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The Church Guardian.

Upholds the Doctrines and Rubrics o. Prayer Book.

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in significant the fact of the faith which was once delivered unit."

Jude 3.

VUL. X. }

MONTREAL. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1888

PER YEAR

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES

DURING the session of the Lambeth Conference, the Rev. John Henry Forrest Bell was ordained to the priesthood, by the Bishop of Washington Territory, in the chapel of the Bishop's palace, Salisbury, England. This is believed to be the first time that an American Bishop has ordained in England.

A FEW weeks ago, the one thousand and fifth anniversary of the consecration of a Church at Chester le street, Durham, was commemorated. The Bishop of Durham, who was accompanied by several colonial and American Bishops, officiated in the morning, and the preachers were the Bishops of North Dakota and Ade-

In presenting the Archbishop of York for his degree at Cambridge, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishops. Dr. Sandys alluded to the long line of distinguished Prelates who had filled that See, remarking that it was almost on that very day, 1,263 years ago, that Justus, Archbishop of Canterbury, consecrated Paulinus, who, as Bishop of York, shortly afterwards baptized King Edwin. On the site of the humble shrine where that king was baptized, rose the magnificent fabric of York Minster, a building which was regarded with a reverent interest wherever the English lan-guage was spoken. The Pall Mall Gazette says that he was one of the four Bishops who voted at the Lambeth Conference in favor of allowing Nonconformists to preach in Church pulpits. The Bishops of New York, Minne sota, and Ripon, were the others.

FARIBAULT.—Bishop Whipple has obtained another large gift in England of fifty thousand dollars for Shattuck school. The Bishop cabled the news to the rector, Rev. James Dobbin, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. The gift is for a new drawing room to be built as a wing to the new Shumway Hall. When completed it will form one of the most complete and certainly one of the most imposing scholastic buildings in the country.

THEATRES: THEIR COST.-Mr. Dion Boucicault reviews for the New York Herald the "Modern Stage" and gives these statistics of the number of theatres in the United States as well as the amount of money spent in patronizing them.

Three thousand one hundred and seven cities and towns of the United States possess threatres, or halls for threatrical uses.

The number of such theatres in the United States is 4,023.

Their seating capacity accommodates, 3,164,000 spectators. That is about one person in every twenty of the population.

The amount of money paid by the people in support of their dramatic entertainments averages not less than \$7,423,000 per week.

These figures were the result of a statistical inquest made four years ago. Many theatres have been added to the above number since that time, so this estimate may be fairly, in every item, increased.

As a theatrical season covers at least thirty

weeks, we may take it for granted that more than \$200,000,000 are paid yearly by the American people for their intellectual entertainment.

There are plays which are instructive, some amusing and without hurt. But if we can depend upon the testimony of those acquainted with them, the most are debasing and demoral-

We talk of the poverty which stalks through Christian countries; but when we reflect upon the millions spent for drink and the two hundred millions spent in the United States on threatres—is it any wonder?

THE Bishop of Liverpool has written an extraordinary letter from Perthshire, disclaiming responsibility for the Lambeth Encyclical, on the ground that he had never seen a line of it until it appeared in the Times. The Primate's reply is simply crushing. "The draft mate's reply is simply crushing. "The draft Encyclical Letter," he says, "embodying the reports and resolutions of the month, was, after full notice on the previous days, read over, first as a whole, and then again, after discussion, paragraph by paragraph, in the presence of the whole Conference, with the exception of the few Bishops (eight, I believe, out of 145), who were on that day prevented by illness, or other causes from being present. From the Bishop of Liverpool's letter," continues the Archbishop, "I gather that we had not, unfortunately, the advantage of his presonce for co-operation and criticism on that day. But the Encyclical Letter was, as I have said, considered by the Conference with the atmost care, and several not unimportant changes were made before it was resolved, without a dissentient voice, that I should sign it on behalf of the Conference."

EXTRAORDINARY rumours have been afloat to the effect that Princess Christian had seceded to the Church of Rome. It is only necessary to say that the exceedingly veracious Freeman's Journal is responsible for the statement. And, after all, the Royal Family is not bound to do just what the Freeman's Journal wishes it to do, any more than the Imperial Parliament.

BESIDES the false rumour about H.R.H. Princess Christian, there was another absurd canard in the society papers last week, to the effect that two well known and indefatigable West-end clergymen had seceded to Rome. The persons in question are not amused by these malicious falsehoods, and nobody should

ACTIVE preparations are being made for the Church Congress in Manchester. The opening services will be held on Monday afternoon, October 1, at the Cathedral, the Church of the Sacred Trinity (Salford), and at St. Anne's (Manchester). The sermons are to be preached by the Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of Adelaide and North Dako:a.

place, a conference of clergy and laity—to be held, if possible, in London, on November 6 at which the following suggested declaration should be discussed :-

"Declaration of the undersigned Priests, Deacons, People, of the Church of England.

"We, the undersigned priests, deacons, people, of the Church of England, are persuaded, and do hereby declare, that proceedings at law in respect of the manner of worship of God, in Cathedrals, Churches, and Chapels, of the Church of England, have not only no tendency to promote unity, or to permit peace, but are, under every aspect, actively and increasingly injurious to both alike. And we make this declaration irrespectively of, and apart from, any conclusions or judgments generally, or particular, to which we may have come touching any one or more of the matters in dispute."

THE laborious task of constructing the new north porch of Manchester Cathedral is, we hear, rapidly progressing. The contractor has underiaken to have it completed by the end of

THE Liverpool Courier in a late issue, says :-Many absurdities are finding their way into print in respect to the prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln. In point of fact satisfaction is felt in ecclesiastical circles at the Privy Council having decided that the Archbishop of Canterbury has jurisdiction over his com-provincials. Otherwise, another Colenso, for example, securely placed in an English Sec. could snap his fingers not only at the law, but at every orthodox article of faith. Even the Bishop of Lincoln himself understood the gravity and importance of the issue involved in the preliminary stages of the case. If in the exercise of his discretion the Primate determines to hear the case with lay and episcopal assessors, it is known that Bishop King will fling aside the traditions of his party and enter an appearance—possibly to plead his case in person—against the advice of the Council of the Church Union.

THE Courier gives "the whole truth" about the famous Barry resolution proposed at the Lambeth Conference.

The Bishop of Sydney's motion set forth in simple terms a recognition of the ministerial character of "those ordained in non-episcopal these malicious falsehoods, and nobody should communions, through whom, as ministers, it withhold pity from the miserable inventor of has pleased God visibly to work for the salvation of souls and the advancement of His kingdom." This was proposed in full Conference. Besides this, however, there was a paragraph in the original report of the committee on "Home Reunion," of which Bishop Barry was chairman, to the same effect. Will it be credited that, before allowing the report to be printed, the Conference ordered this paragraph to be expunged as "unsound and disloyal" to the Church? The Bishop of Sydney then AROHDEACON DENISON is again to the fore.

The Guardian prints a letter in which he calls the High Church party to arms in defence of Bishop of Lincoln. He wishes, in the first quently a travesty of the original, giving in Springer Green Committee

the baldest terms a "Basis of Reunion" without any correlative expression of sympathy or desire for reunion.

Only nine Bishops, we understand, voted for Barry's resolution—including the Bishop Bishops of St. Andrews, Ruperts Land, Nelson, and Adelaide.

THE Bishop of Brisbane (Dr. Thornhill Webber), says that he requires to take out immediately, to his Australasian diocese, no fewer than twenty-two clergymen—men of a capacity for "building up." He has been preaching in various parts on behalf of the fund for the subdivision of his See.

BISHOP STUBBS will not come into residencat Oxford until October. The deed of resignation was signed by Bishop Mackarness on Saturday, 11th inst.

THERE is a decided improvement in the condition of the Bishop of St. Albans.

EVERY-DAY CHURCH-GOING.

to keep the doors of their churches open all day. Not for the convenience of visitors merely-the passing stranger within the gates who lounges, hat in hand, through the aisles, glancing at the monuments, the decorations, or the architectural features of the building. Many of these churches have little or nothing to look at in the way of monuments or decorations. The doors are kept open for worshippers, using the word in its truest, deepest sense. "This church is open for rest, meditation, and prayer," is the notice we see daily outside the Church of very amusements think of this. St. Bride's, Fleet street, famous in the annals of the Church Missionary Society. Can any higher use be suggested for the sacred edifice? And, day by day, hour by hour, some weary wanderer, struggling through life's tearful pilgrimage, will drop into Wren's beautiful church, where, awed by the silence, touched perhaps with the religious associations, restfulness gives way to meditation, meditation to prayer, prayer to a renewed and revivified spiritual life. "My house is the house of prayer," and prayer is a daily duty, but we have relegated it to a few stated hours a week, as if the human heart could be wound up, like a clock, to strike with regularity at stated mo-It seems so obvious, the advantage of this plan of opening churches all day, that it comes upon us almost as a shock of surprise to hear the question discussed as a new one. letters of Lord Carnarvon and the Archbishop of Canterbury, have brought home to us the fact that, notwithstanding the many practical difficulties which stand in the way, it is easy, it is right, it is only natural, it is imperatively a necessity of our highly-strung times, that provision should be made for individual spiritual needs by opening our churches daily for private prayer. We are constantly proclaiming that the Church is the spiritual home of the English people. What would we think of a home which closed its doors on us six days out of the seven? If, as we are also fond of asserting, a pious man can say his prayers at home as well and as piously as in church, where is the reason for shutting the door of his spiritual home against him? Let it not be said that we underrate the practical difficulties. Like other difficulties, however, they are disposed to vanish in thin air when grappled with by practical courage. Scores of churches—literally scores—in the East and South of London are daily open to the poor. Some of these do not even possess a caretaker. Yet we have sinful." "Let every man, therefore, be fully hear abordened as a filling case has the plan persuaded in his own mind." been abandoned as a failure; on the contrary,

everywhere the practice is being emulated with great spiritual advantage to the districts adopt ing it. Prayer-books, books of devotion (of which the name is legion), or leaflets may be left in the seats or pews. Now and again, perhaps, one or two may be taken away, but we think the Bible Society or the Religious Tract Society might recoup the losers—or at worst, they might set up a small insurance office against such losses. Seriously, the movement is practicable, and we trust that the Archbishop's encouragement will have a wide effect in flinging open wide the Church's gate, wherein all are equal. -Family Churchman.

