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CHRISTMAS BELLS.
Ring, ring the bells, the joyfal bells, This merry Christmes morn 1
Their sweet, melodions music tells
The day that Christ was born.
Sweetly they soond o'er vale and glen;
Hark, how their music swilli
With "Peace on earth, good will to men!"
0 merry Christmas bells !
Ring, ring the bells, the Christmas bells,
The bells, the merry, merry Christmas beils Ring, ring the merry Christmas bells!
Ring, ring the bells, the Christmas bells :
For in their joyous chime
Once more on earth the chorus swells Of Angel song sublime.
The sweet old story, ever new,
Falls on the heart again,
Refreeshing as the early dew,
Or the soft summer rain.
Ring, ring the bells, etc.
Ring, ring the bells, the Christmas belle,
Prophetic of the day
When He of whom their music tells
Shall all the nations sway;
Shall blese and fill and rule each heart.
Shall bid all sorrows cease,
And give His own the better part
Of everlasting peace.
Ring, ring the bells, etc.
-From "Hymnal for the Cheldren of the Church," by James Warrington.

A Nreded Remonbtrance.-Bighop Coxe says: :-But think of it!. Many a good hoacewife, and half her family, stay away from Charch on Chrismas morning to prepare for the Christmas dinner. Christmas with Christ left out 1 The Lord's Table disregarded to serve one's own table.
This paragraph is worthy of a place both in the scrap-book and in the heart.

## A PEAC EFUL, HA PPY CHRISTMAS.

To humble Shepherds 'iea th the starlit sky, Who watch were keeping o'er their flocks by night;
Came angel voices from the heavens on high, While Angel forms burst on their ravish'd sight;
This song they sang and this their joyous Day To you in Bethlehem is born this day,
A Saviour which is Christ the Lord;
Jesus the true incarnate Word;
Oh loudly let your praises ring
And worship Christ, the newborn King.
-Oanon Bell.
Therre are three affirmations of the nature of God; all given in the writinge of St. John : God is Spirit, God is Light, God is Love. These are not mere attribates; they are himself; Spirit ever'ywhere; Light everywhere; Love everywhere; and light and love, which are the nature of God, mast, bave constrained him to -show us the light and reveal to us the love in the Ircornation of His Sonai

## CHRISTMAS DAY.

Cabistanas Day-the day "that gave us Christ I" How would $H e$, who eighteeu centuries ago "came unto His own, and His own received Him not," have us prepare for and spend this day? It is to "His own," surely that He looks for a right appreciation of and delight in the wonderful gift of Himself. given on that day. It is to His Bride that the Bridegroom looks for a welcome. Shall He be disappointed? Shall Ho find us keeping the day indeed-calling it His day-but keeping it in much the same way that the myriads do to whom "He has no form nor comelinoss -no beauty that they should desire Him ?" Shall He find us with minds so burdened with what are termed necessary preparations for the earthly festivities of the Christmas season that they have no room for thoughts of Him?
If we have never done so before, let us' this year at least, give a heart welcome to our divine Redeemer. "An offering of a free heart" is what Ho craves-a heart so free from earthly thoughts and cares that there shall be room in it for Himself. This surely is the wish and intention of those of us who are His followers, bat we have need to make preparation for aitubeforghand, or we shall be drawn into the erioitement und bustle of the seasion in : spite of ourselves. As Christmas Day draws near, the rush and pressure invariably increases, There are new plans to be carried out, new friends to be remembered, new gifts to be obtained. The daye grow shorter; the time lessens; things that "must be done" accumulate to a surprising degres, while you wonder where the strength is to come from for doing them. "If I can only hold out till Christmas is over,". you say to yourself, "I shall be satisfied "" 'You' do, perhaps, "hold out," bat that is all. The strein upon body and mind has been too great, and days or weeks after the season has passed, you feel unequal to effort of any kind. Maanwhile your divine Lord "came anto His own, and His own received Him not-there was no room for Him in the inn."
That Christmas may be a true Christmas, in the spirit and not in the letter, we need to make the most of the weoks of Advent. This is the Church's design in setting them apart. Each of us can best decide for himself how to use them. It is for the Church to cry, "Behold tho Bridegrom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him !" It is for us who are called to "arise and trim our lamps." Let us be ready--ready in body, ready in soul, ready in spirit. Let us "take heed to ourselves that our hearts be not overcharged with the cares of this lifo, and so that day come tuon us unawares."-Parish Visitor.

