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Humbiation a Means to Amend.-The Lenten season recalls one of the deep sayings of Baxter, which those would do well to inwardly digest who imagine that the whole intention of Lent is to pro duee a sense of gloom. "You must not place the chief part of your religion in hamiliation, as if it were a life of mere sorrow that we are called to by the gospel. Bat you must make it a servant to your faith, and love, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and other graces. As the use of the needle is but to make room for the thread, and then it is the thread and not the needle that makes the seam; so much of our sorrow is but to prepare for faith and love, and these are they that close the sonl with Christ. It is, therefore, a sore mistake with some that are very apprehensive of their want of Borrow, but little of their want of faith or love, and that pray and strive to break their hearts, or weep or sin, bat not much for those higher graces which it tendeth to. One must be done, and not the
other left undone."

The Service of Sin.-The Word of God in a great many places speaiks of this service as of a fact: a real condition of things, a bondage of the most actual force. It consists of-1st, a yielding to sin ; the director and ruler of our lives. I suppose no one is ever willing to admit that he is ruled by the Devil-and yet most of us must be-or the language of our Saviour wonld have been more exceptional. There are some sins that in others, and even in ourselves, we can see to be raling, to be setting on
fire the whole being. But those are the grosser, greater sins, which even our onpurified eyes car see. Think of the reign of sin within us, which we do not even recognize. Think of the littl impulses so fine and delioate that we have neve known we felt them. Think of the multiplied evil promptings that we have never resisted, or made an effort to resist. It is enough to know this, to think how differently sin looks to different persons What is a frightful sin to a holy, careful soul, is a trifle too light to be regarded by a person living in a careless, worldy manner. We see this every day and know it, as looking at others. Why is this difference in respect of the same act or the same hought? The power of sin, the reign of evil, is in one case broken by the will, the effort of the person in the other, the sinfol act or thonght is jnst one a long train of harmonions scts and thoughts, sabjection to the will of the malicious enemy. fills one with horror to think of the darkening of the light of consoience by this habitual yielding to evil ; of the gradual transfer of allegianoe from God to Satan by little unresisted impuilses, little name less negligenoes and indolences. This is a spiritual king dom, of which we are warned; and we cannot meet its power by any but spiritual weapons. Oh 1 surely it is hard-and the angels of our Lord must feel sorry for us. For we are body and spirit, and must fight against Spirit, whose laws we hardly know, whose working we cannot see. The vai realms about na, above us, where only spiritua laws prevail, are so far from us; there is such a thick veil between. We can purity our hearts,
though, till " every pulse beat true to airs divine; we can "see far on holy ground if duly parged on mental view." We can do all this, if we will. Great God! Keep our faith clear, our will steadfast, our heart diligent, our consoience terder. Help us in our prayers. Defend us ever from our enemy ; in thought, in word, in act. Make us ever to fear Him-over to believe in His tremendons power and watchfulness. And ever to believe in the greeter power and keener sight of Him who is pledged to help us if we come to Him and pray.

The Neceserty of Repentanok for Safety.Says an old writer: "There's no other fortification againet the judgment of God but repentance. His sword and tonget ; neither portoullis nor fortress can keep them out, there is nothing that can en. counter them but repentance." Archbishop Tillotson says, "That man is not fit to be forgiven who is so far from being sorry for his fault that he goes on to offend. He is utterly incapable of meroy who is not sensible that he hath done amiss and resolved to amend."

Repentange Oannot be Shirked.-Another of he quaint anthors of the Paritan age says: "Rea der, dids't thou never know of any that were in a ourney, and aiming to some deep, dirty, potehy lane, they thought to avoid it and broke over the hedge into the field, but when they had rode round and roand they could find no way out, but wot withstanding unwillingness, to go through that miry lane, or else not go that journey? Truly so it is in thy journey to heaven, thou art now come to this deep lane of hamiliation, through whioh all must go that will reach the heavenly city. Do not must go that wil reach the least part of it, for this is the narrow way that leadeth to life."

Scosssions to Rone.-This question is exhangwely treated in the current Quarterly Review. Four uestions are asked and answered. "1. How far id the convert movement deplete the Ohurch of England by draining it of eminent elergymen and aymen? 2. Has this draining process been sussined in the period since 1851, notably in the espect of the mental powers and aequirements of the conveste? 3. Has the energy withdrawn from
the Church of England been effectively transferred the Ohurch of Rome, and specially in such a manner as the creation of an Anglo-Roman literaare capable of holding its own in comparisoñ with the Charch of Englan 1 literature, and in removing he note of want of culture? 4. What is the actual progress made by the Roman Church in the aations at large ?" The writer commences by replying to the first, that "the numbers and impor ance of the secessions have been largely xaggerated by tradition, misapprehension, and the absence of detailed information." When the Whitehall Review undertook to abandon generalities or particulars, with all its efforts, worthy only of political " census" mongering, it could only gather together some 335 olergymen, 765 laymen, and 716 ladies, as converts to Rome. Sinoe then, perhaps as many as would bring the total up to 1,900 persons of any social standing or education have "gone over," and the writer remarks: "Comparing this total with the 2,671 Roman Oatholic Ecelesiastios in Great Britain, without taking account of he many hundred members of Roman Catholio eligious orders also engaged directly or indirectly in the work of proselytism, the results are disproportionately small, yielding only a fraction of a onvert to each of their eminences, graces, lordshipe, and reverences, during the fifty-four years of nceasing effort." As to the mental calibre of the men won over, there are several of good second rank, but only one, in Oardinal Newman, of the the On the other hand, "so far as the withdrawal he Ohurch ers can be held to point a moral against igly repelled by rand, the charge can ben men driven out of the Charoh of Rome by the Vatican Council, collectively far more namerons, and individually more distinguished ; even Oardinal Newman himeself not more than equalling Dr. Von Dollinger in mental powers, and not so much as approaching him in theologiosl and generel erudition." But, says the Rook, perhaps this sentence carries the deepest weight and points the most obvious lesson. "Where is one very ourions fact in conneotion with the clerioal seceders which has received less attention than it deserves: that no Biblical scholar-that is to say, no one whose speciality was the critioal or exegerical ettudy of Seripture, or who has contributed anything of value to expositions and commentaries on any of its books-is reckoned among them.'

The Welsh Dissenters.-The portrait of a ypical Calvinistic preacher is thns drawn by the ommissioner of the Times: "Constantly paying riendly, rather than spiritual, visits from house to honse, he obtains immense infinence with the women of every household. A past master in the art of cross-examination, he plays the part of a walking oonfessional ; his life, in faet, is that of the Roman Catholio priest in Ireland, bat he is lamentably behind that fanotionary in cultare and refinement." The portrait is not local. We have a large class of digsenting preachers in Janada of whom the above is a photograph. Some dissenters, it appears, are seeking admission into Holy Orders in the Church. And the vernacular press becoming alarmed, is seeking to deter them. The Banner Nov. 10, 1886, informs its resders that the "sun of the Weleh ministry has set. Be it known to the swarms of curates who are brought up as Calvin. istic Nonconformiste in Oardiganshire and elsewhere that the days of the fatness of the Choreh are st an end ;" and the sooner the better, if what the Genedl of Jane 2, 1886, says of them be tras: The pulpits of the Welth Ohurch are filled with a lood of priests reared in the sheep.folds of dissent; with men who follow the ways of Jereoboam, the on of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. Jezebel, too, has an innumerable following of slaves, who are of dissenting extraction, but have now become prophets of Baal and of the groves, and eat at the tables of Jezebel."