THESE RULES

Are for all in whatever condition of life, whose "hearts' desire and prayer to God" is to live as becometh their calling, as Christians (called to be Saints, [or Christians], see 1 Cor. i. 2).

- 1. Never forget, that, in and by means of Holy Baptism, you were made "a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the For many years, we are thankful to say, it Kingdom of Heaven," in other words, a Christhas been the custom of numbers of clergymen ian; and therefore, by God's help you should strive to live as a Christian ought to live.
 - 2. Never neglect daily private prayer; and in all prayer, whether public or private, never forget that your thoughts must go along with your words. For "words without thoughts never to Heaven go."
 - 3. Attend diligently to the duties of your lawful calling, folfilling these duties not with eyc-service, as men pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God, knowing that His all-seeing eye is over you at all times; even in your
 - 4. Never omit at stated times the reading of a part of God's Holy Word. Do this in an humble and lowly frame of mind, with prayer for the Holy Spirit's teaching, knowing that in that Word are "some things hard to be understood."
 - 5. Never dare to put any meaning on what you thus read, contrary to those great and essential truths which are contained in the Creeds of the Church; and whatever of God's Word you so read, be determined by the help of His Holy Spirit to put in practice; in truth, strive to be, not a forgetful reader, but a "doer of the Word."
 - N. B. -If any passage of Holy Scripture appear to you to be contrary to any statement in the Creeds, you may be sure that you have misunderstood either the passage itself or the statement of the Creed.
 - 6. If not already confirmed, take the first opportunity of offering yourself to the Bishop as a Candidate for Confirmation. Always do what you know to be right; for "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him
 - 7. Never forget, that your body "having been made the temple of the Holy Ghost" you are bound to "keep it in temperance, soberness and chastity."

8. Never do anything you know to be wrong. When tempted to sin, say, "O heavenly Father. help me, by Thy Holy Spirit, to overcome this tem ptation, through Jesus Christ."

9. Never do anything, unless you are certain that it is quite right to do it. Remember that "whatever is not of faith is sin."

In every question of conduct therefore, where one side is doubtful and the other safe, we are bound to take the safe side. The action about which we doubt (whatever it be in itself or in another), would in us, while this doubt remains upon our minds, be "certainly

10. Whenever in doubt as to the lawfulness of Compiler.

any particular action, pray to God to direct you in the right way, using the Collect, "Prevent us, O Lord, &c." If you are doing God's will, as far as you know it already, you have every reason to believe that He will enlighten you. See S John, vii. 17. It is also very advisable, in such cases, to consult a spiritual guide, whether your own or any other clergymam. See rule 16. Never halt between two opinions; between God and Baal; be-tween what is right and what is wrong. Cleave to the one that is right. Live in the religion in which you mean to die. Forgive, even as you hope to be forgiven.

11. To " live in unity and godly love," is the duty of every Christian. Do this, yea, do more than this, pray and labour for that outward visible unity which our Lord Jesus Christ so earnestly desired when His prayer to His Father was, "That they all may be one; as Thou Father art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

12. Nover neglect the due and proper observance of the Lord's Day. On this day especially make the duties of religion the great aim and object of your care and attention.

13. When engaged in the worship of God, in His "House of Prayer," remember in Whose more immediate Presence you are, and act in a manner becoming that Holy Presence.

N. B. -If it be the duty of the subject when in the presence of an earthly sovereign, to acknowledge his rank with becoming solemnity; is it not much more the duty of the Christian when in the Presence-Chamber of the Sovereign of the Universe, with great awe and reverence, to "worship and fall down and Kneel before the Lord" God Almighty?

14. As by the Sacrament of Baptism "you have put on Christ," and thus have been brought nigh unto Him by the Blood of His Crose; so by means of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, seek to be a faithful partaker of His most blessed Body and Blood. Christ Himself has said, "Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you." Do this not once and again only, but whenever opportunity may offer.

15. At all times cultivate a spirit of devout reverence for God, His Word, and Sacraments, His Ministers, His Day, His House, &c.

16 Whenever in doubt as to the welfare of your soul, seek the guidance of the Clergyman of your Parish. It is a part of his office to help you. He will gladly try to do so.

17. Keep constantly in your mind your Lord and Master's Golden Rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the Prophets."

18. Acording to your means, give to the Lord of what He has lent you, remembering that we are owners of nothing; but stewards only —God's stewards; and therefore should give alms of what we have; for "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and look, what he layeth out it shall be paid him again."

19. Lastly, in all your actions both towards God and towards man, let the thought of Christ's love to you be the prevailing motive. Thus, in your measure, you will be enabled, truly to glorify God, and to do good to man.

N. B. —After carefully reading over any one of all of the above Rules, say, with real honesty

"O God my heavenly Father, forgive me all my sins of omission and commission, and grant to me the direction and assistance of the Holy Spirit, that in all things I may strive ever to do Thy will and seek Thy Glory, through my only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

That the Lord may bless and prosper all who strive to make a good use of these Rules, is the sincere prayer of their faithful servant, -THE

PRIVATE PRAYER.

BY THE REV. CANON WESTCOTT, D.D.

Private prayer and meditation seem to me at present to be in special danger of being overlooked or misunderstood, and yet to be at the same time of paramount importance. There is among us, even in sacred things, a restlessness of much serving, a distraction of external excitements, of publicity, of display, which threaten to overwhelm the more silent and hidden duties of religion. We live too much, so to say, in the busy thoroughfares, and private prayer and meditation take us back to the lonely sanctuary of the soul. Both meet effectively the tyranny of sense and outward things which is perilous to spiritual freedom; both emphasize and hallow the obligations to our personal responsibility; both prepare us to receive more and more of the fulness of Christ, and to embody in action the teaching which His Spirit has revealed to us.

What is the nature of private prayer? "All things whatsoever we pray and ask for, believe"-not that ye receive them, but "that ye have received them," or, still more closely, "that ye receive them," "and ye shall have them" (Mark xi. 24). The answer to the prayer is thus declared to be coincident with the prayer itself. The petition is granted at the very moment when it is framed; the blessing for which we look does not follow at some distant time through any outward events, but is given at once, when, with absolute, childlike trust, we lay the thoughts of our hearts open before our Father. Prayer, in a word, is the conscious and glad acceptance of God's will for us when we have first endeavoured to estimate our own wants.

It is evident that private prayer is the exercise of the noblest and most awful privilege of men, the communing of the single soul with Him in Whom all men live and move and have their being. It is not a blind cry of terror raised in a moment of agony by a panic-stricken sufferer to some power which others have held able to save; it is not the mechanical repetition of forms of words which act as a charm and command spiritual ministries; it is converse with God under conditions of the most impressive solemnity; it demands the most serious reality of thought and expression; it cannot be framed in borrowed phrases; it must give utterance to our whole experience; it must be to its last detail our own, and not another's.

Our own advances cannot be independent of the advance of those about us. Every petition which we make for ourselves will include all with whom we are bound by ties of duty or companionship—our families, our friends, our households, our fellow-workmen—and a chance meeting will become the occasion of new connection before the Divine throne. The crowded streets will become a revelation which we shall seek to carry with us before God. The daily journals will not only stir and satisfy an idle curiosity, but they will furnish the means by which we can enter, through the silent energy of our souls, into council chambers and into prisons. If our private prayers are to be real they must be the natural interpretation of a vision of the world in God.

It is by prayer that we know that in the darkest hours we are not solitary or unfriended; that we know God as the living God, whose activity is not exhausted by the phenomena of the physical world. Prayer is the very breath of the religion which transforms us, so that we go on from strength to strength. If we were made to gain the Divine likeness, that end can only be reached through Divine communion. could not have attained it by ourselves alone, even if we had not fallen. Every advance of in securing them?

man is made by contact with that which is higher than himself. Human affection cannot endure in solitude, and is it credible that the love of God can survive, still less grow, without intercourse? We dissemble our faith in the unseen, and forthwith we fall under the thraldom of a material tyranny; we acknowledge it and the fountains of great deeps are opened, and we are strengthened by a response which we had not dared to hope for.

Prayer helps us to live in the world as in a holy temple of God. It is a consecration fresh every morning with the grace of new resolves, fresh every evening with the chastened strains of sober thanksgiving. Prayer keeps vigorous within us our highest feelings and noblest endeavors; it sustains our ideal and arrays it in a fresh beauty. Every time when we truly pray, we touch heaven and draw new strength from its infinite treasuries. He who has learned to commune with God becomes able to see Him everywhere. Prayer places us with all our surroundings in the light of the eternal. It calms little jealousies; it subdues human pas-When we pray for another we fix our sions. attention on his capacity to serve God truly, and set forward the cause to which our lives are given. We cannot then think of him without hope; still less can we disparage or injure We must each appear before God as if we were alone. We speak to Him and He speaks to us, and in that intercourse is the utterance of our personal immortality. God is not the God of the dead but of the living. Prayer brings us the fulness of peace and joy. If we perceive during the varied discipline of life that there is a will of God which fashions the world; if we recognize the broad lines of its slow fulfilment; if we accept it with humblest faith as our own, will, then we shall feel peace through the strange and perplexing turmoils of our present conflict, and we shall feel joy in the confidence that nothing which is offered to God can be lost. Prayer is the frank and bold confession of our aim and of our motive under the most solemn circumstances. It brings vividly before us and it harmonizes the two worlds to which we belong—the physical, with its unchanging and beneficial sterness, the spiritual world, with its immeasureable potencies of free activity, We, at once creatures of time and heirs of eternity, come before God as those who are made capable of such approach, and who seek to use the prerogative of our nature. We, with our imperfect estimate of righteousness, limited by outward tests, with our narrow wisdom fashioned of fragmentary experiences, with our wayward love swayed to and fro by gusts of feeling, cast ourselves upon Him Who is infinite righteousness, and wisdom, and love. His discipline is that to which we desire to conform ourselves; His counsel is that which we, in our hearts, strive to serve, His compassion is that which we, in our truest moments, seek to reflect. So we lay all our weaknesses, all our thoughts, all our aspirations before Him, and in that very act we know that our prayer is heard and answered, and we can go back to our work to realize alike in failure and in success the certainty of His message: "All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye have received them, and ye shall receive them." -Family Churchman.

WE WANT a Correspondent and Agent in such an one.

