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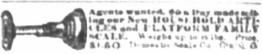
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THE DENOMINATIONS DOOMED.—The Rev. S. P. Rose, a Wesleyan, read a paper a few days ago lines," because it is on lines agreeable to all before the Ministerial Association, Toronto, in Churches. We protest in the name of common which he avowed a conviction that the denomina- honesty against such a Jesuitical twist being given tions were all doomed. Of course they are. They to a phrase which hitherto has had a plain, comare mere human substitutes for a divine organism, mon sense, honest meaning. This is another and must perish as do all things of man's creation. illustration of the policy of those who have carerepresentatives of the denominations, felt too conscious of the coming doom of the system of sects to protest against Mr. Rose's prediction. We have a very plain duty as Churchmen in this connection, which is to live before these members of a doomed order of things, the life of those who are one with Him Whose body, the Church, is eternal. In God's own time the doom of the denominations will mature. It will not be a cataclysm, but by a quiet dying out of the sectarian life, and developement of the truer life of those who are spiritually in union with Christ, by which they will be drawn irresistibly within the lines of the Catholic and Apostolic Church, from which in evil days, these doomed denominations split off from the Divine Society of Christ's members. In the prosas a speaker and debater. Instead, however, of pect of the denominations quietly becoming extinct, what folly it is of Churchmen to help in galvanising them into life, and treating them as though they were an integral portion of the Church, which is as eternal in its very nature as Christ its Divine Head. We may speak as we do of the denominations being doomed," but he who speaks of Christ's Church being doomed speaks blasphemy.

typical incident. An extraodinary scene was wit- proofs of folly.

A Noble Testimony Against Sectarian Feuds .- nessed on Monday at the monthly meeting of the

CHURCH LINES, A JESUITICAL PHRASE.—The phrase "Church lines," means in common honesty the is conducted on sectarian lines, it is conducted so as to exclude Churchmen, and to give the control over to non-Churchmen. Yet, a so-called "Churchman" paper says that this policy is on "Church It was very significant that hardly a voice was fully and deliberately declared that by "Church raised to controvert this proposition, the various lines," is by them intended a policy not of the Church of England, but a policy shaped and directed by those religious bodies outside her borders. Their intention is to destroy the indentity of the Church so far as they and their College and their party can. Evangelical Churchmen should show these conspirators that such tactics and such a policy are inconsistent on the part of members of the Church of England. Piety and dishonour are not harmonious, and a Churchman who works on lines other than those of the Church, has a deficient sense of honour.

> FAITH IN THE UNSEEN EYE, -When one of the greatest temples in Greece was being built, the most eminent sculptor was seen one day to be working with the greatest care at a figure that was so high up and hidden away that no one could see it. He worked laboriously with his chisel at the head, carving elaborately the hair, so that it should be as perfect as any figure in the temple; and when someone asked him why he was so careful and spent so much time on it, when no one would see it, he answered nobly, "The gods will see it."-From Sermons Preached to Children by the Rev. T. Shore.

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WHY SOME CLERGYMEN FAIL.

BY RICHARD FERGUSON.

HE race is note to the swift nor the battle to the strong." Where one clergyman fails from lack of ability, force of hand. Ninety-nine hundreths of men and character, spirituality or zeal, at least ten do so from a neglect of, or a contempt for what terial office. This applies to every other profession in varying degrees. Doctors, lawyers and merchants are with a very few transcendent exceptions, successful or unsuccessfulthe proverb "Every man to his trade." The who sticks to his trade, be it what it may Consistency is a jewel, and the man who proa useful reliable citizen, who does his best by tify himself with it, be his abilities what they of their way to ensure failure. may, inevitably arouses in the public a feeling of exasperation, contempt or distrust, as a man with a large number of men is, that while they who is more or less living upon false pretences. This is true of every profession and occupais the measure of their success or failure.

ishoner on the back, tell a good rollicking indicated. story, laugh a hearty burly guffaw, and never

the just upon Welsh rarebit, just as there are successful parish priests who can systematically outrage all the clerical proprieties. But such individuals, male and female of our acquaintance, can be counted on the fingers of one women succeed or fail just in proportion as they keep severely to the beaten track. When we may call the lesser proprieties of the minis- you come to look into it, this is a rule that applies to all men and women, ordinary and extraordinary. A transcendently handsome woman is all the handsomer for correct colors-A man of cast iron stomach is at least no just in proportion as they conform to that healthier for supping upon boiled cabbage and universal instinctive public sentiment as to fat pork, and the parson, who, while setting the fitness of things, which expresses itself in professional propriety at defiance, is a grand success, is so in the teeth of what, when only public have an instinctive respect for a man taken advantage of would render his success symmetrically perfect, and symmetry is not to be despised by any means. The shortest fesses to follow a certain occupation and gives distance between two points is a straight line. himself up entirely to it, is rightly regarded as and if phenomenally long legged and long winded men, can make the journey by a curve the public, and is deserving of all respect overtaking the straight forward plodders, well

The great trouble in and out of the ministry are just clever enough to feel an impatience of conventional methods, they are not clever tion under the sun, but perhaps more especially enough to dispense with them, and so they fall of the ministry, because of all classes of pro- between two stools. Our profession is one sessional men, clergymen are more uniformly which possesses its exceptional conditions no expected to stick to their calling, and in pro- doubt, but the same general principles which portion as they conform to or defy this rule, so apply to every other vocation we apply to it, success in the ministry is not dependent upon unspiritual and mentally deficient, but simply prim consistency, and pernicketty professional because in the petty matters of deportment, of abounding zeal and good average abilities stick to their calling. On the other hand we can fail of success as a clergyman, even if he have had just as forcibly impressed upon us does in his walk, talk and conversation ex- the fact that comparatively inferior men often press an undisguised contempt for the petty attain a measure of success more than respectproprieties—not of life, but of the ministerial able by careful attention to these details, calling. 'This sounds fair enough, and time Every diocese on the continent numbers in its was in our salad days when we should have ranks types of both classes, of men who preach enthusiastically endorsed every word of it, well, work well and are popular after a fashion, and a good deal more besides. Without an but who yet are either disastrous failures or effort we distinctly remember when our beau are never able to do anything more than barely ideal parish priest was " a man amongst men," hold things together, and men who, while only a robust despiser of conventionality, a pro- escaping downright mediocrity by the skin of miscuous mixer upon equal terms with all their teeth, do nevertheless, attain a comparasorts and conditions of mankind, in fact a sort tive measure of success, totally inexplicable of sanctified Bohemian who could slap a par- upon any other grounds than those already the Civil divisions of the Roman Empire.

"The race is not to the swift nor the battle talked "shop," and could withal retain the to the strong." Not a clergyman in five hunrespect and affection of his flock. But an dred can afford to despise public opinion in ounce of experience is worth a pound of these small matters of professional propriety. theory, and this is a theory that won't stand American public opinion as to what a clergyfire. Remember we do not say that some man should be in his walk and conversation self embraced Christianity, would build a exceptional men cannot do this. There are may be a little censorious, but if it errs it errs church and endow it, perhaps with a grant of women handsome enough to defy "colors," on the right side, and after all it demands no land, perhaps with the tithes of his estate. In

from doctors, lawyers, et id genus, and what it is swift to appreciate and reward in all cases. It must also be remembered that the church herself is responsible for public opinion on this point.

Of other causes of clerical failure we hope to speak later. But this too common disregard of the public respect for the fitness of things, we have placed first, as probably being the commonest and at the same time most insidious cause of clerical failure.

THE PARISH.

BY THE BISHOP OF EXETER.

"HE word "Parish," derived from the Greek, means literally "a sojourning;" and in this sense it is frequently employed in the New Testament as applying to the lewish people. When the Jews moved about, and dwelt for awhile in any district, they still kept their nationality distinct; and so they were called strangers or sojourners, as distinguished while on the other hand the man who in any and good, but for men of average wind and from the original inhabitants of the place. In degree scamps his profession or fails to inden- limb to attempt to do so is simply going out the same manner, in the earliest times of Christianity, Christians, whether converts from Judaism or from heathenism, lived separate from others, and so were regarded as "sojourners and pilgrims," and thus the term "parish" was expressive in the first instance of a community or people, rather than of a place, the person set over the community or congregation being called its Bishop; and hence it was that the Greek word came to mean a Diocese, a distinction which it retained for the first three and we have had forced upon us by personal hundred years of Christianity. We thus see It may be thought to be taking rather a low experience and close observation, that more how out of this use of the word there grew a view of the ministerial office and profession men fail in the ministry, or at least halt upon spiritual and metaphorical meaning. Whether to apply to it the rules which govern secular the threshold of success, from a lack not of Jews or Christians, they were in the earliest callings. It might be urged that a clergyman moral consistency as of professional consistency ages literally "sojourners and pilgrims" in the should be above such considerations, and that tency, not because they are careless, indolent, places which they occupied; and so this, their temporal condition, as citizens of the world, found its higher meaning in their spiritual con-"correctness" of deportment, and that no man conversation, pursuits, and even dress, they don't dition, as "strangers and pilgrims" on the earth, but with the prospect of the full privileges of the "abiding city" in heaven.

