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THE AGED BELIEVER AT THE GATE OF HEAVEN.

Poetry.

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I'm kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and

Waiting for the drawing, for the opening of the door

Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and 'come

To the glory of his presence, to the gladness of his home

A weary path I've travelled, 'mid darkness, storm, and strife ;

Bearing many a burden, struggling for my life

But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be o'er.

I'm kneeling at the threshold, my hand is on the door.

Methinks I hear the voices of the blessed as they stand.

Singing in the sunshine of the sinless land O! would that I were with them, amid their shining throng,

Mingling in their worship, joining in their

The friends that started with me have cutered long ago

One by one they left me struggling with the Their pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph

sooner won How lovingly they'll hail me when my toil is

done With them the blessed angels that know nor

grief nor sin. I see them by the portals, prepared to let me

O Lord, I wait they pleasure ; thy time and way

are best : But I am wasted, worn, and weary-O Father bid me rest.

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF THE "CAUSE OF THE LOOSENING OF THE CHURCH'S HOLD ON THE NATION."

(From the PALL MAIL GAZETTE.)

The real cause of the loosening of the church's hold on the nation is simple and obvious. It lies in the progressive divergence of the clergy from the laity ; a difference which has grown less and less resconcilible, until it seems now impossible that they can keep up the semblance or travelling the same road any longer. The clergy as a body has adopted high church principles; that is to say, those principles which involve the denial of Protestantism, and the placing of all Christians who do not receive the communion at the hands of Episcopally ordained ministers without the covenant of salvation. Such is the strange technical crust in which our priesthood have gradually suffered their cardinal doctrine to become enveloped. Now, this we affirm, without a doubt, is the prevailing creed of our clergy at shis moment, certainly of the active, demonstrative, guiding portion. It is not ritualism to which they are attached. That is a mere excrescence-a more temporary fancy of a fastidious generation. Thirty years ago the fashionable outward signs of high church were amateur fasting and amateur celibacy. But fasting was disagreeable, and so went out of vogue. The taste for celibacy did not survive the marriage of its poet Keble. Ritualism has now succeeded and may last a little longer, because it occasions no call for se fdenial, but it is ephemeral only. High church doctrine, as held by the great majority of its earnest supporters, is a very different matter. and far more deeply rooted. Sound high churchmen are either neglectful of ritualism or disgusted with it; they feel in their heart a far stronger attraction towards their brethren in earnestness, low churchmen and even dissenters, than towards the foolish people who exaggerate their sentiments and injure their cause. But inexorable logic stands in the way. They know they are one in theory with the most ignorant and superstitious monk of the Romish persuasion, and divided hopelessly from the most learned and pious members of the Scottish Kirk, or foreign Protestant for the first is a member of the Catholic church. the others are excluded from it, and extra ecclasiam nulta salus. However softened in phrascology, this is the dogma held-we will not say believed-by the reiging -section of our English clergy; and when once the clerical mind is throughly imbued with the tenets of A postolical succession and sacredotal authority, followed by all their inevitable consequences, it is noticeable how all other religious truth -all sentiments which are only held in common with other christians-seem to fade away and lose their colour and interests in the presence of the mighty absorbing ideas. What has now become of this great body of the church's supporters? They certainly have not ceased to exist ; In fact, the slight sketch which we have given represents the sentiments of the most solid portion of our religious laity of the present day scarcely less than of their fathers. But their attitude towards the church. as represented by the clergy, is very different. They have lost all unity of feeling with them, and very much of their affection towards them. It is not that they are likely to leave the church ; they have nowhere else to go. Their fond traditionary feelings are not extirpated. though greatly weakened. They are ready to spend their money for the church/as heretofore ; they would fight for it, if called on-but only with half a heart They go in a confused kind of hope that things will get better-that the Popish fit of the clergy will work it self out, and the old-fashioned Protestantism take its turn again ; but daily their allegience grows feebler, their discontent deeper. Their own favourite system-the government of the church by the State-has broken down under them, because it has left the church no power to purge itself by condemning these modern extravances of doctrine, and restoring the pulpit to Protestant uses. They are beginning to perceive this; and their perception of it is (if the vaticinations of Dr. Pusey and Dr. Vaughan are to be regarded) coincident with the beginning of "disestablishment; although some of them may fear that the consequence of which we are now assembled is one of the that under which they suffer now.

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systematize and carry on smoothly the work of an ordinary family, illustrate higher sagacity should be a great assistance as well as an allethan is called for by seven chts of the tasks viation of our responsibility. But be this as it done by man. Men take on trade and work at it ;--- a mother's and house eeper's work requires a touch from all trade A man has his vacar cy, that occurred in the ranks of the holy work hours and his definite isks :- a woman Aposiles, "Thou Lord who knowest the hearts has work at all hours and in ssant confusion of all man, show us whether of these thou hast of tasks. Let any man do a oman's work for chosen. single day ;- wash and dess the children, Next in importance to the duty which I have having provided their clotheshe night before ; see that breakfast is under-way to suit a faultfinding husband ; the wasi-boiler on with water for the wash, and the clothes assorted ready for washing ; the dia-water heating, and a luncheon thought ou for the schoolgoers ; a nice dinner in the good man's dinner-pail ; the beds made ar proper airing, and the bugs fought off and ept down ; the father's convenience exact! bit for family father's convenience exacts and for the house, prayers; the systematic sweeing of the house, at least once a week, and a living-rooms once to three times a day, acording to the number of men to bring a the mud; the actual washing and out having of clothes; the drying spinkling, and folding, and, to-morrow, the ironing of the site; the sorting and mending of them, and provision of new ere the old give out; the making of bread three times a week, with cakes and pies intercalated judiciously : pickles preserves ; and cellar-stores to be laid in and not forgotten in their season ; children's manners to be attended to; company to be entertained; her own person to be tidied up to please his eve; the tired him to be the optimized in the prease his eye; the tired him to be welcomed and waited on by the no less tred her, and the home made cheerful; his trowsers to be patched after he goes to bd, "so he can put them on in the morning;" the children to be helped about their lessons and reminded not to forget their Sunday-school lessons; the shorning and marketing to he done for the done for the shopping and marketing to be done for the household; house repairs attended to, and matters in general kept straight around home. Meanwhile "papa must net be troubled or hindered about his work," because his work brings in the money. Yes, man's work does not so tax the head and heart and hands as woman's work does. Beside all this, man is helped by many strong relishes and incentive in his labor. He sis out in the world among folks. He comes and goes and is refreshed in spirit. But woman works alone and almost unknown. To please her husband and 6od is possibly her only motive ; and alas, how many wives there be who sob in secret before their God becau-e they fail to win one smilleor word of praise from their husbands! It is upid and brutal for any ordinary war to be upid for fault with

AN IN-DOORS PHOTIGRAPH.

I declare that the woma who is able to

thus briefly endeavoured to impress upon you, is that of good order and decorum in the aischarge of our high function. The constitution of our Synod and the canou for the election of a Bishop have only provided, in this respect, that the votes shall be taken by ballot, and arrangements for carrying out thesprovisions of the canon in such a way as to prevent con'usion and for the preservation of order. For this purpose I took for my guidance the admirable arrangements made at the last election of a Bishop of Toronto ; and I sought the further assistance and valuable aid of our Cathedral Chapter. The result has been the adoption of the order of proceeding, a printed copy of which is now, I believe, in the hands of every one who is entitled to vote. I shall not detain you any longer, but conclude with the words of my venerable friend

the late Bishop of Toronto, on a s milar occa sion, and ask you, "after a fervent invocation of the Holy Spirit, to enter upon and discharge the duty before you in such a manner as in your inward souls and consciences you think will most advance the extension of God's Kingdom. and the growth of Hie grace amongst us."