CHURCH THOUGHTS BY A LAYMAN

## THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

## No. 3.

THE close relation of all great movements either progressive or reactionary, to others by which they were preceded or with which they synchronised, affords materials for most instructive and interesting study to those who delight in the philosophy of history. He who knows nothing of science, looks at the stars with a barren gaze at single points of light, or constellated groups, but the astronomical student finds endless enjoyment in regard ing the phenomena proclaiming the co-relations of all the heavenly orbs to each other_and to the whole planetary system. So we may read history, watching with mindless interest some detail of the great drama of our race, all unconscious of the grandeur and scope of the design, hence from ignorance of the plot cer tain to misinterpret the portion we are observ ing. There is no such thing in historic life as "spontaneous generation" any more than in physical. All events are both effects and causes. Successful movements owe much to their timeliness, to the "fulness of time" having come for their advent. The Temperance Reformation was especially favored in this respect. Take, for instance, the influence of railways, which were being built throughout England when the abstinence agitation commenced in earnest. The presence of a vast army of "navvies," rough men moving irom place to place as work progressed, full of the coarse animal life their calling needed, prone to the violent habits of such a class, woke up the country to the necessity of a better constabulary force to preserve law and order. We remember witnessing a terrible riot caused by a conflict between English and Irish laborers, which the military suppressed. The enforcement of laws against drunkenness now became necessary. Thus for the first time it was brought home to quiet, systematic indulgers that they were transgressors against the law, which reflection became an effective check upon excess, inasmuch as the terror of the law was in tune with common sense and conscience. Bat the railways gave an enormous impetus to all forms of popular agitation and propagandism. The temperance movement called out thousands of speakers, its platform was based upon testimony, upon individual experience, upon burning convictions. Night after night meetings were held wherever a room could be hired or given. Men who had never spoken save in the home or tavern, were moved to speak on the new topic,-and such speaking ! Poor fellows, picked literally from the gutter, were coaxed and urged to tell of their redemption, often in words that shocked ears polite, but whose pathetic truth and soberness of fact touched the mind and heart. One such cáse is worth recording. We knew well a young man, who picked upà scanty living by helping tradesmen with their accounts, being too drunken to keep a situation. He always wrote with a bottle of brandy at his side. One night
he staggered into a meeting, signed the pledge while muddled with drink, but kept it. From being the most degraded citizen of that town he rose to be its most honored. He built up a fortune by business activity, gave immense help to temperance reform as a speaker, yet so diligently applied himself to study that he won several marks of high distinction as a scholarly antiquarian and archæologist. In our friend, Dr. - is epitomised the temperance reformation, had the agitation done no more than lift him to honor and fame, all its labors, all its outlays had been well spent As one of her ablest local historians the Church of England owes Dr $\qquad$ a debt of grati tude, therefore owes much to the cause which restored him to sobriety and service. The gifts for public speaking developed by the temperance meetings brought some men into fame who took their mantles with them. Who ever remembers "John Hocking-the Blacksmith," recalls one endowed with high oratorical gifts. He ofttimes took off his coat when heated, and in his bare arms thundered along with his vigorous saxon, striking at his oppoonent, as though he had him on the anvil red hot, beneath a rhetorical hammer. How like a flash of light he lit up his theme by witty quaintness of speech, using illustrations so homely at times as to shock his educated hearers, but which made the masses feel the keenest delight and sympathy with one so gifted, whose words smelt of the smithy. There were giants in those days. How wasted would all these gifts and opportunities have been but for the railways! Another service of the Railways was to dissociate travelling from drinking, these hitherto having been inseparable.
We do not rark Dr. F. R. Lees, who early achieved great prominence, so highly as some do. We heard him repeatedly, but he always seemed to be reaching higher than his statose warranted. His writings did some good we hope, but great harm we know. Dr. Lees assumed the authority of a scholar ripe and rare, he gives his decisions on certain points as hough he were the Final Court of Appeal ot learning, when it is notorious that his scholarship was exceedingly shallow, narrow, and largely second-hand. The freedom and popularity of the Temperance platform has drawn to it not a few charlatans, who have found in the enthusiasm of temperance audiences that impulsive sympathy which disregards or refuses to believe in the ignorance of those it favors, however plainlŷ such ignorance may be exposed. Hence, to-day, here in Canada, temperance advocates go on repeating falsehoods that were invented by audacious early advocates of total abstinence, or that were the outgrowth of the densest obtuseness of illiteracy, when those falsehoods have been stamped as such by the universal judgment of scholars. Such for instance as the mendacious notion that Wine used by Christ at Cana and at the Last Supper was not Wine.
When the temperance societies commenced enrol members, a difficulty at once arose as o the best way of providing men accustomed
to tavern life at night with some attraction akin to this. The same difficulty was felt in the meeting rooms of friendly societies, where the beer cans circulated far too freely. Few men are able to sit, after a day's labor, until bed time without some kind of social enjoy. ment. Those best able to do this, the highly educated class, are usually full of evening engagements. Some of those who rarely sit alone at their own home one night a week are very glib with advice to working men and youths to cultivate home life, to make reading their leisure enjoyment, and so on and so forth. If such moralists took their own physic they might be benefitted, as our experience is, that their homes are not so very attractive to them as to make their example square with their precepts. This demand for evening enjoyment has had a remarkable effect in calling into existence multitudinous attractions, some not very wholesome, some innocent, many most healthful. One of the best known efforts in this direction was that for founding Working Men's Clubs, a movement so intimately associated with our good old friend and co-worker, the Rev. Henry Solly, whose untiring zeal is beyond praise. Our aim was to provide all that a tavern does, except the beer. The history of these clubs is a very checquered one. The effort was an experiment. We failed utterly in some places, and success in others came from our plans being modified or set aside by working men, who naturally knew more of the wants and feelings of their com. panions than ourselves. In one town we had a flourishing clab, but it was found that beer was supplied from next door through a back window! This was stopped. Then the club collapsed, in spite of nice rooms, good billiard and bagatelle tables, music and other amusements being provided free to members. All this could not be done for charity, so our revenue was looked for from a coffee house attached to the club. But, to kill this, the beer shops commenced selling all we sold far below cost. But this battle excited general sympathy on our behalf. Even beer shop slaves were roused, as we well knew, in many cases to assert their independence by feeling that their master, the landlord, was under the ban of public condemnation. The custom, in days gone by, was to pay for rooms in taverns used by lodges and courts by copious outlay in drink. When we first exposed this folly, we were met with ominous silence in such gatherings, but the custom has now been generally abandoned. On the gravestones of many departed benefit societies might be written: "Died from excess in drink." One of the strongholds of the drinking custom was the universal rule of hotels to let rooms for meetings, rent free, for the sake of selling liquor, thus drinking became a moral duty: Another rule was to make certain accommodation very cheap, in the expectancy that wine would be bought. It was at one time regarded as very mean, almost a fraud, to dine at an inn without wine. "The good of the landlord," was a common phrase, and for the good, or gain, of the landlord, according to these old customs,
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Why, then, used? Do
tens of thousands have been entrapped into habits of drinking to their ruin.
This generation cannot realize the blessings they enjoy, owing to freedom from the grinding tyranny of old customs associated with drinking habits. They can travel the year through, can stay all the time at hotels, can attend meetings in hotel parlors, and never be tempted to partake of liquor. But in our early days this temptation was not only perpetually present, but enforced by public opinion. Now the members of Masonic, Oddfellows, Foresters' societies, can meet without being compelled to drink as a duty, in order to pay for the use of the meeting room. But in our earlier days, drinking was almost a ceremonial obligation. He who drinks to day does so voluntarily. The temperance movement has destroyed the old tyrannical drinking usages. This redemption was achieved without any appeal to the law ; so must all moral victories be that are secure from reaction.

## THE NEW ROSS BIBLE.

THE letter of the Rev. Provost Body calls for a few words. It conveys the impression that we were in error in speaking of a new Ross Bible ; it implies that all that has been done has been to provide a lectionary for use in Public Schools. The Provost seems not to be fully informed as to what is being done by the Education Department. In the Toronto Globe, of the 25 th January, is an editorial headed, "REVISED SCRIPTURE Readings," a title which would be better expressed by "A New Ross Bible," as we put it. This article says: "The committee submitted to the Department a revised edition"that is, of the Ross Bible-" to which none of the objections urged against the first edition apply." It goes on to speak of the "new readings" in this " book ;" it calls it a "work," and uses other phrases which would be totally inapplicable to a mere lectionary. The Globe speaks of this new Ross Bible as a speculation of the "Methodist publishing house," it says "it will not cost the Province a farthing," and they say it will soon be "put on the market." Children will be, therefore, compelled to buy this new book, and, in as much as the Methodist body has a direct interest in its sale, the work will be pushed into use wherever there are Wesleyan masters, or trustees, to the exclusion of the Bible. Surely it does not require much "argument," but only ordinary sense, to see that this new substitute for God's Word is as objectionable in principle as the first; it is meant to thrust the Bible out of all schools where the trustees and masters are wicked enough to substitute a series of mutilated extracts for the entire Word of God. Pray, what is the use of a lectionary if the Bible is prohibited? And, if the Bible is not prohibited, why use the Ross Bible, new or old ? The Provost wants argument. Here, then, is a
logical dilemma for him to escape from if he logical dilemma for him to escape from if he
can. He says can. He says the Bible is under no ban.
Why, then, is the Bible not to be universally used? Do Churchmen object? Do Wesleyans
object ? Do Baptists object ? Do Presbyterians object? Do Protestant parents object? Who is it objects to the Bible? Who demands a Ross Bible? The people know full well that the only objector to the Bible for school use is Archbishop Lynch! Every person of intelligence knows that the only argument for using the Ross Bible, new edition or old, is simply this, that Dr. Lynch insists upon having the Bible excluded from the Public Schools. If Provost Body is not aware of such a notorious fact, we can only regret his voluntary exclusion from the ordinary means of public intelligence. The new Ross Bible is a recognition by the Government of Ontario that the Papal authorities have a right to exclude the Bible from Public Schools. Whoever assists in providing a substitute for the Bible gives the strongest possible support to this claim of Popery. The allusion to the liturgical use of the Scriptures by the Church seems to us too irrelevant for argument. The Church is a family; what is done in the family circle is sacred from the criticism of outsiders; and, moreover, the Church assumes that each one in the congregation has a Bible, for she directs them where to find the passages therein before they are read. The Provost will remember what St. Augustine says touching the reading of the Scriptures. The revised Ross Bible is the symbol of Papal rule in Ontario. The revised Ross Bible is an open declaration to every child in the Province that the Scriptures are uffit for instructing the young. The new Ross Bible, like the first, is nothing more or less than a political bribe paid to Dr. Lynch in exchange for votes. The Romanists openly boast that they have stopped the " Protestant Bible," as they call the version we use, being used in Public Schools. We, therefore, stamp this new Ross Bible with our heartiest condemnation. We demand that the Word of God, as such, be used in all the Public Schools, which are not directly under the control of the Papal authorities, who alone, for their own purposes, wish to eject the Scriptures, and substitute for them a book by which they are dishonored. If the Bible is fit for our Sunday Schools, where it is universally used by all religious bodies except Romanists, it is also fit for day schools. Pray, how can a clergyman conduct religious teaching with advantage in schools where there is no Bible in use? What a picture of confusion will be seen when he makes Scriptural references to pupils who are not allowed to use God's Scriptures! What will youths think when they realize that the Bible is not suffered to be used in the school they attend ? Will that conduce to reverence for the inspired Word? Wirr it not certainly make a generation of sceptics ?
Provost Body objects to our strong language. We remind him that of one version Luther said it was the work of "asses, fools, antichrists and deceivers ;" of another version Beza said it was "sacriligious and wicked." Of mutilating the Scripture, Chillingworth said: "To allow and disallow in Scripture what a man pleases is to dash out of Scripture such texts and chapters as cross his opinion, or to say,
' Though they are Scripture they are not true.'" (See Chillingworth, 6th ed., 1704, p. p. 36 and 74) Edersheim, in his great work on "The Messiah," says that the historical Christ is an absolutely unintelligible problem without the Old Testament, which the Ross Bible so largely withholds. Our feet are on a rock in demanding that the Bible be left unmutilated for use in Public Schools. With political strategy the Church has no concern; let governments mind their own business, and leave God's Word alone. The book of "Scripture Selections," that is the Ross Bible, is a mere sop to Popery. No greater dishonour of the Scriptures can be conceived than making them part of the political machine. The Holy Ghost did not inspire the Divine Revelation in order to provide means for buying political votes; and that alone is the original cause of the Ross Bible.