AT Christmas-tide presents to friends form an order of the day. Could a Dollar be better spent than ir sending the Churce Guardian for a whole year to a friend? Besides bringing weelily, nows of what The Church is doing, it would prove belpfal in home and other daties. Tryit.

## ECCLESIASTIGAL NOTES.

Jeremy Taylor's Advice--On the choice of books, Jeremy Taylor's advice is:-" Liet every minister study the ancient canons of the Church, especially the penitentials of the Elastern and Western Churches. Wet him reed good books, such as are approved by public anthority, such as are useful, wise and holy; not the seribblings of unlearned parties, but of men loarned, pious, obediont and disinterested, and: amonget these such especially which describe duty and a good life, which minister to fiith and charity, to piety and dovotion, casees of conscience, and solid expositions of Seriptare, concerning which learned and wise persons are to be consulted. Lat not a curate of iouls trouble himself with any studies but such as concern his own or his people's duty, suoki" as may enable him to speak well and to do well, but to meddle not with controversies, but such by which he may be onabled to convince the gainsayers in things that concorn public peace and a good life." Such was the adrice of the English Chryss stom to the clergy of Down and Connor more than two centuries ago.

Bibeop of Melbocrane.-The cobsecration of the Rev. F. F. Goo, Rector of St. Gonrgo's, Bloomsbury, as Bishop of Melbourne, will talke place in Westminster Abbey, on': St. Matthias's Day, Fobranry 14, 1887.- It has boon deóided by the Synod of Melbourne to liaise the income of the Bishop to $£ 2,000$, inolusive of travolling expenses.
Atriant Both.-The Bishop of Manchester has been defending himself against the strictures made on his attitude to Nonconformity. He said he did not wish to attract Nonconformist congregations and leave their ministers behind, but to attract ministers and congregations too. He said the Disendowment of the Cburch of England would be shoer robbery, simple confiscation, spoliation by process of law. He also said that the Baptists and Inde: pendents are tending to rapid extinction in the country districts.
The Krble of Hawair. - At Waimea, Hawaii, last month, died the Rev. Lorenso Lyons, the last male survivor of the company of missionaries who arrived here in 1832. The revorend gentleman had resided in Waimea during the whole of his life in Hawaii, upwards of 54 years, and bad ondearod himself: to all with whom he came in contact, and especially to those to whom be gave his life and labora. The whole Christian Cburch is indebted to him for his hymns, of which it is said that he pablished nearly 1,500 . Truly he may be called the Keble of Hawaii. The Anglican Charch in Hawaii has embodied, with his permission, many of his translations of her hymns, and his name is revered in her congregations.

Dritribute if Frebly.-Bishop Whitaker, at the anniversary of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society in Philadel phia said from his own experience he could tell what a valuàble agent the Prayer Book was in the scattered villages of the West, where there was no church of any sort, holding together the foundation by thelay; 1

Wreading of the bervice，One of the most valued 4and usefil part of the book is the marriage ser－ vice：He mentioned a case in which he had Golemnized a marriage，and after the servicela Tlady who，had never heard it before had come to him and asked where that service was from． He told her and she made the comment，＂I swoald never dare to be married by such a ser－ rvice as thatio I never could take such solemn promises on me without feeling I should be bound by them the whole of my life．＂The Bighop said if this service could only be heard in every fumily in our laind it would do more than anything else to counteract the loose secu－ lar idea that marliage is a mere civil contraot and to care the mortal cancer that is eating into moral and social life in many parts of the coun try．The Bishop also alladed to the noble burial offlee，and gave an instance in which a person，bearing it for the first time，inquired Where he could get the book；and，having beon furnished with one and taken it home，after－ wards procared fifty copies at his own expense and gathered a little congregation；which has ，sincébuilt a church．

Notemorthy Tebtimony from Methodtet Sousoms．－It appesre from the retarne of the attendence at places of worahip in Jiondon on a Sunday Jately that the Wealeyan Methodist chapels were half empty．Whersupon the Methodist Times comments：－＂The return so fardoes not give us a single Methodist chapel in any part of London that is so much as half full． It is only too ovident that London cannot be evangelised on the principles which succeeded a hundred years ago，and which succeed now in villages and small country towns．These re－ tarne distress us beyond expression．We feel each retarn like a stab in the heart．Bat what a justification this melancholy revelation is of the London Mission／How eutirely it confirms the strongeat things that have been anid！How－ －ever painful the disolosures，it will at any rate provent as from living in a fool＇s paradise any longer．At present Methodism is a failure in Inner London．No；we are mistaken．．We ought not to ary Methodism．What has failed is Methodism tied and bound，and handenffed and fettered．Let Methodism loose．Let Methoaism have a chance，and we shall flourish In London as we floarish－under different cir－ conmstances－in Nowcastle and in Southport．＂ ［The italics are ours．－ED．］