A discussion was raised by Rural Dean SLACK as to the proper occupant of the chair, his opinion being that the Archdeacon was the proper dignitary to do so. He would not press the matter, but he would ask that the words "arranged by the Dean and Chapter" be ezpunged from the orders of the day.

The DEAN held that he was the proper dignitary to fill the chair, but called the Chancellor to state the law on the subject.

The CHANCELLOB cited the law, which was conclusive that the Dean was the proper occupant of the chair.

Rev. Mr. DARNELL moved, seconded by Mr. LONSDELL, that the orders as a whole be adopted.

Rural Dean SLACK moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. LINDSAY, that the second line be ezpunged

Hon. MR. HUNTINGDON thought that if the word "arranged" were made "suggested" it weald remove the objection. He pointed out that there were objections to the metion for receiving the orders en bloc and agreed that they should be taken seriatin Bev. MR. LINDSAY had mo punging the words, "arranged the a

the benefit of the suggestion of the most fit should no choice be made by this Synod that person as the object of our choice by the whole the House of Bishops shall again lay before and unity in the church, the procuring of House of our Right Rev. Fathers in God, this this Synod other names and so on until a choice shall have been made. That the resolution tion in the worship of God, and finally the passed by the House of Bishops and laid before may, we should all fervently pray, after the ex-smpie of those who elected one to fill the first amble. That this Synod while receiving the said resolution with all the respect due to the House of Bishops, declares nevertheless the t the Canon restricts that venerable body to the sole duty of signifying names to this Synod from which to elect the Bishop of this Diocese and Metropolitan without any declaration of any other determination or of any opinion whatever.

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whatever. That this Synod, therefore o jects to the form of the resolution of the House of Bishops now before this Synod, and will not hold the same as a precedent for the future in so far as it conveys to this Synod any other thrimstlon than the names of persons when this Synod may select as Bishop and Metropolitan accord-ing to the strict provision of the Canon in that behalt. that behalt.

The Hon. Mr. HUNTINGDON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimpusly. The DEAN said had he known the objection he would not have held Mr. Ferris out of

The DEAN then called on the members of the School to engage in eilent parter for a few minutes. At the conclusion of which the balloting began, the clergy veting on the one side of the House and the laity on the other. At one o'clock the balloting we concluded, and the scrutineers retired with the ballot boxes,

and the Synod adjourn d till two clock. AETERNOON SESSION. At the opening of the Session, the Scrutineer-returned the following as the state of the ballot :

Bishop of Fredericton Do of Nova Scotia Do of Ontario..... 4 Do of Huton of Torouto..... Du 0 Lost votes Noes 33 43

The result being a rejection of all the names sent down by the House of Binops. A mes-sage to this effect being sent to their Lordshirs, another list was sent down, from which the Bishop of Huron discented in a note to the Dean which he requested to be read to the Synod. The voting on this resulted as follows :

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heavy responsibility, and, as we shall have two or more names from which to select, and that which according to her best understanding may most tend to the preservation of peace reverence and the exciting of piety and devocutting off occasion from them that seek oecasion, of cavil against the cliurch and its liturgy : and

Whereas, It has been represented to this House, by divers memorials, numerously signed by presbyters and laymen of this church, that the introduction by certain of her members of vestments, ceremonies, practices, ornaments of churches, not heretofcre generally knywn in the public worship of this church, is marring her good order and harmony, wounding the consciences of many of her true and loyal children, scandalizing and repelling many without her fold, deferring hope of Christian unity and imperilling portions of her faith ; and,

Whereas, It has also been represented by memorials, likewise signed, that the neglect and disuse by certain of her ministers, of vestments, usages, and, in some instances, rubrics well established and generally used in this church are maiming her order and beauty, disturbing her uniformity and encouraging individual lawlessness and self-will; therefore, he it

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That with devout acknowledgment of that gracious presence and assistance of her Divine Master, which has been so signally vouchsafed for this church at many a crisis more perilous than the present, enabling her in the midst of aggressions from without and innumerable sbortcomings and extravagances from within, to maintain the integrity of her doctrine, and the beauty, decency and integrity of her worship-this Convention attributes this happy result in a great measure, under God, to that spirit of moderation which has rendered her averse to all restrictions of the liberty of her children in things indifferent or unessential. so long as unity can be maintain d and spiritual edification provided in any other way. It is the sense of this Convention, therefore, that the enactment of any canon on the subject of ritual would be unwise and inexpedient at the present time. But it is none the less the sense of this Convention that the con i rued maintenance of the decency and order, as well as the peace and harmony, which, by God's blessing, have always characterized this church, the avoidances of the dangers of irreverences and lawlessness on the one hand, and of extravagance and superstition on the other ; the preservation of doctrine from the peril of intentional or unintentional change, and a due regard to the Scriptural canon of walking wisely toward them which are without, require from all ministers of this church, celebrating Divine service in churches or other established places of worship, a conseientious, and, so far as may be, steadfast adherence to such vestments,

remonies, practices, and ornaments, as by

Diocesan mod. WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11, 1868.

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fault with

Yesterday, in accordance with the circular of the Dean of Montreal, the Diocesan Synod met for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Metropolitan. The number of delegates from all parts of the Province was very large, the utmost interest being naturally felt in the result of the election to so important an office. At 11 o'clock public service was held in the Cathedral The prayers were read by the Bev. Mr. Slack, Rural Dean of Bedford, the first lesson by Rev. Canen Bancroft and second lesson by Ven. Archdeacon Leach. The concluding prayers

were read by Rev. Canon Loosemore. The Rev. Canon Balch, D.D., then preached from 2 Timothy XI.15. "Study to show thy-self approved unto God." After a few introductory remarks on the general principles involved in the text, he applied it to the conduct and teaching of ministers themselves and showed how their energies ought to be directed, ed. He dwelt upon the Diocesan Missions. giving the statistics of the Diocese of Montreal with its 45,000 adherents and seventyfive ministers. He directed their attention to the gradual withdrawal of the contributions of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in order that the Church here may help herself the more, now that she is past the stage of infancy. More than \$12,000 a year must, therefore, soon be withdrawn, and it would be necessary to be prepared for that as well as to provide for their present deficiency He was of opinion that a sp cial sum of \$5,000 this year should be raised to be applied to pext wear's operations, and so on yearly, that there might always be a year's funds in hand for the fo lowing year. In this he had had the full concurrence of the late Bishop. He had already made a beginning in rai ing that sum, and trusted the whole amount might be relised by January. To meet the deficiency, and the withdrawal of the Propagation Society's grant, it would be necessary to raise the sum of \$25,-000 annually irom the Diocese, but this sum could be raised by the exertions of the Secretary and the Bisnop, and with these it could be obtained with less trouble and less inconvenience to congregations than the present amount. He entered upon a summary of the duties devolving upon all in entering upon the work they had to perform, and exhorted them to do it preverfully and without acrimony, that addition The resolution sent down was that only no hindrances might be cast in the way of him upon whom the choice fell.

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken up.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then dispensed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

The Synod met at three o'clock, Deans Bethune in the Chair. There was a large meeting of delegates. At the request of the Dean, the Rev. Canon Balch read the prayer appointed for the occasion.

Mr. M. H. Sanborn read over the list of the delegates, those present answering to their names.

The DEAN then said :-

REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN,-The occasion of this special meeting of the synod of this diocese is the election of a successor to our late much beloved and deeply lamented Bishop and A e ropolitan. That the duty in the discharge

UUGA t prep Dean and Chapter the power of initiating legislation. If it was so and the Bishops named the candidates they might as well go home. The amendment was lost.