## PERMANENT'DEACONS.

WHEN the renowned and brave Bishop Henry of Exeter ordained a ' permanent' deacon, a question, written by one known to the writer, appeared in some of the newspapers, asking how the Bishop had acted in reference to the first of those last three Collects in the Ordinal which are used at the ordination of a deacon?-because no bishop has the right to omit any part of the Ordinal as set forth by the Church or accepted by the same. But if this Collect were used, by what term must the proceedings be described, which having agreed with a man that he is never to become a priest, entreat Almighty God, giver of all good things, that this deacon may presently be found worthy to be ealled to the higher ministries ? The omission is unauthorised. Will any one venture to use the Collect under the agreement referred to?
But is there not a better mode of meeting this subject? It appears to many- who have reflected much upon it that there is a better and more correct and wiser mode of proceeding. It is clearr that the"-Church of England expects her deacons to be ordered priests in due time, and to change this would be to interfere with the very constitution of the Anglican communion. Two things appear very necessary. The former of these is to make the present diaconate a reality. It certainly is not so now. In too many instances it is well known the young deacon on going to his parish has to undertake duties just as if he were a priest, except only the uttering of the Absolution and the consecrating of the elements in the Lord's Supper. It matters nothing that in other parts of the Prayer-book the rubric is equally clear in prescribing ' then shall the prist,' mentioning what the priest is to do. The deacon is set to work the first day of his ministrations by a defiance of all rubrics exeept the two just now referred to. Moreover, he says the Marriage Service and the Burial Service, when it is clear that the Church did not intend a deacon to do so.
Until the Diaconate is practically realised, and deacons are treated as deacons, and secure
time to prepare and really do prepare for the priesthood, the question of a permanent Diaconate cannot be well comprehended. But, instead of permanent deacons, the Subdiaconate, or Freres, Friars, Fratres or order of Christian Brothers, appear to be far preferable. It would not interfere with existing Church laws as to deacons. There would be no confusion as to this class of men, or as to thei ecclesiastical position. The people would speedily understand the distinction, and the Subdeacon or Christian Brother, would always be know 1 and regarded as being what he is, a layman. Duties could be prescribed for the Brotherhood, some whereof ought probably no to be attached to the sacred orders. "Th Church has always held to three orders in the sacred ministry. An Order of Pérmanent Deacons would go far to making the Church recognize but two orders instead of three, for it would be said the Order of Deacons is not one of the three sacred orders at all.
Put the Diaconate in its proper place. Le deacons have one or two years of service as deacons, and thus have time to prepare for th priesthood. This done, and let the Church have a band of some thousands, carefully selected Christian Brethren, under due discip line, and it would soon be seen whether this would not effect more good than a handful of permanent deacons.-G. V. in Church Bells.

## LENTEN THOUGETS

Let as tarn to the type of men, whereof St. Pete forms the illustration, when spirit conquers flesh; an lat us note what battle may be looked for. When he holiness of God, that righteonsness which al oal practicabie in measure, appeaing ,o anl us, wooig by ur bat peace which in wha not the man draw back? What does it confront in him? weak and fallen hamanity ; infirm, sinful, miser ble. What is there between these $t$ wo, the rightens ness of God and the unrighteousness of man Measure it not-the space between them-by the infinties which divide the temporal from the eternal he creatare from the Creator; measure in not by the distance between earth and heaven; not of that do we speak, bat to bring the matter practically down to our poor selves: between the Saviour calling os to
Hım, and us who hear His voioe. There 18 this miser Him, and us who hear His voioe. There 18 this miser able barrier, the barrier of our own 1nfirmity; a
barrier of blindness, frailty, indecision, fearfullaess the love of this present word, the dread of sacrifioe the natural preference for an earthly life. That is the barrier between us and the Lord our. Righteons rained homanity that ine, from me, for I am a sinfol man goes forth, "Depar natural that men ehould utter that ory, that they should draw baok at first ; as a blind man, suddenly finding the use of his eyes, would shrink from the light with a sense of pain; as a prisoner, saddenly released, might be at a loss where to go, what to do That is the thing which the soals that are to be saved through Cbrist feel and overcome; there they triumph there they follow the saint ; who felt his own unworthi ness and drew back, overpowered by the sense of his own sin, and yet foond the way out of that snare, and never thereafter ceased to love and serve the Lord. Dr. Morgan Dix.

## GET RID OF UNWORTHY FEARS.

When an intelligent man, in the clearness of his thonght, in the calmuess of his parpose, and without fear of human opinion, openly declares bimself to be of the company of them that stand near Jesus Christ; he does an act, which, for dignity, none of his intelli. gent acts oan excel. This onght not to be a formality. Christ, to be his Saviour in any true sense, must come right into his life as a reality, and abide there as more
than a name-as a trath, as a master, as a king. He knows that a mere historical Christ would be to him no more than the picture of some dead sage; that life, mold do looking on him from aifar, ourida stone sphinx, which sits, not without a certain dead majests and weird religions awe, yet silent and apart, amidst the deserts of Egypt. Nor yet will any one come to Cbrist, who look on the plan of salvation as a hard mechanical scheme, under which all is done arbitrarily for us, while we have nothing positive to do. Let us not weaken in the least, the ides, that to come to the Lord and confess Him before men is to do a real and very solemn thing, and a thing which a man must therefore live up to. In such a case as this it is Christ who comes straight to you, in your daily life just as he came to Simon and Andrew, to James and John, in their littie fishing boats, and in the midss to
their trade ; to you it is as real a coming, as it was to their trade ; to you it is as real a coming, as hile soule re called into the kingdom; it is thus with you to-day That you are called is the righteonsness of Grist, the imitaiion of oan ought to be; He bids you arise and follow Him號 with the men of Gadara ; it was so with St. Peter narvel not at that first impalse. Does the sense your own unworthiness keep you away? Why not It was so in Peter's case ; he felt that he was not goo nough; that he was anworthy; that he might no persevere if he once began. Such feelings aliso are has been and always will be. Your temptation is a very old one ; to be content with a lower life, to cling to this world, to walk by sight and not by faith to surrender to your fears, to take ro risk, and let go he hope of the prize. When Simon Peter looked on Christ, that day he had in him two lines of thoagh which have often troabled you : shall I repel the invi tation, keep on with my pursuits, live as other men ive and as I have always lived, be content to vege tate, spin out my feeble life, die as the maititude die and take what may come hereafter? or shall I obey this strange mandate, and follow Him who speaks anc cos as one from another worla, and alter $H$ m, no pilgrim in the world, and as an alien unto my mother' phildren? Snoh though the sense of personal unworthiness may be oppressive to you, yet it ought not to keep you baok is the thing we all need ; the knowledge that $w$ retience men is the guarantee of humility and over come to the man reverence. Nowhing good wil a sinuer ; spiritual pride, an assumption of merit, ieeling of self-sufficiency-these drive men off from God. The very opposite of these are what we al need to bring us to Him, and to keep us near Hins ; to feel thet we are nothing, that we merit nothing, that we bave no worth before Him-this, logically, ahould bring us to Christ ; and where sach feelings are pro ressed, and yet men make no move forward, we can only hank, either that they are insincere in their profes. ion, and merely pat forth the plea of unworthines a masir for uawiniagaese, or else taat vieir thought are in total confusion aboat the condition of sinner' acceptauce by the Holy Redeemer. Let them correot shall be well


DOMINION.

## QUEBEC.

Lower Ireland.-On Dec. 30th, 1887, the conrge. gation of Christ's Church gave a very successful inster supper and entertainment in the oharch hal in aid of the organ fund. There was a large and vocal music, readings, and recitations was performed to the evident enjoyment of all present. Particularly to be remarked was the selection of readings and recitations given by the "small boys" of Lower Ire
land. It is not often that a programme is prepared a untry place where such an excellent collection of recitations is so well rendered as that performed by the boys that took part in the entertainment. The receipts for the organ fund were something over \$40. Before the performance of the programme Mr. A. S. Johnson, M.P.P., on behalf of the congregation, in a
very complimentary speech, presented the incumbvery complimentary speech, presented the incumb nut, Rev. R. Hewton, with a parse containing $\$ 67$ Mr. Heaton was completely taken by surprise, and in
response expressed his appreciation of the thoughtfulness ond the spirit which prompted the givers to acoeptable manner

## MONTREAL

Montreac.-The second annaal meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of the diocese was held last week in the synod hall. The Lord Bishop of Montreal presided, and there was a very large attendance. After devotional exercises, the Fell. known missionary
Miss H. E. Honghton road the annual report, whio howed that the Society had a membership of 357 The special objeet of their care was the parish o Arundel, the mission fand of the diocese, and special objects recommended by the Bishop. They wer ften called on by parochial branches ad individual or information concerning missions, and it had been eoided to form a collection of books and maps to be epp in the Dlocesin M obll orptions wores throughout the diocese.
Rev. G. Osborne Troop said it was not good for ma oo be alone, and that did not apply to domestic lite alone, but also to the service of the Lord. He spoke of the hardships of the missionaries in foreign lands and teatified to the aid which this society had give hem. He hoped their efforts would be more and more, not only to meet the local needs, bat also for hose of far off fields. He assured them of his sympe. and wished them God speed. He closed by moting the adoption of the report.
Rev. Dr. Henderson seconded the motion. The existence of this association could be justrified on hree grounds: (1) Becaase it is an anxiliary society (2) because it is a anifying society; and (3) because i a teaching society. in the future the Bishop ma ely on the ladies for aid in any good work whioh he may undertake. It was for them to prove that they were what they professed to be, an auxiiary society Whatever unites is good and whatever separates i bad. The different parishes must not work separately or their work would be like threads, but if these hreads were gathered together we would have an dea of what the work of this association is. It tende unite all the parishes and all the dioceses together This was also a teaching associacion, and tho lam aro nd thongh men had superior powers in doing cortain hinge gu the did pow requetly anticipat mon in orviee, and for lory and honor the ${ }^{\circ} e^{\circ}$ was sare that the lociety had done valueble work for the Lord in the past and wonld do even more in the inture.
His Lordship in potting the resolation
that the mariod men the deny that the ladies had great teaching powers.
Rne motion was adopted. inancial statement, of which the following is summary :-

Revenue.
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Fomestio mission
Foreign missions.
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Printing, etc
Balance carried forward
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Rev. Canon Ellegood, in moving the adoption of the report, said the society was doing a grand work, anh church had lost greatly was in not having organized womens' societies. They had had striking illastra womens societies. They had had striking woman's ability, and their teaching ability Was in very many cases superior to that of the lord of creation. They had that loving sympathy which if anything could, woald conquer the world.
Rev. Canon Mills sevonded the resolation. He wae surprised that any one should take exception to the society or to its work. The work that they had done and the money they had raised, had not been to the detriment of any other field of labor. He congratula ted His Lordship on having such a society to carry on the work so dear to his beart, and hoped they would go on prospering and to prosper.