A well known Nova Scotia Rector writes: "I find the CHURCH GUARDIAN a help, comfort, and encouragement—so many valuable articles appear from time to time. I always look for ward to its arrival as a friend."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.-A most successful Garden party was held here last week in the beautiful grounds of Mount Rundell, the historic residence of all the managers of the "Old Albin" for 60 years back. In the evening the grounds were lit up with Chinese lanterns, and the Stellarton band played charmingly under the ver-andah of the house. The proceeds were to go to the repair and improvement of the nave of Christ Church.

The congregation are much indebted to the manager of the Acadia Co. (limited), for the use of the (alas!) unoccupied premises, which are so admirably adapted for entertaining a large number of people.

KING'S COLLEGE. - We are glad to learn that the Governors of King's College have appointed Dr. Willets to the position of acting President. Dr. Willets has earned the good will of all during his long residence in Windsor. His qualifications for the post are undoubted, and his appointment has called forth the hearty endorsation of the provincial press and the public. Dr. H. P. Jones, whose success at Heidelber g is still fresh in our minds, has been engaged to fill the Chair of Modern Language and will, doubtless, conduct that department with skill and acceptance. He was very popular whilst a student at King's College, and, having received his training on the spot, will have a good idea of just what the College requires. These appointments will do much to allay the distrust which seems to have seized upon cortain minds who ought to be staunch supporters of the College. We understand that the Governors intend to offer special inducements to intending students, and will do all that lies in their power to fill the College halls. The Calendar will be published in a few days and then the nature of these special exhibitions or scholarships will be made known. Dr. Miller in the Collegiate Schools also begins work under good auspices and with every prospect of entire success. He has a splendid foundation, with great prestige, a first rate assistant in Mr. F. J. Richardson, and all the adjuncts of a prosperous school.—Hants Journal.

EARLY ENGLISH MISSIONS IN NEW BAUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

(By Rev. A. W. Eaton in Windsor Tirbune).

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts originating in England "in the pious efforts of Dr. Bray, received its charter from King William the third in 1701. To its unwearing zeal and activity are due the early missionary efforts made by the church of England in these provinces. Founding one of its earliest missions in St. John's Newfoundland, in 1703, is gradually extended its opera-tions throughout the lower provinces until in 1749 it sent out two missionaries with the first settlers to Halifax, the Rev. Wm. Tutty, of Emanuel college, Cambridge, end the Rev. Mr. The first English church built in the Anwell. province was St. Paul's, Halifax, in which the first sermon was preached, 2 nd Sept. 1750.

In 1762 the Rev. Thomas Wood visited "the every Deanery, and in the large cities. It is interior parts of Nova Scotia." He was the suggested to us that the Clergy should choose first missionary of the church of England who had done so, unless possibly the Rev. Dr. Bronyton may have made an occasional visit, and he went twice to East and West Falmouth, Cornwallis, Horton, Granville and Annapolis, receiving a kindly welcome at each place. He became a favorite not only with the English set-He betlers but with the French and Indians, but he was appointed permanently to the mission at Annapolis and Granville, and the Rev. Joseph Bennett was the first missionary regularly appointed to the townships of Horton, Cornwallis,

Falmouth and Newport. He took up his residence at Fort Edward, (Windsor) in January 1763 and at once began his arduous labors in his widely extended parish. At that time 'he population of the four townships did not ex ceed 1717 persons, and in 1772 Mr Bennett reported that the Church had 12 communicants at Cornwallis, 20 at Windsor, 9 at Newport, and 7 at Falmouth.

In 1763 a subscription was opened among the people at Horton for a church building, but in 1776 John Burbidge and Wiliam Best, Esquires, both of whom had formerly lived in Halifax, but before this time had removed to Cornwallis, at their own expense built a small church at Fox Hill, near Star's Point, "for the more decent and convenient performances of devine service." At this place there is an old-burying ground, containing several tombstones of interest, among them those erected to the memories of the donors of the church. But the Rev. Mr. Bennett and his successor, the Rev. Wm. Ellis, "by reason of the distance and badness of the roads," could not visit Cornwallis more than five or six times a year, "which, says the old church record, "seems to have been the cause of remissness on the congregation not to provide a residence for the parson and put the church and utensits in order and under the necessary regulations." A chapel had been built in Windsor in 1771, and a handholis in 1775. The parson and put the church and utensils in ord-Rev. Mr. Bennett was succeeded in his mission in 1775.6 by the Rev. W. Ellis, but in 1779 the Cornwallis people petitioned for a resident clergyman, and the Rev. Jacob Bailey was sent from Halifax to be their minister. He removed, however, soon to Annapolis, and in the autumn 1782 the Rev. John Wiswell, A. M. was appointed missionary at Cornwallis, Horton and Wilmot, and took up his residence.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

-Roy. Dr. Byles mentioned in the article from Fredericton, was not named Matthew but Mather.

PERSONAL.—The Metropolitan of Canada, with his three sons, Rev. J. B. Medley, Vicar of Lullington; Rev. Canon Medley, of Sussex, and Rev. E. Medley, of Norwich Cathedral, conducted Divine service at Lullington parish, on a recent Sunday. They held morning and evening service at Lullington Church, and in ahs afternoon at Orchardleigh Church. The father and three sons participated in the administration of the communion. Conon Medley preached in the afternoon and the Metropolitan in the evening. There were large congregations at all the services .- St. John Globe.

STANDING SUGGESTIONS AND DIREC-TIONS

IN REFERENCE TO THE CHOIR,

(Unanimously sanctioned and adopted at a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Portland.)

A writer having read the excerpt fron The Church Guardian, of Omaha, on the duty of the Clergy as to the choice of Hymns, kindly sends us the following rules, which has proved beneficial in the parish referred to, and which others doubtless will be glad also to use :-

By the Ecclesiastical law of the Church of England (3 Phillmore, 90), the Incumbent or officiating minister has the full control of the organ, the organist and the choir during the services; he alone is to direct when the organ (if any) shall and shall not play; he is to give orders concerning the tunes to be sung at any time in church; and to suppress all light and unseemly music, and all indecency and irreverence in the performance.

ecolesiastical law, the head of the choir, to be its director and leader, and to institute at any time needed reforms, and in any way, consistent with the rubrics of the church and with established musical usages thereof, to remodel the musical service.

We recognize the value of the musical portion of the service, and the need of beautifying the service by the advancement of musical

ability.

In 1 Chron., chap. 25, it is stated that in connection with the service of the House of God there were "two hundred four score and eight (288) that were instructed in the songs of the Lord with cymbals, psalteries, and harps." We believe that the musical service of a church of the size of St. Luke's (not much smaller than Solomon's Temple, which was 150 ft. long and 105 wide) cannot properly be conducted by a choir of from six to ten voices—that a comparatively few number of voices cannot give sufficient volume nor any adequate musical interpretation to the Church of England—Episcopal-form of service.

We trust that many in our parish, to the number of thirty or forty at least, who have naturally good voices, capable of being trained, will cheerfully volunteer their services to the Rector, that our choir, in point of numbers and efficiency may be adequate to the size of the building, and to the power and compass of the

organ.

We believe that as far as possible or practicable, the music of the Church should be largely congregational—the music of the whole body of the people. When this custom prevails the worshippers have no opportunity to love the art for its own sake, to admire or to criticize the performance of the choir as a mere exhibition.

To accomplish the best results the melodies of the Church should be simple, to bespeak those feelings of devotion which are among the simplest of the human heart; its harmonies should be broad and grand, to embrace the whole soul and bear it strongly up; its voluntaries fitted to the character of the occasion emphatically suggestive of the Church season, and studiously in harmony with the spirit of the sermon.

We believe that the "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. v. 19) represent a true expression of the religious emotion of a worshipping people, and that in the rendition of the service this emotion should be possessed, cultivated and reverentially shown by choir members, to whom the service should signify much (not little) in a religious sense.

We suggest:-

1. The sparing introduction of new tunes and chants.

2. A new hymn tune or chant to be repeated at short intervals until learned by the congregation.

3. A congregational practice at the close of

the regular week day service.

4. A good working collection of plain chants in which the congregation might be able to join—the least valuable chants being dropped out from [time to time as better ones should be found.

5. The chanting vigorous, prompt and more like true recitative.

6. The anthem being largely a means of keeping up the weekly practices, we suggest that one new anthem (preferably short and easy) be introduced at the evening service, say once a month.

7. A sufficient number of voluntary substitutes, who would be able and willing to serve at short notice-an arrangement by which occasional fluctuations of attendance would be less seriously felt.

8. The choir-members being assistants to the minister in the leading of worship, and prominently placed, where absenteeism and tardy werence in the performance.

| arrival are readily observed, we urge to punc-needs," which was followed by a discussion in two deem it fitting for the Rector, being, in tual and systematic attendance, and would es-which both Clergy and laity took part, and rearrival are readily observed, we urge to punc-

pecially deprecate the habit of taking a choirseat after the service shall have commenced; recommending, rather, the late comer to take a seat in the congregation.

9. We feel that it is but reasonable that the congregaion should generously supply the organist and choir-members (by means of special offertory or otherwise) with all necessary and solicited music.

Church music is devotion. The choir are not merely singers-they are worshippers. As we employ our lips in showing forth Jehovah's praise, let choir and congregation alike banish all noisy thoughts of self-glorification, all subtle whisperings of pride, all petty murmurings of criticism. "That we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

GASPE DEANERY.—The Mission of Port Daniel, in the county of Bonaventure, in the District of Gaspe, was the scene of an interesting service and a meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the district to receive the first Archidiacanal charge delivered by the Venerable Archdeacon Roe The district of Gaspe is situated about 450 miles from Quebec; and the isolated position of this portion of the diocese; the distances between mission and mission, and the difficulties and uncertainties of travel, have cut it off from the benefit of Diocesan Synod, and Visitations of the Clergy, and even from the benefit of Deanery meetings.

As a compensation in part for these disadvantages the Venerable Archdeacon Roe called upon Clergy and Church wardens of the Deaner y to meet him for mutual conference and united action on matters of interest to the welfare of

the Church especially in this district.

