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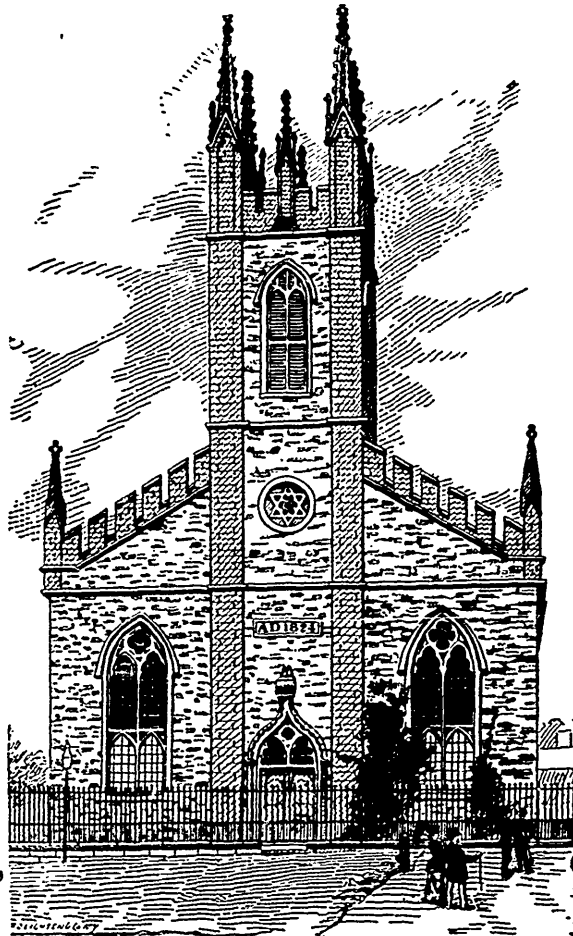
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**ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 1, 1891.**

### NOTES.

The order of sermons and lectures announced in our last issue for the Sundays in Lent, have been so far altered that the subjects set down for Sunday, March 1st, will be dealt with on March 8th, concluding the courses on Palm Sunday.

The Rector's lecture is postponed until after Easter. The subject will be "The Two Races: England and France."

To praise a number of our own staff is a delicate matter; but we convey to our Business Manager, Mr. A. O. Skinner, whose department is entirely separate, the thanks of the whole congregation for his generous gift of a carpet for the platform of the Sunday School.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The proceedings of the opening of the new Sunday School having been fully reported in the daily press, there is no need to repeat what will not be soon forgotten by those who were present. But a very general desire has been expressed that the historical account of the Church, read by Mr. J. R. Ruel, should be given in our columns. It had been drawn up at the request of the Rector and Vestry, and it is here appended in full;—

It is my duty, at the call of the Vestry, to say a few words in handing over to you, as Rector of the Parish, the noble building in which we are now assembled. It is for the use of a school for the training of the young in those truths of our holy religion which will, when duly received, enable them to become good and true men and women who will faithfully serve God in their day and generation.

It has also been designed to meet all the requirements of the Parish in its various departments of work, and it is a matter of great rejoicing to us all that the efforts of the congregation, fostered and encouraged by you, our Rector, have been rewarded with such triumphant success. It will be a lasting monument of your Rectorship, and, at the same time, will serve to make an era in the history of the Parish.

It is written that when the second Temple was built many wept when they recalled the first and all its glories. We, on the contrary, may well rejoice and be glad when we make a similar retrospect.

And yet I would not cast a stone at the old building. It served its day and purposes, and, like all things earthly, passed away. It, too, had its glories. Doubtless there are very many trained within its walls of whom it will be said, "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people that this man was born there." Most surely many have been trained in it in the way of righteousness, in true Church principles; many have been strengthened, and many can look back upon the hours spent there with joy and thanksgiving.