His Lordship said that when it was considered tha their main object was to stir up enthasiasm rathe han to collect money, totion was declared carried. Madame Schereschewsky related her experience missionsry in the city of Pekin. The Roman Oatholic missions had been established there some 200 years ago, and at first had been very successful but later on the Jesuits took too much interest in politics, and the Chinese retreated from them, otherwise that religion might have been widespread. The Chinese have been taught to hate foreigners, and the omen believed that porsersed the ye which was more part on that prejudice begas the
 ear away and the ladies began to come in and see ar, them and hear the word of God. The boys who came to the school were very expressive and they ere the most docile papils in the world. They were anght to respect education and they studied many ones a day. The speaker gave a very interesting escription of the dress of the varions classes, their caliar characteristios, street scenes, and grea pomples and other buildings. The translating of the bible into Chinese has given the word of God to four andred millions of this interesting people, and it was ww being carried throngaut the great empire by olporteurs, who were sometimes received kindly by he people and sometimes in danger of their lives, ba he work went en. For a mission field like this was necessary to have consecrated and trgined workers, and she hoped that inture women would e specially raine torn. The Anglo-Saxon race boen of the morld and in therk egeneration
The hymn, "Far off our Brethren's Voices," being ung, His Lordship apologized for the absence of the Bishop of Algoma, who, at his request, had postponed himself and thar date, when he conld g His fel hip referred to the many new fields of mission work hat were opening up from time to time, particularly that region, where, only a few years ago, they vonld rather see a wild beast than a missionsiry for hey could get the fur from it, while they could no kin the missionary. Now that was all over and the issionary was welcomed everywhere The ben

## ONTARIO.

Perth.-The annual missionary meeting was held St. James' Church, on Sunday evening, the 29 th January. The deputation being the Rev. G. J. Lowe lmonte, convener ; Rev. John Partridge, Thomasonor Judge Reynolds, of Brockville. The and hi he Rev. R. L. Stephenson, M.A., after a shor issionary service, and before introducing the depo tation, read the parochial report, which showed th total contribution in the parish for diocesan missions daring the past year to have been $\$ 26403$; for the diocese of Algoma, $\$ 3050$, making a total of $\$ 29453$. The Sunday School in addition sopports an Indian boy at the Shingwank Home at a cost of $\$ 75$ per. annum. Addresses, sensible, practical, and to the point, were delivered by the different members of the epatation on behalf of the diocessan mission fund. A ew missions are being constantly opened, and the der misions sub-divided, the Mission Board will this ear require $\$ 2,000$ additional to supplement the tipends of the missionaries sent. The offertory a these amounted to $\$ 42.54$. This parish ranks fitth eorge's Cese in its contribation to missions; St three of the charal, Kingston, ranks irst, followed by The Christ churches in St. Jans next vell attended. At the early celebratiof of the Holy Communion at 8 a m there cere 73 commnniasnts $t$ the mid day celebration 75 persons communicated aking a total at the two celebrationg of 148 , being 25 in excess of Christmas '86. The offertory for the ase of clergymen was liberal and slightly larger than on the previous occasion. The architectural sdorn ments of the sacrarium and chancel of the ohurch are beautiful, that of late years the evergreen decora tions have been dispensed with. The screens erécted in the chancel during the previous week, by his wife 500 ary of the late H. D. Shaw, Esq., at a cost 0 000, from designs by Mr. Frank Darling, Esq. chitect, added much to the beanty of that part o he Church. A moveable pulpit desk, of polishe rass, and camp brackets of the same material, pre the orna Mrs. Peter McLaren, contributed largely to thet ynat lady at last Easter. The basement of the Shaw, and is completed, is also in memory of Mr recommodation for abous 250 persons; it is used for Sunday School and occasional persons; it is used for
assisted in parish work by Young Men's Guild, and night school, and meet on in the chapel school for matnal improveman evening also a Woman's Guild, who visit the sick distribnte racts, and collect for the mission funds. A distribat student of St. Augustine's, Canterbary, is ex reader arrive from England in spring, and take the place the late assistant, Rev. T. Austin Smith, now missionary at Madoc. St. James' Charch is to be still farther beanatified by the completion of the tower and spire, towards which Mrs. Peter McLaren, in $\$ 4000$ to ber other generous donations, has given 4.000. The firm of Mesirs. Darling and Curry are maxpected will be carried to completion nex mmer

Balderson.-This mission, vacant for two or three months, since the appointment of the Rev. H. Farrar North Hastings, has been supplied by the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Coleman, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. Mr. Coleman commenced ministrations on Christmas day. There is at Balder n nearly completed a beantiful little stone ohurc the gothic style of architectare, open timber roo d lancet windows filled with ooloured glass ; emento of the good taste and handi-work of the lat Hastinga.

Clayton and Innisville.-This new mission, forme om oub-stations of the parish of Almonte and mission Lbinark, is served by the Rev. J. Osborne, late missionary at Kitley. On the enlargement of St. Paul's Church, Almonte, and the appointment of the
former incumbent, Rev. F. L. Stephenson, M A., to former incumbent, Rev. F. L. Stephenson, M.A., to
St. Peter's, Brockville, Clayton was made headSt. Peter's, Brockville, Clayton was made headas a parish by itself. During the eight years of his as a parish by itself. During the eight years of his
incumbency at Almonte, the Rev. F. L. Stephenson, aided by many willing workers, had done much to place the parish of Almonte in the position it now occupies. He paid off the debt, $\$ 3,000$ prinoipal, and $\$ 1,260$ interest on the handsome and commodious parsonage, and leveled the grounds surrounding the house, and farther, ornamented them by planting badly built, was in es. The charch being originally raised by subsoription $\$ 8,500$, and having procured designs for the enlargement of the charch from Mr. rank Darling, architeot, Toronto, had so far proceeded with the work, that at the time of his appointment to St. Peter's, Brockville, the masonry was completed, the carpenters were patting on the roof, and all the work contracted for. Many of the accessories of divine worship heretofore wanting in this church, have been since provided by the now incum bont, the Rev. G. J. Lowe, who had the charch pened for service on Thanksgiving day, and of whom local paper states, "the present incumbent possesses re social qualives, a woll as and the pleasant relations now existing ever contiuue."

Renfrew, - The missionary here, the Rev. C. oung, B.A., is doing good work, and endeavouring to ake up for the pasi neglect of his predecessors, wh most entirely connned their work to the village Church in the surrounding townships. He has suc hurch with the soanty means at his dispossl in ducing the debt on the parsonage from nearly $\$ 400$ $\$ 100$, and has re-opened the little log ohurch in he township of Horton, where services had not been held for years, he also has arranged for holding for ightly services in the townships of Admasto rougham and Griffith-in this he is assisted by ay-reader. At Renfrew village and Hilton on Christ day 49 persons communicated, and the offertory for clergyman was $\$ 31.35$.

North Hastings.-The hard-working, self-denying missionary here, the Rev. H. Farrar, who did such excellent work in opening the missions of Parham tions, making and Clarendon, ministers at nine sta missionary priest could find plenty of work here, bat the labourers are few. There are at present seven vacant missions in the diocese.

Clarendon.-The Rev. Edward Pick ministers here rith much acceptance. There are three churches the mission and a comfortable parsonage house
 here is a debt of $\$ 180$. Quite a number of hall-pas fficers of the British army have settled here.

Brockvilue.-St. Paul's.-The annual diocesa
Brocrvine.-At. was held in this parish on the
evening of 2nd Febraary. The Rev. F. L. Stephenson, M.A., rector of St. Peter's, read the service, and the addressed by the members of the deputation, viz., the Rev. S. G P Pole of of Kingeton in M, the Rgton, lay secretary of the diocesan synod; and Charch, Belleville, convener. The Rer. John's Stephenson and Jodge McDonald al Ro Rev. E. P. Crawford, M. A rector of Trinity Ch and his curate, Rev. Mr. Quartermain, had othe ngagements which stood the way of their being present- The reetor, Rev. Dyson Hague, M A pro sided. The attendanoe was good, and the collection oxcoeded that of last year.

## TORONTO.

Toronto.-ŚSt. Barnabas.-Sunday Evening Lectures -The Rev. Prof. Clark, Trinity College, has bee day nights a Secolarism. T. Bandas or Sociaism, Agnosticism, each ocoasion, numbers baing were very large o are seen at obnch. We peed pres that seldom lecturer treated these topics with mathly The anditors one and all pronornoed that the powr. were beyond compare in intellectual force and showed a range of reading that few living scholar oould equal. Prof. Clark took the annsual bat wie and bold course of inviting any who had grestions to ask to remain after servioe, as he would be happy to meet those anxious to have objections answered o difficaities solvea. We shonld like to see arrang ments made for the pablication of these lectures, an ane har seang hem in full or in a con densed form for pablioation in our columns.
dr. Barnabas.-Mrs, W. Hoyes Clarke wishes to . . parcel was delivered by Miss Cottingham

## NIAGARA.

Freriton- - His Lordship the Biehop of Niagara visited this mission for confirmation, on January 25th. The Bisho's instrotion to be hoped that not the were plain and good ; it is were present at the servioe, will wore present at the service, will remember and try by our ohief pastor of the diooese What suggeste gives to his plase a shor series of inotroliogs ase confirmation and holy living, the trouble is not what to teach bat what to leave ont. There are so many things that oan be taught, it is diffioult to choose the most important ; the Bishop's seven roles summarize much of this teaching. The Revs. A.J. Belt and Geo B. Cooke held a missionary meeting in the hall a Freelvon, in the evening of Fridey, Jan. 27th . That was a very smaill attendance ; we hope for a oongrogation next year. Perhaps the turn on harger large enough, seeing many think meetings of this kind of very great importance anyway

## BORON.

LONDON.-Great interest is seemingly being taken in the coming " visitation" to be held by his Lordship the Bishcp, March 7th and 8th. We nnderstand tha diergymen from all parts of the diocese have signifie beir intentioa of pers present. The Bishop oconpie the first day with subjeots aliready announced ; the seoond day is ior a conterence on missions. In orde or more deinite discassions the following subjeots will be taken up in their order
(a) The present moral condition atd future doom of the heathen.
(b) The responsibility of the Churoh to follow the indications of God's providence in the matter of missions
(o) The reflex influence of missions on Home (d) The daty of the Church with referenoe to (e) The best methods for advanoing the caase of

The olergy are invited to come prepared to speak on these various subjeots, and it is earnestly hoped wha much practical good will be the result. Those "visiesire to be billoted with friends during the - Ven. ohaplains. Reduced rates will be allowed on the several railways.

Hormme's MmLs.-A very interesting series of mission services have jast been held in St. John's
to Feb. 6th. The missioner was the Rev. P. T. Mignot, of the diocese of Niagara. His addresses
were fall of fervour and were listened to with great attention, as were alao the instructions given by the Rev. H. G. Mere alao the instructions given by the Rev. H. G. Moore, each evening on some portion of of the mission will be a large number of candidate who will be presented to the Bishop at the approach ing confirmation on the 2nd of March.

Eastwood.-Deanery of Oxford.-Wednesday, Jan 25th, Confirmation in St. John's Charch, Rev. T Watson incumbent. Woodstock, We
ation in St. Paul's, reotor, J. J. Hill.