The idea of a "parish," in the latter use of the word, grew out of the organization of the Roman Empire. Sometimes the district surrounding a great city was governed by the magistrates of that city; and sometimes in. dependent communities, having their own rulers and their own territories, were formed in rural districts. Here, then, was a foreshadowing of the mode of government of the Christian Church. And so it came to pass that as Christianity advanced and prevailed in the world, the Ecclesiastical divisious followed

In this country, as elsewhere, the Church was at first a mere collection of missions, unconnected and independent. Separate parishes grew up slowly; and they were not infrequently created in this manner, namely, that the landed proprietor in any district having himand men strong enough to sleep the sleep of more from clergymen than what it demands this latter case, the estate and the parish would 88

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be co-extensive, the lord of the manor becoming the patron of the church built upon his manor. This often explains the variety in the sizes of the different paaishes, and the fact of portions of parishes being sometimes included in other parishes.

there flourished Paulinus and Aidan, and Wilfrid and Chad, and Theodore and Cuthbert, the parochial system received a great impulse. Christianity gradually assumed a more settled character in this island. It began to lay hold of the Saxon race. The mission of Augustine had been fruitful amongst the Jutes of Kent, and that of Birinus in Wessex; and now the missionaries from the North added great strength to the cause. Chad's labours seem to have been purely missionary, although he must have had besides his little establishment at Lichfield, oratories and smaller mission churches in the districts which he visited. But Christianity was gaining ground everywhere. Paulinus builds a church at Lincoln, having first converted the governor of that city and his whole family to the faith of Christ. Bede tells us that he built this church of stone and of beautiful workmanship. "Ecclesiam operis egregii de lapide fecit." The church soon fell, probably through violence, in those troublous times; but portions of it were still standing in Bede's time. Oswald becomes King of Northumbria A.D. 634; and he applies to the Scottish Church for a Bishop who might spread the Christian faith among the English people; and they sent him the eminent and saintly Aidan, who received as his See the Island of Lindisfarn. The Bishop preached the Gospel to the people in his own tongue; and King Oswald interpreted his words to them. So Christianity spread. "Churches were built," says Bede, "in several places; and money and lands were given to build monasteries." Bede mentions incident ly, as examples of the gradual growth and development of the Church, the fact that John Bishop of York, was invited by a Saxon Earl named Puch to consecrate a church which he had built for his dependents; and presently afterwards we find this same Bishop consecrating another church built on another estate by its owner, Earl Addi. Thus the parochial system grew and was strengthened. It received no doubt a powerful impulse under the energetic rule of Archbishop Theodore A.D. 669. He has, indeed, been regarded as the traditional founder of the "parochial system" in this country; but it would be more correct to say that he developed and extended what was already in the germ. His comprehensive idea was that of the "pastoral system," worked by an educated and devoted body of Clergy, thoroughly supervised by a sufficient number of Bishops, with Sees of manageable dimensions; and the whole regulated by an annual Synod. And it is to him above others that we are indebted for having carried out this idea. Bishops were planted everywhere with parochial Clergy under them, and endowments provided for their support.—The Liter ary Churchman.

#### CONVERSION.

ficulty of getting men to look at a question all change his life or lose heaven. By degrees he round. Each man seems to take his place on the exact spot where he was standing when a certain then and there changes his mind. He turns In the seventh century, the century in which subject first engaged his attention, and there he around. The things which he hitherto loved to remains stolid, immovable as a guide post, and as unreasonable. aspects of beauty. Some men prefer this view, others that, but it is mere perversity for any man to heaven in the world invisible, are before him. He stand gazing unmoved, transfixed by the fascination has placed himself resolutely on the royal road but of the view from some one standpoint, and obstinately ignoring, and still more obstinately denying a strong hold upon him and pull him back. He is the very existence of equal or greater beauty visible weak and finds it difficult to rise. He sometimes from other positions of sight. The grand glory of strays from the safe road. But as long as his will the Church Catholic is that she does not exhort is to do the will of God concerning him, and as he her sons to take such a partial view of the temple perseveres and turns over to the true sources of of truth, but bids them go round about the bulwarks strength he is a converted man, a saved man. and mark well every point of excellence in beauty He will be constant in prayer, he will thankfully or utility. The great, the fatal defect of all sects receive the grace of heaven in the ways and means is this, that they are based upon partial views, they of God's appointment. The baptism for the relose sight of or deny the due proportion of the truth as revealed in the Word. The view so commonly held as to Conversion is an instance, it is a very narrow conception of a question having large become more and more permanently converted. and diverse aspects. It is akin to the notion to be He will be less and less entangled with the affairs obtained of a great Cathedral by one who stands of this life. He will breathe a purer, sweeter air, for ever admiring one of its windows. The Church borne as it were on gales from heaven. He will Chronicle published at Honolulu has an article on anticipate the heavenly harmonies and the triumphs this topic to which we have pleasure in giving free of a son of God, who goes through life repenting course in this Northern Hemisphere.

> "Christian charity will rejoice in every manifestawhere, by whatsoever means they can be reached, not to be ashamed of the Master of mankind, for such a motive lies deep in the heart of the ever-

lasting gospel. "We use the occasion of a recent revival move- the kingdom of heaven." ment as affording an opportunity to inquire for the benefit of our readers into the character of the spiritual fact which we call Conversion. It is charged against the revival system generally that it is responsible for a great crop of errors in the field of Christian tillage, and that among these error as to what Conversion really means is sadly prominent. It is undoubtedly true in many cases especially when revivals have been carried on under the stimulus of powerful excitement by men of magnetic power and fervid heart-searching oratory. It has been forgotten that conversion to God is not with all men, nor with most men, a sudden forsaken. Yea, was ever sorrow like unto this sorrow? act. The conversion of Saul of Tarsus by a vision from heaven was a sudden act, but we have no warrant in Holy Scripture for inferring that his conversion was typical, and that all men turn to God alike. The change in Saul was not from sin of Jesus, but what we preach is no mere dead fact, to holiness at once. It was from Saul the perse-long over and gone, which we set ourselves to picture cuting Jew to Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ to and to repeat. We rehearse it indeed, with tears and the Gentiles. Conversion means turning about, but it is nothing unless a man stays turned. To one the turning process may be quick and sharp, the change in his feelings may be very sudden A present hope is blighted, an earthly idol is lift up all that we rehearse before the throne of the shattered, a wasting sickness arrests him in career of exceeding sinfulness, an earthly life Father. We plead it before the mercy seat. And we dearer than his own is taken from him-in some plead this our rehearsal of the death and passion of way the reality of things unseen breaks upon him it may come in the still small voice of a word spoken in season by some friend, a sermon, a prayer, a glowing and emotional service. The sudden change is exceptional, the change is for most men gradual. The sinner comes to himself triumphant intercession at the right hand of God.

been altogether indifferent, after many blows which have wounded him, and after having stifled many THE controversy in regard to Conversion is one good impulses. Divine grace has gradually been of the most singular illustrations of the dif-bringing him to the conviction that he must comes to the point of resolution and action, and his spiritual hurt are behind him. The new life, The temple of Truth has many the new light on the old duties, the new strength for the old conflicts, the heaven on earth, and the finds it hard to keep there. The habits of sin have mission of sins, and "the bread which cometh down from heaven " will be spiritual facts of inestimable value to his soul. The converted man will daily of each day's transgressions, repenting deeply after every occasional fall into the guilt of the old tion of a noble aspiring motive to teach men every-life, brought by repentance to true conversion and kept by repentance in that state which is made imperative by Divine command on every one who will enter into life. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall in no case enter into

#### GCOD FRIDAY.

TE rehearse to-day the ancient grief point by point, syllable by syllable. Our eyes and our hearts move along the pitiful story. From the first hard blows of the hammer, as the nails are driven in through the shuddering flesh, on to the last loud bitter cry, which shivered the darkness as the spirit passed away. Step by step we follow it, we feed our sad souls upon the memory of that worn, weak, white, forlorn body, hung amid the hail and pitiless scorn, naked, bleeding, disgraced, betrayed, denied, Yet if this were all that we have to do this morning it would be but a fruitless and morbid exercise of imaginative feeling. If the cross were but a story of terrible shame, it would not be the core and heart of a living and a victorious faith. We preach the Cross with shame. We rehearse it as it occurred, in very truth, on the hill of Calvary, eighteen hundred years ago. We ponder over every pitiful detail; but we do not stop in the memory of our own misery, we do not root our eyes upon an earthly sorrow. We a Most High God. We re-enact it before the eyes of the Christ, because that which we tell over with tears on earth, that Christ himself presents and offers himself in heaven-presents and offers to-day. To-day he carries His blood in within the holy places. Those wounds, those scars, those bitter pains-these are now, to-day in the risen Lord, become instruments of usually after many warnings to which he has not To day there stands in heaven, amid the ordination

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of ten thousand times ten thousand, amid the song of multitudes going up as the sound of mighty waters a Lamb as it had been slain. Jesus himself remembers what we remember of Him; and still he rejoices to remember that for us He endured the Cross and Passion; and still he pleads that joyful remembrance; and still to-day the Father beholds that pleaded Passion and gladdens as he beholds: and blesses us too, as Christ's forgiven, Christ's brothers—in the might of that gladness. And why? Why should God gladden to recall that day of bitter and miserable dying? And why should God in his glad acceptance of that agony and bloody sweat, find Himself enabled to pardon? Because Christ, His own son, did on that day "glorify He manifested the name of God; and this he did by presenting before the Father, even in that hour of scathing trial, the unshattered and unbeclouded image of that mind, that love, that pitywhich are the name of God the Father. God the Father looks from heaven down upon Calvary, that He may find there, in the dying Son, that perfect goodness which is His own, which is Himself; and ah! the Father's joy, that breaks out from His heart, as up, in free motion, untaught, unforced, there comes from another's lips the very cry that His own compassion loves to greet and to answer—the very prayer that entered in within the deepest desire of His mercy and His infinite loving kindness. This out-breaking joy of the Father over the Son is to the dark world as a new upspringing dawn, it is as the sudden inrush of a great light; it is as a gracious warmth that enfolds and encompasses; it is as a blessing that translates and transfigures. This light, this new warmth, is "the glory wherewith the Father glorifies the Son," and its splendor as it breaks out in power over the Son, whose perfect loyalty evoked it, spreads out in waves of heat, and sound and force, and illuminates and embraces those of whose flesh and blood that Son was partaken, and whom He is not ashamed, even as they pierce Him, to call His brethren. To all such brethren (thanks to Jesus), that splendor of inrushing joy is known under the name of forgiveness. It is the renewal of that old and favorable loving kindness without which we had shrivelled and withered; that favor-once lost through our sin, now won to us by our share in the sinless Son of Man. The glory of the Father! It is the Father who is revealed to us on the Cross. The Father's heart, the Father's mind, that speak to us through the last seven words of the Son. In these cries God the Father heard his own love speaking, and therefore they were acceptable, and we can, through the gate of those last words, creep in behind and within the shame, the bitterness, the pain, and learn through the Spirit what language, what communication it is that passes between the holy Son and the blessed Father, and we can read something of the secret of that hidden God whom our souls yearn to find, though our eyes may never behold Him.