The following clergymen having arrived at Port Daniel for the most part by the S. S. "Admiral," the Revs Rural Dean Lyster, Cape Cove; I. P. Richmond, Gaspe Basin; T. Blaylock, New Carlisle; and G. R. Waters, Point lock, New Carlisle; and G. R. Waters, Point St. Peter, they proceeded immediately to St. James' Church, Port Daniel, where they were met by the Churchwardens of Port Daniel, Chigouac, and L'Anse au Gascon, and the Sunday-school Teachers of the Parish, and a large number of the parishioners. Morning prayer having been said and the clergy and laity having been partakers of the Holy Communion, the Archdeacon opened the Conference at the Council Hall of the municipality close by. The Archdeacon delivered his charge. Having read a copy of the Instrument appointing the Archdeacon and setting forth his duties, he proceeded to remind those present that the office had been vacant for many years; that the last Archdeacon of Quebec was the saintly George I. Mountain, late Bishop of Quebec, who in the lifetime of his father and of his predecessor, Bishop Stuart, had taken a pronounced part in the administrations of the diocese [the Register of the mission of Gaspe contains a note that G. I. Mountain, D.D., Archdeacon of Quebec, in his regular circuit of the Diocese, had visited Gaspe in 1824 and 1826, and caused certain Baptisms and Marriages to be entered in the Register for scattered congregations kept at Quebec, he not having access to any properly prepared Registers on the spot]. Arch-descon Roe alluded to the report of the Lambeth Conference on the subjects of Temperance and Purity, and expressed the hope that the present Conference would appoint a Committee to consider these subjects in reference to the Rural Deanery of Gaspe. At a subsequent session of the Conference the following Committee was named: the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, Rural Dean Lyster, and Rev. I. P. Richmond, with power to add to their number.

After the Archdeacon's charge, the Rev. G. Lyster, Rural Dean, read an admirrble paper on "Sunday schools, their condition and sulted in the following resolution being carried

unanimously.
Proposed by the Rural Dean, seconded by Rev. I. P. Richmond, and resolved, "That this meeting feeling deeply the need of a system of Graded Sunnay-school Manuals such as may be placed in the hands of Teachers and Children of the Church with confidence, requests His Lordship the Bishop to take such steps as may be expedient to provide such graded series."

At the afternoon session the Rev. J. P. Richmond read a paper on the organization and development of Lay help in the spiritual work of the Church, which after discussion resulted in

the following resolutions:

Proposed by Rev. J. P. Richmond, seconded by the Rev. G. R. Walters and resolved,

1. That an Association be formed of Lay Helpers of this district, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop, and of which the Bishop shall be President, under the name of the Association of Lay Helpers of the District of Gaspe.

2. All Laymen within the district, being communicants, or desirous of giving a definite portion of their time under such sanction to the spiritual work of the Church shall be invited to

join the Association.

3. A branch of the Association may be established in any parish or mission of this district at the invitation and with the sanction of the Priest of such parish or mission.

4. The following officers shall be appointed provisionally at this meeting, the Lord Bishop being ex-officio President; a committee of management of twelve persons, three of whom shall form a quorum, who shall elect a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer.

5. Meetings of the Association shall be held from time to time as may be arranged by the Committee of management, for prayer, receiving the Holy Communion together, and confer-

ring upon Church work.

The meetings for the Bay of Chaleur end of the District to be held at Paspebiac; those for the County of Gaspe at Gaspe Basin. Such committee to consist of the following persons: [one being named out of each congregation in

the district].

Moved by Rev. J. P. Richmond, seconded by Rev. T. Blaylock, and resolved, That an endeavor be made to hold two meetings annually in this district of Clergy and representative Laymen similar to that held here to day. The one for the Gaspe half of the district; the other for the Baie de Chaleur end of the district. That the one meeting should be held in the month of February; the other in July. That the Rural Dean be requested to give effect to the organization provided in Canon XII. for a Deanery Board, by calling a meeting of the same at

Gaspe in the menth of February yearly.

And that the Archdeacom be requested, if practicable, to hold a conference at Paspebiac in the first week in July next for the Baie de Chalcur end of the district, and that each Deanery Board and Conference meeting last each for one day, and that the Clergy and laity present pledge themselves to do their best to make

such meetings successful.

This ended the first day's session. It was followed in the evening by a pleasant and suc-cessful Missionary meeting at St. James' Church which was addiessed by the clergy present.

The following day after Morning Prayer at St. James' Church, the Conference was called to order by the Archdeacon. The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed, and the Rev. T. Blaylock read a very good and practical paper on "How best to create and develope a practical interest in the Missionary Work of the Church." the Church." A lively discussion followed in which several of the laity took part, and it was agreed that Missionary meetings should follow the meetings of Deanery Board and Conferences above mentioned.

The Rev. G. R. Walters then read a paper on Home Missions for awakening and deepening H. W. Nye, M.A., Rural Dean, and also preach the spiritual life and how to obtain them in ed on the subject of "Spiritual Husbandry."

this district. The Missions held by the former Missioner of the Diocese and by Canon Wilberforce in Quebec, and the Mission held in New York were alluded to, and the absence at all of these of an undue excitement and fanaticism was commented upon, and a resolution was passed conveying to the Bishop the hope of the Conference that the Mission Canon provided for in Canon XXIII on the Capitular Body of the Cathedral might soon be appointed. The Conference was then closed.

During the Conference the Clergy and laity were invited by the Archdeacon to take their meals together at the Temperance Hall (lent for the occasion), and the Clergy were hospitably entertained by the leading laymen of Port Daniel. After a second Missionary meeting held at the Church at Chigouac in the evening the members of the Conference separated cheer ed and encouraged by the services and the in terchange of feelings on the important matters discussed, and feeling that if they are able D.V. to carry out the resolutions of the Conferencee much good will result to the district from their deliberations. It was felt by all that Archdoacen Roe had been eminently successful in organizing and carrying out the Conference and inaugurating, it is to be hoped, a new era in the history of the Church on the Gaspe coast.

COMPTON.-There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service in St. James' Church, on Friday evening, September 21st, at half-past seven. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Allnatt.

PERSONAL.—As already announced the Lord Bishop of Quebec sailed from Liverpool on Thursday last with the Lord Bishop of Niagara and is expected here Saturday next. many friends of His Lordship and of Mrs. Williams will regret to learn that the English doctors who have been consulted confirm a diagnosis made in Quebec before Mrs. Williams departure for Europe to the effect that her right lung is affected. They have forbidden her to winter in either England or Canada. The Bishop will therefore remain her about a month only, taking pressing ordination and confirma-tion services, and will then return to Europe to take Mrs. Williams to the South of France, where she will spend the winter. Universal sympathy is expressed here for both His Lord-ship and Mrs. Williams.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DEANERY OF BEDFORD .- The following scheme of Missionary meetings has been approved by the Bishop :-

Bedford, Monday, October 8; Mystic, Tuesday, Oct. 9; Stanbridge East, Wednesday, Oct. 10; Philipsburgh, Thursday. Oct. 11; Pigeon Hill, Friday, Oct. 12. Deputation, Canon

Hill, Friday, Oct. 12. Deputation, Canon Davidson, and Rev. G. Forsey.
Rougemont, Monday, Oct. 15; Farnham, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Abbottsford, Wednesday, Oct. 17; Upton, Thursday, Oct. 18; St. Hyacinthe, Friday, Oct. 19. Deputation, Rural Dean Nye, Canon Mussen, and Rev. C. Trot

Frelighsburgh, Monday, Oct. 15; Dunham, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Cowansville, Wednesday, Oct. 17; Sweetsburgh, Thursday, Oct. 18. Deputation, Revs. F. Allen and L. V. Lariviere.

The Meetings at Clarenceville and St. Thomas are to be arranged by the Rector.

ST. ABMAND WEST .- A "Feast of first-fruits" was held in this parish on Thursday, August 30th. The proceedings appropriately commenced with a Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church, Philipsburgh, which tasteful and loving hands had beautifully decorated with fruits and flowers making the old and by no means, attractive edifice, for once, a lovely house of prayer. The Rector was assisted by the Rev.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation and many others repaired to the beautiful park of W. F. Kay, Esq., on the Lake shore, and indulged for a few hours in the delights of a "basket picnic." A novel feature of the pro-A novel feature of the proceedings was that no tickets were sold, but all were invited to place their free will offerings on God's altar, to form the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a new Church, which is much needed; we are glad to know that the response was liberal.

EARDLEY .- St. Luke's Church, Upper Eardley, was assisted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, on Sunday, the 26th August. There were large congregations both morning and evening; two candidates were presented for Confirmation at the morning service. evening service partook of the nature of a Missionary meeting, addresses being given by the Bishop, the Rev. A B Given, and the Rev. G. A. Smith, the recent pastor of the parish, whose departure from the parish is greatly re-

gretted.

The following day was one to be remembered in the history of the parish. Miss Marcella Smith, sister of the Rov. G. A. Smith, and Mr. Frank Wood, of Toronto, were united by the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place in St. Augustine's Church, Lower Eardley. The wedding was one such as only Eardley can provide, so far as is known to the writer; the people recognized that one very near and dear to them was to be married, they therefore asked and obtained permission to provide the wedding dinner. It was spread beneath the magnificent trees which surround the Church, and not less than 200 guests sat down to it. The Church was beautifully decorated with festoons, flowers and evergreens. Dinner over, the happy couple were sent off upon their wedding trip, followed by the best wishes of all present.

Soon after the good Bishop started on his trip over King's Mountain to Chelsea, and evening found a gathering, long looked forward to, dispersed. Will they ever all meet

again?

LACHINE.-A stained glass window for St. Stephen's Church has been ordered from Mossrs. J. C. Spence & Sons, of Montreal, as a memorial of Mrs. Howard Allbut. The window is the gift of her husband, H. Allbut, Esq., of the G. T. R. It is expected that the window will be in position on All Saints'.

LEELIE -St. James'. - On the morning of the Consecration, August 22nd, His Lordship accompanied by Revs. Bourne (Incumbent), Mills and others, started from the parsonage at West Thorne at 7.30 am., and after a delightful drive of 8 miles, we arrived at the new Church shortly after 9 o'clock. The church people of Leslie are deeply indebted to Mr. Jones who gave them the magnificent sum of twelve hundred dollars to build their Church together with the furniture which is simply beautiful, When all necessary arrangements were made, the clergy present, (the Rev. A. A. Allen, of Portage, having joined us at Leslie) together with Messrs. Coffin (student), Seaman and Parker, (Churchwardens) met His Lordship at the entrance, and Mr. Parker having read the petition for Consecration, and it having been accepted, the service of consecration was begun.

Dr. Lyon read the sentence of consocration. Twelve young persons received the Apostolic rite of confirmation and partook of their first communion; there were in addition to these 37 other communicants.