Paris.-Deanery of Brant.-Confirmation in St James' Church, Rev. Alfred Brown, rector, Tharsday Jan. 26th. Confirmation in All Saint's Charch Mount Pleasant, Rev. J. P. Caran, inconmbent Onondaga-confirmation in Trinity Charoh, Rev. G. M. Cox, incumbent, Friday, Jan. 27. Kengengahconfirmation in

London.-A Oonvalescent Hospital.-A large meet ing of ladies and gentlemen interested in the estabishment of a convalescent hospital in this city was held in Bishop Cronyn Hall on Friday evenin consider Here were preeent Mesdames Baldwin, Thompson Morphy, Hellmoth Whitohead, Ingrams, Edger, and fifte others also his lordehip Bishup Bald win Mayor Cowan, Revs. Canon Innes and Smitb, Col Walker, Mesers. T. McCormick, Thomson, W: L Gill, and Dr. Englisb. His lordship presided and in his opening remarks alladed to the grand wor establishing had been instrumental in doing, in purpose of helping those who were unable to help themselves. He spoke in strong terms of the neoes sity of establishing a convalescent hospital in this city. The hospital was crowded, and in many instances patients were discharged from it before they were convalescent enough to battle with the cold winds and storms of life. If the object be a good one we may feel assured that the requisite fands will be provided. Mayor Cowan said such ar institution was necessary, and was experienced in thes fiorts the meeting might make in inadequate. An ene heartily second by the generally. Mr. English had seen the the citizens working successfully in other places. Col Walker said $\$ 175$ had been already promised without any solicitation. He thonght the question was ripe, and it now remained for the meeting to organize, afte passing a motion acknowledging the necossity fo such aetivity. Rev. Canon Innes said it was intended to make the proposed institution entirely ondenomi national and not even exclusive. He believed it to be absolutely necessary, and gave assuranoe that is would prove a blessing to the commanity. Rev Canon Smith, from his experience, ohaplain of th hospital, believed the institation to be necessary Mr. McCormick said the hospital-should do more tha it was doing. There were spare room there, and i to was necessan what of incarabies, wings conld be built to the hospital meeting, and after meeting, and a for boomer moved, icale Carried ananimously. a committee Carried unanimously. A committee was appointed to Boomer, Labstit, Ecoles, Ford, Mayor Cowan Boomer, Lsbatt, Eccles, Ford, Mayor Oowan, Col Canon Innes (Chairman); Miss, Era Meredith is the treasurer, and donations towards the furtherance this commendable object will be thankfally acknow. ledged. The list of contribations to the acknow Convalescent Home amounts to $\$ 175$.

Southampton-St. Paul's Ohurch in this place, handsome brick ohurch, nearly free of debt, wa opened on Sunday, Feb. 5th, by his lordship the of Dorham, and T. L. Armstrong Revs. O. J. Farthing The Bishop preached most elognent reetor in charge morning and afternoon services, the Rep. Jo Farthing officiating on the evening, the charch being filled to its atmost oapacity at all the services. collections being very liberally responded to. Great credit is due to the ohoir for the exceptionally good singing at each service. To all appearance South ampton is in a fiourishing state as regards Charo matters, the people all working as one.

During 1887 the unprecedented number of 10 persons have sailed from England for work at th Church Missionary Society's stations.

## ALGOMA.

Braorbridge.-The Rev. Jag. Boydell, of the mission of Bracebridge and parts adjacent has great pleasure in acknowledgeing his indebtedness to
the girls of the Havergill Mission Band, fo large bale of excellent clothing and a box of books and presents for Christmasl trees
The presents and books together supplied the needs of two well-equipped trees in two seperate ontstation of the mission; a brief account of one may not b uninteresting to some of your readers. At an early
hour in the afternoon, accompanied by two of my hour in the afternoon, accompanied by two of my araghters, we proceeded to the school honse, some miles from the village where one tree was to be decorated, and in spite of quite a depth in the night preceding, we foand on the carols which were shortly to be ping On entrance was greeted with marked approval evi denced in the face of the children. After a shor inspection of the marks of merit, we apportioned the different prizes and clothes to meet the needs保 of the children as each marched off with his or he prize and allotment, it would have encouraged them in their useful and benerolent work on behalf Christ's little ones. I thank the band with all my beart for their work and labor that proceedeth o love, and which in my case has ministered to as wel to the necessities and enjoyment of so many, who heir unceasing round of daily toil

The Rev. W. Crompton begs most gratefully to
 koka, Canada, Feb. 8th, 1888.

## FOREIGN.

The convocation of Sonthern California held Its hal early meeting at Riverside on Jan. 24th, 25th an 26 th , in All Saints' Churoh, Rev. B. W. Roger Taylon of Southern California, presided over the meetings, which was unasually interesting and important. In view of the rapid growth of the Charch within it limits, the Convocation resolved on taking the neces sary preliminary steps for a subdivision of the diocese of California, and the organization of a ne iocese for Southern California. As the final step ention matter is the sanction of the General Con ennial meeting in Oct., 1889, nearly two years mus slapse before the division can be perfected. Mean while the work of secaring an episcopal endowme and will begin at once.

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## HAS HE AUTHORITY

Sir,-A gentleman, lately a student of Wickliffe College, now ordained, not a graduate, I believe, any unversity, is going about and preaching in ou work in Japan, representing that he is the fir clergyman ever sent by the Canadian Charoh to th oreign field. I presume the only corporation abl to send a missionory in the name of the Canadian Charch is the Domestic and Foreign Missionary yon lin orm onuch or england in Canada. Ca anthority to your readers if this gentioman has any and if no speak of himselr as sent by that body clorgymen, foreign field? Taking it for granted th theck to th man is, as he represents himself to that the gentle. the Canadian Church to Japan, I wold farther to have some information as to the soholastic require ments of a missionary that the whole Canadia Church deems fit to send as her representative to people knowing as much as the Japanese knows of two of the most ancient and subtle religions of the world, viz., those of Confacius and Buaha, as well a the powerful and successful religion of Mahomet Is the Canadian Charch a wise builder for Christ she sends to Japan a missionary ever so earnest, ye
lacking knowledge which a literate or non. Univer man cannot have? Would such a man be a fair
representative of the scholarship and cultare of the Canadian clergy? Is this the best that Canada oan Feb. 10, 1888.

Huron.
THE SUB-DIACONATE V. THE DIACONATE
Sir,-Under this heading "H. Grove" in the Auardian (Eng., Dec. 28) has the following very wise nity is. in seems to be too bad that at a time when re as the Ane air those who profess to be Catholic pset the whole teaching of the Church and Prayer book, teaching the three orders. Mr. Grove says

Thave read with much interest your remarks ., the editor of the Guaraian) on the restoration of he above order in our Church, which appeared in your paper of last week, Allow me, enerefore, to sorval of the order of sub-deacons was fally the revival of the order of sub-deacons was fully con-
sidered in convocation some years ago, when it was hald shat the bishops had no more power to add a fourth rder to the ministry than they had to add to the ocation in ottled and the rame mist pesion appoars to be law. For the old statate of the 3rd and 4th Edward VI., cap 12, which allowed the bishops to ordain "other ministers," i.e., sub-deacons besides prieste nd deacons, is now totally repealed by the 266 h and th Vio., cap 125. Consequently no sub-diaconate eal diaconate or none whaterer,
This is only an extract. The entire letter is well worth reading. If the Diocese of Springfield, U. S. A., o hardly think it sent to its synod omice in 1887 lioceses it happens to be at present. Fanoy its hav. ing the "Catholic Charch in Springfiela," and the bishop thereof the head of this Catholic Church. What is the world coming to ? No wonder we. .ave had an earthquake. The very ground has to laugh
at us and with it laughter disturb the capital of our land.

## ANOTHER ROSS BIBLE

Sir,-I have read with much regret the article in our last issue headed "Another Ross Bible." Upon s tone I will not further comment than to say thai uoh phrases as are used need very strong grounds,
 ment. It is a anguage of this kind until at least the whole matter has been carefully weighed and stadied. The Dominion Churchman cannot be onaware that the question of religions instruction in the Pablic Sohools has been committed by the Synod of Toronto to a action in regard to it as in its judgment is best calculated to promote the best interests of the Charoh and religions education. It is surely just possible hat such a committee may have had someving to do ith the emendation of the Soriptural selooid xpady une ia the schools. Was too mach the Charch of England in Canada, would take the modicam of tronble necessary to acquaint itself with what the official representatives of its own Charoh had done before denouncing their actions in these violent terms? It is impossible to belisve that this had been done. Under the circumstances, I look to the article to find the natare of the offence committed by the representatives of the synod in anthorizing the Archdeaccn of York and myself, to ake part with representatives of other religions bodie n Ontario, in preparing a list of passages of Scripture or reading in the Pablic Schools. The reason ppear to be two: First, that any such list is a mutilation of the Scriptures. Such an argamen would be comprehensible from a Methodist or Presby. erian standpoint, as urged , in the defense of the too oommon practioe in those bodies, of dipping at random into the Bible for a suitable lection, with the necessary resalt of leaving whole sections of God's Word soarcoly ever brought before the people. A Christian who 18 accustomed to see his pastor select from the whie ible at pleasare, might conceivably advocate ta milar course on the part of the teaciers in the ablic Schools ; but a Churohman who knows tha he uniform practioe in the Catholic Church has always been to make fixed selections of Holy Sorip stigmaptizing such seleotious as a "mutilation" of the Bible. Objeotions may of a a "mutilation" on the Bible. Objections may of course be taken to the natare of the seleotions themsel ves, or to the autho-
rity by which they are made. Bat the principle of having anthorized selections for the regular reading of the Bible, no consistent or educated Charehman can rationally object. Yet this is the very principle
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regulations no it would kar Department. the action of 1 atives would $f$ the introduct desired, the perfectly opel mach to expe much to expe picion by the upon a compl
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which your article denounces in the strongest terms. Sesondly you appear to think that the use Book of Selections is intended to take its place. Such a course would in en entirely contrary to the egulan kave been proposed by the Education Department. Had it, however, been so proposed the action of the diocesan committee and its representatives would have been steadily opposed. The real fact is, that for the benefit of the schools in which the introduction of the Book of Selections is no desired, the department intends to issue the calendar $r$ list of readings in a separate form, and it will be perfectly open to any School Board to ase either the ook or the list, as they desire. It is surely not too much to expect that the good fame of the Church o England in Canada should not be laid open to suspicion by the atterances of Church newspapers, based pon a compe the less calculated to sady minimise case, bults of any official or corporste action taize by the Church
$\qquad$ C. W. E. Body