#### MUSIC.

Come with me then, for the blessed Three are all

about us! Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Come and

listen and ask what it is in those words from the

Cross which the Father looks with unutterable joy ?-

Canon Holland.

THE STORY OF THE RESURRECTION .- Words and Music published by Timms, Moor & Co., 23 Adelaide St., Toronto. Price 5 cts., \$3.00 per 100.

This is one of a number of short pieces adapted for use at special seasons in the Church. There may be a defect in Rubrical correctness in using these occasional brief services of music at divine services, but the breach made by the universal custom of singing hymns is amply wide enough to let in, without offence, to order short disgressions as "The Story of the Resurrection." The service consists of three short verse narratives of the Resurrection to be sung to the music which is given in this leaflet. The music is appropriate and easy, the words a paraphrase of Scripture with a touching close in the form of "Our Cry to Jesus." We trust it may be largely used by congregations this Easter, especially we commend it for senior Sunday School classes as well as for home use, "in places where they sing."

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Oorrespondents.

#### DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—THE LATE REV. A. W. MOUNTAIN.—Sur.-Perhaps you will kindly allow me space for a few words as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. A. W. entered into the rest on the 31st of January. Mr. Mountain's father and grandfather were Bishops of Quebec; he was himself educated at Oxford, afterwards took holy orders in the diocese of Quebec, and for the last twelve or fifteen years had held a living in England, to educate his family in the mothercountry. He, therefore, leaves a large circle of friends on both sides of the Atlantic to mourn his loss. His leath was to him a veritable "falling asleep," to all who were brought in contact with him. Younger clergy had always found in him a particular friend. His care that they should be considerately received, encouraged and helped, as those who had entered a community of brethren; his example, which spoke louder than words of the meaning of clerical consistency; his thoughtfulness, which proceeded of his lively conscience; -these things never failed to impress themselves upon his younger brethren. No one could meet him without being better for it; his life had that enthusiasm of quiet holiness which communicated itself to all who spoke with him. It was my own privilege to share his hospitality, and to know something of his life in a time when physical weakness rendered sympathy a peculiar blessing. One could not but feel at such a time what a rich sympathy he had to give. When he once said, "I have learned to value the sympathy of Christ," one knew that it had entered deep into the fibres of his spiritual nature. He had learned the Apostolic lesson of valuing God's comfort that therewith he might minister to the comfort of others.

As a parish priest his work was incessant. evening unoccupied was rare with him, for with his various classes, meetings and instructions, he reached and held the welfare of every individual in the parish. His health has been of the poorest for several years, but his activity was as unflagging as in fresh ness of youth. Through it all one who knew him could see that he did it uncomplainingly, patiently and the end." I have seen him doing his word when it was hard to keep back the tears, from pain and fatihome and abroad were constantly turning to him for pastor was a better looking man now than he was help—which he always gave. With such a nature it seemed as if the supplies were unfailing.

worth. In a larger sphere, as connected with various portrait, which is an artistic production of great which might be, and I trust will be, said by those man, in responding, expressed his sincere thanks for more competent to speak. For the debts of grati the generous gift. He said that when he looked back tude owed to him were large.

tween twenty and thirty of the neighboring clergy between the then helpless bundle and the picture were present, also choristers from the adjoining now before him. No one but a mother he thought, parish church of Stony Stratford, who joined his own would succeed in tracing it. Since that time there choir in singing Mr. Mountain's favorite hymns. have been many birthdays, and some sad ones, and The body, in charge of the Rev. Mr. Le Jeune, curate, perhaps, with each returning anniversary a change in and two parishioners, was taken to Liverpool and the outward man. A contribution of good will, such placed in the catacombs of Anfield cemetery. When as the present, is a source of great pleasure to the renavigation opens it will be taken to Quebec, to rest in cipient, and, next to prayers, helps to cheer and sus-St. Michael's churchyard, by the side of Mr. Moun tain God's minister in the discharge of his responsible tain's father and mother.—Exchange.

### MONTREAL.

Montreal .- The White Cross Army .- A movement is on foot amongst the clergy of the Anglican communion in the city to establish a branch of the White Cross Army here, the matter having been first mentioned at a recent meeting of the clergy of the diocese, and it will again come up in the Synod at their next meeting. The Rev. J. G. Norton, of Christ Church Cathedral, is one of the originators of the movement. The idea was the outcome of eleven years' work in the Durham Rescue Home, and the beginning was after a lecture delivered by Miss Ellis Hopkins in Bishop Auckland, near Durham. At the memoriam of the late Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, which close Bishop Lightfoot started the movement, and embodies all the notices relating to deceased that this was reported in the papers. The consequence appeared in the press of the country. The issue has was that letters asking for information came rapidly been distributed among the members of the congrein, and a society for the diocese was quickly formed, gation of St. James', by whom it will be highly with Mr. Martin as honorary secretary and lecturer. valued.

The success that attended it might be gathered from the fact that at the first anniversary held in Bishop Auckland in February, 1884, branches had been form. ed in upwards of eighty cities and towns in the British Islands, as well as in Switzerland, Cincinnati, Massachusetts and California. This was the first public meeting that Mr. Norton attended before helleft England, and after that Canon Body, of Durham, became lecturer, while the work of correspondence was undertaken by the Church of England Purity Society, London, who opened a White Cross depot at their central office in London. Since then, the progress of the Association has been very large, and branches are constantly being formed, both in the Old Mountain, late vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverton, who Country and on this side of the Atlantic. The success which has attended the initiation of the idea proves its need, and is the more remarkable as, dur. ing the past year at all events, there was no paid lecturer, nor any paid advertisements. The idea upon which the society bases its claim for existence and support is that one branch of Christian teaching is tacitly omitted, owing to the delicacy required in speaking to a mixed audience, and society suffers in consequence. The pledge card issued bore the St. but his single mindedness stood out as a beacon light Patrick's cross of Durham, and the printing all was in Durham purple; but the one now in use bears a white cross on a crimson shield, with white lillies be. side it. The pledge reads as follows:-

recognize my obligations as a Christian by the help of God.

1. To treat all women with respect and endeavor to protect them from wrong and degradation. 2. To endeavor to put down all indecent language

and coarse jests. 3. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding on men and women.

4. To endeavor to spread these principles among my companions and to try to help my younger

5. To use every possible means to fulfil the command "Keep thyself pure."

St. James the Apostle.-A large number of the leading members of the Church assembled at the rectory on Saturday evening for the purpose of presenting their esteemed pastor, Rev. Canon Ellegood, with a handsomely engrossed address and a large oil painting of himself, on the occasion of his sixty-second birthday. Among those present were: -Messrs. E. P. Hannaford, J. A. Brayley, W. I. Fenwick, John S. Hall, J. C. Hatton, J. H. Ireland, R. McKenzie, J. A. Strathy, L. H. Davidson, Major Hooper Cooper and Russell. The presentation address was made by Mr. Hannaford, who in a happy manner alluded to his accheerfully, because he knew that to be a minister of quiantance with the recipient, whom he characterized the everlasting Gospel was God's will for him. Yet it as becoming more endeared to congregation and was also apparent that it was simply a "waiting for friends as each successive year rolls by. He related some pleasant recollections of the time when the reverend gentleman was the incumbent of the Champ gue. Because of his willingness to do, friends both at de Mars Church in 1869. He thought that their then. After paying some felicitous tributes to his direction of the Church of St. James the Apostle, I speak simply of what I know of his personal Mr. Hannaford presented the reverend Canon with a societies and energies of Church life, there is much merit from Notman's studio. The reverend gentleto the period of his first birthday, he was disposed to The funeral service took place on Thursday. Be-amusingly wonder if there could be any resemblance duties.

> The Rev. A. C. Machin, assistant minister in the Church of St. James the Apostle, is about to resign that position, and will probably accept one of the three others which have been offered to him. The Rev. gentleman will receive a larger stipend than he is at present enjoying. The congregation of St. James will be grieved to part with one whom they love so dearly as Mr. Machin, but do not wish to stand in the way of his acceptance of a more lucrative charge.

#### ONTARIO.

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St. George's Cathedral.—The congregation met College, 60, and Rev. Wm. Baylis, of Montreal, 49, the lecture are to be devoted to the building fund. Rev. E. P. Crawford, 20 votes. The three first named will be sent to the Bishop. A resolution was passed fixing the salary at \$2,500 per annum.

#### TORONTO.

day afternoon and Friday evening in St. George's saying there will be no consecration of a bishop of Church. Rev. J. H. McCollum, St. Thomas' Church, Niagara till the full sum necessary for the endowment you as an Evangelist, with the assurance that you Toronto, preached on Friday, 27th ult. Rev. C. E. is paid in and invested."

Whitcombe, of St. Luke's Church, on Friday, 6th

This item in a Toronto paper may or may not be corinst., and Rev. Canon Dumoulin on Friday, the rect. We are not favorably impressed with it, if correct.

law of the esteemed incumbent, preached morning cerned. We can only say, that while the balance of and evening on Sunday, 7th, to large congregations. the endowment now required is prospering, and quite The reverend gentleman is a welcome visitor in this likely to be completed before next meeting of Synod, parish. A concert for the benefit of St. George's it is perhaps too much to suppose that every cent is Church was given recently in the School-houses at to be paid in, and invested by that time. A reasonwhich the talented Telgmann family appeared to the able assurance for the payment of subscriptions, at great pleasure of all. The proceeds were highly least in country parishes, should be sufficient, e.g., satisfactory. Although this parish has had a dis-subscriptions which are payable in quarterly instalruption, a few malcontents leaving and joining the ments within one year from date. We have implicit He illustrated by ancient and modern instances, flourishing condition. We have an excellent choir that he will duly inform the members of the Synod of life . "Education," said the Bishop, "is a means to ponses, frequent communions, and general good feeling exists between priest and people.