Rev. Mr. DAVIDEON moved, seconded by Mr. DRAKE, that the rules be taken up in order and passed seriatim. The amendment was iost.

The main motion was then put and carried. Lhe Scrutineers appointed were the Rev. J Ellegoode, Rev. T. W. Fyles and Mejor Campbell for the clerical vote. The Chancellor, Capt. Acres and Rev. W. B. Curran for the lay vote. Committees to examine the lists. Clerical list-Rev. Canon Bond, Rev. R. Lonadell, Lural Dean, dev. R. W. Newman, Hon. L. S. Huntingdon, Mr. J. C. Spence. Lay list-Dr. Smallwood, Mr. W. H. Kerr, Mr. E. E. Sbelton, Rev. Canon Anderson, Rev. J. B. David-

The SECRETARY of the House of Bisheps delivered a message from their Lordships containing the nomination.

Canon BALCH read the nomination of those whom they had selected. They believed that the name should be that of one in Episcopal orders. They therefore send down the following names. The Bishop of Fredericton, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Bishop of Huron, the Bishop of Ontario, the Bishop of Quebec, the Bishop of Toronto.

A little before six the Committee on the lists of delegates brought in their report and the Synod adjouned till this morning at 10 o'clock

THURSDAY, Nov. 12, 1868. BLECTION OF METROPOLITAN.

Yesterday morning the proceedings of the Synod were resumed. The clergy, in accordance with the order of proceedings, were seated on the right, and the laity on the left, of the Chair. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Canon Balch. The roll of delegates was then called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved? The first part of the forenoon's proceedings was taken up with hearing appeals in respect to the report of the Committees on lists, which were finished a few minutes before twelve.

Mr. J. M FEBRIS raised the point that the House of Bishops being only entitled to send down a list, from whom the Synod were to choose a Bishop, had no power to express in a clergyman holding Episcopal orders should be chosen as Bishop of Montreal. It was a most unfortunate thing for the House of Bishops itself, as, if the Synod declined to elect any of those whose names were sent down, they would be obliged to change that resolution. The DEAN declared the question out of

order.

Mr. FERRIS appealed to the House, and was sustained. He continued that it was the duty of the Synod to preserve harmony with the House of Bishops, but this could not be without the law being observed on both sides. He thought the best way would be to ask a Conference, and ask the Bishops to with-draw the resolution, substituting another with merely the names. He would, however, content himself with moving that this be not held as a precedent as there was not time for a conference.

The resolution is as follows. That by the Canon regulating the manner in which a Bishop of the Diocece of Montreal and Metropolitwill be a worse form of spiritual tyranny than verv greatest importance and solemnity, I need an is to be elected, it is provided that the

The me Bishops then sent down a message, with the resolution that they were not prepared to sub mit any additional names, and that they intended to adjourn in an hour till May next The message was received with hisses, and cries of "shame," and considerable confusion.

Rev. Canon BANCROFT moved that a special meeting be called to separate the office of the Bishop of Montreal from that of the Metropolitin. The motion was ruled out of order. Mr. T. B. JGHNSON said the Bishops were bound to send down names until an election

was made. Rev. Canon BANCROFT said he had sent down the names of all the Bishops of British North America but one, and they should send

that one down also. (Loud Cheers.) Mr. BOEBUCK moved that a conference be asked with their Lordships to accertain if some better understanding could not be come to. The motion was carried, and the Dean appointed a committee to confer with their

Lordship. About half-past six the Committee returned and announced that their Lordships would be prepared to send down' other names immediately after prayers in the morning. The

Synod then adjourned.

Correspondence.

We are not responsible for any opinions expresse by our correspondents.

[To the Editor of the CHERCH OBSERVER.] New York, October 31st, 1868.

Dear Sir,-It may perhaps be interesting to you to have the three stage of the question of ritualism in the Church Convention just closed. I therefore send you the majority and minority reports of the committee on canons; the resolves eventually adopted by the Convention : and the pastoral letter of the Bishop of Kentucky, read from the pulpit on behalf of the House of Bishops. The committee reports are both very moderate. The resolutions adopted are of the negative character, placing the responsibility on the shoulders of the bishops, -both the foregoing emanating from the Lower House. The pastoral letter from the bishops (of whom 30 were present when it was ' most earnestly those extravagancies in ritualism, recently introduced, which tend to assimilate our worship to that of a church, not sec-' tarian but hostife to our own."

SUBSCRIBER. Yours, MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred sundry memorials touching greater uniformity in the conduct of public worship, and in the administration of the rites and sacraments of the church, would respectfully report the following preamble and resolutions : - ought to be rebuked openly.

Whereas, This church seeks to keep the happy meaning between too much stiffness in refusing and too much easiness in admitting ianovations in things once advisedly established, and holds that with regard to things in their own nature, indifferent and alterable and so acknowledged, it is but reasonable that upon and so much of change and disaster without, ing to the various exigencies of the times and to be more than usually vigilant, that they may occasions, such changes and alterations should discourage and repress all eccentricities in be made therein as to who are in places of au- worship and economy, and admonish the negthority, shall from time to time seem either ligent to be decorous and orderly. It is a hardly tell you; but it is one also of very House of Bishops shall lay before this Synod necessary or expedient,-her aim being to do time, when in the old paths, to remember

by excess or by matters doubtful, for the avoidance of unseeming disputes and contradictory practices, which tend neither to the good name or to godliness, reference should be made to the Ordinary, and no changes should be made against the godly counsel and judgment of the bishop. By

WM. COOPER MEAD, Chairman The reading of this report was followed by applause.

The President rebuked all manifestations of applause, as they were unseemly in a consecrated house

THE MINORITY REPORT.

The minority report was presented on behalf of the minority of the committee on Canons by Rev. Dr. Howe, of Pennsylvania.

"The undersigned, a minority of the committee on canons, begleave to offer the followng report : This convention cannot ignore the fact that there is at the present time great agitation among members of our communion on the subject of ritual-in some places reproach being incuared by the omission of those proprieties of apparel and deportment in conducting public worship which the established usage of our church has sanctioned, and in others great alarm occasioned by garments and practices, and chancel arrangements and ornaments heretofore unknown among us, and characteristic in the regard of the great body of our people of a foreign communion.

Were this Convention disposed to close its eyes upon these facts, the voluminous memorials which overwhelm its tables, and invite its attention especially to the last-named evil, would forbid it. The undersigned, in

considering the subject have realized daily, while they have given it more protracted deliberation, that it is beset with difficulties particularly as a matter for legislative action. Canon law, until it be specific to the last degree, it is easy for the evil-disposed to evade and any enactments upon such topics would, in the present state of things, in their judgment, be premature, probably insufficient, and without precedent in our existing legislatures. True sons of the church will be loyal to the spirit of the church. And this Protestant Episcopal Church, having here an independent being, has set forth its own standards and formulas of doctrine, its pure and harmonious read) is by no means equivocal, as it deprecates liturgy, and adopted and maintained, partly by rule and partly by usage, its common and recognized manner of worship. In our thirtyfourth Article of Religion it is declared that this church, in common with branches in other lands of the one church catholic, hath power, as necessity shall arise, to change its ceremonies. But this power it denies to an individual member, and pronounces that whosoever of his own private judgment openly breaks the traditions and ceremonies of the church, which, not being contrary to God's word, have been ordain-