My first connection with St. John Church was in 1833—nine years after it was erected. At that time there was but one Church of England Sunday school in the city, and it belonged to Trinity Parish, which then embraced the whole area of the city on the east side of the harbor. It was held when I first joined it as a teacher in 1845 in a building owned by the Madras School Board on the north side of King Square. Dr. Benjamin G. Gray and Drs. J. W. D. Gray both took a most lively interest in Sunday Schools, regarding them as the true nurseries of the Church, and when the room then occupied became too strait and limited for the members pressing into it, the latter succeeded in securing the funds for the erection of a fine, commodious building on the site of the present Trinity School House. There was great rejoicing when it was dedicated, but it, too, passed away. Beverley Robinson, late Collector of Customs, was Superintendent of this school for many years, and on his retirement in 1853 I succeeded to the office and continued in it about ten years.

The Parish of St. Mark was set apart by law in 1853 as a separate Parish with the consent of the Vestry of Trinity. The Rev. G. M. Armstrong was appointed Rector by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province in the same year. This most important event gave an immediate impulse to Church life, as manifested in works of various kinds. Under the inspiration of the Rector steps were taken to erect a school building, but it was not until 1855 that it was accomplished, the children of both parishes up to that time being trained in Trinity School. It was the best that could be designed at that time without injury to the light of the Church, as the land in the rear of it, upon which the present building is put up, was then in the possession of the estate of the late Chief Justice Chipman, and not obtainable.

A few years later, Mr. Armstrong, who was ever most active and earnest in the cause of his Lord and Master, undertook the erection of a Church Sunday School House in a district of the Parish then entirely destitute of any accommodation of the kind. The result is seen, in the present time, in the flourishing Parish of St. Mary's, with the Rev. W. O. Raymond as Rector. The school there was for a long time under the superintendence of the late Samuel T. Berton, a Christian in word and deed, full of ardent zeal in the Sunday School cause, and whose works most surely do follow him.

The first Superintendent of the Parish School was, I be-

lieve, the late Richard DeVeber. I succeeded him on his retirement, and held the post for a number of years. Mr. Charles F. Kinnear succeeded me, and then Mr. T. W. Daniel, of whose abundant labor on behalf of the school and Parish it is not in my province now to speak. It is a long and honorable record which must some day be written.

There can be no doubt that under the present favorable auspices, the building now confided to your care will help you in the good work of strengthening the Church in this Parish. In all your efforts you may rely with perfect confidence upon the aid and sympathy of the congregation and of their representatives, the two Wardens and Vestry. And I invoke the divine blessing to rest upon you and upon all who labor with you in this house.

To the Ladies' Committee and the ladies generally of the Church, the thanks of the Vestry and all of us are especially due. It was owing to their patient labors in gathering funds, continued with unflagging zeal through many years, that encouraged the Vestry to erect such a large and commodious building. Thanks are also due and are given in unrestricted measure to those members of the congregation who have so generously contributed toward it. All have their reward, not only in the proud satisfaction of seeing their labors and money well expended, but in the consciousness of duty well done which will never be forgotten.

It only remains for me to add that the lessons of Dr. Gray and Mr. Armstrong—your predecessors in this Parish—to all in their schools, were simply the truths of the word of God, the Gospel of God's grace, without admixture of any kind. It was the secret of their power and success. The teachers were carefully instructed, and they, in their turn, being able to teach others, one generation after another has risen in this city who loved the old paths and walked therein and found that rest which is promised to the people of God, holding in perpetual honor the memory of those by whom they believed.

### THE RECTOR'S COLUMN.

[\* \* *When the Young Men's Association accepted the suggestion that they should undertake a Parish Magazine, it was arranged that space would be reserved for the Rector, in which official notices of events concerning the Church and Sunday School would be given, and other communications concerning the departments immediately under his control. For this portion alone the Rector is responsible.* Ed. P. N.]