Orono.—The Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., of Millbrook, gathered during his travels.

TORONTO.—G. Merser, Hon. Secretary C. E. T. G. acknowledges the following: St. James', Toronto, additional, \$1.60; Millbrook, \$7, Lakefield, \$2; Scar borough, \$7.65.

The New Parish.—The Rector of St. Barnabas has been assiduously visiting in the new parish, everywhere has been received with kindaloof, have shown a most neighbourly spirit of sym-expression of good will entertained towards the Revpathy, and everything goes to justify the establish erend gentleman by his congregations during the W. H. Clarke as its Rector. A site for a church is sented him with a valuable cow. being sought for. Surely some property owner will donate one.

THE LITTLE ORGAN QUESTION AT ST. JAMES'.-The congregation at St. James seem in a highly uncertain state of mind in regard to the little organ placed in the chancel. It is said that the singing is confined to those near the organ. That is a very old state of affairs, as this congregation, for many years, has left all the singing and responding to the choir. Why not take the large organ down right away and put it "where it will do most good,"—that is at the end of the nave? Surely there is no principle at stake between having a little organ so placed and a big one? Perhaps the great authority on these things will tell us that a single manual organ is a proof of sacramentarianism, and a three manual one is a sign of the opposite, or vice versa. Just as inconsequent statements are continually made to excite party feeling, in fact the party is built on such foundations.

Obituary.—Lieut. Col. Moffat.—The sudden death of Lieut Col. Moffat has cast a gloom over a wide circle in Toronto and other places. The deceased was must have received a special inspiration for the occaat Church near us a few days before his death, and sion. In the evening a public reception was tender-seemed in full health. This winter has been a cruelly ed to His Lordship in the Church-hall, Courtright, fatal time. Deceased, as an earnest Churchworker. will be much missed.

lively energies of the Rector.

Carleton.—St. Marks.—The Rev. T. W. Paterson Thursday evening 12th, to receive report of the Ves-delivered his illustrated lecture on "Egypt and the try Committee appointed to make nominations Nile," in the new and commodious School House and Mitchell in connection with the Assistant-Rectorship. Three Temperance Hall, on Thursday, the 12th. The hall, names were submitted, Rev. Buxton Smith, which was splendidly adapted for the purposes of the Sherbrooke; Rev. J. J. Bogart, Ottawa, and Rev. E. lecture, was completely filled, and the large audience P. Crawford, Brockville. They proceeded to ballot seemed to thoroughly appreciate the scenes illustrafor candidates. The result was: Rev. Buxton Smith, tive of ancient and modern Egypt, and the descrip-67 votes; Rev. Dr. Lobley, Principal of Lennoxville tion of them given by the lecturer. The proceeds of

#### NIAGARA.

The Ioronto World correspondent at Hamilton, under date of March 10th, says, "The metropolitan Oshawa.—Lenten service are held every Wednes has sent a letter to the Ven. Archdeacon McMurray,

The information, however, lacks confirmation so far Ven. Archdeacon Ellwood, of Goderich, father-in- as the clergy and lay members of the Synod are con-Reformed Episcopal body, yet the church is in a confidence in the venerable Archdeacon McMurray the impressions made in children and retained through under the leadership of Miss Warren, hearty res. all matters of importance whenever necessary, that all matters of importance whenever necessary, that an end, and not the end of all things. Never defy unseemly misunderstanding or confusion may be knowledge; knowledge is not divine. We see through averted.

A Lenten Mission of three weeks has just been condelivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on cluded in Binbrook, Saltfleet, and Barton East, conthe Holy Land, on Tuesday last, to a fair audience in ducted by the Rev. F. E. Howitt for the Rev. Thomas tists. Inspiration and science move in the same the Anglican Church here, Mr. G. M. Long occupied Smith. Your correspondent is able to heartily comthe chair. At the close of the meeting, the Reverend mend the careful and impressive manner observed at ledge. Ignorance can be dissipated by him only. He gentleman showed a collection of relics, which he had the afternoon Bible Readings, and the evening services when further instructions in the way of salvation were given. The great purpose before us all should be a deeper desire for increased knowledge of the truth, and a closer communion with God.

## HURON.

Burford.—The donation lately given to the Rev. D. H. Hind, incumbent of Burford, was a marked suc-Some who might have been expected to stand cess, realizing over \$100 in value. This is the second ment of the parish and the appointment of the Rev. present ecclesiastical year. On July last they pre-

MOORE.—On the 2nd inst., the Bishop visited the above parish for confirmation; he commenced at Corunna and was greeted by a very large congregation; he administered the rite of confirmation to twenty six candidates, who were chiefly males, and many of them married. A public reception was tendered to His Lordship in the evening, and an address presented by the clergyman and the Churchwardens and lay delegates of Froomefield and Corunna church es. On the 3rd inst., the Bishop administered the rite of confirmation in Trinity Church, Mooretown, and admitted forty-one persons to the full communion of the Church by the imposition of hands. This class was a remarkable one, as some of the candidates were some of the females had their babies in their arms over seventy years of age, and many of them were brought into the church from the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran denominations while standing in front of the Sanctuary, and whole families of adults, parents and children were amongst the number. The Bishop's address was such as found its way to the hearts of all, and many felt that he when the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, on behalf of himself the church-wardens and lay delegates representing the congregation of Trinity Church, Mooretown, read and presented an address, beautifully engrossed on The Rev. ARTHUR BALDWIN.—We very much re- parchment. For a country parish like Moore to have joice to hear that the Rector of All Saints, Toronto, sixty-seven persons admitted into full communion sidering the wealth of the congregation and the value is convalescent after his long illness. We trust the with the Church during one Episcopal visit, is somecongregation will see to it that their hard working thing remarkable, and indicates that Church life pastor has a prolonged rest to recuperate in, and on there must be vigorous. The Bishop expressed his his return to duty that he is provided with a Curate, gratification publicly, and warmly congratulated the who would find ample occupation in this important Rev. Dr. Armstrong and the congregations at this parish, and still leave work enough to engage the unusually large accession of numbers to full communion with the body of Christ.

WARWICK .- The following address was presentedto the Rev. Pierre B. De Lom, Rector of Trinity Church,

Reverend and dear Sir,-We, the Rector, Church Wardens, Lay Delegates, members and friends of St. Mary's Church, Warwick, desire to express to you our gratitude for the great spiritual good we have received during your sojourn amongst us. You have, by your prayer meetings, Bible readings, and powerful discourses, strengthened believers, comforted those who were weak in the faith; you have raised up those who were fallen from God and His service, and have shown us very plainly how, by the power of Jesus Christ, we can crush all spiritual enemies under our feet. We are profoundly grateful that God has sent you to revive us, and we pray that your strength of body may be preserved, and that God will continue to make you his instrument of good to many others, as you have been to us. We can cordially endorse will bring a blessing where your services are received. Will you please accept from us, as a small token of our appreciation of your services, this purse containing \$50, and we shall pray that the Lord may continue to bless you, and make you as great an instrument of good to others as you have been to us. Signed, P. Edward Hyland, Rector; Edward Archer, Nathaniel Herbert, Church Wardens; Charles J. Kingston, Lay Delegate to Synod.

EAST MIDDLESEX.—His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, delivered an impressive address at the meeting of the E. M. teachers, on Saturday, March 7. a glass, darkly; the eye that looks into space is not clear. If science and the Bible were in accord to day fifty years hence they would be in opposition. Men who to day shine bright in science will in fifty years be set aside to make room for a better class of sciengroove. Teach that Christ is the source of knowis the perfect light and the eternal life. Teachers will find their work a work of love, if they let it have Him for its end.

AYLMER.—The trustees of Trinity Church, Aylmer, are in treaty for the purchase of the Methodist Episcopal Church, here. They have decided to offer two thousand dollars for it—an increase of their former

The Diocesan Committee. The regular Standing Committee of the Synod of Huron, will be held in the Chapter House, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

St. Thomas.—Special services are being held in St. John's Church, St. Thomas, every night this week, first week in March, by Rev. Canon Smith, of Christ Church, Forest City.

London.—The Ladies Aid Association have in the year ending Feb. 1885, raised \$1,000 towards the building fund. Of this sum one hundred dollars were the proceeds of a sale of work, held by the Young Ladies Auxiliary. The remaining \$900 have been collected by the mite subscription of five cents per week, collected monthly by the ladies. They have undertaken to collect a like sum during the present

Forest.—His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, held confirmation in Christ Church on Thursday, March 24th, when Rev. W. Henderson presented for the laying on of hands, a large class of candidates. The Bishop, on the following evening delivered, in the Town Hall, an excellent moral lecture to a large audi- $\mathbf{dence}.$ 

WOODSTOCK.—The weekly offering or envelope system has been successful in several congregations in this diocese. A meeting of the congregation of "New" St. Paul's Church was held last week when the financial state of the Church was discussed. It was resolved to adopt the weekly offertory, or envelope system. This week those appointed to solicit the members to adopt this system have been very successful, and the prospect is encouraging that this beautiful church will ere long be out of debt which, conof the property, is not large.