And with whom rests the official right and duty to administer such rebuke privately, if so it may be effectual-publicly, if that will not avail-if it be not with him who is an overseer in the House of God? It is a time when amid so much of disquietude and distrust within, mighty and important considerations, accord- the church may well look to her chief pastors that they, are under vows to obey the godly admonitions of their Bishops, and to save their flock from internal discord over novelties of ceremonial, when they should be striving together for the faith of the Gospel. It is a time when it becomes the faithful laity to aid and encourage their pastors in doing good, so to supersede dreamy fancies by prac-tical activity. There is enough to be done for the reclaim of man, and for the glory of Christ, to postpone the agitation of questions like in the primitive age, which the Apostle to the Gentiles pronounced unprofitable and vain, engendering strife. Never, it would seem, has it failen to the lot of this church to enjoy such an opportunity for drawing to herself, if not in person yet in spirit, the good of every name, among whom she intends as a city set upon a hill. But only by maintaining her historic stability, her calm moderation her simple yet beautiful worship, can she make her opportunity available. It will be in vain for us to hold the hand. To invite the followers of Wesley and other christian bodies to unity in the Church of Christ, if, meanwhile, we shall appear to them removing from the old foundation and tending to assimilation with a comcommunion from which they all recoil. To give such expression as the exigency of the time seems to require to the common sentiments, ceiving an enlarged measure of practical attenof the church to declare it loyal to the doctrine, policy, worship traditions and ceremonies which have been recognized as its established order through the three generations of its national being ; to utter the aversion with which it regards all assumption or private license to depart from that order, whether by defect or excess, and in omission to seek, or failure to respect, ecclesiastical counsel or authority. Your committee recommend that this House, a representative body. speaking for the clergy and laity of this church throughout the land, declares itself in the following resolutions, and asks the concurrence of our Right Reverend Fathers, the House of Bishops, trusting that this may prove instrumental in promoting such degree of uniformity in the public worship of our Church as is desirable for edification and harmony, and consistent with the Catholic claims of the body of Christ, to which we belong. The conservatism which has always distinguished our branch of the church, and which some hot spirits esteem little better than stagnation, will, we trust, under the divine blessing, save us now, as heretofore, from being carried to any extreme, or swerved from our propriety by fantacies of individual men ; so that this church may continue to be the refuge of those who seek stability of form without straightness, beauty of worship without sensuousness, and order of government without despotism. The resolutions submitted for your approval are as follows :

Whereas, It has hitherto been one of the peculiar characteristics and attractions of the Protestant Episcopal Church that its worship and the mode of conducting it have been in all places substantially alike so that every child of the church in any one of her sanctuaries finds a familiar spiritual home; and,

Whereas, It has been especially distinctive of this church that while it has avoided the boldness of most of the modes of Protestant worship, it has still more decidedly put away the many coloured vestments, excessive cerdmonial and false symbolism of a foreign church with which it is not in communion : therefore,

simplicity in worship is exceedingly desirable to secure this church from the insidious intro- urgent obedience to our bishop and other chief duction of unsound doctrine, from the disturbce of the pcace and comfort of its worship

CHURCH OBSERVER, THURSDAY, 12rH NOVEMBER 1868.

after which the Right Rev. Bishop of Tenn. escorted the Right Rev. Bishop of Ky. to the pulpit to read his pastoral letter. The letter was in substance as follows: It is now nine years since we met in full representation of all our dioceses. In this period sixteen of our venerable brethren in the Episcopate, of whom two were presiding bishops, have departed this life. A mortality so unusual impresses your bishops with a deep sense of the shortness and uncertainty of their future upon earth, and leads them to address you with greater solemnity. Great has been our consolation amid many trials of our faith and patience, in the entire restoration of one unity as a national church. Among the unusual ex-citements of the day let us blass Almighty God that one great Council has met, with a full representation of our churches in all parts of the land ; and with wonderful harmony of purpose and action, is about to close a long session, from which many who understand us not had argued confusion and every evil work. We lament that while the labors of our missionaries at home and abroad have been so noble and so faithful, the offerings of the churches, by which they should have been bountifully sustained, have not been commen-surately abundant. Christian education is reion, and schools of the parish and the diocese have been to a cheering extent multiplied and effectually worked. The christian family is more and more regarded among us as the divine institution on which the church itself mainly relies or its prosperity, and to which nothing less than the succors and heavenly consolations of the church of Christ can impart the means of prosperity and perfection. Much thought has been given by your bishops to the necessity of energed associated effort in works of mercy and ducation. Much that needs to be done can be accomplished in no other way. Let it be undestood that the sort of associations we must commend must be wholly free from enduring tows or enforced confession, and in all things suject to canonical and diocesan authority. It is a matter of painful observation to your bishops, that, more especially in larger towns and great cities, where the need and the opportunities for continual worship are greatest, the churches are too little used, at all seasons, and often in the summer months are closed, even upon the day of the Lord. While we rejoce in the multiplication of churches, professedly free, provided they are properly maintained, we suggest that hundreds of our churches, spart from the ordinary services of the Lord's day, might be freely opened to all' comers for the ministration of the blessed Gospel. City missions might thus be carried on, in many places, without the expense of erecting more churches, and the means thus saved might be used for the support of the requisite missionary clergy. But everything must languish in the church until all our families are made truly Chris-tians, and until there is, as of old, a church in every house. We fear that examples of mar.ly piety are not abundant, and fathers too often forget that they are priests in their own houses. The unscriptural and uncatholic pretensions of the bishop of Rome as in time past, so now, are a fruitful source of error and of evil. They constitute to-day, as they have done for many centuries, the great bar to the

restoration of the unity of Christendom. We deprecate most earnestly those extravagances 1. Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, the House of Bishops concurring, that the maintenance of our wonted uniformity and not sectarian but hostitle to our own. And we must also urge you to remember that the ministers promised by the clergy at the or-dina cond, of faithfully rendered, prevent these evils. In the former pastoral letters your bishops have warned you concerning worldly amusements, and of the tendencies of many forms of them to create a distaste for pure, simple, domestic pleasures and innocent enjoyments, and especially for the stern duties and elevated sympathies of a holy life. But in our day, there is a licentiousness and grossness in theatrical and like entertainments which would have been shocking to even the least refined in the days of our fathers. We exhort you to flee these things, and above all, to separate from all contact with these pollutions the young and precious souls for whom you have answered in the holy baptism

parties or sects in the Protestant community. that to which we can the least extend our sympathies; for whom, morally and intellectually, we have the least respect-so deficient are they in courage and logical consistency. In some respects indeed the ritualists are the most protesting of Protestants, and therefore. formally, the most remote from the Catholic church; for none carry out the fundamental Protestant principle of private judgment further than do the ritualists,-amongst Protestants none are more ready to set at defiance the authority of the Bishops, which, professing an Episcopal form of church government, they hold to be of divine appointment, and entitled to their respect and obedience."

We have had occasion before to advert to the singular inconsistency of ritualists, in holding what they are pleased to call the "highest doctrine" concerning episcopal authority, and the coolness with which they set at nought that authority when it suits their convenience. We wonder what they think of the opinion of those for whom they express such admiration, thus expressed :-

"And this disobedience-this resistance to what they look upon as episcopal authority, is the less excusable on their part, inasmuch as it is not based upon any principle. 'They will rebel against their bishops for the sake of vestments, of a bit of lace, for a lighted taper on their communion tables, for a posture, or an intonation : but when brought to book, they have not the pluck, as a rule, openly to avow their full acceptance of the peculiar and obnoxious doctrine-to wit, those of priest, altar and sacrifice, of real presence in the eucharist &c.,-which those vestments, ornaments and postures necessarily imply, of which they are the types or symbols, and without which the rites of the ritualists are but mere shams and idle gauds, aptly qualified as man-millinery and posture mongering.

Peradventure our ritualist contemporary, who sometimes talks of what certain gentlemen "dare" not do, will take note of the contempt (felt for them,) expressed by the elegant phrase -- "they have not the pluck," -when it is seen they rebel against their bishops for "the sake of a bit of iace, &c.," but "when brought to book will not openly avow their full acceptance of the peculiar and obnoxious doctrines."