### THE CHURCH.

A special service will be held on Monday, March 23d, at 8 p. m., when, in place of an Anthem, Stainer's *Crucifixion* will be performed by the Choir. Notice of the arrangements for admission will be found in another column. The offertory will be given to the Hospital Nurses' Fund, the object and importance of which are already well known to the readers of PARISH NOTES. It may be well to remind the members of our congregation to remember that they are

expected to join in the Chorales which form an important part of Dr. Stainer's work. This was a feature in all the early oratorios, and Mendelssohn still preserved it in St. Paul, but it has of later years fallen into disuse. Dr. Stainer, himself one of the greatest of church organists, well understood the value of a feature which makes the performance an act of congregational worship as well as a presentation of beautiful music.

There will be no administration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, March 15th, but in place of it, there will be two administrations on Easter Sunday, at 8 o'clock, and as usual after the morning service. There will be no meeting of the Sunday School on that day. It is proposed to devote the offertory on Easter Sunday to the Sunday School Building Fund.

At a recent meeting of the Rural Deanery, the proposal to form a Choral Union was discussed, and ultimately approved. There is no idea of making any new society, for the Oratorio Society has the warm sympathies of all who took part in the discussion, but simply to unite the choirs of our principal churches once or twice a year, in the performance of a choral service. A committee, consisting of Revs. Canon Brigstocke, J. M. Davenport, and the Rector, was appointed to consider details, but it was decided that no effort would be made to hold one of the proposed services until the Autumn. Already, before this discussion, it had been suggested that a union, on a smaller scale, of the "mixed choirs" might be occasionally held, and it is likely that, soon after Easter, representatives from the choirs of St. James's, St. Mary's, St. George's, St. Luke's and St. Jude's, may join our own in a special service, the offertory being given to some object of general interest, such as the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Among the various societies in our Church, the Boys' Association has for some time been doing little. It suffered more than the other associations from the lack of a place of meeting after the removal of the old school house, and the once formidable eleven of cricketers could not succeed in arranging a single match. Many of the Seniors are almost, if not quite, qualified by age to join the Y. M. A., and their duties, now that all of them are engaged in business, leave little time for recreation. But the Junior division, numbering some 30 or 40 members, need a thorough organization, and it is hoped that members of the Y. M. A. will help in the way that our ladies assist the Girls' Association. An excellent idea, suggested some time ago, was the formation of a company in the Boy's Brigade. No more useful and salutary form of recreation could be conceived.

The Rector acknowledges below the answers received to the questions published in the last number. The writers are free, if they prefer, to adopt a *nom de plume*, provided the real name is given for the information of the examiner. Last month's papers were reviewed by Mr. W. J. Wilson, whose award of marks is appended.

### QUESTIONS.

[Answers to the following questions must be sent before the 15th of the month, to the Rector. Correct answers with the initials of the sender, will be acknowledged in the next number. A prize will be given at the end of the year, for the best answers.]

1. Explain the words: Remorse, Repentance, Justification, Sanctification.
2. Trace the similarities and differences in the careers of Elijah and Elisha.
3. What is the benefit of Confirmation?

[Answers received for last month's questions from F. G. H. (3\*\*); C. M. (3\*); M. B. C. (3\*\*); B. H. (3\*); E. S. P. (2). The asterisk (\*) denotes excellence in any answer, and adds one mark.]

### CANOE CRUISING.

So long as the list of popular pastimes continues to remain as varied and complete as at present, one would hardly hope to be pardoned were he to attempt to draw attention to a new and untried sport. Canoe cruising, although not indulged in so largely in New Brunswick as in many other places, is by no means either new or untried; and all who have once pursued its charms, though perhaps not to the extent they would wish, will long permit days so spent to hold a cherished corner in their memory.