#### ALGOMA.

Rosseau. - February 27th, the Bishop of the diocese was met at Bracebridge by the Revd. Alfred W. H. Chowne, incumbent of Rosseau, who started with his sixty fourth year. Dr. Howley was forty four when Bishop preached; and under Mr. Etty's hospitable very robust, and might be taken for a man of fifty. roof both Bishop and priest stayed for the night. February 28th, starting for the next station, Ullswater, where the service commenced at 10.30 a.m., in the following order (owing to unavoidable circumstances,) (1) Consecration and Matins, (2) Confirmation and address, (3) Baptism, &c., (4) Sermon, (5) Holy Communion. After service his Lordship held a vestry. At this Church nine persons received at the vestry. At this Church nine persons received at the hands of the Bishop the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. The Bishop and incurabent them directly and three powerful hydraulic engines are employed to work it. The organ stands on a magnificent screen The Bishop and incumbent then dined at the house of Mr. Henry Creasor (whose son is one of the wardens) which has often been the home of the clergy when on parochial duty and passing through these parts. Dinner ended, the next start was for Rosseau, many a church, measuring thirty-six feet in width, the home station of the mission. March 1st, being thirty two feet in depth, and sixty-five feet in height. Sunday, prayers were read by the incumbent, and ten The performer on this magnificent instrument will candidates were presented for confirmation, and as also in the former case, the address was most suited to the occasion. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and as at Ullswater, all the candidates received. 4 o'clock, p.m., the Bishop held Divine service at "Iceland," in Caldwell township, 9 miles off, and returned to Rosseau to take Even Song at 7.30 p.m. The church articles about it. The English Guardian calls the was crowded. On Monday, March 2nd, Divine ser evil the "most pertinacious and universal form of vice was held at the Serett and Holton settlement, vice," and calls on the Church of England for action. North Cardwell, 6 miles off, when the Bishop preached again, and after service, had an interview with the thing. There is, it seems, a Church of England Purity people present. He then returned to Rosseau, and in Association, but it has as yet done little or nothing. the evening held a vestry, which was well attended. The Bishop's visit ended at Rosseau; he then proceeded, in company with the incumbent of Rosseau, to Parry Sound to begin work in that mission, and then proceeded north.

#### UNITED STATES.

OBITUARY.—The death, at the early age of twenty years, of Phillipps, eldest son of Rev. T. D. Phillipps, late rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, Illinois, U. S., calls for more than a passing notice. For not only was he well-known there, but, brief as was his life, it contained many lessons for the young. Born at Niagara, Canada, Jan. 25th, 1865, he gave early promise of a bright if not brilliant career. Thus, he entered the Collegiate Institute at Ottawa, before he was twelve, and at the age of fifteen passed the entrance examination to the Royal Military College, Kingston, and, ten days later, the literary examination for a second class teacher's certificate, either of these examinations is equivalent to matriculation at a university. Spending the ensuing winter in New Orleans, he imbibed that taste for business which determined his choice of a profession, and induced his father to migrate to this country, so as to give his sons a wider field for work. As clerk in the Division Court at Ottawa, and in other responsible positions, he won the highest esteem of employers and all who knew him as a good, pure, and upright young man. The rector of Wilmington writes: "He showed an active interest in everything that bore upon religion, with you and even spoke of being out in a day or two, within three days of his death, and I had no fears of any immediate result at that time; he evidently desired to spare you anxiety on his account, which he deemed useless under the circumstances. I saw him fervently in the Lord's prayer and in the responses. "He died in the true faith, with a lively hope and confidence in God, and a firm reliance upon his Saviour. That God has received him we cannot doubt. May he rest in eternal peace."

## ENGLAND.

advocate of their principles. He is himself a living Kirkpatrick, for £500,--Scotsman. Bishop is rather old for such a charge, as he is in his S. G. -Scottish Guardian.

Lordship to commence his tour through that mission. he left his stall at Christ Church to become Bishop of February 28th, taking on their way out of Brace-London, Bishop Blomfield was forty-two when he was bridge a funeral at the Cemetery of that place; and translated from Chester, Dr. Tait forty four when he thence proceeded to Raymond, the most southern was promoted from the Deanery of Carlisle, and Bishop station of the Rosseau mission, where divine service Jackson fifty seven when he was translated from Lin was held at Mr. J. Etty's house at 7.30 p.m. There coln. Dr. Temple, however, having a fine conwas a good congregation and a hearty service. The stitution, has always enjoyed the best of health; he is

> CHURCH ORGANS.-What is described as the largest organ in any place of worship in England, is now nearly completed in Beverley minster, by an old firm of organ builders, Messrs, Hill & Son, London. It has four manuals, 64 stops, a perfect forest of 8,500 pipes, of carved oak, recently erected at a cost of \$15,000

> Another large organ has just been built by Walck, of Ludwigsbury, and placed in the cathedral of Riga. It will contain 6826 pipes, and will be larger than have the command of no less than 124 sounding stops.

The question of social purity is receiving a great deal of attention just now in England. The Church Congress discussed it, and the press teems with It has talked enough about it; now let it do some-The Bishop of Peterborough wisely advises it to take up at once the question of corrupt literature, the trade in which is very extensive.

#### FOREIGN.

CHURCH IN SCOTLAND .- Annual Statistical Report .-The usual voluminous report, for the year ending June, 1884, of the Scottish Episcopal Church, has just beed printed, and a comparison can be made with the statistics published in 1883, of which a summary appeared in the Scotsman at the time. Numercially, the Church has made distinct progress during the two years, the relative numbers of members and adherents at the respective dates being 70,847 and 76,836. About 16 new congregations have been added, so far as can be gathered from the tables, making somewhere 220 in all, exclusive of private chapel and other exceptional charges. Notwithstanding the large families sprang up; the population grew and gradually increase of members, there appears, as in other spread over different countries. But all the various funds of the denomination. The Clergy Fund, which in 1883 amounted to £12,706, was this year upwards of £400 less, and the number of contributors has decreased as well. The minor branches of Church finance, such as missionary funds and the Education Scheme, have also declined, and the schools, as to results, will shew poorly compared with those of other denominations. The average stipend from all sources seems to be about the same as it wasfrom £216 to £220—the equal dividend for this year and his faith was ardent and sincere. He regularly 155 churches share in the equal dividend instead of being £60 against £65 two years ago. Now, however, received the Holy Eucharist up to the very day before 32 at the previous date. Judging by numbers, the he was taken ill." "He forbade my communicating Brechin diocese, including Dundee, &c., is the most flourishing, having an average of 580 to each congregation; and Argyll and the Isles the least so, the average being only 124; the diocese of Glasgow and Edinburgh (about equal), Aberdeen, St. Andrews, daily, and had prayers with him repeatedly, he uniting It is worth noticing that the city of Edinburgh, with 16 churches, has 10,758 Episcopalians, and Glasgow, with 14 churches, has 7,980. The geographical limits of these Episcopal dioceses, it may be remarked, are very arbitrary, and there is ample room for some ecclesiastical General Bayly to rectify boundary lines according to some intelligible principle. Peebles and Jedburgh, for example, belong, episcopally, to Glasgow; while on the northern side of the Tay, Forfar goes to the St. Andrews diocese, and Arbroath belongs to Brechin. The legacies for the year are larger than The new Bishop of London will be a great acquisit- for many years past, amounting to £1,553 10s., ion to the temperance party in London, for he is a which includes a legacy by the late Mr. John Smith, total abstainer, and has leng been an ernest and busy of Aberdeen, of £750, and another by Miss Christian We print the tistimony to the sustaining virtues of tea, for he gets above just as it appeared in Wednesday's Scotsman, through all his work on that beverage, of which, I be- but we suppose that for "32" is meant 132 churches leive, he is the greatest drinker in Great Britian since as sharing in the equal dividend two years ago. Also the death of Dr. Johnston. Mrs. Temple is also much the Editor, in his calculations, has entirely forgotten engaged in this crusade, and interests more actively to take into account the fact that the last financial in all charitable and philanthropic movements. The year consisted of only nine and a half months.—Ed.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Times writes from Moscow :- " On Thursday, December 18th, the Right Rev. Dr. J. H. Titcomb (late Bishop of Rangoon), English Bishop for Northern and Central Europe, confirm d in Moscow about forty candidates, the majority of whom were, as usual, young ladies. On the following Sanday the Bishop consecrated, under the name of the Church of St. Andrew, the newlyerected British chapel, of the opening of which I sent an account a few months since. In a powerful discourse, admirably calculated to impress the minds of such an audience, the Bishop declared the building for ever set apart for all the purposes of a church according to the belief of the Church of England, and so handed it over to the churchwardens, Messrs, Wincey and Gibson. It is hoped that, now that the English in Moscow possess a building worthy of the sacred purposes for which it was built, steps will be taken to remove a serious disability under which they labour-namely, that of not being able to have marriages among them legally celebrated otherwise than by the British Vice Consul. It is a strange anomaly that the clergyman of the Church of England in St. Petersburg may legally perform the marriage rite where he will within that city, while the clergyman in Moscow cannot do so even in the church there, Hitherto occasional short Acts of Parliament (the last was in 1858) of a retrospective nature have been passed to legalise such marriages; but it is now felt that a large and important English community, such as that resident in and near Moscow, should be in a position more consonant with the religious opinions in which they have been educated."

## Notes on the Bible Lessons

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BIBLE LESSON. "The Tower of Babel."-Gen. xi. 1, 9.

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Having seen how God, immediately after the flood, entered into a covenant with Noah and his sons that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood, and how he gave them the "Bow of Promise" as the token of the covenant, we pass on, to day, to study the actions of some of their descendants. After the flood children were born to Noah's sons. Various quarters, a falling off in the various branches of the tribes would trace their lineage to the three sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japeth (ch. ix. 19). Chapter x after giving the names of the different families, tells us in verse 82, "by these were the nations divided in the earth;" but this did not take place by chance. See what St. Paul told the Athenians (Acts xvii. 26). God's providence is always directing and selecting. He knows the characters of men; He knew from the first what was to be the destiny of each of Noah's three sons. His purpose was that they should disperse in different directions in order to people the earth. Today we read of some who rebelled against God's will, and wanted to have their own way. Up to this time there had been only one language in the world, what this language was we do not know. About one hundred and fifty years had elapsed from the flood; men had increased very much; some of them journeying eastward found a plain where they thought they would settle, build a great city and become famous, verses 24.