His Lordship having preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on Is. lx. 13, and having pronounced the benediction this solemn service was brought to a close, and another church was consecrated to the service of Al-

mighty God, wherein the sheep and lambs of Christ's flock might receive all the ministrations of the Church and he instructed by faithful and true Pastors in the faith once for all delivered to the saints. After the services the Clergy and congregation partook of the dinner which had been prepared by the ladies of the congregation.

The following additional appointments are announced by the Lord Bishop of the Dio-

Sept. 13th, Thursday, Como, churchwardens. Sept. 14th, Friday, St. Andrews, the Rev. R. O. Sullivan.

Sept. 15th, Saturday, Lachute, the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders.

Sept. 15th, Saturday, Lakefield, the Rev. R.

Sept. 16th, Sunday, Mille Isles, Mr. Taylor,

Sept. 17th, Monday, Morin, Mr. Taylor, cate-

Sept. 18th, Tuesday, Grenville, &c., churchwardens.

The Bishop's address during this Visitation will be as follows:

From Sept. 7th to Sept. 9th, care of church wardens, Buckingham, Q.

From Sept. 9th to Sept, 15th, care of Rural Dean Sanders, Lachute, Q.

From Sept. 15th to Sept. 18th, 42 Union ave nue, Montreal.

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.

Sept. 22nd, Sabrevois, Rev. J. Roy. Sept. 23rd, Lacolle, Rev. J. Roy.
Sept. 23rd, Lacolle, Rev. J. G. Garrett.
Sept. 24th, Hallerton, Mr. Wood, student.
Sept. 25th, Hammingford, Mr. Wood, student
Sept. 25th, Edwardstown, Rev. E. G. Sutton.
Sept. 25th, Havelock, Rev. N. P. Yates.
Sept. 26th, Franklin, Rev. N. P. Yates.
Sept. 26th, Hinghiphysok, Rev. N. P. Vates. Sept. 26th, Hinchinbrook, Rev. N. P. Yates. Sept. 27th, Huntingdon, Rev. H. Gomery. Sept. 27th, Ormstown, Rev. A. D. Lookhart. Sept. 28th, Lacadie, Rev. P. B. Lewis, Christieville.

Sept. 28th, Chambly, Rev. E. McManus.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

THOROLD.—The Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rector of Thorold, has been spending his vacation visiting some of the Missions in the Canadian Northwest. Writing to a friend under date of August 28th, from Grenfell, Assiniboia, hesays: "On the 26th I was at Cotham, 25 miles northeast of this place. Service was held in a private house; about twenty very earnest worshippers were present, principally men. I have now been to six different stations belonging to this mission, and am to visit a new one on the 2nd prox. I hope to go to Touchwood Hills to see our Church at work among the Indians. Here the Presbyterians and Roman Catholics have divided the work between them.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WIINDSOR .- The church people of this most westerly town in the Diocese are possessed of same enterprise which seems to mark the actions of churchmen throughout the Diocese. All Saints' is one of the finest and most ecclesiastical edifices in Western Ontario A beautiful school house attached to the vestry makes it very convenient. And now to complete the church property, the vestry have decided to erect a brick residence on the church grounds, for the Rector. This will be in keeping with the church and school house. When completed there will be few such church properties in the diocese. The Rev. Canon Hincks is to be congratulated on the efficient state of this parish, and the people for their enterprise.

London.—His Lordship Bishop Baldwin does P. O. Box 504, Montreal.

not expect to return home until about the end of next month. Owing to the state of Mrs. Bald-win's health she has been ordered to certain

wine neath ane has been ordered to certain mineral springs in Germany.

The Executive Committee of the Synod is called to meet in the Chapter House on Wednesday, September 26th; at 2.30 p.m. Those attending the committee will be able to take adventage of the chapter resilvent. advantage of the cheap railway fares during that week to the Western Fair.

The Very Rev. Dean Irwin has returned from

his holiday trip.

The congregations seem to be filling up again. Most of the people having returned home, owing to the cool weather.

SARNIA.—The Rev. Mr. Williams, of Huron College, London, officiated in St. George's Church, Sunday, the 2nd Sept., owing to the illness of the Rector, Rev. T. R. Davis, who took sick the week before, while reading prayers in the church. He had to be driven home in a cab and has since been confined to his bed, and it is earnestly hoped he may soon be completely restored and able for his many pressing duties.

The Committee appointed at last meeting of the Executive Committee to consider and decide upon a plan for the division of Rectorial surplus, according to the decision of the Supreme Court, have held meetings and will report their proposition and plan at next meeting. The eight congregations affected are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Executive Committee.

INGERSOLL.—Rev. E. Saunders has returned and resumed work. Through not completely restored his eyesight is somewhat better, and it is to be hoped as earnest and faithful a man. may long be spared to serve his Divine Master. A reception and warm welcome back was given him by the congregation at the Churchwarden's residence last week. A large number were present.

WOODSTOCK .- The Rev. J. C. Farthing has gone to England in compliance with a message informing him that he has fallen heir to a large fortune. He purposes returning as soon as business matters may be arranged.

MITCHELL.—The last monthly open meeting of the C.E.T.S. was a great success; the Temperance Hall was crowded, many people standing in the lobby; the programme, too, was an excellent one. The meeting opened as usual with a hymn, then followed the liturgical service of the C.E.T.S., and this was succeeded by reading of Scripture, with brief comments. Excellent short speeches, music, both vocal and strumental, and readings were then given. A piece entitled, "Three cheers for the red, White and blue," in which the members of the Band of Hope took part, and in which they waived flags of these colors, was exceedingly well given. A reading by Miss Mabel Davie, "The Bridal Wine Cup," and a song by Miss Mabel Dent, "Not ashamed of Christ," were excellently rendered. Mrs. Taylor and children also did well. The Secretary, Mr. Raines, gave a short report, showing that the Society was in a good financial condition. The meeting closed, as it always does, with the Doxology and the Benediction. The Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor, was the chairman.

BLYTH.—Harvest Thanksgiving services have just been held in this parish, the preacher being Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Mitchell. There were overflowing congregations; the decoration of the church was in very great taste.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Clergy or others desiring Specimen Copies of the Church Guar-DIAN can obtain them by addressing the Editor CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Churchman, N.Y. thus refers to our characterestic of the Encyclical letter, which has been made much of by some:-

If the Lambeth Conference be accused of giving recommendations, where it should have laid down laws, the falt lies in that condition of things which require these bishops of the Catholic Church meeting together to refrain from asserting their right as bishops and chief pastors to formulate their views more precisely. As Catholic bishops they could not arrogate to themselves jurisdiction other than that over their own sees. They might not claim to speak to and for the Universal Church. That they could not do this was not their fault, but the fault of those who refuse to be in communion with such a body. It is plain enough what is recommended; those who complain that it was not enjoined must do their part in giving the Œcumenical sanction to what on its own merits, appears most fitting and necessary. Those who still refuse terms of communion which are Catholic and according to the Word of God, and those who insist upon other terms of communion which are neither Catholic nor Scriptural, must not critizise the Lambeth action because the assembly kept in abeyance its power and dignity simply because of its fidelity to the whole Church of which it is part, and whose principle it represents.

The Living Church says: -

It is in religion, as in anything else. Decided, straightforward, practice, consistent with principles, is the only kind of life that the world respects in Christians. It may scoff ever so much at the principles, but it honors the men and woman who live up to them. A firm and manly maintenance of principle wins not only admiration for character, but also a respect for the faith that underlies it.

There are some "Church" people who think it very liberal and lovely to smooth over all differences, to ignore all distinctions between the "Church of their choice" and other bodies. They call themselves "Episcopalians," but deny that episcopal ordination is essential; they have their children partired but disclaim they have their children baptized, but disclaim any belief in regeneration; they partake of the Blessed Sacrament, but protest that it is not what the Scripture and the Church proclaim it to be. In fact, there is scarcely a distinctive principle of the Church that they do not disparage or deny.

It is time that Church people knew that those of other faiths and forms will respect them all the more for being consistent; time that all Christian people understood that the surest way to make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, is by the sturdy, straightforward, assertion of Christian principles in

Christian living.

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CORRIGENDA .- V.

In the last article under this heading it was alleged that the members of our Church do in many instances lightly forsake the Church for various insufficient reasons, and drift into various forms of Dissent, and the blame for this leakage from the Church was imputed to defects in the teaching of the Clergy. The laity are not sufficiently instructed from the pulpit and in the Sunday-school in the subject of Church Principles, so that they do not understand, and cannot explain to opponents, the reasons why they are Churchmen. The excuse assigned by many of the clergy for refraining from preaching on such subjects is, that they do not think it a very Christian practice to be regularly attacking the various religions who differ from the Church, and that if they were to attempt to do so they would give great offence to the more charitably disposed among their hearers, and would only please the more bigoted and intolerant spirits. Such a view, however, rests on a complete misunderstanding of the course that should be pursued in giving such instruction as is needed. A complete and faithful representation and defence of Church principles could be given without even mentioning the name of Romanist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, or Independent. The clergy regularly preach on Christian doctrines and Christian morals without laying themselves open to the charge that they are thereby constantly attacking infidels, heretics, and antinomians.

It must be presumed that in preaching on

on such subjects they accept the authority and expound the words of the Apostles as Christ's commissioned officers, inspired teachers, and personal deputies. They accept the teaching of the Apostles on all questions of faith and morals as equally valid and valuable with the utterances of Christ Himself on the same questions had a same questions. tions, because the Apostles' words, written or spoken, were really Christ's words; the Apostles were His mouthpieces, His messengers, His heralds; to them was revealed Christ's mind on those subjects, that they might reveal it in turn to others. But Christ's mind and will were revealed to the Apostles, not only with respect to Christian dogma and morality, but also with respect to the constitution, rules, and ordinances of the Church. To them, as His agents and vicegerents, was deputed the office of organizing and legislating for the Church; and for this task, as much as for the office of teaching, they needed and received divinely communicated qualifications and revelation. Every rule, arrangement, and ordinance of the Church, therefore, that the Apostles established and practised, was as much an expression of Christ's mind and will with regard thereto as the Apostolic sermons were with regard to points of doctrine or works. Therefore, if we take on ourselves to frame or follow any other but Apostolic precedents in matters of Church rule, we are violating Christ's will and setting aside His authority as Head of the Church, just as much as if we reject St. Paul's teaching on Justification by Faith, or St. James' on Justification by Works.