The style of canoe to secure must be determined very largely by the nature of the water it is intended to cruise, and that which would be best suited for running constantly with a current, would not be found to be so satisfactory when it came to sailing on deep water. Most of the cruising done in New Brunswick is done on water where there is sufficient current to furnish the greater amount of the driving power required, paddles being employed to maintain steerage-way. Both "barks," as well as the historic "dug-outs," (the boats best suited to this style of canoeing), are frequently on our waters; but the "sailing cruiser" in any stage of its development, from the plain, open boat, possessing neither keel, center-board, or rudder, to that provided with all the newest fittings and contrivances, accompanied with a dazzling elegance of finish, is a comparative stranger.

While cruising with a strong current I must acknowledge a marked preference for using the wind as a source of power, and that on a water where the current is a matter of but little moment. Both classes of cruising may be enjoyed on the St. John, and while the "current cruiser" would get the upper waters, the latter with the sailing canoe would content himself nearer the mouth, and would indeed be fortunate were he to ascend more than that—eight or ten miles above Fredericton—as there the effects of the flood tide would cease to be of service, and the voyager would find it exceedingly difficult to proceed unless aided with favorable winds.

Many will agree that a larger boat, because of its greater carrying capacity, would be much safer, and that anyone intending to sail on water deep enough to accommodate the larger one, should, for this reason alone, use it. It has been proved conclusively that if properly managed a canoe will

live in as rough a sea as the ordinary skiff or yawl, and if the canoeist is not possessed with a spirit of wanton recklessness he is as safe in his tiny vessel as anywhere. The Indians will "do" the Lachine Rapids in a "bark" with safety, and while I would not for a moment presume to compare myself with an Iroquois in that respect, with a kindred spirit I have spent several days on the St. John, Grand and Washdemoak Lakes in a cedar sailer, and to be compelled to seek shelter from wind was an event which rarely occurred. Beside there is an extreme satisfaction which, to be thoroughly appreciated, must be experienced, in sailing a boat of thirty inches width and whose gunwale when in sailing trim is about six or eight inches above the level of the water, when you are conscious that it would require a fair-sized yawl of rather more than average sailing ability to make any quicker time. The advantages which a canoe as a boat for cruising has over a yawl might be summed up as follows: A canoe can make a landing anywhere, whether the water be shallow or deep; it can at any time be taken entirely out of the water if necessary, as on an exposed beach; and if the wind fail and the canoeist be anxious to proceed, he has an effectual remedy still at his command—the paddle.

Only a very meagre idea of the distance to be cruised during a day can be formed before starting, so uncertain are the agents which determine the rate of speed; but under the most adverse circumstances, at least ten or twelve miles could be covered, while if both wind and current were favorable there is no reason why fifty or sixty could not be traversed with much less labor, more enjoyment; and with a favorable current I have known a sailing canoe to be worked to windward twenty-five miles in an afternoon and evening. Here, as elsewhere, both storm and sunshine must be reckoned upon, and the canoeist who sets out on a week's cruise anticipating nothing but fair weather, frequently returns with disappointment visibly stamped upon his face.

The good constitutional effect of a few days' sailing during the summer months is apparent not only to those who have been privileged to test it, but to all who believe that an annual vacation, accompanied with a fair amount of physical exercise, plenty of pure air, and entire freedom from business cares and anxieties, is the tonic prescribed by Nature, and which surpasses in efficacy any compounded with the aid of science.

The enjoyments of at one time gliding smoothly along with the current, or paddle, at another of being forced swiftly through the ruffled water by a freshening breeze, or on a pleasant summer evening of lounging listlessly around a camp-fire where reminiscences and songs are the order of the day, must be experienced before it can be truly appreciated.

J. LORNE INNIS.

### LADIES' SOCIETY OF CHURCH WORKERS.

The sale advertised for February 6th, passed off most successfully, despite very disagreeable weather. The attendance was large, both afternoon and evening, many from other churches being present. The total receipts were \$476.48, but of that, the ladies paid for a range, stovepipe, etc., amount-

ing to \$31.45, and also for tables costing \$18.00, and a smaller table at \$3.00. These amounts with sundry other expenses, reduced the proceeds very considerably. They have, however, been able to hand over to the Building Committee, through Mr. Allison, the sum of \$385 from this sale, and also the \$300 from the sale of December, 1889, making a total of \$685.