Apostolical Suoosssion：－Bishop Little john，of Long Tsland，says，＂I can，if challeng－ ed to do so，show my authority traced back olmably and honestly and without a break to the very time of the Apostles＇receiving that anthority from the Saviour．＂

Kimp for Referenol．－The Methodist Re－ corder lately made the following statement：－

We，ourselves，after very olose consideration， bare prepared to admit that the Church of Eng－ land，in the namber of its more or less de－ tached adherents，exceeds the sum total of all other denominations，the Roman Catholics in oluded：We are neithor $\triangle B L E$ or disposed to deny that during the last twenty years its growth fard advance biavo been very wonderful，and gheater on an average in respect of practical Faggressiveness and voluntary organic develop－留ent，than the growth und advancemont of Nonconformity on a whole．

楽楽
Kangas＇Agsistann－Bishop．－The Rey．Alex－ ainder Mackay－Smith，who for some years past has ministered as the associate of Dr．Morgan， With the greatest acceptance，at St．Thomas Church，Now York，has been elected Assistant Biahop in the Diocese of Kaneas．
The Churoh of England has nine mission
Btations along the Paname Canal．
Unplzsanthy True－－Bibhop E．C．Pottor
said lately that childbood，節most any and everywhere among us，is indeed asmantercand perter thing than of old ；but the swift and an questioning obedience，the docile sud cheorfal acquiescence，the compliance withont murinat and the assent without retort－these are becom－ ing oharacteristics of youth so rare as to be al－ most surprising，and so little－looked for，ap－ parently，as to be nunecessary．

Drocess of Nrw Yozk．In this Diocese； small in equare miles，about the size of Connec－ ticnt，there are 331 clergy； 200 charchos， 42 candidates for orders and 60 lay readers．Dur－ ing the past jear 3,895 persons were confirmed， 6,840 baptized，of whom 758 were adalts；nam－ ber of communicants，44，728；marriages，1，777； funerals，3，201；Sanday－school teachers，3，617； scholars，39，173；contributions，\＄2，721，964，of which about $\$ 100,000$ were contributed to mis－ sions，domestic and foreign．These are large figures；but these contributions can only be a amall portion of what is contributed privately， for Now York charch people are giving，and continually giving．

Trinity Parish，N．Y．－The work of Trinity Church lies mainly in the lower part of the city， from which all the charches have fled，leaving to Trinity almost the sole honor of working among the poor．Some of its statistics read more like the work of a diocese than that of a chorch with chapols：－Baptisms during the year，1，207（of whom 60 were adults）；confirm－ ed，463；marriagea，270；funerals， 389 ；com－ manicants， 5,676 ；cathechists and teachers， 307 ； catechumens and Sunday－school scholars，4， 123 ； parish day schools－teachers 18，boys， 526 ， girls 198；parish night schools－teachers 9 ， soholars 314 ；industrial schools－teaohers 142， acholars 1,863 ；contribations from the churches $\$ 50,382$ ；from the vestry，$\$ 130,122$ ．For all the good Trinity Church is enabled to do by its clergy and people and large endowments thanks be to God．

## NEWS FROM THE HDME FIELD．

DIOCASE OF NOYA SCOTLA．
The Proposed Caterdral，－The Halifax Mail has the following：－＂At a meoting of the Cathedral Committee it was decided that the price of the Cathedral would be between £40，－ 000 and $£ 50,000$ ．A committee consisting of the local rectors with power to add to their number，was appointed to procure a site and if possible sell the present site owned by the chuch on Robie street．Arrangements ware also made to send a deputation to England to collect funds for the erection of the building； which is to be in commemoration of the cen－ tennial of the first colonial episcopate．＂