With unfeigned sorrow-with profound grief-we print this further extract :-

"Now of two things one : Either the ritualists do or do not believe as essentials of Christianity the Catholic doctrines which their peculiar practices symbolize. If they do not, why quarrel at all about such paltry trifles? why disturb the peace of their Zion? why scandalized weaker brethren? why set at nought the the admonitions and injunctions of those whom they admit to be their bishops? If they do hold and believe those doctrines-if they really deem themselves sacrificing priests, their communion table, an altar, their eucharistic celebration, a propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead, the bread and the chalice which they bless and hold up, to be verily and indeed the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ-why do they not openly say so on oc-casions such as the late Provincial Synod of Christ-why do they not openly say so on oc-casions such as the late Provincial Synod of Canada? Why do they not boldly and like honest men confess their belief regardless of consequences? Why do they hesitate to lay down, in clear unambiguous language, the faith that is in them? faith that is in them Instead of this, we find them, for the most part, insinuating amongst their respective congregations tenets which they dare not profess openly-which their church, however, openly denies and condemns. Instead of at once assuming the attitude of confessors, they, by every artifice, by every forced construction that it is possible to impose upon language by quibbles worthy of an Old Bailey petti fogger, and by an occasional rabid abuse of Popery, do their best to evade the consequences that an open avowal of Catholic doctrine would justly bring upon them. At heart perhaps, in outward show certainly, repudiating the fundamental tenets of their church-an essentially Protestant church-they continue nevertheless to eat its bread, and to repeat its formularies on which they put a gloss never dreamt of by their authors. We have read the above and re-read it, and we cannot deny its force. If the ritualists do not hold the named papistical doctrines, why quarrel about the paltry trines ? Why disturb our peace ? Why scandalizeif they please to call us so-the weaker brethren ?

doctrine. Wha wonder, then, if we are keenly alive to langer, and are suspicious of all those who pprove of ritualism ? not spare the "la churchmen" either. That is to be expecte; but to assail them, he is calls a "low curchman," that he may knock him dow: It does not apply-the blow does not rach us.

LECTURE ON DEBORAH AND BARAK."-A lecture on the bove subject was delivered last Thursday evening by the Rev. M. S. and other oppresed nations, who nobly fought, but failedto win their freedom; and also referred to Ingland, that had for hundreds of years maintained successfully, against all her ermies, the liberties of her subjects, and the reedom of the Bible. The the close, an antem—most appropriately chosen with reference to the subject of the lecture—was sun by the choir of St. George's Church

PERSONAL .- Weare pleased to learn that at a recent examination at Oxford, England, W. Mulvany, E so, of St. Helen's, Lancashire, obtained a classical scholarship at Magdalen Colle Mr. M. is a relative of C. P. Muly any, head master of the grammar school at Niagara, Ont.

THE HAYDOCK "PG'S HEAD" OFFERING .--- Our readers will remember the deplotable exhibition of ritualism at the Haydock festival, where a pig's head as among the objects presented at the "alt r.' In many quarters surprise and regret have been expressed at the apparent apathy. f the Bishop of Chester in connection with the Vicar. The Warrington Guardian states, on the best authority, that the Bishop moved at once on learning the facts. The effect of the correspondence is that Mr. Greenwell retires from Haydock, and it is believed he has no present intention of resuming clerical duties.

PUSE YITE DUPLICITY.

The REV. GEORGE AKERS, formerly Puseyite clergyman in the east of London, and now an avowed Romanist, had addressed a letter to his late flock, in which hemade certain disclosures not very creditable tohimself, of the duplicity of which he had been guilty when in the

Now what answer could be given to all this by ritualists of the Frederick George Lee school ? ceenly alive to anger, and are suspicious of all those whopprove of ritualism ? Our Roman atholic contemporary does not make as the unschurchmen" either. That doctrine, they were making them conversant is to be expecte: but to assail them, he is obliged to set up man of straw, which he a thirst for Popish superstitions, and they were thus Romanizing the Church of England, and shaking its foundations in the land. This was a sad state of things, and fraught with shame and sorrow as well as danger to the Church and Crown. (Cheers.) How long were these things to go on ? How long were the English people to tolerate this "organized hypocrisy" of Popery? How long was the undermining process to be carried on ? Was it till the best ed last Thursday evening by the Rev. M. S. Baldwin, before a large and appreciative audience, in the basement of St. George's Church. The leave depicted in the most attractive mannethe characteristics of these two noted personges of Bible history, and their struggles in defence of the liberties of the Israelites. He then glanced at Poland and other server definitions who noted ity. The restraints of religion were felt to be oppressive by the godless and the reckless : and anything that furnished them with an excuse for levelling their batteries against time honoured institutions was thrice welcome. He (the speaker) did not, however, despair of the cause ; and his motto was not to pull down the subjects, and the reedom of the Bible. The edifice because traitors were within but rather lecture was eloquat and powerful, and, at to expel them, and then restore whatever had been put out of order. (Loud cheers.) He would say, in conclusion, let the meeting prize their national Christianity as that which was the strength and glory of the realm; but then it should be pure Protestant Christianity, free from priestcraft and snperstition, and in accordance with the scriptures of truth, and, therefore, promotive of the best interests of the people. (Loud applause.)

NEW SOUTH WALES. The correspondent of the " Times " writing from Sydney under date of August 12, says :-The Anglicar Church, has been discussing its affairs in SyLod. It was the third session of Synod. The Bishop in his charge spoke very contentedly of ecclesiastical affairs in the colony, and intimated that, although depending (as in prospect they do) upon voluntary effort, the clergy have little reason to doubt that the laity will be fully equal to the gradually increasing burden. He said, after an experience of 13 years in the colony, he could rectify that when a good work commended itself to the laity neither the men nor the means were wanting to carry the design to a successful issue," In illustration of this he mentioned the effort that had been made to endow the Bishopric of Goulburn, for which £7,000, was subscribed, and to sustain Moore's College, where ten theological students are studying under the tuition of the Rev. R. L. King. He spoke strongly against ritualistic practices, and advised his clergy not only to fall back upon the views of the martyr-confessors of the Reformation, but "to be men of one bookthe book-the Bible." In his address as President of Synod, he spoke at some length on the relations of the Colonial with the mother church, and deplored the resolutions come to at the Council of Bishops at Lambeth in September, 1867. He disliked the conclusions of given here, he contended, to the Book of Com munion Frayer, and their 27th constitution of the Anglican Church of New South Wales was entirely at varience with this recommendation. He doubted the wisdom of the liberty accorded, since such alterations might involve questions of doctrine, and liberty might lead to license, the formation of parties, and eventually schism. It formed no part of his desire to see any other ultimate court of appeal than the Queen in Privy Council, but he considered that as a matter of convenience it might be desirable to have an intermediate court here, from which either or both parties might appeal to England. The whole of the Australian Bishops are to be invited to consider the practicability of forming a Provincial Synod, of Appellate Tribunal, for Australia, in the month of October, when the Cathedral is to be consecrated. The Bishop closed his address with these words, which are much in keeping with what Mr. Gladstone said in reply to the charge of seeking to undermine the English Church in the attempt to disestablish it :---"The efficiency and general usefulness of the Church of England in this coldny depend upon the cordial co-operation of the laity with the clergy. In order to this there must be mutual confidence and respect. If the clergy desire the support of the laity they must merit it. Respect cannot be upheld in the face of neglect in the discharge of duty. We are launched upon the system of voluntary contributions, and the clergy could only maintain their position by the diligent and efficient discharge of their ministerial duties. If, on the other hand, the laity desire the clergy to be wholly occupied in their holy calling, then the scale of remuneration must be such as to enable the clergy to live without carefulness." The business of the Synod mainiv consisted of the settlement of the constitution, of the Cathedral. It seems that the Chapter is to consist of 15 persons, the Bishop, the Dean of Sydney, and the Chancellors of the diocese, both appointed by the Bishop; six canons clerical, resident within the diocese, and six canons lay, each bound by solemn covenant to observe the rules of the church.