Deferred beyond the usual date, the Annual Meeting and Election of the Association of Lady Workers were held on Tuesday, February 4th, at the School house. About forty members were present, the Rector presided, and after Miss Lawrence's report had been read, he gave his annual address. He congratulated the Association upon the excellent work done during the past year, and upon the example which had been followed by the younger associations in the parish. But much still remained to be done, and he was sure that the energies of the lady workers—having achieved the first desired object of a new Sunday School—would not rest satisfied. The great need now was for more efficient work among the poor in that district assigned to them by law. To have a well-dressed congregation, however large, was not the object of a Church; and to reach those who needed an help, systematic machinery is requisite. After gratefully acknowledging the help received from the district visitors, the Rector pointed out that these ladies could not be called upon at a moment's notice to go to a sick chamber and supplement spiritual comfort by personal help. It would be very desirable that a Parish Bible woman should be engaged; and he earnestly commended this matter to their thoughts and efforts. There had been a Bible woman in the parish formerly, and it would not be difficult to raise the salary required.

The best guarantee for the prosperity of a Church was in its missionary zeal, and their energy would be realised in their efforts for the congregation, for all those who became their "neighbours," in opportunity of help, and in working for the glory of God.

The elections then took place: Lady Tilley was re-elected to the position of Lady Patroness, and Mrs. G. F. Smith, unanimously chosen President. The number of Vice-Presidents was increased to twelve, and Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, Mrs. deSoyres and Mrs. W. K. Crawford, were placed without ballot among the number.

The results of the election, and the names of the members of the different committees, will be found in the Secretary's report which was ordered to be printed.

The Society has undertaken to send a contribution from the Stone Church to the Bazaar, which is to be held next June for the Nurse's Home in connection with the Public Hospital, in which Lady Tilley is so deeply interested. Mrs. Howard McLeod, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, and Mrs. George F. Smith have been asked to act as a committee from St. John's Church, and they appeal to all the congregation for hearty co-operation and help in the matter. Contributions of useful and fancy articles, or money, will be received by any of the above-named ladies. It is hoped that the congregation will not be behindhand in this good work.

### THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

As no suitable room has been at the command of the Association, several months have elapsed since the members have had a social gathering, but on the evening of the 17th inst. they had a reunion in the cheerful Association room in the new school house. There was a very fair attendance, and all seemed to enjoy the various games engaged in.

Since the last issue of PARISH NOTES, the collectors of the "Mite Society" have made their first monthly returns. The various subscriptions handed in amount to a satisfactory sum. The parishioners who thus kindly welcome our youthful workers, are themselves doing a two-fold good work, since they not only render material aid towards the Sunday school, but also encourage the young people in what is by no means the easiest kind of parish work. There are born musicians, born teachers, etc., etc., but it is very doubtful whether there ever was a born collector! On the first Saturday of each month the monies are taken to the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Collector's books are checked.

### THE CHOIR.

Mr. Ford's annual Organ-Recital will take place on Wednesday, the 18th of March, at 8 o'clock. His programme will include works of J. S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Baptiste, Turpin, and Wély. He will be assisted by Mrs. Carter, and Messrs. Daniel and Lindsay,

Admission to the Church, on Monday the 23rd, at the performance of the 'Crucifixion,' will be by ticket, to be obtained *free* at the usual places, where books of the works will be on sale at *cost-price*. The music in our Church on Easter Sunday, will include Anthems by Gadsby and E. M. Lott, and a *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* by Mr. Morley.