On this subject：a respected correspondent from Nova Scotia writes as follows：－＂A move has been made and it is to be hoped that every－ thing will go along smoothly．Before the site is definitely settled upon，it would perhaps be advisable to take the opinion of say the other Rectors of the Diocese and parochial represent－ atives，for the Cathedral must be diocesan，not local．The prosent sqabble re the Dalhousie College site should be a caution．The deputa－ tion to England is timely and should be sent at once．If His Lordship the Bishop could go its success would be assured．Perhaps com－ mittees should at once be appointed to canvass Canada and the United States．The principal churiches in every principal town on this conti－ nent should be appealed to．The time is short and the opportunity a grand one．Last，though not lesist，a committee should be appointed to call upon every church member in the diocese for a self－denying subscription，and Halifax at once should head the list．As a rule it is use－ less to beg till atrangers can see that those most intergatgd have shown their interest in dollars等：
man，or minn of standing is a good beggar；；ofton just the reverse．Wiscal genius is required for
 in others H look ye out men of ectivity among You．Aip eloginent and telling speaker linked to a firgt class beggar will form a good team． The clergy will materially help the movement by at once keeping the ides in the ejes of the pablic throagh the local papers．However much some may attempt to discredit the influ－ ence of the press；the wise man of to day knows that－it is one of the mightiest forces for weal or for woe in the community，let as take hold and use it for weal；let the people know and talk all about it．Many of ps are waiting ex－ pectantly for full printed particulars from the committes which might be ntilized for this pur－ pose．Let us all pall together to prepare with all our might for the House of our God and each one be willing to consccrate his or her ser－ Fice in order to make：that house＇s exceeding magnifical，＇then in the words of David，＇Fear not nor be dismayed；for the Lord even my God will be with thee，He will not fail thee， nor forsake thee until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the House of the Lord．＂
－Com．
Colfige Consolidation－－Quite an exciting breeze has been stirred in Halifax over the proposal to re－build the New Dalhousie College on four acres of ground．Many men in Halifax having an eye to future consolidation protest against it．Among them the Rev．Dr．Par－ tridge，lecturer on Apólogetics at King＇s Col－ lege，writes ：－
＂The scheme of nniversity consolidation has for the present received a check．But it is the opinion of many clear－headed men that it is only a question of time．If the future nniver－ sity of the Maritime Provinces is to find its home in Halifax it can only do so by baving a suituble location．It wrould seem therefore a suicidal policy for Dalhousio College，the prob－ able centre of the higher education in the pro－ vinces，to erect its new buildings on a site Where the addition of the buildings of olher in－ stitations would be an imposisibility．Any other suitable site being obtainable，$I$ ，as a citizen of Halifax，should atrongly deprecate the erection of．Dalhousie College on four acres of ground．＂

St．Paun＇s Sanday－Somool，－An interesting distribation of prizes took place last week，Dr． Hole，the Rector，presiding；when a very large number of children received haadsome presents． Godfrey Smith，Esq．，has worked up quite an enthusiasm in the school．

Albion Mines．－Christ Church has been claared of its＂pows＂and has now open benches of a pattern easy to the oconpants，and so arranged as to afford a middle alley between them direct from the western door to the Chan－ cel steps．
All perceive a great improvement in this matter as well as in the disappearance of stoves and stove pipes through the introduction of hot air furnaces．

Promod．－St．James＇－The Advent services in this parish have been remarizably well at－ tended．The．Rector delivered a course of ser－ mons on the special teaching of the season． The Bible class held at the rectory on Tuesday evenings is also well attended and highly ap－ preciated．

## CAPE BRETON．

Cow Bay．－－Parish of St．Paul＇s．－In review－ ing the work done in this Parish during the Church year which has juat closed，there is much to cheer and enconarge us as church people．The new organizations which became ours with the formation of the Parish at Easter have been taken adrantage of and much good has been the result．
The majority of those copfirmed a few
months ago having become commanioants, there is a marked improvement ; in the attendance at the celebrations of the HolyiComman ion. There is a celebration on every Sunday morning in one of the four oburches; on every holy day for which there is a colleot, Epistle and Gospel appointed in the Prayer Book there is an early celebration in the Parish Church, and frequent celebrations during the scasons of Advent and Lent in the different churches.

The services are increasingly bright, hearty and Catholic throughonit the whole Puirik; and there is a marked attention to reverence and devotion, especially noticeable amöng the young members of the charch:
The result of the work in this, respect began in the Confirmation classes by the Rector, and continued by means of communicants' classes and the use of Bishop How's Manaill of $P$. eparation, etc.--is indeed a cause for thiankfulness, and is of itself sufficient to encourage the Rector in this work duxing the coming year.

The Rectory debt has been encouragingly reduced owing in a great measure to the kindness of Roberit Belloni, Esq., and the untiring efforts of the ladies of the congregations of St. Paul's, Christ Charch and St. Luke's.