(1) The Ambitious Builders.—What do we mean by ambition? an excessive desire to be superior to others. These builders wanted to make themselves a "name," and to become mightier than their neighbours. Noah must have told his sons and their families what God's intention was; but they rebelled against this, and encouraged one another to defy God. Compare ii. 2, 3, 4.

They began to build a tower on the plain of Shinar of sun dried bricks with bitumen, a sticky substance like tar, to cement them together; these produced walls of great strength. It is not unlikely that the tower of Babel was connected with idolaterous worship of the heavenly bodies. In this project there was "worldly wisdom." It represented man's pride and self-will exalting itself against the knowledge of God. We can imagine them boasting and glorying in the work of their hands. Compare Isaiah xiv. 13, 14, 15; Dan. iv. 29, 30, 31; Deut. viii. 17, 18; Deut. ix. 4. Are we never like these builders?

2. The Supreme Ruler .- But God was over all, verse 5. In the scene before us there was no thought of

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all, verse thought of yet God was king; and He cannot be defeated by in this matter, without relegating it to any irrespon- religious speech and language, whether written or man, (Isaiah xi. 11 17.) (a.) God looked, (Psalm xxxviii sible casual agency—and in every parish where there spoken, is clearly adapted and calculated to convey in 18, 14.) He is represented as taking counsel with is a large Jewish population, providing that at least, very positive terms, among many other modern and Himself, verse 6, and, as in the creation of man, God one member of the regular staff of Clergy shall be very silly notions the three following gross errors: the Son is the Father's councillor, (Isaiah ix. 6) so here specially qualified for the evangelisation and instruct 1. That the new birth, of which our blessed Lord in verse 7 we see (b) God Intervened. God said "Go tion of his Jewish Parishioners. to, let us go down," &c. This showed God's wisdom, for this simple device which rendered them incapable one namely, in assisting in the special training of are therefore one and the same thing. 2. That this of understanding each other effectually prevented men who after their ordination, shall be willing to conversion is indispensibly necessary at some time or them from going on with their building. So we read devote themselves to the work in question:—the other in the life of every human being who has arrived in verse 8, "The Lord scattered them abroad." (c) other towards providing stipends for such curates as at years of discretion, in order that he or she may God governed. Their design was frustrated, and the have acquired (through us or otherwise) the necessary enter into "the kingdom of heaven," or "the kingdom earth was more speedily replenished. So it is always, qualifications. God restrains the power of evil and makes it serve Him. (Psalm lxxvi. 10.) (Exodus ix. 16.) Therefore and how we are to understand the prephecies conwas confusion and dispersion instead of the unity for cerning their re-establishment in God's favour,—are God the great ruler of the universe. which these builders strove. The tower was called subjects well suited for a Christian's thought and Babel (verse 9), which means "confusion." Many enquiry, provided that they, at no time, take off his ner as possible the very gross erroneousness of these years later it became the central point of the City of mind from the performance of a very simply practi Babylon. We are reminded of an opposite miracle to cal duty, about which there can reasonably be no ity or something else very much worse which they this one of the confusion of tongues. Pentecost and question at all: namely, the duty assisting by prayers indicate. I shall consider them in the reverse order the gift of tongues. (Acts xi. 4.) Dreams of universal and alms giving the Church's missions to the Jews. empire have always ended in failure; but Christ's The "preach the Gospel to every creature," (Jews, of kingdom shall be established over all the kingdoms of course, included,) is of infinitely more importance to the world. Let us learn not to be self-willed, proud, the Church as an act of present Christian obedience, ambitious. If we want to be happy and to succeed than the question, "Wilt Thou at this, or that time dom," and "his kingdom," there is to be found in the in our plans, we must try and find out what God restore the Kingdom to Israel"?—A learned and New Testament, but chiefly in the Holy Gospels, no "would have us to do," and do that. And trust always in God's wisdom and love. See Jer. ix. 28, 24.

## Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

#### A SMALL ORGAN.

SIR,—May I ask through your columns, if any of your readers have a small organ which they will give away to a new and poor country mission. Yours faithfully

WM. DAGKIN. Madoc, March 8, 1885.

#### JEWISH EVANGELIZATION.

Sir,—So many inquiries having been made as to the "Parochial Missions to the Jews," I suggested to Canon Sutton, one of the Honorary Secretaries, the propriety of sending a letter to the Dominion POPULAR MODERN CONVERSION VS. HOLY CHURCHMAN for the information of your readers. enclose his letter with the request that you give it enclose his letter with the request that you give it insertion in your next issue. Canon Sutton in a private letter asks me to associate my name with his in this subject by referring to the fact that in the New advocating the claims of this society. I need only the second of the conversion is advocating the claims of this society. I need only Testament the very first allu ion to conversion is dividing one diocese from another without coming say in addition to my former letter, that the Bishop made by our Lord himself, and that still later when of Truro, when Vicar of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, speaking to his disciples for the first and only time as was the main originator of this society, that it grew far as we know, on the subject of their own conversion, out of the great necessity felt of Clergy specially he declared it to be an indispensible condition of trained for the work of Jewish Evangelization, and their entry into the kingdom of heaven, St. Matt. that from the names of the Bishops and clergy asso | xvii. 3. ciated in this work, well-known to all churchmen, we may have every confidence in giving it our support. sacred ministry on earth, he used very often this Good Friday, the Holy Day on which the Church expression "the kingdom of heaven" or "the kingdom of heaven" or "the kingdom of God," and that too on various occasions with increasingly felt to be a day specially appropriate for such very clear descriptions of its nature and characalms giving on this behalf, if our prayers are to be ter as to render it simply arrazing that in this nineregarded as sincere. I shall be glad to take charge of teenth century, in this age of light and knowledge and acknowledge any subscriptions sent to me for any student of the New Testament possessing even this fund, suggesting, however, that offerings made only very moderate intelligence, should misapprein the Church "for the Conversion of the Jews," had hend what he meant by that expression, even though better be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of each it be one which would seem peculiarly his own. Diocese marked "for the Parochial Missions to the Jews." A copy of the last report of this society will be sent any one who writes to me for one. J. D. CAYLEY.

Toronto, March 13, 1885.

To the Editor of the Dominion Churchman:

Sir,—It is with very sincere pleasure that we hear of so many of our fellow-churchmen in the Dominion being desireous of knowing something about our Fund .. with a view-if not to actually co-operate with us-to the great day of Penticost till the present hour who at least the carrying on of a kindred work on similar church lines.

The principle of our undertaking is simply thisthat the Jews dwelling in any parish, are as much committed to the spiritual care of the incumbent, as are the rest of his Parishioners; and that therefore in iii. 27. all such cases the Church is herself responsible for their evangelizatian.

And we consider that while the prayers of the faithful go up before God, for the conversion of His ancient people (who are still His people though the vail yet remains upon their hearts) their alms cannot, is among the many crooked and very misleading piece of furniture. Factory, Owen Sound Ont.

men might boast great things and build high walls, by enabling the Church to undertake and do her duty people so to shape their phraseology that all their

Our Fund accordingly is applied under two heads:

What God may have in store for Israel as a nation, piously worded argument on the fulfilment of Jewish Prophecy between two men, who, neither of them ever give an alms towards bringing individual Jewish souls to Christ, is to say, the least of it a very inconsistent thing. On the other hand, how very Dominion clergy in common with a large number of their brethren in England, purpose to make collections in their Churches in behalf of Jewish missions. together touching one thing that they want—so many 1 Tim. iii. 15. prayers and alms pleading together for such an object and on such a day-how certainly it will bring down a special blessing from God, both upon the work itself and upon all who take part in it. I shall be very happy to send copies of our report to any who will be good enough to apply for them to me at the address below. I am Sir,

Yours faithfully, ROBERT SUTTON. Jan. 12, 1885. Vicar of Pevensey, Canon of Chichester, Honorary Secretary of the Parochial Missions to the Jews Fund, Pevensey Vicarage, Hastings, England.

## SCRIPTURE.

We find also from the Holy Gospels, that during his

As far as we know, his first use of it was made on the occasion of that very interesting and ever memorable interview which took place between Himself and Nicodemus, that "Master of Israel," who "came to him by night." Here, also, as in the matter of New Testament conversion, our blessed Lord connects with this "kingdom" the new birth which he himself in explanation of his own words to this astonished and much puzzled "ruler of the Jews" declares to be the being "born of water and of the spirit," a new birth which all the really and truly learned from have been and are in very truth "holy and humble men of heart," have understood and believed to mean neither more nor less than the due and proper reception of holy baptism; neither more nor less than the being duly and properly "baptised into Christ," Gal.

God, no looking up to Him (Psalm x 4.) These wicked we conceive, assist the cause in any better way, than tricks of this not by any means unpopular, class of spoke to Nicodemus, was nothing more nor less than the conversion of which he spake to his disciples, and of God," of which our blessed Lord speaks, and 3, that this "kingdom" is none other than the kingdom of glory, the special and glorious abode of Almighty

In order to show in as complete and marked a manthree mere assumptions, and the consummate stupid-

in which I have placed them.

less than probably fifty places in which the word "kingdom" occurs, and in almost every instance with no more celestial and spiritual meaning than have the words "Christ's Church militant here on earth." In the very few instances in which it may possibly be encouraging it is to hear that on Good Friday next, otherwise, (if any there be), the simple term "Christ's the one day in the year when the Jews are mentioned Church " is quite as wide and comprehensive, inasby name in the Church's intercessions, many of the much as the full and true meaning of such simple term is Christ's Church militant here on earth, and his Church triumphant in Paradise, together one glorious corporate body "the body of Christ," "the Church of Such a united act—so many congregations agreeing the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth,"

LAYMAN.