This principle being established, viz, That in Church practices, as well as in Church doctrine, the mind and will of Christ as revealed by Apostolic words or acts are to be accepted as the only true guide, the Churchman will be convinced that it is an essential part of his faith and duty to cleave to that Church which adheres, with absolute obedience and loyalty, to Apostolic teaching and practice in its Sacra mental system, its threefold Ministry, its for-mularies of Faith, its practice of Infant Baptism and of Confirmation, its observance of the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath, its views of the unlawfulness of Schism on the distinct understanding that the teacher, as the

position claimed for the Bishop of Rome on the other. There would be no need to mention by name and in turns all the sectional communities opposed to the Church, and to controversially traverse their views and position; for a full understanding and conviction of the grounds on which the Church can claim to be truly Catholic and Apostolic would-by implication, of course—lead to the condemnation of sectarian views and practices as being opposed to the unity of the Church and to Apostolic precedent. Surely such teaching is not outside of the range of the duties of the clergy as the authorized interpreters of the Church's principles, not beyond their powers of discretion and knowledge, not yet beyond the laity's powers of comprehension and appreciation. Imbued with such principles, the lay members of the Church would have no desire to leave the Church, and under no temptation would they

dare to commit the sin of leaving her. But whatever the clergy themselves might do in the pulpit, in the way of instruction on Church Principles, it may still be urged that it is useless to think of requiring the teachers in our Sunday-schools to give regular instructions on the Catechism and the Prayer-book to thoir classes. In many cases it is alleged by clergy men that their teachers would absolutely refuse to do so, and in others it is argued that, even if the teachers were willing, they are incompetent to give such instruction in an intelligent and effective manner. It is only too true that in many schools the teachers are masters of the situation, and constitute a little religious republic outside the jurisdiction of the clergy-man. But such a state of things could easily be mended, or should summarily be ended. Few teachers are so unreasonable as to refuse to see their true position in the Church's form of government, if it be properly explained to them. Let the most Protestant of them (and it is always such who are the most defiant of authority) be asked what in his opinion should be done by a Bishop if one of his clergy should preach rank Romanism, or by the parish priest if an infidel succeeded in intruding himself into the position of a Sunday-school teacher. In the course of the discussion of such a case he would easily be led to concede the following principles, as forming the basis of the relation proper of the clergy to the Bishop, and of the teacher to the clergy. The Bishop cannot personally carry the Church's message to the numerous population in his diocese; he therefore deputes the clergy to perform the work for him in the respective parishes to which they are appointed. They receive their authority from him, and if they be unwilling to preach the doctrines held by the Church they ought to relinquish or be deposed from the office which they do not faithfully discharge. Just so Sanday-school teachers are asked by the parish priest to help him to teach the Church's doctrine to the young, who are too numerous for him to teach single-handed. Those who do not agree with the Church's doctrine have no right to retain or take such a post. They were not asked to become teachers on the understanding that they might teach what they liked, but what the clergyman as the responsible representative of the Church approves of. There are scores, perhaps hundreds of schools, in which the teachers choose their own line and subjects of teaching, in which the publications of Dissenters are used as aids to the preparation of lessons, in which not a scrap of teaching on the Church Catechism or the Prayer-book is ever given to a scholar during the whole of his school attendance. Such schools are practically nurseries of Dissent. not of the Church, and the clergy should take

up their proper position as being responsible to

the Church for the teaching given in the Church's schools, and should take care never to

accept or retain any teacher excepting on the

the course of lessons which the clergyman may deem it right to prescribe. At the same time, every help should be given to the teachers to carry out efficiently the task they undertake. Teachers cannot be expected to know the best books to use as aids to teaching, nor to provide them at their own cost. Every school, therefore, should have its teachers' library, containing the books which the clergy would desire them to use in preparing the prescribed lessons, and these books should be lent free of cost to the teachers. Thus the temptation of shirking the prescribed lesson, or of using Dissenting instead of Church publications, would be removed.—H. H. M. in Church Bells.

THE BURTHEN OF DAILY LIFE.

The outward circumstances in which we are placed have their own special office as a means of spiritual chastening. We are girt about with innumerable influences from which we cannot escape, which act upon us unceasingly from hour to hour. Let us consider only the influence, whether for good or for evil, which is exercised upon us by our daily intercourse with our fellow creatures. By an irresistible law of our nature we act upon each other's inner life with a continual force, as the pulses of the air act upon the bodily frame. If our natures moved wholly according to the will of God, this law of mutual contact and influence would be a source of perpetual bliss; but the fall has caused that close fellowship, that keen sensibility, which was to have been the rich enhancement of every pure joy, to be the occasions of a searching discipline, and ofttimes the aggravation of suffering, in proportion to the prevalence of sin and the muttiform workings of our common infirmity. And thus the whole order of the world, because of its manifold imperfections, is become a means of spiritual discipline, The anxieties and weariness of our daily work, the faults of our daily companions, disappointments and oppositions even in our schemes of benevolence, the pressure of responsibility. the failure of sympathy where we had surely looked to find it, the passing away of fond dreams and imaginings, the defects clinging to objects of fondest love, or most ardent admiration -these, and other like manifestations, universally accompanying our disordered and imperfect state, have their office in the providence of God to chasten us, by as certain a law as that which determines His more direct judgments.—T. T. Carter.—From Voices of Comfort.

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WEEKLY COMMUNION.

We have thus far reached the conclusion that, since the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is a means of grace, is food and sustenance to the soul, it is so ordained because that grace and nourishment are what we need, and is made a continual feast because we need it often. The Church of the Apostolic age, under divine illumination, so understood it, and, accordingly, made the Holy Communion the central and highest act of worship, with weekly, and sometimes even daily, celebrations. Before we conclude our study of this subject, it is proper that we should listen to some of the voices of the Church of England (whose utterances ought certainly to command our respect) in regard to the practical religious light in which we should personally look at the question of expediency, of human taste or opinion, nor yet of the spirit and demand of one age in contradiction to another; it is simply one of rational assent to the universal judgment of the Catholic Church, and of faith in and obedience to that which has been commonly accepted and practiced as the gospel rule of spiritual life and health for every age and every soul. What we should all understand is that the very nature and purpose of this Sacrament have always been construed by the Church, and ought to be accepted by us, as involving directly not only same thing." The fact is that the grace of God frequent celebrations of the Church's altars, but is given us as a source of spiritual life, and it is just as frequent communicating on the part of worse than idle,—it is unbelief and insubordi-every earnest believer. Let us listen, then, nation against the wisdom of God,—to suppose

once more to the consecrated learning of the Church. As we stand in God's house and con-template this mysterious transaction, "we have before us Jesus Christ as a divine Giver, First blessing, breaking, giving, and saying 'take eat'; then taking the cup, and saying 'drink ye all.' The first impression which we have is that of an ordinance in which Christ gives and we receive something—not an ordinance in which we do something. So our first impression of Holy Communion must be that it is a means of grace, not a work. It is a means in the right use of which we look to receive from Christ; and all that we receive at the hands of Christ, we receive of grace. In the right use of this ordinance our blessed Redeemer must have intended to make us partakers of some amazing benefit." And so this service becomes "the most solemn memorial possible, before God and men, of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and this Sacrament becomes by necessity "the most prominent act of worship in the Christian Church." (Sadler's Church Doctrine, &c.) Every consideration of the teaching of our Lord, and of the declarations of St. Paul concerning the nature and the relations of the Sacrament toward ourselves, leads inevitably to the conviction that it has a spiritual potency which is of incalculable moment to the progress of the Christian soul in the way of salvation. "The practical theology of a plain Christian man, who pins his faith to his Saviour's words, will, therefore, lead him to look to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as the means by which to further develop and strengthen in the soul the grace which was planted there at baptism, and confirmed by the laying on of hands. And aftar the words, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood, ye have no life in you,' he cannot doubt the importance of a continued frequent reception of it toward sustaining the nearness of the soul to God." (Blunt's Household Theology). The same writer, also speaking of weekly Communion as ordered by the Church of England, says: "The most solemn ministerial work done by the Church on earth, and that in which she draws nearest to the throne of God, is to be done thus frequently, not only for the benefit of those who partake of the Communion, but also that this memorial of Christ may be frequently presented to God as the most fervent and solemn of all devotional acts that can be rendered. . . . Looking at the Holy Communion also as a means of grace, it must be the earnest wish of every faithful pastor that he and his flock should gain as much benefit as possible from it to help them forward in their Christian life." From which the conclusion is that the often receiving this blessed Sacrament will be the spirit of all, pastor and people alike, who look to the grace of God as the real foundation of holy living; and who depend upon that grace for the continued maintenance of their spirituality, and not an occasional excitement of their feelings." of Pastoral Work]. To the same effect other writers speak of the prevailing disuse of frequent Communion as the result of, and certainly resulting in, a decline in practical religion; as marking an era in the Church's life when spiritual activity had died out of her and she was chilled with religious apathy. In our own time we notice very commonly that where these means of grace are most faithfully ministered, there is the greatest parochial activity and earn estness in all Christian sacrifice and good works; and nothing is more strikingly distinctive than the sanctity of those who are most constant and devout at the Church's services and Communion, and the worldliness and vanity of those who treat such things with indifference or disrespect.

It is hardly necessary to add the testimony of other writers. Suffice it to say that there are plenty of them, and they "all speak the same thing." The fact is that the grace of God nation against the wisdom of God,—to suppose All attempts in this direction originating in the

that we can live the life of God without a constant supply of the grace of God. And if we are to have that grace we must seek it through the means of grace, of which the very highest, most wonderful and direct is the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is not " mere memento and legacy of His dying love"; it is not "a mere barquet of the risen Saviour with his disciples "; it is the great "Festival of the New Dispensation, blessed and graced with His spiritual Presence (a higher and greater thing than even the Presence of His risen, natural body), and in which He communicates Himself to His faithful people in the closest of all unions, they dwelling in Him, as a body in its atmosphere, He in them, as a soul in its body." [Goulburn's Holy Catholic Church). Here our inquiry must rest. It has been meant for the instruction and guidance of the mass ef men and women who constitute the laity of our diocese and the people of our parishes; and the writer hopes that it may belp some, possibly many, of them to understand aright and thoroughly appreciate the movement of the Church in our day, in which their own parishes and clergy may be enlisted, for the restoration of weekly celebrations of the Holy Communion.