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2. Resolved, That while there is no absolute directory in the canons or rubrics of the church, specifying all official vestments and practices and all ecclesiastical ornaments which may be fitly used therein, yet there is the indication of great simplicity; and the tra-ditional usage of this church in this behalf, from the date of its organization here to the present period, is in conformity therewith, and has in the hearts and minds of the great body of its loyal members the force of law.

3. Rezolved, That this Convention affectionately urges upon all who have to do with the ordering of the appointments of public worship, that they abide by the traditions and ceremonies of this American Church, that none other than the 'clerical habit known to our | dispersed. fathers, and referred to by the House of Bishops at the General Convention of 1844, as appropriate to ministers officiating in the congregation, bands, gowns and surplices, with their customary appendages, cassocks and black stoles, be provided, and that no strange ornaments of the sacred places, conducive to vain show or superstition, be introduced.

4 Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention, the House of Bishops concurring, the business of lights in the order for the Holy Communion, the burning of incense, reverences to the holy table or to the elements thereon, the elevation of the elements, making the sign of the cross, (except when prescribed in the rubric, in and during divine service,) or the celebration of the Lord's Supper, are innovations on our mode of conducting public worship, offend against the common order or the church, and wound the consciences of many of its true and loving members.

5. Resolved, That this Convention earnestly expresses its disapproval of the omission of any of those proprieties of apparel and demeanour when ministering in the congregation, which either rule or general usage has made distinctive of our worship, and commends all who, being in Holy Orders, would deviate on the right hand or on the left from the common order of the church's worship to seek first the counsel of their Bishops and submit themselves to their godly judgments.

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, (Signed) JNO. N. CONYNGHAM. NEW YORK, Oct 26, 1868.

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP.

The closing ceremonies of the Triennial General Protestant Episcopal Convention were been revived in our mind by the admissions performed last evening at Calvary Church, Fourth-ave, and Twenty-first-st. All the clerical and lay delegates to the Convention were provided with seats near the chancel, and the remaining space was thronged by an intelligent audience. At 71 o'clock the Right Rev. Bishops of the various dioceses of the United States appeared and occupied the seats provided for them.

The introductory services consisted of the usual evening prayer. The General Confession was read by the Right Reverend Bishop of California. The Right Rev. Bishop of Arkansas read the 52nd chapter of Isaiah as the First Lesson. The Second Lesson was the X11th chapter of Hebrews, and was read by the Right Reverend Bishop of Colorado. The are-prepared to admit the many private virtues

At the conclusion of the pastoral letter the benediction was pronounced by the Right Rev. Bishop of Minnesota, and the assemblage

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LOGICAL INCONSISTENCY.

A Roman Catholic contemporary in this city has perceived the longings and desires of the ritualists, and condescends to explain to them why those longings are not gratified. We will give some extracts from the article, with the hope that men, who regard ritualism with any degree of favor may be warned in time by spectators in the Church of Rome, if they will not listen to their brethren in the Church of England, o the danger to which they are exposed. We must confess it has been a matter of surprise to us that the "logical inconsistency" so clearly seen by this writer has not been manifest to the ritualists themselves ; but we are reluctant, as the writer does, to charge them with "want of courage," because that involves the charge of duplicity-that in fact they are Roman Catholics, but they dare not avow their convictions. And yet we must acknowledge that this possibility has of Mr. Akers, which we reproduce in another column. Our contemporary says :-

"Ritualists in Canada seem to wonder at the little sympathy felt or expressed for them by Catholics. They seem to fancy that because in some of their ceremonies and modes of expression they closely approximate to the rites of the Catholic Church, to the dress of Catholic priests, and to the language of Catholic theoogy, that some how or other they should be looked upon in quite a different light from their Protestant brethren of the low type of c urchism, and that they are entitled to the respect and sympathies of Catholics.

Now this is a great mistake ; and though we Right Rev. Bishop of Ohio read the Creed, of our ritualist friends, they are perhaps of all

Alas! It is that which arouses our fears and makes us feel we are betrayed; that strange conduct, characterized coarsely enough by our Roman Catholic contemporary as "quibbles worthy. of an Old Bailey pettifogger."

And who can blame us for taking our stand upon our watch-tower, and regarding with suspicion every unusual demonstration, when a pamphlet "by a Priest of the English Church," avowed by its author on the floor of the Synod, maintains that "ritual, to be at all valuable, must be a visible setting of the doctrine held and taught; otherwise it is quite unmeaning, and perhaps even 'dangerous; a clergyman must first gradually train up his people in the belief of high sacramental doctrine," (p. 70.) Nor are we left to surmise the nature of this "high sacramental doctrine," for on p.p. 66, 68, "this real objective presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist" is plainly indicated amongst other doctrines. Now if this be so, why do they hesitate-in the language of our Roman Catholic contemporary-to lay down in clear unambiguous language the faith that is in them ?

And Mr. Akers tells us, as will be seen in the extract already referred to : "I taught you to believe the real presence and the sacrifice of the Mass, to go to confession, to prize the prayers of the saints, to pray for the dead, and to have a fervent devotion to our Blessed Lady," and this while he was acting as a clergyman of the Church of England, and knew, as he declares, that the

Now all this was irectly hostile to the doc-trings of the Church of England, and Mr. Akers knew it well when he was engaged in teaching it. After observing that other clergymen in the church taught opposite doctrines Mr. Akers added :-"Our Bishop, the Bishop of London, said

quite lately, in a letter he wrote to his clergy, that he did not understand how any clergyman who believed the sacrifice of the Mass could stay in the Church of Lugland ! And yet that was what I had been teaching you all along." They would observe the words ; they were worth repeating and pondering upon again and again-"That," said Mr. Akers, "was what I had been teaching you all along." It was a frank confession, but the question arose, of what use was the Bishop of London, who knew this and did nothing to prevent it? Here was a flock taught Popery all along by a wolf in sheep's clothing, and the chief pastor did nothing for their protection. (Shame.) It was now said that several of the flock thus trained in Popery had gone over to Rome. While some were saying that the Irish Church had failed in its mission, because it had not converted Romanists-which was not true, for many thousands had been converted from the errors of Rome to the truths of the Gospelhere was a case, only one out of many, in which church people were perverted wholesale to Popery by clergymen who were betraying the church, and yet there was no Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Bright, or any one else, crying out for a remedy for this disreputable state of things. (Loud cheers.) But Mr. Akers proceeds to condemn himself, and, as a consequence, his ritualistic friends who taught the same doctrine; for, speaking of the Book of Common Prayer, he declares as follows :---

"It nowhere says that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really offered in sacrifice in the communion service; and in the rubric at the end it says we are not to suppose Him really and truly present; or to kneel and worship Him as if He was really and truly upon the altar, 'because,' it says, 'He is in Heaven and not here !' People try to explain that away. But it is no use ; there are the words plainly staring you in the face all the same. The prayer book tells you nothing about the prayers of the saints, or the souls in purgatory. The erticles do, and they call the doctrine about them which you have learnt, 'a vain thing fondly (that is, foolishly) invented !"