We trust that the coming year will be marked by the whole Parish making a united effort to reduce the debt to a nominal figure. It can be done, if all will-as is higbly probable-pull together.
With so many churches; so many needs, and such amall congregations with limited means it is almost impnossible for us to do more than pay our debts and keep our churches and próperty in decent repair.
The Rector (Rev. W. J. Lockyer) has been greatly helped in his work by kiad gifts from Lady Knox, Hon. Mre. Hubbard, Miss Austen Leigh and Miss French, of England; the last gift, but by no means the least, being a fur nished Priest's Bag from Miss French and manufactured by Pratt \& Co. To those kind friends both clergy and people extend their beartfelt thanks.
During the past year twenty-eight persons were admitted to the charch by Holy Baptism nine' $y$-six confirmed; eighty added to the roll of communicants, whilst eight. have been removed by death from the Church Militant on earth to the Church Expectant in Paradise. Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Rees, together with several otner of our best workers have been obliged to leave the parish owing to dall times. We trast, however, that a bright futare will restore them to us.
One cannot, however, bat note with sorrow the departare of eight or nine members who have gone to swell the ranks of the various re ligioue sects by which we aire surrounded. The causes for this have been varions, bat chief amonget them are two, viz, that miserable view of the Church, which sees not those beanties, nor values those privileges which are hers alone, and the increasing attempts at proselytizing which are made upon the nominal and ignorant church people. The loss, however, is not to the Church but to themselves.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERIOTON.

Sunday-School Treaoners' Asboolation.The annual meeting of the Church of England S. S. Teachers' Asbociation for the Deanery of St. John was held last evening in Trinity Church School-house and was largely attended. After the reading of Holy Scripture and the opening service by Rov. Canon Brigstocke, business matters were at once taken up. The Secretary read the annual report of the exesutive committee, which showed the past year to have been marked by many encouraging fea tures. In concluding their report the Executive Committee strongly recommend to the consideration of all teachers the sabjects laid down by the Church of England.S. S. Insitate for the annual examination in May next. The record during the past six jears shows that 48 teachsrs
have taken part in these annaal oxaminations, of whom 43 have 'received cer'tificates, whilst two in addition received prizes and thee rooeived honour ceitificates for special merit. In order to efford every assistance to teachcrs dosirous of pursuing the course of stady for examination arrangements are being made for the holding of a series of preparation classes during the winter. The annual reports were, as a rule, full of interest and encouragement. Three largo Sunday-schools, in connection with the Churoh of Eingland in St. John and immedinte vioinily, are not connectod with the association. A summary of the statistioal returns for the 8 sohools shows: number on register-boys 703, girls 859, total 1;562; average attendance: boys 421 , girls 536, total 957 ; teachers: male 35 , female 133, total 188 ; average attendance of teachers 135. Fund collected, $\$ 1,000.80$. The following offcers were clected for the onsuing year: Presidont, Rev. Canon Brigstocke; Vice-Presidents, C. F. Kinnear, W. M. Jarvis, Miss Murray and Miss J. R. Barlow ; Secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond. A hearty vote of thanke was tendered to Mr. W. M. Jarvis, president for past 10 years.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Quebzo.-St. Matthew's Church.-About two weeks ago the male members of this congregation organized a club to be known as "St. Matthew's Clab." A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year :-President, Rev. Lennox W. Williams ; first vice-president, Dr. F. Montizambert ; second vice president, W. Wood; seoretary, Arthur Dorey; treasurer, Geo. Borlasc. Committee-John Campbell, W. H. A. Eckhardt, Geo. Page, Geo. Harvey.

Meetings are held weekly and the annual election of officers takes plaee on the first Tharsday in November,

A reading and recreation room has been fittod up and at'each weekly meeting an hour is devoted to a debate or lectare.
At the last weekly meeting a very interest ing lecture was delivered oy Mr. W. Wood on "Animal intelligence."., Op Decembor 164h a debate will take place, and on December 23 rd Commissary General M. Bell Irrino, C.B., will deliver a lecture on "His experience, etc., during the Ashantee war."
It is the intention of the members to give a concert on December 30th, to which they will invite their friendi. And immediately after New Year's Dr. Montizambert intends to give a course of lectures.
There is already a good number of membors and the number is being added to weekly. There is every prospect of the clab proving a grand success.
Lay Reader.-Mr. Arthur Dorey has been icensed by His Lordbhip the Bishop as Lay Reader and Catechist for St. Mattherw's Parish. His services will prove to be a great benefit, as the congregation is so large that the two Clergymen are overworked in trying to attend to everything. Mr. Dorey is also an Associate of Masic, a degree which he obtained in Eugland.
ADVENT. - In addition to the other services a special course of sermons are being delivered in St. Matthew's on the Friday evenings during Advent. On the first Friday the Rev. M. M. Fothergill preached the sermon, and on the second, the Rev. A. A. Von Iffland.
Sherbiooke.-The ale of fancy articles by the Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church, at the Church Hall, was well attended and fairly successful, most of the articles being sold. The net receipts amounted to over $\$ 160$.
Mrs. Osgood, late of Robinson, has been installed as Matron of the Church of England Home for Waifs and Strays, East Sherbrooke: The institution contains at present fifteen girls andi one boy:

The C.E.T.S. here nombers 220 , total abstainers, in addition to those who have joined under the other pledges offered by tho Society. It holds monthly pablic meetings in addition to. private meetings of members.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montaras.-Grace Church.-The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Charoh, Point St. Charles have made arrangements to give fonr concerte during the months of December, February March and April; the proceeds to be applied towards defraying the expenses of the repairs to the Chareh and Sunday-school rendered necessary by the flood, which amounted to some thing like $\$ 200$. The first concert of the series was given on the ovening of the 15th inst., in Oddfellow's Hall; under the direction of $\mathbf{M r}$ Harris, the organist of the Churoh of St: James tho Apostle, (whose abilities as an organist are well known), and proved a great success; the feeling being that the concert was one of the very best ever given in the Point. Besides Mr: Harris the following took part in the exoellent programme provided : Misses Foster, L. Stone, - Hamel, I. M. Wayne ; and Mesers, W. A. Butterfeld, C. C. Clapham, A. MoFeeters, A. E. Simon, A. Y. Blomley, F. Hill, C. Ruod and D. Robertson.

## JIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Mabely Mrssion.-Of the mauy bright and joyful days in conneotion with Charch life and work in this Mission daring the past three years, Wednesday, Dec. 8th, mast clisim to be the brightest and most joyful of them all. On that day the new Charich of St: Alban the Martyr was solemly dedicated to Almighty God by the Venerable Arehdeacon of Ottawa, Dic Liau der, the Bishop's Commissary, assisted by the Revs. T. J. Stiles, S.A.C., Mission Priest, C. E. S, Radeliffe, B.C.L., of Arthur, G. Scantlebury of Sharbot Lake, T. L. Geen, of Belloville, and Mr. Austin Smith, of Perth.

The services of the day commenced with Matins and Choral colebration of the Holy Comis munion, at which the Venerable Archdeacon acted as celebrant, with Revs. T. J. Stiles, and C. E. S. Radcliffe as Epistoler and Gospoller. The Church was well filled with devout wor ahippers, and thirty came forward with full bearts to receive the Holy Sacrament; great reverence, devotion and attention being notico able throughout.
The Archdeacon preached from Nebemiah xiii : 14, a splendid sermon peeuliarly fitting to the occasion, full of instruction, widdom and advice, which held the large congregation with rapt attention, and many declared that they had seldom listened to a discourse from which they had so much knowledge and benefit. He complimented the builder and contractor, Mr. John Acheson, upon the creditable manner in which be had curried out the architects design; exe cuted by Mr George Dawson, of Pleynu.. He stated that it was his duty as Archdeacon to seo that Churches were properly designed and fitted up, and expressed his perfect satisfaction with St. Albans, both in design and internal futtings. Everything be said was in accordanoe with the Church's law and rubiics. He mentioned in the most kindly erms the glorious record the Rev. Mr . Radcliffe had left behind him in the erection of this beautiful sanctuar'y.
Evensong was said at 3 p.m., when another good congregation assembled and Mr. Radoliffe preached from the text Exodus iii : 3, explaining the meaning of the word Shekinah and applying it practically to worship in the Charch, and the necessity for great reverence.

Another service was held at 7 p.m.; and bright pithy addresses were delivered by the Rev. T.J. Stiles and C. E. S. Radeliffe, on unity and other suitable subjects. Many of the parishioners felt truly thankful to God for lhegreat privileges He had given them.