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND,

Sir.—At different times correspondents have written letters to the Church papers on the subject of the Widows and Orphans Fund. I would introduce this subject again. At present a clergyman, transferred from one diocese to another, is placed under heavy disabilities. He forfeits all his claims in the old diocese, he is put under penalty in the new, if he desires that his heirs shall have a claim on its Widows and Orphans Fund. There is not a body of Christians under the sun, that so treats its clergy. If I were a Presbyterian or Methodist minister, I might under penalty. And we talk about the oneness of the Church of England! It is a sublime brag. We are a heap of units kept apart by miserable diocesan boundaries. A missionary feels disposed to go to Algoma, or the North West. He has to shoulder not only the responsibilities and hardships of a missionary life. He discovers that this Church is "down" on missionary zeal so far as his claims on the Widows and Orphans fund is concerned.

What is the remedy? A very simple one. Let each diocese amend its canon on the Widows and Orphans Fund so as to enact that so long as priest or deacon is in good standing, (be it remembered that he is working for the Church wherever he is, the Church is one), and pays his annual subscription to the Fund he has perhaps for years been supporting, he forfeits no claim upon it by removal from one diocese to another. Objections can, I suppose, be made against this suggestion. I hope this letter may be considered worth replying to. It has always been a puzzle to me, the peculiarly selfish way each diocese hedges around its Widows and Orphans Fund. Information may perhaps convince me that this contradiction of the oneness of the Church we are always boasting about is sufficiently prudential to justify its existence.

Yours very truly, March 6. 1885. WILLIAM CRAIG. Clinton. The Rectory,

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#### SPEAK FOR YOUR CHURCH.

From all sides, from all denominations of Christians, people are turning their thoughts to the Church's claims, and worship, and history. Almost every month the writer of this meets some new worshipper, who is just learning the Church's ways. Every year some other body of Christian people takes a step in search of the "old paths." People who used to denounce the Prayer Book most bitterly are quietly appropriating many of its beauties. Holy days are winning their way to the approval of all. Christmas and Easter needs no apologies now. Good Friday is remembered more and more widely. The Te Deum, Gloria in Excelsis, and Gloria Patri, are sung often in congregations where they were once shut out as Romish. The patience, the firmness, the strong conservative fidelity, which have held fast the old Apostolic truths and worship, however for the time unpopular, are finding their reward.

But the Church and Churchmen, must remember that they need to do something more than "hold

fast." They must " SPEAK OUT."

"Why don't you let people know what your Church is?" is the question often asked by those just learning to love it. "This worship," said one lately, "is what I have been longing for for years. It had been described to me as a mere formality. I find it fall of life and earnestness." Said another: "I have long joined in the popular cry that your Church was so exclusive. Now I know for myself that no other body of Christians has such liberal terms of communion. Why don't you take pains to show that fact to all?" And yet another, recently asked of the writer, "Why are you Churchmen so close-mouthed? You go about your own business and don't seem to care much for what others think. If you would only speak out for your Church as others do for theirs, you would do better.

And so, good friends, who read this article, I beg you to speak out for your Church. Some may say you are "proselytizing"—another ugly word. Ugly words are the favorite weapons of ignorance and prejudice. Set against them our Saviour's

dle its member's love.

the Church, or prejudiced against it, should know said it as it really is. Once awaken some interest by your words, and a book or tract, or a visit with you to the church, will give light. A fair understanding of our claims, our history, our principles, our ed the young man. worship, is what we desire. And to promote this, speak for your Church, lovingly and fearlessly, and circulate its books and tracts.—Earnest Worker.

#### FAITH IN GOD.

I knew a widow very poor, Who four small children had, The eldest was but six years old, A gentle, modest lad.

And very hard that widow toiled To feed her children four; An honest pride the woman felt, Though she was very poor.

To labour she would leave her home,— For children must be fed,-And glad was she, when she could buy A shilling's worth of bread.

And this was all the children had, On any day to eat: They drank their water, ate their bread, But never tasted meat.

One day, the snow was falling fast, And piercing was the air; I thought that I would go and see How these poor children were.

Ere long I reached their cheerless home,— Twas searched by every breeze,— When, going in, the eldest child I saw upon his knees.

I paused to listen to the boy, He never raised his head, But still went on, and said—"Give us This day our daily bread."

I waited 'til the child was done, Still listening, as he prayed, And when he rose, I asked him why The Lord's prayer he said?

"Why, Sir," said he, "this morning, when My mother went away, She wept, because she said she had No bread for us to-day.

"She said, we children now must starve, Our father being dead, And then I told her not to cry, For I could get some bread.

"' Our Father,' sir, the prayer begins, Which makes me think that He, As we have no kind father here, Would our kind father be.

And then you know the prayer too, Asks God for bread each day, So, in the corner, sir, I went, And that's what made me pray."

I quickly left that wretched room And went with fleeting feet, And very soon was back again, With food enough to eat.

"I thought God heard me," said the boy, I answered with a nod,

I could not speak, but much I thought, Of that boy's faith in God.

Francis L. Hawks, D.D.

#### "AND THEN?"

A story is told of a very good and pious man, command to "make disciples," to "compel them who is celebrated for his great holiness. He was livto come in." If you believe that in the Church ing at one of the Italian Universities, when a young that fact, and to invite them to share it with you. he had long been wishing above all things in the weight, but not until then! Speak out, then, for your Church. Do not keep world was at length fulfilled, -his parents having all your enthusiasm for conversation with Church just given him leave to study the law; and that people. Let others hear of your love of the thereupon he had come to the law school at this Church's ways. They will want to see for them- University on account of its great fame, and meant selves what you praise. They will learn from your to spare no pains or labor in getting through his words some of its peculiarities. They will think studies as quickly and as well as possible. In this more favorably of a Church that can so kin- way he ran on a long time; and when at last he came to a stop, the holy man, who had been list-What we wish is that those who are strangers to ening to him with great patience and kindness,

"Well! and when you have got through your course of studies, what do you mean to do then?" "Then I shall take my doctor's degree," answer-

"And then?" asked the holy man again . . . "And then," continued the youth, "I shall have a number of difficult and knotty cases to manage, shall catch people's notice by my eloquence, my zeal, my learning, my acuteness, and gain a great reputation."

"And then?" repeated the holy man.
"And then..." replied the youth "why then, there can't be a question, I shall be promoted to some high office or other: besides, I shall make money, and grow rich."

"And then?" the holy man softly said.

"And then," pursued the young lawyer, . . . . 'then I shall live comfortably and honourably, in health and dignity, and shall be able to look quietly forward to a happy old age."

And then?" was again asked.

"And then," said the youth . . . "and then . . and . . . then I shall die.' Here the holy man lifted up his voice, and en-

quired, "And then?"

but cast down his head, and went away. This last "and then?" had passed like a flash of lightning into his soul, and he could not get quit of it. Soon after, he forsook the study of the law, and gave himself up to the ministry of Christ, and spent the remainder of his days in godly words and works.

Would that all Christians would put the question frequently to themselves, which this holy man put to the young lawyer! When you have done all that you are doing, all that you aim at doing, all that you dream of doing, even supposing that all your dreams are accomplished, that every wish of your heart is fulfilled,—still, let the question come, -What will you do, what will be, then? Whenever you cast your thoughts forwards, never let them stop short on this side of the grave: let them not stop short at the grave itself; but when you have followed yourselves thither, and have seen yourselves laid therein, still ask yourselves the question. And then?

\* Extracted, with slight alterations, from Arch. deacon Hare's Sermons.

#### MINISTERIAL GARMENTS.

Some people object to the Church because her ministers wear robes, but nothing could be more unreasonable. Our use of clerical robes is founded upon the custom which has prevailed from the earliest periods of which we have any account, of distinguishing between the various offices of men by the difference in their garments. Over the whole world, and in every age, a difference of costume has marked a difference of office. We have many illustrations in point. Our lawyers and judges wear their appropriate robes in court. Officers of the army and navy adhere to a professional dress when on duta. Our public societies and orders are distinguished by scarfs, or badges, or regalia, which are designed to indicate the membership or offices of individuals. All this is reasonable and proper and naturally suggests itself to the mind. And is it not equally reasonable, and equally proper, that the minister of God should be clothed in a manner appropriate to his office, while he is engaged in its solemn duties? When objection is made to our Church on this ground, may we not fairly reply that, to be consistent, the objector must insist upon the officer's laying aside his uniform, he must oppose the badges and regalia of the different orders you enjoy very great privileges and blessings, it is man, whom he had known as a boy, ran up to him and societies, and when he has abolished all these, a duty of Christian charity to convince others of with a face full of delight, and told him that what we shall be prepared to allow his objection some

> But we have higher authority for this custom than its reasonableness; we plead for it the sanction of Scripture. Upon the only occasion where it has pleased the Almighty to regulate the minute details of earthly worship, He gave express directions for the garments in which His ministers were to be clothed. The ordinary priests under the Jewish dispensation, when performing service, were to wear a white linen ephod. Our argument is this: If there were anything improper in the minister of God wearing these garments, would the Lord have given it His sanction? Clearly not.

Again: If God commanded and prescribed these garments in one age of his Church, and if the reasons for their use were not peculiar to that dispensation, is it not natural to infer that they are highly

proper now?

The history of the Primitive Church is clear in its testimony to the prevelance of this custom, and we have evidence that for at least fifteen hundred years the surplice has been the dress of the minister in the performance of public worship.

John Wesley, George Whitfield, and the other great divines of the past, wore official robes.

Hear Adam Clarke, the great methodist commen-

tator, speaking on Exodus, 28: 2.

"The white surplice in the service of the church is almost the only thing that remains of those ancient and becoming vestments which God commanded to be made for glory and beauty. Clothing, as emblematical of office, is of more consequence than is generally imagined."