He hoped the meeting would note this ad-He tells his flock that the doctrines mission. which they learned from himself were doctrines condemned by his own church, and which it was his solemn duty to repudiate, and not to teach. Yet one need not marvel at the commission of any guilt by men having con-sciences seared by Popery as with a hot iron. He (Mr. Harper) would read one passage more from Mr. Akers' letter, which ought to waken up ritualists to a sense of the falsity of their position. He says :-

"In fact, I found no authority in the Church of England for what we were doing. When the rulers of the Church of England spoke about it at all, it was to condemn us. And they have done that often enough lately. Evidently, the Church of England did not give me authority to teach you as I did. So I found that I either must give up the teaching, or give up the Church of England. I could not give up the teaching, because I knew it to be true. So I Book of Common Prayer taught no such | had to leave the Church of England.

Children's Department.

STRAIGHT PATHS.

May not the following explain why it is that o many of the children of "pious parents" are not Christians?

The waning light of a Sabbath evening fell on the leaves of a large, old Bible. Young fingers had turned over the leaves, and those same young fingers had grown old, aad bony and withered, and turned them over then .--Young eyes had spelled the words, and those same eyes had peered dimly through spectacles to read its blessed truths. Glad young hearts had felt the preciousness of its reading, and hearts that had found earth's promises to fail had found here a resting place.

There were young eyes that were bending over it now, and a young heart that was seek ing to know the will of Jesus concerning her life.

The young girl sat mondering these wordsthey were marked faintly with a pencil-line : And make straight paths for your feet, lest CHURCH OBSERVER. THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

that which is lame be turned out of the way."

"I have been turned out of the way often and often, and by such little things. Mother is a Christian, and it was only this morning 1 enjoyed the sermon so much, and when we were coming out of church mother said it was so long, and the minister's voice so unpleasant, that it took away all the good ; and last weak, after I had read about Mr. Muller giving up all for God, and trusting in him, I wanted to wear my old muslin and give the five dollars father gave me to old Mrs. Howe, to buy wine and elly for her ; but father said when he threw his book down, 'That man is a fanatic-he can't expect everybody to have the faith that he has;' and that froze my heart right up, and this isn't half that everybody does. I don't know of anybody that makes 'straight paths,' and sometimes I think I won't try either. It's only the good books and papers that keep me on ; and perhaps the very people that write walk crookedly too.

A boy's form emerged from the shrubbery, and a boy of fourteen years ran up the steps and sat down beside his sister.

"How beautiful everything is in the quiet and star-light !"

"Yes, it is beautiful," said the boy. "Are you glad you are a Christian ?" Charlie looked up into his sister's face. He did not need words.

"It seems to me a blessed thing--something everybody longs for ; but no one ever becomes a real Bible Christian. I don't believe there is such a thing. There might have been when Christ was on earth, but seeing is believing, and I shan't believe until I do see. If father really believes I'm going to be lost, why don't he tell me so? He never said I must trust in Jesus to be saved. He says so in prayer-meeting," Charlie went on, "but I might talk in prayer-meeting as well as he does, or anybody else. I wish I could, and I'd make the ears of the hypocrites tingle. Why don't he tell me so-and mother too? When I was little, she used to say at night, 'Don't forget to say your prayers,' and now I'm getting big, I believe Jesus own as his those whom we have " told she's ashamed ; ain't that true, now, Lucy ? him about " on earth. Did she ever ask you to be a Christian?

"No," said Lucy, sadly. "And then as to Sunday school teachers-I never had one that did me a bit of good ; they talk in a cold hard-set way. Why don't they say, 'Jesus died for you, Charlie ; He loves you ! Why don't people act and talk as if religion was alive ?- they act as if the Bible was a story-book, and God was dead "

"But Charlie, you and I need'nt."

"I don't know why we should keep straighter" than other people. I'm just discouraged. I don't see why I should sign the pledge when the minister drinks cider and makes currant wine. That's a beginning of evil, now, isn't

"Yes, that isn't keeping in the straight path." "And when I try to keep from swearing, I hear Christians swear every day. O no, it's nothing to say 'What under the Heavens,' and 'Heaven knows,' and 'Confounded !' instead of what boys say. Now, what is the difference ?" asked Charlie excitedly.

" I don't believe God sees any difference." " I think it's a great deal better to swear outright. I should think 3atan would be ashamed of sychia lowers. Father told me this morn-

new church stair carpet all the way home." "And mother takes the Atlantic, but she

prayer, and, kneeling with them before the night, nature, with almost the regularity of Lord, tell Him the name, the daily history, the the rising sun, will unloose the bonds of sleep special want of each, and see if your heart is not opened to plead for them as you have never for the wants of the system. This is the only done before."

Tears were in the eves of the young mother as she said with trembling lips, "I'll try."

As evening came she had not forgotten her promise, but as she saw that Sarah, her daughter, was unusually peevish, she thought best to take her little son first to her chamber. Wilije was a bright and pleasant boy of five years and, when his mother whispered her wish to pray with him, he gladly put his hand in hers and knelt by her side. As he heard his name mentioned before the Lord, a tender hush fell upon his young spirit, and he clasped his mother's fingers more tightly as each petition for his special need was breathed into the ear of his Father in heaven. And did not the clinging of that little hand warm her heart to new and more fervent desire as she poured forth her supplication to the hearer and answerer of prayer. When the mother and child rose from their

knees, Willie's face was like a rainbow, smiling through tears. "Mamma, mamma," said he, "I am glad you told Jesus my name; now he'll know me when I get to heaven. And, when the kind angels that carry little children to the Saviour take me and lay me in his arms, Jesus will look at me so pleasant, and say, 'Why, this is Willie Huston; his mother told me about him : how happy I am to see you, Willie !' Won't that be nice, mamma ?"

Mrs. Huston neverforgot that scene. And, when she was permitted to see not only her dear Willie and Sarah, but the children afterwards added to her family circle, each successively consecrating the dew of their youth to God, she did indeed feel that her pastor's plan was "the more excellent way." So she resolved to recommend it to praying mothers by telling them this touching incident. When we meet our children at the last great day, may

Memorial to the late Metropolitan.

A meeting was held in the evening to consider the nature of the memorial to be erected to the late Metropolian, and obtain the views of the Synod, to be laid before the subscribers, who are to decide at a future meeting. Mr. George Moffat was called to the chair and Mr.

F. McKenzie was appointed Secretary. The Chairman stated that \$3,300 had been collected in Montreal, and the Committee contected in montreal, and the committee were still collecting to bring the sum up to \$5,000. Only a small sum had yet been received from the country. It had been considered when the Synod was in session that a good opportun-ity was afforded to obtain the views of the members as to the form the monument should as-sume. The family of the late Bishop had been spoken to as to the erection of a monument over the grave, and they objected as they intended to do that themselves. Mr. WINN was clearly of opinion that the monument should be one of a public character,

and open to the public. A distinguished artist had had an opportunity of executing a bust of right. I should think Satan would be ashamed of sychrollowers. Father told me this morn-ing not to whistle 'Dixie,' and he was reading the Sunday Heraldent the time. He a Chris-tian ?" "I know it, Charlie. This morning I was trying to think Sunday thoughts, and mother called me to button her glove, and all the time she was talking about bonnet-strings, and the color of my gloves. Then aunt Mary talked about the dust all the way to church, and the new church stair carpet all the way home."

safe and sufficient rule. And as to the question, how much sleep any one requires ? each must be a rule for himself. Great nature will never fail to write it out to the observer under the regulation just given.

Religious Summary.

THE CONTRAST.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory .- 2 Cor. iv. 17.

Whatever we suffer here will not merit any reward hereafter; therefore we may gather from this passage that the trials we have to pass through in this world are to purify us, and make us more fit to enjoy the glory in heaven; and that the more we suffer here for Christ's sake, the more exceedingly shall we enjoy the blessedness to be revealed. As the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering, so are we, who are soldiers of the cross, to pass through the same path to our rest above. (Rom. viii. 18; 1 Peter v. 10.)