We only desire to add that, as weekly celebrations are what the Apostles practiced, what the Church has always intended, and what our own system of worship implies and provides for, so weekly communicating is what it is intended for, and needed by every Christian who wants to be a loyal churchman, and live a truly devout, spiritual life. The whole subject ought to suggest to every one of us how absurd it is for a Christian to recognize the system of frequent Communion, and to suppose that he can fulfil the daily requisitions of a Christian life with only an occasional renewal of the soul's powers during the year; to undertake to walk such a journey in such a world as this, and get along with such scanty supplies of food as only result in spiritual starvation and inertness. How remote from everything like consistent churchmanship, or a true following of Christ, is that kind of religious life, so common in all our parishes, which is content with going to Church Indifferently, and receiving the Holy Communion perhaps four or five times a year; whose conformity to the ordinances of the Christian religion is more the exception than the rule; who is quite as much known to his brethren by his absence as by his presence; and who, nevertheless, strokes his complacency with the soft persuasion that he is a good churchman, and his religious estate is above reproach? "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."—R. N. P. in the North East.

OUGHT THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING IN MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER TO BE SAID BY THE MINISTERALONE. OR BY THE MINISTER AND PEO-PLE TOGETHER?

(From the Church Review.)

[CONTINUED.]

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As to the proper use of the General Thanksgiving I have nothing to add to what I have already said in the following words, which I send you as my contribution to the discussion of the subject.

The changes introduced by the Revision of the Prayer Book authorise a diversity of use not hitherto lawful. Not a few were opposed to touching the Prayer Book because this would be one of its consequences. To this new and authorised diversity we must become accustomed as best we can. But it should not be increased beyond what is necessary and lawful.

taste or preference of individual clergymen or congregations should be discouraged. I have noticed, with regret, a growing disposition to use the General Thanksgiving in Morning and Evening Prayer in an unauthorised way, i.e., by the minister and congregation together, as an audible act of worship common to both.

Besides the enactment of positive law by the Church, there are several reasons which may justify the introduction of some change of custom. (1) It may be a matter which is not or-dered or forbidden, not provided for at all by any existing rubric, and something which has such strong inherent reasonableness that it is commonly regarded as permissible, at least until the Church makes some ordering. An example of this is the practically universal custom of singing some anthem or sentence at the pre-sentation of the alms. (2) Or, again, a change of common usage may come about through the introduction of something permitted by rubrio, but hitherto largely neglected. Such, for example, is the growing practice of saying the Nicene Creed in the Eucharistic Office. (3) then a change may well be made which will bring our practice into conformity with the history of the Prayer Book or with socient liturgical use. Such a case is the repetition by the people of the Sanctus proper—the priest saying alone all that precedes the words, "Holy, Holy," &c. (4) Lastly, there are extreme cases where mercy must be preferred to sacrifice by directly contravening an existing rubric. This may be occasional or habitual, but in the latter case should, of course, he with the normission of the Ordinary. Under be with the permission of the Ordinary. Under this head would come the omission in certain cases of the Warning of the celebration of the Holy Communion, or of the longer Exhortation, or of the Offertory, as well as the shortening or adapting of the services for the use of Missions, Schools, Chapels, &c.

But the saying of the General Thanksgiving with or after the Minister can be justified on none of these grounds. There is no reason why the people should say this particular prayer aloud rather than many others which are equally general in the character of their petitions, and where, as here, the Church directs that the minister shall be the mouthpiece of the congregation. Nor can this be justified under the second head, for there is no rubric which ever gave permission for such a practice, and of which advantage could now be taken. Nor, thirdly, is it a case where there is the slightest ambiguity of rubrical direction; and even if there were, the appeal to history for the best usage would condemn this. The General Thanksgiving was inserted in the Revision of the English Book of Common Prayer in 1661; and neither then, nor since, has any rubric directed common repetition. Fourthly, on the contrary such a usage is distinctly unrubrical

and illegal. The true ruling on the subject is stated clearly in Blunt's Annotated Prayer Book [American Edition, p. 240], as follows: "There is no authority whatever for the congregation saying the General Thanksgiving with or after the minister. Wherever this is intended the several clauses of the formulary are printed with capital ini ials." An examination of the Standard Editi n of the American Prayer Book will show that this is the case. The following are the only parts of any services which the people are directed to say with or after the minister. and in each and every case the several clauses are printed with capital initials,—the General Confession, the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds in the Morning and Evening Offices, the Lord's Prayer in Lord's Prayer in Confession, the Trisagion, the Lord's Prayer in Confession, the Trisagion, the Lord's Prayer in Confession, the Trisagion, the Confession, the Trisagion, the Confession, the Trisagion, the Confession, the Trisagion, the Confession, the Lord's Prayer in the Order for the Administration of the Holy Communion, the Confession in Forms of Prayer to be Used at Sea.

In the Office for the Public Baptism of Infants

following the Exhortation, but the fact that each clause of this Supplication is printed with an initial capital shows conclusively that this is expected. The Lord's Prayer is printed with initial capitals at the beginning of each clause throughout the Prayer Book.

The General Thanksgiving is general in the sense that it is for all men, just as the prayer which precedes it is for all conditions of men' So far as I know, the saying by the people of the General Thanksgiving with the minister is a comparatively recent innovation. Quite naturally, and properly, those who favor this must be expected to give some acknowledged authority for it. I know of none, and have never heard of any beyond the taste and liking of individual clergymen. It is thought, I have been told, by some, that this use renders the prayer more impressive. All who have any desire to maintain uniformity, where diversity is not authorized by the Church, will certainly regard this as a very insufficient reason, a reason which, if widely acted upon, would plunge our worship into utter confusion. Clearly, as Again, a rubric may be ambiguous, and the bas been shown, the Prayer Book contains an common interpretation of it not the best, and explicit or manifestly implied direction on this subject, and those who respect its ruling will not encourage a practice that finds no counten-ance there.—A. N. Littlejohn.

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I cannot give my opinion on the use of this prayer more concisely than in the weighty words of Blunt, in the last edition of his Aunotated Prayer Book. He there says: "There is no authority whatever for the congregation saying the General Thanksgiving with or after the minister.

"Wherever this is intended the several clauses of the formulary are printed with capital initials."

Thus in the General Confession, to be said by the whole congregation after the minister, " the clauses which are to be said with one inspiration begin each with a capital initial, as follows: "Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. * * * And grant. O And grant, O lost sheep. most merciful Father, for His sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy Holy Name."

And thus is the Lord's Prayer printed: "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. * * * And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom," &c. And thus is printed the Special Confession for Ash Wednesday, which the people are to say after the minister;
"Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we
be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, Be tavorable to Thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping,

fasting and praying," &c.

And thus is printed the General Confession in the Communion Service: "Almighty God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed. By thought, word and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly, Thy wrath and indignation against us."

The General Thanksgiving was composed or compiled by Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich, for

•In the English Prayer Book the following clause is bracketed after the words "and to all men," thus: " par ticularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them "], with this nois,—" "This is to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise." It is scarcely conceivable that a part of the service intended to be said by all, would have a portion which was to be said on one occasion and omitted on another. One can it is not explicitly stated that the people shall imagine the confusion arising f om the use of such a General with or after the minister the Supplication eral Thanksgiving.

the revision of 1661, and bas never been printed with Liturgical clauses beginning with a capital initial, to indicate their use by minister and people in common. If the thanksgiving had been intended for joint use, the several clauses would have been printed with capital initials, somewhat as follows: "Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We, thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks For all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, And to all men," &c. And that the bracketed addition from the English Book may be used, we should find it very difficult to say that addition with the minister.

The printing of the Amen to the General Thanksgiving in italics is another liturgical proof that this prayer was to be said by the minister alone, and the Amen was to be the response of the people. If both were intended to unite in saying this prayer, the Amen would be in the same type as the text, as it is in the General Confession and in the Lord's Prayer.

The only possible excuse for this fanciful innovation of saying the Thanksgiving in common is in the title "General" prefixed to it, but this evidently does not mean "by all," but "on behalf of all men," as the preceding prayer is "for all conditions of men," and this prayer might be said in common quite as consistently

as that of the thanksgiving.

It is to be hoped that we may yet have the proper punctuation of the General Thanksgiving restored, as in the Photozincographic copy of the original from the folio of 1636, to wit, a semicolon after the word "thankful;" and a comma (as in the Sealed Books too) after the word "lives," and thus the phrase "we show forth," without the interpolated "may," would seem to have some meaning.

It may not be amiss to refer to a typographical change which has lately been made in our Prayer Book, and which bears upon liturgical principles connected with the subject under consideration. In the office of Public Baptism of Infants, and in that of Adult Baptism, the Amen at the end of the prayer following the exhortation upon the words of the Gospel is to be printed hereafter in Roman type, "to indicate it is affirmed, "that the prayer is to be said by minister and people."

This is a change from the Sealed Books, and from our last Standard, and necessitates a change also in the printing of the prayer in liturgical clauses each beginning with a capital initial, which latter change has not yet been ordered.

If the General Convention desires to change the use of the General Thanksgiving; and to order it to be said by minister and people, the Convention must direct the Amen after the thanksgiving to be printed in Roman type, and its liturgical clauses to begin with a capital in-

The change in the Amen, and in the use of the prayer in the Baptismal Offices, is, in my judgment, a liturgical mistake. This is an or-dinary prayer, and in the First Book of Edward VI was ordered to be said by the priest alone: "The priest shall add also this prayer." What has misled our recent revisers is the introduction to this prayer, to wit, "let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto Him, and say," which introduction originally preceded immediately the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, and then followed this prayer. Since the Lord's Prayer and the Creed have been omitted, the introductory words, being before an ordinary prayer, need mean no more than the usual form Let us pray. The printing of this prayer without liturgical clauses, and the Amen being in italics, clearly indicated the intention of the Church heretofore.—Frederick Gibson.

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When the General Thanksgiving, composed

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by Bishop Reynolds, of Norwich, was inserted in the Prayer Book of 1662, the "Amen" at the close of it was printed in Roman type in contrast with the black letter of the body of the prayer to indicate that the thanksgiving itself was to be said by the minister alone. In the case after the General Confession, however, which was intended to be said by minister and people, the "Amen" was printed in black letter. In the American Prayer Book, for the same reason, the "Amen" at the end of the General Thanksgiving is printed in italics according to the resolutions of the General Convention with reference to the stereotyed Prayer Book in 1838.