Chalmers, the great Presbyterian, commenting

on the same passage, says:

"There is here a distinct sanction given to the Whereupon the young man made no answer, association of outward splendor with the office of

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or indispensible, at least as to condemn the intol- Alice came quietly to her mother and said, 'Mother, end of the world," (Matt. xiii. 49). Again, the erance of those who stand opposed to it. In the you know that money that I have been saving to Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a Marriage antipathy to priestly garments, and in the contro- buy a new workbox, perhaps I can make the old one Supper, to which "bad and good" are bidden, and versies which have been raised about them, I can do.' Mrs. Morton saw the struggle in her little girl's in which all have not the wedding garment, (Matt.

with God.

ments, we submit that we are right in adhering to my mind. See, mother, no new workbox this year, the ground.-

#### HOW A CHURCH WAS FILLED ON SUNDAY EVENING.

The second service on Sunday in a certain parish was poorly attended. People thought they could not come out twice.

The Vestrymen talked the matter over. Their talk resulted in a pledge to each other, that they would never absent themselves, willingly, from the evening service, and they would arge every one they saw to plan for a second attendance.

The parents talked it over. They found that their children were not in the habit of spending the evening religiously or profitably, and they determined to set them the example of an earnest devotion to spiritual concerns. They began going twice a day the Sunday after.

The young men talked it over. They concluded that it was their duty to attend both services, and to bring at least one young man with them.

The young ladies talked it over. They thought that if they could go to a concert or a party at night, it could not do them any harm to be at Church after sunset. They decided that they would not only in God the Father, God the Son, and all go regularly, and take each a young man with God the Holy Ghost, but also in "the Holy Catho-

The minister did not know what to make of it. He began to flatter himself that he was a latent Spurgeon. The attendance was increasing every week. Strangers, seeing the direction of the crowd, followed. It became the most popular Church in the city.

#### A STORY FOR LENT.

The church bells were ringing for service on Ash-Wednesday morning, as little Alice and her mother were slowly walking to the House of Prayer. It seemed to the little girl such a very short time since she had helped to dress the beautiful Our Lord, in speaking of the Church which He "without spot or wrinkle." (Eph. v. 27). church in her robes of joy to welcome the coming was about to form on earth, described it as "the of the Lord. Now these robes had been laid aside Kingdom of Heaven." That is to say, it was to Scriptures. Those that are admitted to it are not and by her holy services the Church has gently consist of those living upon earth who were willing urged to seek some inner fold in which are more led the way to the Lenten fast, when she especial to take service under Himself, who was the King glorious privileges, but to use the privileges to ly calls her children to fasting and prayer. of Heaven. All through the day of His Crucifixion which they have been already admitted. They 'Mother,' said little Alice, 'how glad I am that it was the accusation, the claim, the mockery, the although I am such a little girl, I have the same scoff, the superscription, that He was a King. It branches of the True Vine, members of Christ's right in the Church as grown people. 'Yes, my was a Kingdom to be in the world, not of the world Body, Temples of the Holy Ghost, (John xv. 5; dear, said her mother, by holy Baptism you were (John xviii. 15, 16; xvii. 86). He proclaimed 1 Cor. xii 27; iii. 16), and they are exhorted "to made a member of Christ, which means a member that the only way in which any one could be adof His Church, and you should daily pray that the mitted to it was by Baptism (John iii. 5). Then called," (Eph. iv. 1). cross may be in your heart as well as the sign upon your brow. But here we are at the church, said in time, as wide as the world (Matt. xiii. 88). Mrs. Morton, and she walked reverently up the aisle followed by Alice, to whom the House of God that there would be an admixture of evil in the was indeed a holy place. Soon the service began, Kingdom. How were they to deal with that evil? give plenty of money, and send missionaries, to be judges. If they attempt it, they would make profess and call themselves Christians may be led God does not require so much of you now, but are all hearts are open. you sure there is no way in which you could deny The same principle is repeated in the parable of is no longer visible, but on earth the Church of yourself during this Lent?' Alice was very quiet the net which "gathered of every kind," and the Christ, the one only Church, is visible.—Dawn of during the rest of the walk home, thinking of some sorting of the good and bad, only began when it Day.

the ministry-if not such as to make it imperative way in which she might do good. That evening was drawn to the shore. "So shall it be at the heart from the tears in her blue eyes, and said gen- xii. 10, 11); to Ten Virgins, of which five were Such is the candid testimony of this great man, tly 'My little daughter must decide that for her- wise and five were foolish, (xxv. 1). Bo, too, St. recorded in the calm moments of his communing self.' Alice immediately busied herself in preparing Paul likens the Church to a great house, in which a little box, and wrote on it in large letters, " For "there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but Thus, with reason, Scripture, the custom of the Missons." 'Now,' she said, 'the money must go in also of wood and of earth, and some to honour and Primitive Church, in favor of the use of clerical gar-right away, so that I will not be tempted to change some to dishonour," (2 Tim. ii. 20). them, and that the objection against them falls to and the bright happy look came back, and the poor with no admixture of evil in it being thus apparent, missionaries and her little mission-box were last in a second conception has been put forward, that (2) her thoughts that night. The next day little Alice there is a Visible Church, and within it an Invisible passed the shop and saw the workbox she had hoped Church, and that the Visible Church consists of the to own. Very bright looked the scissors and the baptized, and the Invisible Church of the converted. tiny thimble in the neat red velvet case, and the little girl sighed gently as she turned away, but she to be met with, warning people not to rest content thought of her mission-box and was happy. On the with belonging to the Visible Church, but to press bright Easter morning little Alice gave the fruit of forward till they attain to that inner and invisible her self denial to the offering of the Lord, and we Church. know it was accepted by Him who hath said 'The angels do always behold the face of My Father no echo of this teaching. No such admonition can which is in Heaven.'

#### THE VISIBLE CHURCH.

Jesus Christ came not only to give a religion to the world, but to form a Society. That society is called "the Church" (Matt. xvi. 18). His disciples were gathered out of the world and added to the Church (Acts ii. 47). Christ's religion cannot be separated from Christ's Church. It is a mistake to think that we can have the religion and pay no heed to the Church (Matt. xviii, 17). There is no warrant for such an idea in the Scriptures. So in the Apostle's Creed we say that we believe lic Church." It is one of the Articles of the Chris tian Faith.

What, then, is this Church of Christ? First of all, it is visible. That is to say, you can tell whether you and others belong to it, or not. If it is not defined as "visible" in the Creeds, it is solely because it was never questioned when those Creeds were drawn up. And it is only because it is questioned in these days that it is necessary to insist on it here.

1. There are those who assert that the Church is invisible, known only to God. In other words,

He began to describe it in parables. It was to be, Then, again and again, He laid down distinctly be a true member of the Church. and the penitential tone throughout found an echo He answered the question: "The Kingdom of in the heart of little Alice, for she remembered Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good many sins committed. After a few earnest words seed in his field." Then an enemy sowed tares, from the good clergyman, in which he urged the whereupon the servants of the household would duties of self-denial, fasting, and prayer the con- have rooted them up, but he said, "Nay; lest gregation was dismissed with the beautiful Ben- while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat place, "they are not all Israel which are of Israel," ediction, which little Alice had been taught to with them. Let both grow together to the harvest," or (Rom. ix. 6). value. 'Mother,' said Alice, ' what can I do for the end of the world (Matt. xiii. 29, 30). In other God! I am such a little girl. If I were older I would words He warned His servants that they were not and Bibles and Prayer Books, but now there is no mistakes. "Judge nothing before the time" (1 into the way of truth," &c. thing I can do.' 'Think again' said her mother. Cor. iv, 5). God alone is the Judge, for to Him

The unscriptural character of an invisible Church,

Consequently, exhortations are not unfrequently

But from end to end of Holy Scripture there is be found there. No mention of a Church on earth which is not visible. No passage in which an allusion can be discovered to two Churches, one visible and the other invisible. Surely this is enough to condemn it.

What is found is repeated mention of one Church which is unquestionably visible. Its ministers are visible. The Sacrament of admission to it has "an outward and visible sign." At Baptism the newly admitted member is visible. He is visible, again, at the other Sacrament when he holds communion with the Head and the other members. From the very beginning that Church was visible. It was visible when it counted but the twelve apostles. It was visible when one hundred and twenty disciples were numbered (Acts i. 15). It was visible when 8,000 where visibly baptized, and when the number that believed were 5,000, (Acts ii. 41; iv. 4). It is true that such as Nicodemus would have been glad to have had it invisible, and so to have escaped persecution, but Christ insisted on a visible ordinance for admission to discipleship, (John iii. 5). Such was to be the Church, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, (Matt. v. 14)

And it had, as Christ had foretold, the admixture of evil. Of the Twelve "one was a devil," (John vi. 70). Ananias and Saphira, and Simon Magnus, had been baptized into the early Church (Acts viii. 18). In the Church of Corinth there was widethere is no admission to it except for those who later on, in each of the Seven Churches of Asia, spread disorder, dissension, and open sin. And there is this element of eyil, (Rev. ii, iii). The But this is not the Church of Holy Scripture. Bride of the Heavenly Bridegroom is not as yet

> This is the Church of Christ as set forth in the are encouraged to believe that they are already walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are

Every baptized Christian is urged, not to become a member of the true Church, as some teach, but to

So St. Paul says "he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly: . . but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly," (Rom. ii. 28, 29). The distinction is not between an outer and inner Church, but between merely professing and real members of one and the same Church, or, as he says in another

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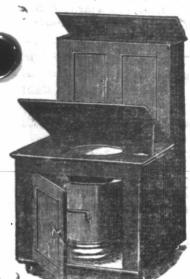
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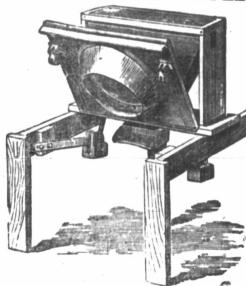
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