### Concert at the School House.

As soon as tidings of the Springhill disaster reached our city, the idea of relief filled every mind. The suggestion was made at the Choir practice on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, that a concert might be arranged for this object, and it speaks well for the energy of all concerned that the needful arrangements were so speedily and thoroughly made, and the result achieved on the following Friday, was an entirely successful entertainment. Our space does not admit of our printing the programme, nor would justice permit of any selection being made between the performers, one and all of whom acquitted themselves with a success worthy of the object. All, with one exception, were members of our own congregation: and to the one helper from outside a very grateful acknowledgement is due. Miss Goddard, although engaged the same evening elsewhere, consented to play a duet with Mr. Ford, and also gave a solo, and those who before had not heard her needed no assurance that St. John possesses a pianiste of the first order. Reinecke's *Ballade* requires much more than merely brilliant execution to do it justice; and the delicate poetry of its style found a most sympathetic and competent exponent. Mention must also be made of Miss

F. Bowden's excellent playing: her broad and sweet tone was worthy of Piatti, and she may be destined to become at no distant day for the violoncello what Lady Hallé and Madame Urso have been for the violin. Mrs. Carter was in excellent voice; Mess. Coster, Lindsay and Ruel, as well as Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Robinson in their duet, could only have pleased the audience better by repeating their performances. Mr. W. Bowden, after leading an excellent performance of Dancla's Trio, undertook the sometimes thankless office of playing the last piece on the programme. But he was in no danger of suffering from premature exits, and Hollander's "Spinning Song," in his hands, made an effective close to an excellent programme. Last, not least, it is only just to speak of the large share of our organist in the success of the concert. He had at once, in the kindest way, postponed his own annual recital, had been indefatigable in rehearsing, played most of the accompaniments, and gave Chopin's *Polonaise* with that quiet mastery of manner which true judges of music appreciate, while all can enjoy. One criticism on the concert would need utterance, if it were not disarmed by the suddenness of preparation. The Choir, as a whole, had no opportunity of showing that excellence of which we are now justly proud. But our School-room will witness many another concert, and those members of our Choir who then assisted only as spectators, will in their turn display their abilities, and give aid to other causes not less deserving. The proceeds of the concert, after deducting the few necessary expenses, amounted to \$34, which sum was duly handed over to the Relief Committee.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*[All communications must be accompanied by the writer's name, while tolerating a "nom de plum," it is preferred that correspondents permit their names to be published. The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for ideas expressed in this column.]*

#### OUR USHERS.

*To the Editors of Parish Notes:*

SIR: In the last issue of your paper there appeared a letter urging the pew-holders to notify the ushers of any vacant sittings, for the accommodation of strangers and visitors. This is becoming, every Sunday, a most difficult question. Something must be done to accommodate them in a better manner than that at present in vogue. There seems only two alternatives by which this may be done. The first plan would be, to allow no strangers to enter until the hours of commencing the service, then if the pew-owners are not present, show our visitors into any of the vacant sittings, allowing the tardy church-goers to find a seat where best they can. The second suggestion, and the only one which I believe can truly solve this pew problem, is simply this: "Have free sittings throughout the whole church." To the minds of many, this at first sight may appear a startling proposition, but when we look at it in a fair and Christian-like spirit, and at the same time realizing that the church is a "public place of worship" in which the rich and poor meet together to worship the same God.

If we did honestly realize this fact perhaps the present custom of renting or buying pews would sink into oblivion and be a thing of the past. Until this event does happen, I sincerely believe no community of interest or Christian fellowship in church work will ever be what it should and ought to be. Yours, &c.,  
J.