The provison for the insertion of a special clause on certain occasions is consistent with this rule. The thanksgiving is called "general" to distinguish it from the particular thanksgiving, to be used "on several occasions," and is still printed with them in the English Prayer Book. For the minister and people to say it together may be agreeable to the individual devotional taste of some of the Clergy in Ireland and America, but it is not justified by the history of the Prayer Book. The late Bishop Young, one of the very ablest of our liturgiologists, felt this so strongly that he issued a "godly admonition" forbidding the practice in his Diocese.—Thos. F. Gailor.

FAMILY DEPARTMENT.

LOVE.

"Little children, love each other," 'Tis our blessed Master's rule; Every little one is brother To his playfellows at school.

We're all children of one Father, That great God who reigns above; Shall we quarrel? No; much rather Should we dwell like Him, in love.

He has placed us here together, That we may be good and kind, He is ever watching whether We are one in heart and mind.

Who is stronger than the other? Let him be the weak one's friend Who's more playthings than his brother? He should like to give or lend.

All they have they share with others, With kind looks and gentle words, Thus they live like happy brothers, And are known to be the Lord's.

Children's Services, with Hymns and Songs.

THE NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE

(Continued.)

Poor Sophy awaited, trembling, the schoolmaster's return.

She cried when he took up the cardboard, and he had no need to ask her any question.

"Ah, Sophy," he said, "I can not trust you, my child, quite yet, I see. You must stay alone here to-morrow until noon, when I will come for you."

"Herr schoolmaster," asked Fritz, after school, "may I stay with Sophy to morrow? You know I was worst of all."

The master laid his hand on the carly head.

"Yes, my boy. That is right—that is trying to do as the dear Lord would do.

It was rather hard to see the happy children start off the next morning for the new school-house, and for a minute Fritz felt inclined to go with them. But a look at poor Sophy, whose face was hid in her apron, decided him. They were not allowed to speak; but Fritz sir?"

patted his head and smiled at her, and so help"Yes, if you can agree upon the price. ed her to begin her work with good courage.

The master came back just in time to send . them home to dinner.

"I think, now," he said, putting a hand on each head, "that I can trust every boy and girl in my school. Now, run home and be back in time to go to the new school at 1 o'clock.'

You may be sure they were in time.

It was hard work, indeed, that afternoon, to keep the eyes from wandering away from books and slates to the fresh, white walls, the shining windows, the bright-colored maps and gay pictures. But the children did not forget the lesson they so hardly had learned this last week, and showed their good master that he could trust them.

"Henry Schaefer, you are a big boy," said the schoolmaster, just before the close of school, "help me to hold up this motto, that the boys and girls may see the work they have done

this week."

The scarlet letters were uncovered at last. "Who can read it?" asked the master. 'Sophy, you may try."

With a little help, Sophy read the words.

"Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour you Lord doth come."

For many years that motto hung on the wall, and many a time the story was told to new scholars of the time when it was made. It helped all the good master's scholars to do good work in school days; and when they lett school many of them carried the words in their hearts and tried to "be ready" at any hour when their Lord might come. - Mabel H. Despard in the Young Churchman.

"NO."

"No" clear, sharp and ringing, with an emphasis which could not fail to arrest atten-

"I don't often hear such a negative as that," remarked one gentleman to another, as they were passing the playground of a village school.

"It is not often any one hears it. The boy who uttered it can say, 'Yes,' too, quite as emberically."

phatically. He is a newcomer here, an orphan, who lives about two miles off with his uncle. He walks in every morning, bringing his lunch, and walks home at night. He works enough, too, to pay his board, and does more toward running his uncle's farm than the old man does himself. He is the coarsest dressed scholar in school, and the greatest favorite. Everybody knows just what to expect of him. Boys of such sturdy make up are getting scarce, while the world never had more need of them than now."

"All that is true; and if you wish to see

Ned, come this way."

The speakers moved on a few steps, pausing by an open gate near which a group of lads

were discussing some exciting question.

"It isn't right, and I won't have anything to do with it. When I say 'No,' I mean it."

"Well, any way, you needn't tell everybody about it," was responded impatiently.

"I am willing everybody should hear what I've got to say about it. I won't take anything that don't belong to me, and I won't drink cider, any way.'

"Such a fuss about a little fun!"

"I never go in for doing wrong.—I told you 'No,' to begin with, and you're the ones to blame if there's been any fuss."

"Ned Dunlap, I should like to see you a minnte.1

"Yes, sir;" and the boy removed his hat as he passed through the gate and waited to hear what Mr. Palmer might say to him.

"Has your uncle any apples to sell?"

"No, sir; he had some, but he has sold em. I've got two bushels that were my them. share for picking; would you like to buy them,

you know just how much they are worth?"

"Yes, air."

"All right then. I will call for them, and you may call at my house for the pay."

This short interview afforded the stranger opportunity to observe Ned Duniap. The next day a call was made at his uncle's and although years clapsed before he knew what a friend he had gained on that day, his fortune was assured. After he had grown to manhood and accepted a lucrative position which was not of his seeking, he asked why it had been offered

"Because I knew you could say 'No' if oc-casion required," shewered, his employer. "No, was the first word I heard you speak, and you spoke it with a will. More people, old and young, are ruined for want of using that word than from any other cause. They don't wish to do wrong, but they hesitate and parley until the tempter has them fast. The boy or the girl who is not afraid to say 'No,' is reasonably certain of making an honourable man or woman."

"Yes," is a sweet and often a loving word;
"No" is a strong, brave word which has signalled the defeat of many a scheme for the ruin of some fair young life.

CURE FOR SLANDER.

The following very homely but singularly instructive lesson is by St. Philip Neri:-

A lady presented herself to him one day, accusing herself to be given to slander.

"Do you frequently fall into this fault?" inquired the saint.

"Yes, father, very often," replied the pati-

"My dear child," said the saint, "your fault is great, but mercy is still greater. For your penance do as follows: Go to the nearest market, purchase a chicken just killed and well covered with feathers; you will then walk to a certain distance, plucking the bird as you go along; your walk finished, you will return to me.

Great was the astonishment of the lady in receiving so strange a penance, but silencing all human reasoning, she replied.

"I will obey, father, I will obey."

Accordingly she repaired to the market, bought the fowl, and set out on her journey, plucking it as she went along, as she had been ordered. In a short time she returned, anxious to tell of her exactness in accomplishing her penance, and desirous of receiving some explanation of one so singular.

"Ah," said the saint, "you have been very faithful to the first part and you will be cured. Retrace your steps, pass through all the places

you have already traversed and gather up one by one all the feathers you have scattered."
"But, father," exclaimed the poor woman,
"that is impossible. I cast the feathers carelessly on every side: the wind carried them in different directions; how can I now recover

"Well, my child," replied the saint, "'so it is with your words of slander. Like the feathers which the wind scattered, they have been wafted in many directions; call them back if you can. Go, and sin no more."

WHAT CAN WOMAN DO?

I call to mind a beautiful woman of New York city, who has recently gone to the "city that hath foundations," who, some years ago, in the earnest meeting where a friend took her, was aroused from her life of self ease to see the need of real consecration to Christ, and she did it on the spot. After she entered her car. riage with her friend she said:

"What must I do; tell me what next; for I have given myself and all I have to Christ?

Her friend said: "Perhaps you had better employ a Bible woman. "Do you know of one?" she asked.

Her friend said, "Yes, I do; all that is needed is money."

The check was made out for the year's salary that afternoon, and in the utmost simplicity my lovely friend went on in the new life that had dawned on her. After a time her faithful Bible reader, who had

reported the work to her, said:
"Mrs—, you know the Master touched those whom he healed, and he did not need to do so; he could have healed them without the touch. And I feel it might do more good if you could see some at least of those whom your money helps."

She said: "will you take me now?" and ordering her carriage, she went with her Bible reader, who took her to see a poor girl who was dying with consumption, and who was seeking Christ. And as my friend laid back the hair from the forehead of the poor girl who "had sinned" and stooped and kissed her, in that moment the peace of God filled the poor child's heart. She said it seemed as if an angel had kissed her, and a deeper baptism came to the soul of the dear woman who had never kissed such a one before. Both are in peradise to-day. - Christian Advo-

"I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

An answer by a Rector to a Parishioner's objection to Confirmation.

It may be very honest and right for you to say so, but that is a very unsatisfactory place to stop in, and you had better look into the matter.

If you mean that you do not want to try to be any better; if you mean that there is some sin which you know to be a sin, and which you deliberately choose rather than God's service, then your argument is good but your condition very bad, and now is the time to repent.

But most likely you do not mean this. You mean rather that you feel your own weakness and sinfulness, and you do not like to make professions which you fear you will fail in keeping. If this is what you mean, then you are just the one to come to Jesus for forgiveness, for grace, for strength, and for help. You are just the 'lost' sinner whom He came to 'save.' You need Him, and He asks for no other qualification; for He says, "Come unto Me." Not ye who think yourselves good enough, but "ye who are weary and heavy laden." "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." He made Himself the friend of publicans and sinners and likened Himself to the owner of 100 sheep, who, having lost one of them, left the ninety and nine and went after "that which was lost." By 'the ninety and nine' He means those who need no repentance.' That is, either, as some say, those who do not see that they need repentance but think themselves 'good enough,' or per-haps those who have already at hand and in use all the means of

grace for repentance while others are perishing for want of such means or because they do not know how to use them.

Come, then, because you are a sinner and do not want to be a sinner. Come because you need the very Saviour who is seeking for you, and will give you His heip: Surely you can promise, 'by God's help' to 'endeavor not to follow or be led by ' the world, the flesh, and the devil. Any man or woman, let alone a Christian, can promise not to be such a fool as to be deliberately 'led' to his destruction. 'Endeavor,' and ' by God's help.' Surely you can do that.

St. Peter and St. Paul and the other saints are saints not because they were 'good enough,' but because they were sinners and knew it and determined by God's help to try to come out of it. That is all. You can do that just as well as they. Try it. You 'khow you will fail?' Very well. But I suppose you will have common sense enough to do what you would in any other business—try again, and keep on trying till you succeed.—Church Record.

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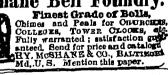
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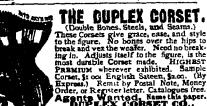
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