the next Sunday after the full moon was to matter with you, old boy!" sang out one. "If you've quit drinking, something's and pla or office or office and pla o

ever since I was married, as you all know; I love whisky—it's as sweet in my mouth, as sugar—and God only knows how I'll quit, it. For seven years 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 South Clark street a customer of mine keeps a pawn shop in connection with his other business. I called on him, and while I was 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 day for a month, came in with a little package in his hand.

"Tremblingly 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 shoes, little things with buttons only a trifle soiled, as if they had been worn once or twice. "'Where did you get these?' asked"

pawnbroker.

"'Got'em at home,' replied the man, who had an intelligent face and the manner of gentleman, despite his sad condition. My-Give me my wife bought them for our baby. 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, s-she won't because she's dead. She'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, but I—I have a baby of my own at home, and I swear I'll never drink another drop." Then he got up and went into another car. His companions glanced at each other in silence. No one laughed; the bottle disappeared, and soon each was sitting in a seat by himself reading a newspaper. South Western Presbyterian.

PLAIN WORDS TO YOUNG MEN ABOUT LENT.

FIND OUT YOUR BESETTING SINS. Read carefully Matt. v, vii, xxii, 36-40, and 1st Cor. xiii, and size up your life by their standards.

TELL YOUR SINS TO GOD. Hosea ziv,

LAY HOLD ON CHRIST YOUR SA-VIOUR. John i, 29; John iii, 1-17; Acts xiii, Acts 38-39; 1st John i.

AMEND YOUR LIFE. Ezekiel kviii, 25-) 213, E

Pick out your besetting sin and it in His name."

If it be IMPURITY resolve neither to speak nor willingly hear one word of smut; to look at no picture or piece of statuary, no matter how respectably located that suggests to you an impure thought; to look on no woman "to lust after her." (Matt. v, 28.)

If it be UNDUE INDULGENCE of any other appetite, cut it off absolutely. Don't touch a drop of liquor, and cut off smoking. Eat moderately, cutting 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 for such Christian work as may be most distasteful to you. Seek out those whom you have wronged and ask forgiveness, and those who have wronged you, and offer it.

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IN HIS NAME

MAGAZINES.

The Atlantic Monthly.—Hough ton, Mifflin & Co., Boston; 84 per annum; 35c, 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 much interest on "The Marriage Celebra-tion in the Colonies," by Frank tion in the Colonies," Gaylord Cook. He points out how "through the rise of Independency in England, the American colonists · in interpreting the rules of God, through the medium 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 fancy the unwisdom of such course and the evils following upon its adoption clearly appear from the state of marriage and the number of divorces in the United States. Another interesting article is that on "The Beginnings of the American Revolution," by John Fiske. A paper by Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Over the Tescups," will also be read with plea-

The Sidereal Messenger.—Wm. W. Payne, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn; 10 months, \$2.00. The February number contains a lengthy sketch of the great "Lick" Observatory at Mount Hamilton, for the erection of which and for providing a telescope more powerful than any yet made, Mr. Lick gave in 1874, \$700,000. In the March number the editor presents a statement of the present position of Astronomy as to the distance and constitution of the Sun. For those interested in Astronomy this monthly will be found most useful and interesting.

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GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN.

Bishop Williams, in writing from Tokio under date of January 17th, says: "My visit to Osaka during the Christmas holidays was most encouraging; the work there has never seen ed brighter or so full of promise. The Christians seemed all alive and ready to work for Christ Sixty-three were confirmed in Osaka; thirteen in Wakayama; and thirty-one in Nara. At other points which I was unable to visit there are candidates ready for confirmation." The same letter contains an urgent call for a teacher for the Oasaka Ladies' Institute, which will be found among the Foreign news of this magazine. OP UM Morphine Habit Cared Inches are most cheering signs in till erred in a Stophene, League, description of the care of the care

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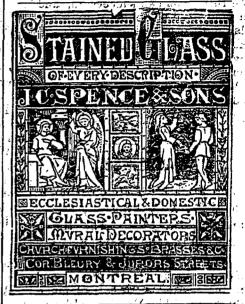
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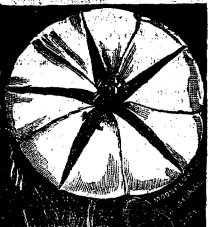
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