[\* \* The suggestion of our correspondent, as regards the former of his alternatives, is worthy of attention. It is the practice in many important churches, both in England and the United States, to admit strangers to occupy any vacant seat at a stated point in the beginning of the service. But this is open to the objection that some part of the service is disturbed. As, in our Church, an interval of nearly five minutes is filled by the opening Voluntary, it might surely be possible, if regular pew-holders are in their places at 11 and 7 o'clock, to place the others suitably before the service begins. The question of Free Seats is too large to be adequately discussed in a few lines. We shall hope to recur to it in a later issue. But it is sufficient to state here that, as our Church is at present, with some of the best sittings in the gallery secured as "free seats," and a large portion of the West gallery unoccupied, no moral urgency exists for disturbing the present state of things, and of relinquishing a revenue which it would need great effort to replace. When there is the slightest question of the poor being excluded by our system, we are sure that a change would be speedily decided on.]

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*To the Editors of Parish Notes:*

I am a subscriber to PARISH NOTES and congratulate you on the able manner you have brought out your first copy.

I read with much pleasure the remarks of the Chairman of the Ushers' Committee, and as I am an old Usher can also appreciate the difficulties of the position, for I have been in hot water several times. But, enough! What I would like to bring before your readers is this, but first please understand that I do not wish to hurt the feelings of anyone. Ever since I have attended "Stone" Church (I say *stone* because it sounds more familiar than "St. John's") it has been the custom to have the collection plates for the gallery brought in during the service, and as our Sexton goes up one side and down again, across the end, up the other side and back, his heavy tread is heard by all, and wondered at by the stranger. If that stranger happens to come several times, he must simply put it down as part of our service. Now I would suggest that the collection plates for the gallery (there are only two required at present) be placed as follows: One plate be left on each side—on the window next the chancel, and the collectors be notified of the change; also that two or more gentlemen who sit in the gallery be requested to act as substitutes in event of one or both of the regular collectors being absent. I think that the plan suggested is worth a trial. It will do away with an old and unnecessary custom which should never have been allowed in our beloved Church.

Yours sincerely,  
Feb. 20, 1891.

W. A. LORDLY.

To the Editors of Parish Notes :

DEAR SIRS: One of the smaller inconveniences in the general state of the Church building is the condition of the windows.

As one stands under one of them on a cold winter's morning, he feels a draught on the back of his neck. The reason of this is that the windows are so constructed that the outside air can effect an entrance under the window frame, and, as the colder air invariably sinks below the warmer, it passes down the sloping board at the bottom of the window, and from there to the floor. But in the meantime it comes in contact with the person next the window, causing him to shiver with the cold.

This is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs, and could be corrected very easily in the following manner :

Nail a board about three inches wide along the bottom of each window, to prevent the draught from passing down the sloping window sill.

What could be simpler? What could be more effective? It would cost an exceedingly small sum, and would prevent many coughs and colds, thereby increasing the attendance of the congregation.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain, truly yours,  
A MEMBER.

THE EDITOR'S ALPHABET.

**A** is the **Article**, chosen as best ;  
**B** is the **Basket**, which swallows the rest ;  
**C** is a **'Cutting'**, which saves a description ;  
**D** are the **'Dead-heads,'** who shirk a subscription ;  
**E** is the **Editor**, ever in haste,  
**F** are the **Factors**, which he seasons to taste ;  
**G** is the **Glory**, in prose or in rhyme,  
**H** is the **Hurry**, to print it in time ;  
**I** are **Ideas**, in which trade is quite free,  
**J** are our **Jokes**, which we hope you can see ;  
**K** is the **Kalendar**, hard to keep steady ;  
**L** is the **Last Day**, and nothing is ready ;  
**M** are **Mistakes**,—unavoidable fate !  
**N** is the **News**, not too long after date,  
**O** is our **Object**, the noblest on earth !  
**P** are the **Poems**, which die in their birth ;  
**Q** are the **Queries**, most searching and solemn.  
**R** are **Replies**, which will fill up a column ;  
**S** is for **Scissors**, most helpful in need,  
**T** are the **Tales**, which their authors will read ;  
**U** is the **Universe**, subject of platitude ;  
**V** is its **Voice**, which to us will speak gratitude ;  
**W** is the **Writing**, the plague of compositors,  
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