## MANAGEMENT OF FINANCES

Sir,-Since I last wrote upon the finances of Huron diocese, there has been another "go down" in our banking institutions. The Federal and Central Bank will soon number with the "dead issaes." In the bove suspicion. I do not think the diocese will be satisied with anything less than a thorough investi gation of all our funds by an independent and com petent committee. In the report of the last executive committee my attention has been drawn to the following: "At the request of the chancellor the
executive committee authorized the issaing of a proxy axecutive committee anthorized the issaing of a proxy 0 ensble him to represent; the synod at meetings o he Haron and Erie Loan and Saving's Co. It so happened that the chancellor was not at the meeting would mach rather loubt the ability of any Whilst their integrity, this move is very any one than This official is the solicitor of the Horon and Loan and Saving's Co. He to independent position, and holding of proxies is engag. ing mach attention through the press. The following quotation is taken from a letter in the London Free practice of collecting proxies: "The by laws of a eading Toronto Company contains this: No manager olerk, or other officer of the Co. shall be entitled to vote at any meeting either in person or by proxy. This is a wise provision.
I will now take op one item in our synod expenses, iiz., the sale of the synod offices and the rent paid the present time for offices in the chapter house known as the "Bishop Cronyn Hall," and a statement ooncerning the sale thereof to the congregation of St. Paul's Churcb, London, can be seen on page 4i of the position of the for the purposes intended than those best adapted pied. The statument shows then the at present occu $\$ 4,205.33$. which at 7 per cent interest would boat $\$ 300$ per annum. The congregation of St . ocertain the diocese $\$ 124.34$ annually for the use annual cost to the diocese to $\$ 171.66$. St. Paul's Charch purchased the said Bishop Cronyn Hall for 6,000 , payable in 20 years by payments of $\$ 300$ allowed 5 per cent. on the purchase money, and a he gnd of 20 years, without any farther payment woald completely own the property, the diocese no hat the vestige of ciaim uponit. Thestatement show bears the synod then leased the present offices for 20 ears at an annual rental of $\$ 500$. Here we have an received ing $\$ 52434$, and at Bishop Cronyn Hall end of 20 years the loss of the atraordinary transaction was offee said that this regime, which is trae, and it requires but little late cornment to recognise the same hand but ittiedis the financial destiny of the notorions Wested University. That influence thongh invisible operates through others upon the finances of the iocese. The investment committee in its report apon the Haron system of managing diocesan finances mast use the lancet pretty Ireely if any good is to
be effect. More anon.

Layman.

## PUZZLED.

Sir, -Will you kindly allow me space to thank Rev H. C. Stuart" and "G. J. L," for their very kind letters of Dac. 29th and Jan. 5th. I am so glad these
gentlemen have written, and that they do write in so
gentlemanly a manner ; I am not yet too old to learn to write as I could not otherwise do. I think the sabject before as the not important for the Church at large, and that it is a grave question any one can see, by no less than eight persons setting forth answers ies in the terms "hierens" said before my difficulty Bible and Prayer Book, and as applying, let it b clearly understood, to the "Christian ministry" an the "Lord's Table," and not as applying to the "lay ersuaded that the New Testament makes ever believing layman and every believing clergyman a hierens," but I am not persasded that every clergy man, even of 2nd order, because of his efficial capacity is a "hiereas," and I do not think the Bible or Prayer the "Lord's Table" must be in every Chareh an not an "Altar." Now for proofs: I do not find in the Whole New Testament or in the whole Prayer Boo ministergyman as a clergyman anything else than admittance to the same and in every order. The Preface to the Ordinal deolares it: If the "Ministry" be no the official title of all of us olergy, why have the three terms "bishop," "priest," "deacon" at all. Th " hiereus "), is not the clerical title of the clergy as a而, it is the title of an "order" of clergy, and can bishop" (episconything else, a title of inferior degree priest." Is not this the case, if not, then, we upse the whole Old Testament argument for three orders We have, instead of "one" high-priest, severa overseers," which shows a degeneracy more tha "typical" " the old dispensation (which was onl ermed "priests" in the sense of Cohen and "hiereus," because as officials they were such and did offer th " blood " offering, but the Christian dispensation doe not possess "blood" offering "priests" among the word, and rightly so, "sacerdos " and "hiereus" the word, and rightly so, "sacerdos" and "hiereus," on th "Aaronic" that we have "priests" the same as th Aaronic" and "heathen" priesthood, and the com (an abbreviated form of the Greck "Presbyters") to leave the uord "sacerdos" untranslated, but they in doing so told us what they meant. They use ynonym, the word " minister" over " seventy" time in the Prayer Book, and if this is not the correct interpretation, I ask any one of the eight who hav written to quote the original words in the old litargie for minister and its explanation. For Scripture refer ences see in Greek, 1 Peter, 2, 9; Rev. i. 6 ; Rev. v. 10 Kev. 20, 6. Now as to Altar: We "anglican clergy are not to call things by a wrong name simply because "Rome" or the "Greek" Charch or anybody else oall them so. No; we have to go to oar Bible and Prayer Books, our rubrics and canons, and not to
 otherwise). I am not going to discuss the wor倖ly "ntly never read the 82nd Canon (of 1603 not of 166 ) ords) "in ore Chrb " Le J. L. not bi to hard at "Evangelicals" (I am not hitting at "High churchmen ") until he knows what he is doing. A have already shown the only "Altar the Church Christ. and the Church of "ngland L ." says is th altar of the cross." Bat the "altar of the cross," cocording to all history, is either at Rome (read th radition of Helena) or is not to be fonnd to-day, to he latter of whick theory I hold. St. Panl in Corin thians is argning with a "Jewish" and "Heathen oongregation, and in order to set aside bis plai Table of the Lord " and to sapport C.J. L.'s theory " worshippers must have had an "Altar " built an "table made (both in, it maybe, the upper room" an, to us, smail heathen city), whic subject

Yours,

## TEMPERANOE NARROWNESS

SIR,-It was asked the other day of a olergyman Wy he should arris being made "t having gone and taken home "openly and publiely" a bottle of beer. The reply reems to have been for the same reason that our blessed Lord did so; for His very first miraole was the greatest advertisement of intoxicants ever known But now-a.days people interpolate Scripture thus after "the deacons shall not be given too much wine, they add, "and the little they do take must be drank secret : after the instruction to Timothy they res.
but this should be done only in your private closel. We want a New Version in this sense; and, perhape,
herein lay the principal omissions of the last version
ists. But this thing must be looked pretty squarely in the face, if we have any love of God's Word, or of
Christ's Charch. For just suppose every man, woman ad child in Canada, to wake some morning with the otion that teetotalism is superior to temperance hy hing we have improd in on and wer practice and he oo, wonld the Bible be ss \& rale of faith and prectice hen we set up our own fanciful judgments a aperior? No wonder that a noted minister in the tates could tell as that the manner in whith the o called temperance question had been handled, had one more injury to religion of late years than any hing else. Discipline in the Charsh was Christ's cure or drunkenness and other vices, but a timoron eneration hardly dares to say so ; and few are so self acrificing as to stand boldly by their colors, or save hemselves from a fashionable heresy. The main hing in hope, thing in the long run, is going to land us

Northern Latitudes,
FUNERAL CUSTOMS.
Sir,-A custom has orept in of late years, at least country parts, I cannot speak for the cities, o owerng the dead in "fall dress," down to the onfers the batton-hole or the bouquet. To me, nd I taise not only objectionable but repuisive, raders who may not have given this subject any con ideration heretofore, may be influenced thereby. It seems offensive to reason and good taste to pre Ohristian a ghastly semblance of life. 2. It is agains hristian sentiment to set up our proud pomp in the wfol bounds ng Christian is there that will not think it incongist nt with the meek hamility which befits as in the very article of suffering the Jndge's sentence? Think of the poor New York lady tricked out in her coffin a a \$5,000 ballroom dress ! 3. It is a departure from he sober and reverent customs of our Christain ncestors, who prepared the dead for their last ion sleep in the signincant white inen phroad. In th last century the shroad, for economic reasons, wa required by the law to be of wool, I am aware tha in the earliest Christian centuries there were excep ions agreeing with the customs I complain of ; and and princes, secular or ecolesiastical, pomp oxchancul bicity, withous justirying it xtension to ail. If must be remembered too tha Ohrigtian ingin a once retire before Quristian insulnob, qd that Birict Cariaians did no ounenance " oxno. way to rot any otherwise than in silk?" 4. The inen wrap of the Lord's body has doubtless influnced the judgment and feeling and praotice Christians, and it looks like a sort of apostasy to go back to worldly pomp from the age.long custom of the Church. 5. Nay, is it not reverting to savagery in some measure? Barbarons tribes like our own Indians, adorn their bodies of the dead with the paint and feathers and finery of their estival occasions in life; and is it reasonable tha vilized and Christian people should now imitate hem. Let me end with a beantiful poem from centiam.
Not for that we would be unolothed, but clothed apon pare is the wo woald be anolothed, ba
oyous the Sunday robe ; all hope and might
The heavenly gleam, when dove-like wings alight n the twice sealed brow; benignly rest
nd flowing angels on the mitred crest, The heat belies not; or on striplings bright, Glancing like spirits through the region blest Or on glad bridal train, around the shrine, Gathered with star-like and pnchanging gleam But most where dimly robes of penance shine. Yet all in vain, if the last glory fail, With the co d pale shan Bend not, and o'er all hues of death prevail.'
Port Perry. Jomn Carry.

## SKETCH OE LESSON

## 1gt Sunday in Lent

## The Altar of Testimony

Passage to be read-Joshua xxii. 9-12, 21-27, 8834
I. The Settlement Beyond Jordan,-Land now sabdued, and although onemies not quite all stamped out, the tribes are to settle each on its wn portion. All have orossed Jordan westward, not some (Reuben, Gad, and one-half of the tribe of Manasseh) having their inheritance on the east

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bank of the Jordan, had to recross it. As a boy leaving home for a strange place receives his father advice (describe these tribes, going into a new bless you;" so these the rest, are called before country, away from the rest, arion, blesses them Joshana, who gives them good advice, blesses them
and sends them away to journey in pease to their new home.
new home. The Altar of Witness.-They journey from Shiloh eastward till they near the Jordan on the road to Gilead. Within sight of their new home they stop and think-"Shiloh, the Taberhome the Ark, are all with the other tribes. Soon Jordan will divide us from them. Will it really take away from us and our children the priviliges of the Tabernacle, \&o.?" Lest anyone should hereafter doabt their right to these privileges, they erect an an altar on the west side of the river, on a high hill, as a witness between them an other tribes of thieir equal rights.
III. The Suspicion.-News of this comes to the other tribes. They see in it a proof that the three tribes are lapsing into idolatory. In anger they some up together to fight their brethren; but thinking better of it, they send Phinehas with ten princes (one from each of the ten tribes) as a sort trae.
IV. The Explanation.-On nearing the bank, the ambassadors see the altar, which confirms their saspicions. Disappointed and angry, they ohide the three tribes, reminding them of the "sin of Aohan," of the "iniquity of Peor," and of the dreadfal results. Patiently the accased hear them to the end ; then they quietly explain that the altar is not one of sacrifice, which might be used to sacrifice to Baal, insteaz of the proper one in Shiloh bat simply an altar of Witness, ("a great altar to see to ") to testify that they had the same rights and privileges to the true Altar, to Shiloh, to the Tabernacle services, sacrifices, \&o, \&o, ss the other tribes had. The messengers return with the explanation, which is frankly and heartly accepted by the other trikes.