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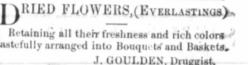
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can't take the Guardian ; so she takes the Messenger, because it's cheap, and she wants to have one religious paper in the house; and she asked me to read it, and I won't; it don't do her any good to read it, and of course it wouldn't me.'

" And aunt Mary went to the theatre last night, and taught in Sunday school to-day."

I'd either give up one or the other .-- And she was reading Miss Edgeworth's tales this afternoon, and she'll read a chapter in the Bible before they go to bed. O, Christians! Christians !"

"And she and mother never go to the weekly-meeting-they have to sew or are too tired.

"I don't see how they can expect us to do right. It's the Christians that keep us out of the way ; we don't expect anything from other people." "What is a Chritian, Charlie ?"

" One w! o loves God better than he loves the world, the flesh, or the devil.

"No one loves the devil," said Lucy smiling. "Well, they serve him---a good many Christians do. I guess he sets Christians in the way to keep us out."

" But, Charlie, if our eyes are opened, we needn't follow them. The Bible can be a real Bible to us."

h" But, Lucy, is it right for Christians to look around the church ir prayer-time? I've seen one of the the oldest do it. And is it right for father to smoke ten cent cigars and put five cents in the plate?"

"But Charlie." "Yes, 'but Charlie.' We boys talk it over; we've got our eyes open. You can be a real Christian, and if you are, perhaps I'll try it." And Charlie jumped up and ran around the corner of the house, whistling 'Dixie.'

The sister's head was bowed on the old book. She was asking God to help, her to make "straight paths" for Charlie's lame feet. "O, dear !" said their father, in his armchair, just inside the open hall-door : "These horrid mosquitoes won't let me sleep at all."

PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

The pastor of a young mother who had recently joined his church was talking with her about her maternal responsibilities, and urged the duty of constant and believing prayer for the early conversion of her children. She assured him that it was her daily practice to carry her little ones in supplication to the throne of grace, yet complained of a want of faith and of definiteness in asking for them the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

"Do you pray for each child separately and by name ?" inquired the pastor.

"No, that has never been my habit," was the reply.

"I think it of much importance, Mrs. Huston, especially as a help to our faith, and to the clearness and intensity of our desires on their behalf. You pray with them, I trust, as well as for them ?

Sometimes I do, but not often. They seem a little restless and inclined to whisper together while my eyes are closed; so I have felt mind, body, and estate. Give yourself, your less embarrassment and more freedom in supplications to be alone at such seasons"

add to their number, be a committee to carry this purpose into effect." Bev. Mr. DUVERNET seconded the motion,

After some conversional discussion. Mr. THOMAS SIMPSON moved that reredos with a slab be erected in the Cathedral

as the Bishop's monument. Mr. JOHN SIMSON seconded.

Rev. Canon BANCROFT moved that the most suitable memorial of the 1.te Bishop would be a building to be called the Fulford Hall, which might be used for meetings of the Synod, the Diocesan library, and residence and offi es of the Secretary of the Diocesan Synod. The Rev ROBERT LINDSAY seconded the amendment.

Mr. HUTTON stated the position in which the building they then occupied was situated, and which Canon Bancroft desired to have ap-propriated. There was a debt of upwards of $\pounds_{1,400}$ on the building which was invested in the Bishop. If this were paid the Bishop might consent to hand it over to the T: ustees, by consent to hand it over to the Trustees, by whom it would be fitted up as a Syncd hall, litrary and residence, as proposed by Canon Barcroft, and a bust of the late Bishop might be placed in the lbrary, suitable inscriptions being on the building to show the purpose for which it had been aquired. He, however, was more in favour of an ornamental monument. It was acceed to take a distinct work on the It was agreed to take a distinct vote on the motion for a reredos. Only four voted for it. On the discussion on Canon Bancroft's motion Mr. JOHN KERRY said that the SyLod should have a Hall, and if they wanted a charity school and this Hall, they were bound as honest men to raise funds specially for the purpose. Were they to kill a bishop every time they wished for funds to carry out any necessary purpose? He could not consent under cloak of doing honour to the late Bishop to collect money for a purpose which should be provided for as part of the work of the diocese. A long desultory discussion took place, and schemes of the most varied kind were brought forward. One proposed memorial missionaries, others schools &c. The motion of Canon Bancroft was lost by 24 to 25, and the main

General Summary.

motion being put was carried without a

division. A vote of thanks was then given to the Chairman and the meeting adjourned.

NECESSARY RULES OF SLEEP .- There is no fact more clearly established in the physiology of man, than this, that the brain expends its energies and itself during the hours of wakefulness, and that these are recuperated during sleep. If the recuperation does not equal the expenditure, the brain withers-this is insanity. Thus it is that, in early English history, persons who were condemned to death by being prevented from sleeping, always died raying maniacs ; thus it is, also, that those who are starved to death become insane. The brain is not nourished, and they cannot sleep. The prac-tical inferences are three :-1st. Those who think most, who do most brain work, require more sleep. 2nd. that time "saved" from necessary sleep is infallibly destructive to children, your servants.-give all that are under you, the fullest amount of sleep they

"Let me persuade you, my dear Mrs. Huston, to try a different plan. Take your little son some regular hour, and to rise in the morning some regular hour, and to rise in the morning and daughter each separately to the place of | the moment they awake ; and, within a fort-

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The atlantic cable telegraphic report, last week, announces the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the chiet dignitary of the Anglican church. Dr. Longly succeeded to the See of Canterbury, in the year 1862, on the death of Archbishop Summer," who had for many years held the high office of Primate of all England He was the son of the late John Longley, Esq., Recorder of Rochester, and was born in that city in the 1794. At a very early age he evinced a desire to enter the church. and during his school days was noted for his industry and application. In the year 1823, he then being 29 years of his age, Mr. Longley was appointed to the perpetual curacy of Cowley, a little village not far from Oxford, where he remained for four years. In 1827, he became tutor of West Tythesley, Hampshire, and thence forward his porgress, was exceedingly rapid. The present Archbishop of York, who will probably succeeded to the vacant see, is the Most Reverend Dr. Thomson. He was born in 1819, was educated at Shrewsbury School and at Queen's College, Oxford, became Bishop of Gloncester and Bristol in 1861, and succeeded Dr. Longley as Archbishop of York. He is the author of several religious works, and is famed as an eloquent preacher.

PRAYER FOR CONTENTMENT.-Heavenly Father. God of all consolation, who knowest our frame, and how little we can endure, be pleased to remember me in mercy! O do Thou be pleased to increase my spiritual strength, and enable me to bear with patience all that Thou art pleased to lay upon me. Preserve me from all murmurings. Give me, O'Lord, the grace of contentment, and let no repining thoughts take possession of my soul.

Teach me, O gracious Father, to see leve as well as justice in all Thy dealings, that I may humble mygelf under Thy mighty hands, and confess that it is good for me to be afflicted.

Give me grace, O Lord, patiently to wait for Thee, in an assured expectation that I shall one day see cause to number my afflictions among thy richest mercies. Teach and help me to honour Thee by a humble submission to Thy divine will, a patient abiding of Thy rod. and a faithful reformation of my heart and life : that so Thou mayest return to me with the visitations of Thy love, and show me the joy of Thy salvation, for thy merce's sake in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE appellation of PAUL having been bestowed on SAUL, as is supposed by the best commentators, after SERGIUS PAULUS, was a lasting memorial of the conquest which his divine master had thus achieved by his instrumentality.

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