## \&amily 强eading.

-Dr. Oallender has opened a suite of rooms at the Corner of Yonge and Oollege Avenue for the parpose of conducting his dental profession, where he will be pleased to see his old friends and as many new ones as will require his services. They can rely on having their teeth skilfully attende to, as the Dr's. specialty is to preserve the teeth.

## IVORY.

Many interesting facts in natural history may be learned from intelligent dealersin various natural products. Agassiz used to visit the fish-markets, and found there many valuable specimens. One of the ivory dealers of New York eity is reported to have said lately that probably the largest tuak in America was in a show-window on Broadway. " is eight feet long and nine inches in diameter. The Jumbo at his death was not full grown. Two im portant consideratious determine the value of ivory -the country that produces it, and whether it is a 'dead' or 'live' ivory. Ivory comes mainly from Asia and Africa. Siberian ivory is found in the north of Europe, but it is comparatively scarce Asisstic and African elephants are distingaishable from each other in form and structure. The Asiatic has small ears and three toes only, whereas the Atrican has large ears and four toes. The tasks of both are divided into classes. The classes of the African are much the more numerons, but there are two main divisions. These are West and East difference is that the West coast quality is the harder, and therefore inferior. East coast ivory is class onas "close tusks," becanse the tusk is hollow for the West cosesting of hollow o the whole lopg fore, mole length of the tusk, and the tusk is, there fore, much less valuable. There are at least twenty
varieties of West coast ivory, among which are

Gaboon, Angola, Lagos and Kongo. It is a rearkable fact that while there may be no percep. difference in the appearance of the animals, good judge of ivory can tell at once, by examining the tusk, where the animal belonged. The largest asks come from the Cape and Zanzibar. Zanzibar ivory and Indian ivory are the most highly prize? and indeed they are very similar in quality, though the India ivory is somewhat more transparent by eason of the animal oil it contains. In the forests nd deserts of Africa a great deal of the ivory of ead elephants is lying waste. This, from exposure oo sun and rain for years is cracked and worn on the ontside. It is called "dead" ivory, and is worth only half as much as that obtained from the animal 38 soon as killed. About 100 tons of ivory are obtained from Aeia every year, and this, with the frican yield, makes about 500 tons. This is a arge quantity in the abstract, but it is not enough o supply the demand. Only about 400 tond go to London to be sold by anction. The rest is bought ap by the Ohinese and Japanese before it can be oarried to London. At the sales which ocear in London four times a year, buyers from all nation meet. Americans bid against Japanese an Chinese and are often outbidden. Ivory is prized more by the Orientals and pagan nations than among civilized people, by reason of the virtues which ar uperstitionsly ascribed to the material. Some years ago, I was astonished to receive a number of rders from Chinamen residing here for chop sticks inger rings, and bangles. Eager to know why hey were so extravagant in the parchase of ivory or they insisted upon the finest quality, I asked, "What do you use these bangles for?" Th ellow raised his arms and displayed his writs already encircled with ivory bangles, and becoming uddenly excited, and wildy gesticulating, he said Me walkee on loof (roof), fallee down, no hartee ring save lifee." These rings are placed on the wrists in childhood, and consequently cannot be emoved at full growth without being broken." Swiss Cross.

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HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.
Tomato Sauce.-Peel and out in amall pieces ne dozen large, ripe and juicy tomatoes; add six small green peppers and two large sized onions chop these very fine, stir in a coffee-cupful of vinear, two or three tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, heaping tablespoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of gin ger, cloves, allspice and cianamon; atew the tome toes and all the ingredients, but sugar and vinegar five minutes before taking from the fire.

To Destroy Ants.-Honses that are infested with ants, black or red, may be disinfected with a ittle attention to trapping them. A sponge is оде of the best things for the purpose. Sprinkle it with dry, white sugar ; the sponge being silightly moist, it will adhere. The ants will go into the cells of the sponge after the sugar in large numbers and can be destroyed in hot water, and the sponge squeezed out and sugared again and returned the closet for another haul, until all are caught.

Pressed Apples.-Choose some firm, sound ples, not too ripe ; put them on a baking tin in a lack oven, and leave them in all night. In the morning take them out and pinch them one at a time between your finger and thamb, working al around them. Pat them into the oven again at night,'and pinch them in the morning, and continue doing both until they are soft enough. Then place hem between two boards with a weight upon them, o as to press them flat, but not so heavy as to burs hem, and let them dry slowly.

Exclelent Orange Oake.-Two cups of sugar,
half a cup of water that has been boiled, yolks of five egge, two cups of flour, grated rind and juice of one orange, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, a half teaspoonfuT of soda and a little salt ; bake in layers. Icing for the cake: Beat the reserved whites of four eggs to a froth, stir in powdered sugar antil quite stiff, add grated rind and jaice of an orange. Put the cakes together with this. If you wish to cover the top of the cakes with ioing make stiffer with powdered sugar.

Bakrd Apple Dumplings.-Peel and chop fine art apples, 的ake a crust of one enp of rich batter. milk, one teaspoonful of soda and flour enough to roll ; roll half an inch thick, spread with the apple, sprinkle well with sugar and cinnamon, out in strips wo inches wide, roll up like jelly-cake, set up the roll on end in a dripping pan, putting a teaspoonal of batter on each ; put in a moderate oven and baste often with the juice. Use the juice for the sauce and flavor with brandy if you choose. A sance of milk and batter, sweetened and flavored, is mostly preferred.

## THE LENTEN TIDE.

hat have we done that we should seek This Lenten tide, to be forgiven
Oar lips have never dared to speak
Reprosoh or calumny of Heaven!
Yet to the Lenten -tide belonge
Repentance from some secret wrongs.
What need have we for deep distress? Our hands have never robbed the poor, We have not sporned in bitterness The trembling feet that songht our door ; For those whose hearts are are mean

We beg for "new and contrite hearts," Witbin the sacred walls to-day, And some forgotien shadow starts From out our sunshine as we pray ;
For Heaven takes our sonls aside To search them, at the Lenten-tide

What have we done? Our hearts can tell Of soorn, impurity and hate,
of pride we have not sought to quell. Of Daty's promptinge, bidden to wait. Ah. Heaven bids us view our pride

What have we done? Our narrow though
Has limited the Love Divine,
And all the flood of Truth has sought
In human ohannels to confine,
The Truth of God, so free and wide,
Condemns us at the Lenten-tide.
The web of life is span apace,
And many threads are gay and bright,
Bat some to give the pattern grace,
Mnst bear the
Must bear the impreess of the night
The dark threads of the Lenten-tide

## A BAD HABIT

"Of course, it will rain to-morrow, just beoause want to go to town.
I suppose you constantly hear people say such things as that; probaby you say them yourself. It is a general custom, even with good Christians, and apt to be accepted as quite innocent. To me it seems particularly wrong and particularly ungrateful. Any Christian will admit that God is strangely careful for our little pleasures,not only that he gives us life and breath and all things, but that he makes the ins and oats of every-day matters fit comfortably together so many times when we had every reason to fear a painful jar, that He seems, so to speak, to go out of his way to please us; and then we glibly assert at any minute, as a sort of rhetorical flourish, not even with a bitter twang showing the temptation of keen feeling. "It will be sure to be that way, just because I want it this way ! It always is so."
To think of such a habit carried on through a lifetime I In the face of God'e watchfal kindnessil I wonder that we are not afraid. I wonder still more that we are not ashamed. It would be so much more natural, and so infinitely isweeter, to take as a matter of course what is really the matter
of course, that "He careth for us;" in little things and in great, in all that we ourselves care for. Suppose an earthly friend unweariedly worke for our good, would we lightly accase him before his enemies of always thwarting us in trivial mean ways? How can we so misrepresent our Heavenly Father, "the one whose Name is Help," "our friendly God ?

## PREACHING ORDERS.

At the recent ehurch congress in England, layman, Mr. Vidal, read a paper on "Preaching Orders." He assumed that any new scheme in volving obedience to vows and rigorous discipline would fatally compromise the proposal with a sec tion of the church. Yet, though the revival of Monasticism in its austere form was improbable there were indications that a modified form thare would be welcome to many. Clergy houses were multiplying the Pusey Memorial Honse had wi meen opened in Oxford, and in Fest been openta life. Mr. Vidal warmly advocated the enrollment of a large body of men, unencumbered by loca obligations, and able to devote their time primaril to preaching and teaching. This preaching orde should consist of clergy and laymen, whose pre paratory training must be more severe than tha for ordination. They should be capable of guid ing public opinion, and of instructing men and women in the history and doctrines of the church and willing to give their aid in the solution of trade and social questions, after the manner of Kingsley and Bishop Fraser, wielding, as free lances, an in fluence more extensive than was possible to th parochial clergy. Such a band of men, living in plain simplicity, would be a perpetual reproach to the indolent and selfish materialism of the age.

## FROM THE FONT TO THE TOMB

I know of nothing that produces such an awfu feeling as the hearing the bell toll for one that no more, particularly if that one is nearly an dearly connected with us by ties of kindred o affection. So I thought, one calm June afternoon when the sun, having nearly finished its cours for that day, allowed the evening breeze to coo the heated air, but bringing to mewith it refre ing coolness, that awful sound, the tolling of the bell, and reminding me of her who was gone appear before the tribunal of her God. ButI feared not, as I thought of her pure young life, from he baptism to her death-bed, on which she testified that her baptismal robe was cleansed from al earthly dross by the blood of Christ, and would go into His presence as pure and as unspotted a when it was first given to her. And again the bell knelled forth, and brought to my remem brance her

## baptismal day,

for it was my privilege to take for her those solemn promises and vows. I saw her first enter God' holy house, and I saw the Lord's appointed minis ter pour water upon her in the name of the blesse Trinity. I saw the cross made upon her tiny brow and heard her pledged to be His until death ; and as I gazed on her afterwards, methought she looke as if angels were guarding that young child from thenght throf the Evil One. I followed her in thought through her childhood, remembering he keen anxiety lest she should soil that beautifu white robe with which Christ had clothed her, and her deep sorrow when she gave way to the pas sionate temper with which Nature had endowe
her. And again the bell knelled forth, and her

## confirmation day

was brought to my recollection, and I heard her in the presence of God, and before the Church ratify and confirm her baptismal vow in her ow person, and I trembled as I thought of what sh had undertaken. But, listen, a deep, reverent oice reminds me, "Our help is in the name of th Lord," and I saw her glide up to the altar, and I saw the bishop lay hands upon her, and doubted not but that she had recaived a renewal of the
Holy Ghost that she might continue Christ's for
ever. And she passed to her seat, and I gazed on her as I had done fifteen years before, and alhough her head was bent low, and tears trickled down her cheeks, I perceived that same look
which had so riveted my attention in her infancy And again the bell reminds me of her

## FTRST COMMGION

With deep reverence and humility she came to the holy table to be refreshed with living streams which only flow from the side of the "Rock o Ages," and earnestly longing to be made one with Christ, according to his own divine promise. The sacred elements were distributed, and she was bid to feed on Him in her heart with thankfulness,and as we passed out of church she put her hand into mine, and whispered, "It was so beautiful." But is all passed now, and the next feast she sit down to will be the marriage supper of the Lamb; and to-morrow her sorrowing friends will consign her to the dust, and the Church's beautifu
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will be read over her, but a voice will there remind as, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," nd we shall return to our homes, "not to mourn as those who have no comfort," but rather as she erself would have wished, go

Cheerly to our work again
With hearts new braced and set
To run, untired, love's blesed
As meet for those who, face to face Over the grave their Lord have met,"

## SPOILING CHILDREN.

Spoiling, in its earlier stages, is rather pleas ant. It consists in letting one's darling have the way is suchs little way on all occasions, and the way is such a pretty, roguish, winsome way, nobody can see any harm in it. Grown-up wilful ess is quite a different thing from baby wilfulness It gets teeth and claws, so to speak, and isn't nice o contemplate. Spoiling appears to mean a grea many different things. One of its mild forms is otal disregard for the feelings and convenience of others. If you meet a peculiarly upsetting woman a journey or a party of pleasure, who ought to e square when she is triangular, and triangula when she is square, you may set it down that she was a spoiled child.
There are parents who would stint their allow nce of fire or food in order to indulge thei hildren's whims. The idea of parental sacrific o be admired and praised if the child happens who pinch their own wardrobes to are mother who pinch their own wardrobes to bedeck their
little girls in expensive garments taste for extravagant dress which fostering a indulge. extravagant dress which they honestly ndulge.
Although people in the lower ranks or the middle class do contrive, occasionally, to spoi their children by indulgence, the business is not Necessity is wholesale, as it is among the rich Her motto is service, and service is the salt of life. In a large family, not very well-to do, the older children educate the younger ones. They feel al most as responsible as the parents, and perhap xert more influence in their own little way. Such child-life seems bald and grey compared with the and scenes thruugh which richer children dance nd sing; but it is reality keeps young taste cloying it with enj whets the appetite, instead of oloying it with enjoyment. This is only a part o the benefit derived from a childhood taxed with some responsibility, and judiciously denied as wel as indulged.
Self-control is the one thing spoiled children We see the features desires are always rampant urse and brow-beat his the boy who kicked his te, dissipated, irregular young in some passionour heads and say, "We knew haw he we shake out." The spoiled girl develops in he would turn unscrupulous woman. Sifopsinto an exacting, her, the world must wait upon her, not because
she has ever done anything, but merely because she was a spoiled child.
Her husband is a martyr. I have generally noticed that such girls marry meek little men, who seem to consider it their principal business in life to carry about a load of shawls and attend to the poodle.

## A WORD TO ALL ON LENT.

The great work of Lent is repentance. Not but Dat we are in need at all times of repentance. Day by day we are taught to say, "forgive us our respasses," and "we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep." But it is in consideraion for our weakness, and to aid us in our endeavors after holiness, that the forty days are given us, as a special time for bewailing our sins, and drawing near to God.
To help us in this our work, different exercises are recommended to us ; such as prayer, fasting and abstinence. You may say that fasting does not belong to the poor; but they who live on scanty means cannot be expected to fast. But surely in this you-are narrowing the idea of fasting. If you really live so low that you cannot safely lessen your daily food, yet is there no pleasure you can give up, which, though not wrong in itself, may become your idol, if you give it the time which ay become your idol, if you give it the time which, at
this special season, God asks for not you abstain from some little pleasure for His not you abstain from some little pleasure for His
sake, or devote a portion of your time to some sake, or devote a portion of your time to some
work for Him, and so help to wean yourself from this world ?
Or if your life be absolutely devoid of pleasure : if you earn a scanty living by dint of hard labor, with no respite from your toil, yet is there nothing left for you to do, to prove your love to Him? Yes, surely ! even you may offer a sacrifice of that which costs you much-even the gratification of your carnal will and affections. Perhaps there is some sin-a trifling one you may call it, though, indeed, no sin can be trifling-or some little secret faúlt that you allow to lurk in your heart, or are in the habit of committing; and which it would cost a hard struggle to give up. Oh! do, I entreat you, hard struggle to give up. Oh! do, I entreat you,
take up the sling and the stone, and, as David slew Goliath, so, trusting in God, slay your sin, and allow it no more to have dominion over you Or it may be that some earthly affection has too strong a hold upon your heart, taking the seat there, where God ought to reign supreme. Perhaps it is a cloud between you and Heaven. Perhaps, even if innocent in itself, it may be hiding the things of God from you. Some one person it may be, whether husband or wife, child or friend, to whom you give too much thought, too much care, and even an undue share of love; or a love unsanctified by that God from whom you received the gift you so highly prize. Or it may be some pleasure or pursuit which engrosses your thoughts so that you forget the command, "My son, give me thine heart." Oh ! beware how you allow your hopes of heaven to be fettered by anything
worldly. This surely is a time to take heed and worldly. This surely is a time to take heed and
"watch unto prayer." Lose no time. Begin watch unto prayer." Lose no time. Begin not too much for so vast an undertaking. First, call in the aid of the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts, that you may not judge too lightly of your faults. I can think of no better prayer for you to use than that of the Psalmist: "Try me, 0 God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts. Look weli if there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm exxxix. 23, 24. Then search into the very depth of your heart ; try your most secret thoughts and feelings; and root out every evil thought. Cast your every sin at your Saviour's feet ; ay, and crucify it on His Cross.
This cannot be the work of an hour or a day. It must be a continual striving that will gain the mastery :-seize this sacred opportunity. Let Satan see that you are resolved to fight on the tord's side. "Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.'
$\qquad$ -Our happiness in this world depends on the
affections we are enabled to inspire.

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## Chilldrens' Agnartatent.

## LIFTING THE HAT.

Of course every gentlemanly boy lifts his hat, "tips his beaver," to a lady whom he meets. It is proper to be polite. Oourtesy is a part of our duty polite. oach other, and-is implied, if not expressed, in the catechism. "Be ye courteous." A good church boy ought to be a respectable boy, and one of the ways by which we show our respect for ladies is by lifting the hat to them ladies is meet them.
when we meet them. In the days of chivalry, which ended abont the fifteenth century, soldier wore helmets. Of the helmet, the fron part, that over the face, let down. I was called the "visor," the part through which the man could see. He did not take his helmet off in the presence of the enemy. He did in that of 8 friend. So, in time, faking the helmet off the head meant that the person before whom it was removed was a friend whom he could trust. Hats taking the place of helmets to take the haf of is a salute, snd mar. you sr friendly, I regard you so, I respect you and treat you so.
I hope every church lad honors the other sex. The White Oross army is marching on. I hope all of you belong or will, or at any rate will treat al women-all—all-with respect, and honor your own body by honoring theirs.

## CULTURED GIRLS.

It is sometimes thought if a girl has been educated ata high class school, she mant be cultured, but some such girls are the most oncultared of persons. are the most oncultared of persons
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in harmony. Oulture does not mean masic or French, but womanhood. Very fow can be rich, a amall number edncáted; bat cultare is for all.
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A thoughtful,selfisb, snappish, crose, fretful, overbearing and diotatorial girl may take the prize at school, may excel in masio and travel round the world, but the more she knows the less Worla, but the more she knows the less
culture she has. The commonest country girl with good health, an open country girl with good healin, an a pent
brain, and a warm, unselfigh, patient brain, and a warm, anselfigh, patient, self controlled disposition, ispa handred
fold more oultured than the boarding school girl who is fractions with het mother, cross with her sisters, or knowe too much to associate with working girls. Disposition is oultare. Health is the soil, intelligence the bratiches, and disposition the leaves, buds and blossoms the robe of living beanty, fragrance, and sweetness with which a young woman is to olothe her life; mental culture is like a tree with nothing but cold, leafless limbs.

The cultured young woman is spirit. val. Loving what God lover, hating what God bates, reading his thoughts
over after him, in nature, his word, ver after him, in natare, his word, and in his own soul, coming into ympthy with him-this makes of art living life, and lifts the passions, the houghts, the affections and the will to a region of pareness and joy. Sueh the final fruit of the tree for which all the rest are given. This is the highest calture, without which no woman or joy. Christ gives this.

## MANNERS BETWEEN BOYS.

There is a great deal of rudeness between boys in their intersourse and bearing with one another that is not really intended as such, but is not. herefore, any the less to be disapproved. it is often simply the overflow of exoeseve high spirits. But the very best sood-humoar, anresirained. by prope the most positive incivility.
West poeilive civility.
We often apologize for the coarseness of people by saying, "He means well." It is well if we can make suoh an
apology for them, for if their rudeness is reaily intentional, they are not fit to be received into any worthy person's society. Bat they who mean well

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RUBY'S COBWEBS.
" Look up! Raby, look up!" said Aunt Katie, gently, as Ruby plied the room in her cosy little sitting.room. - I like to see you digging out the corners and sweeping so nicely along the odges, but don't be like the man with the muok-rake, always tarning your oyes downward. Look up, and yoa'll see some hideons cobwebs festooning the otherwise olean, pleasant room,' Ruby's eyes went ap to the ceiling A ant Katio's word, while her broom quickly followed.
" I never thonght much about cobwebs, auntie," she ssid, as she ran sround the room, taking down the agly festooning. "I don't call them hideons, though
"I do," said auntie, " for I am al ways certain, when I see cobwebs in a house, that somebody in that house i not neat, and of course it must be
either the mistress or maiden who either th
sweeps."
Ruby blashed a little at anntie's plain words, but she was her truest, best loved friend since her mamma went to the home above ; so she only laughed and said

Woll, auntic, as I am bcrn mistress and maid, I shall certainly have to plead guilty this time, but we'll see if I do it again.
antie smiled as she continued
" There is another thing. Oobwebs make me think of some of our sinsbesetting sins they are, too, sometimes like pride and selfishness. They don't come to the front and get right before is all the time, like our nanghty tempers, and so get swept out of the way They hang up in the corners aud dart places of our hearts, where we don't mind them, bat where they make our whole lives unclesn and unlovely. If we would but look up more, more to ward the light which cometh down

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