The Charch is a nioo neat Gothic little struc ture of brick reneer," 42 feet' by 23 'feet, with a vestry attached to the sodth side $13 \%$ by 13 feat. The interior is lined with ash, warisished on the raw wood. "The windows are of stained glase, from Messrs. Jos. McCaniland \& Son, of Toronto; the triplet in the sanctuary is very well designed, the centre pane containing the sacred moncgram I. H.S., and the other tro the font and chalice: A rood sureen separates the Charch from the nave. The Sanctany is farnished with a handsome allar and credence table pre: sented by the Rev. F. D, Bogert, Rector of St. John', Belleville. On the altar aso the ornaments ordered by the ornament rubric The little oross beantifully cut out of marble was presented by Mr. Redeliffe, in memory of his mother, who died a few years ago. The vases and lampe of finest quality wore procired at Mr: -John Harts; Perth. The Prayer-deske, nicely designed by Mr. Hoff, of Perth, look well. Two large chandeliers in the nave, and one owing eleotric lamp in the chancel, give a claar and beantiful light. The organ, a full toned Dougherty, was procured from Mr. George Thornton's factory, Perth. The altar linen, of fine quality; was presented by the Sisters of the Orphanage of Mercy, Kilburn, London, Eng. The almis plates by the Rev. Mr. Geen, of Belleville.
Everything is paid for and out of debt. All that is needed to complete the Church is a good bell. The offertory for the day, which amounted to $\$ 20.41$ will be devoted towards this objec ${ }^{2}$.
It is only right to remember that the Rev. A: W. Radeliffe, Rector of North Newnton, Eug., donated abont 8450 towards the building of 5 .t. Alísans. We also have to thank His Excellency the Governor General of Canada the Marquis of Lansdowne for a donation of $\$ 25$.
Great.credit is due to the Clergy of the Diocese for their open beartedness and liberality in permitting a canvass to be made in their parighes for this good canse.
The Rev. R. I. Stephenson, M.A., rector of Perth, deserves great credit for not only having urged the opening of this Mission, but also for having supported it in all its uudertakings with his influence and merns.
The total cost of Church site and furniture amounts to about $\$ 2,000$.
May God bless the work that has been done, and give grace to the new incumbent, the Rev. T. J. Stiles, for the carrying on of the same.

Ottana.-The regular meeting of the ottawa Branch of the "Woman's, Auxiliary for Domestic and Foreign Missions" was held on Taesday, the 30th November, in St. John's Sohool Houre. The President in the chair; there were thirty-seven ladies present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported receipts for the day $\$ 28.40$.
The names of nineteen new members were banded in, eight from Christ Church, three from St. Alban's, four from St. John's and four from Roohesterville. A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Beers, of St. Joseph's Island, acknowleaging the receipt of a box sent in November and thanking the ladies for its valuable and useful contents.
The Secretary also read a letter from His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario in answer to one of condolence from the members of the Auxiliary on the death of Mrs. Lewis, expressing their sympathy with him in his great afficiction. A paper was to have been read on mission work in the Diocese of Ontario, but was for good reasons left for a futare time. The President suggested that the members should subsoribe to mission news; and it was agreed that two ladies from onoh parish should canvass the people; the President consented to be agent. It was reported a box was being packed for Maskoka by the ladies of St. Barthoiomew's congregation. It was encouraging to hear of the great success of the Auxiliary in all direotions, branches being establish :- Tr ronto,

Haron, Montreal and Niagare. ITt was thonght best to have the children of the differentstuna-
day.schools join the Auxiliary, as childran should bo interested in the work of miseions as young as possible. The meeting adjourned after singing the Doxology.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Astbinnham-St. Luke's--On Sunday the 12th inst., there were large congregations at St. Inke's Church, on the occasion of the new oharcel, recently completed, being formally dedicated. The Rev. W. E. Cooper, of Trinity Colloge School, Port Hope, preached at the 11 o'clocil service, and the Rev. Raral Deap Allen; of Millbrook, af the 7 o'clock service. Both clorgymen referred, in their sermons, to the improvements which had been made.
The present chancel is twenty-six feet long by twenty-four feet wide. The floor hias been raised three inches and the ceiling about three feet. This deepening and heightening has produced a very good effeot.. The ceiling has been handsomely finished in panncled woodwork, with divisions of heavy stained ribs, Now stained glass windows have been put in, richly figired and ornamented. A new corona has also been put in which was the gift of a former parish owner. Dr. McBarritt. Formerly the organ rested below the floor. An entrance has also been made to the organ chamber and cbancel from the south side.
The enlarging of the chancel and the addition of the organ chamber, gives more aiccommodation to the choir. Seating capacity for thirty choristers is provided, while the new. organ chamber is large enough to admit of ain enlargement of the organ.
At the north side of the chancel building the vestry has been made larger and more comfortable, and a passage has beon constructed from it to the school room a fine commodious structare which was completed a year ago.
The improvements, which cost upwards of $\$ 1,200$, have made the church more complete and adds to its good appearance. The offer: tories at the opening services amounted to nearly $\$ 70$. The Rector, Rev. W. C. Bradshaiw is to be congratulated on the prosperity of his parish.
Misbion of Woodbridae and Vaugean.Opening of St. Thomas' Church, Kleinburg. On Sunday, December 12th, the Charch in this Mission tools a step in adrance by opening a church in a village where there never has been one before. There were three services. The first being at 10:30 a.m. -a masical celebration of the Holy Communion-when the Rev. C. H. Shortt was celebrant, and the Rev. Raral Dean Osler preached. In the afternoon the Litany was said, and at seven o'clock Evensong, at both of which the Rev. W. W. Bates, of Thornhill, was preacher. There were crowded congregations in spite of very bad roads. The choir of Christ Church, Clairville, another Church in this Mission, conducted the masical parts of the serviees very successfully. The building is upon a benatiful site overlooking the Hamber Valley ; a protty little gothic struc ture in red brick with a well proportioned chancel, in which the windows of three lights has been provided by some kind frierds with beautifully designed Cathedral roiled glass, in soft tints. The other altar furnishings have been presented by good people, some of whom are quite unknown. The unavoidable absence of the late incumbent, the Rev. E.P. Ford, was much regretted, since it is to his energy and holy zeal for the extension of the Church that the existence of the Kiienburg Church and Mission is largely due. On the Monday evening following there was a happy gathering of a social nature in the Temperance Hall. At St. Stephen's, Vaughan, the south-eastern part of the Mission, the e is a proposal to build a new church; the present one, bailt of logs in 1833,
looke itseage in several wayse The organist, Midet Koiffor; was: lately presented with some eilveriplatéby'the congregation as a mark of theiflappreciation of har long and efficient services:

## DHOCESE OF NTAGARA,

Mount Forest and Norti Arthur-The new, handsome, and commodious Charch at Riverstown was dedicated and opened on Wednesday, Deo the sth, and the services were continued the following Standay. Everything connected with the opening went off in the same hearty and happy manner in which the work began: Nothing has been seen or folt to mar the priviloge and joy of building and setting apart a more worthy habitation for the Mighty God, and God's voice through His prophet Haggai ii. : 9, seemas to have every ohance of faldiment in this new Charch and congregation, when the prophet says" for God: "and in this placo will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." Over a thousand people tools part in these opening services. The offertory collections came to about $\$ 80$. The sermons were eloquent. practical and full of instraction, and were listoned to both with pleasiure and profit. Ten of the clergy assisted at the weelk day services, and three on the Sunday. The clergy present and assisting were as follows: Rev. D. Hind, B.A., Chesley; Rev. Rural Deain Spencer, Elora; Rev. A. J. Bell, M.A., Harriston; Rer. J. C. Farthing, B.A., Dyrham; Rev. G. B. Cooke, Palmerston; Rer. A. Rooney, U.S.A.; Rer. P. T. Mignot, Arthur village; Rev. Elwin Raácliffe, B.C.L.; Arthur village; Rev. W. Webb, Grand Valley; Rep. C. G. Snepp Carate of St. Paul's, Mount Forest, and Rer. R. S. Radcliffe, rector in charge. The singing was led in a most hearty way by the members of St. Paul's ohoir, Mount Forest. At the Wednesday opening service Mr. W. F. Webb presided at the organ, and on the following Sunday Miss Bella Wheiplay. The bappy and holy services were concluded with grateful thanks from the rector to all who had assisted in this, work, and also a deeper thanks to God for His mercy endureth forever. Bishop Hamilton held a fonfimation at Riverstown on Monday the 20th of December t 4 p.m.
The total amount subscribed and paid upon this new church is about $\$ 1,800$. After counting in presents and other thinge it is worth $\$ 2,500$.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

London.-At the anniversary services of the Memorial Charch here, the Bishop of Algoma Was the preacher in the morning; his text being St. John xii: 32: "And I, if I bo lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." It was an earnest exaltation of the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of men from first to last, and was listened to with marked attention. In the afternoon the Bishop addroseed the Sunday-school, taking as his theme the Scripture lesson for the day. It was full of instructive truth for both young and old. In the evening the eervice was read by Rev. Canon Innes, and the lesson by the Rector. The Bishop preached from: 2ad Cor. v.: "We mast all appear before the judg. ment seat of Christ." The sermon was a most impressive one and produced a marked effect upon the hearers. Large congregations were present at bath services.

Chapter House--Suuday being the annual Mission aid day of the Chapter House Sunday. sohool. There was quite an interesting ceremony; each child bringing its little offering as a contribation to some of the newer missions in the Diocese. The presents as asunl were numerous, valuable and varied, consisting of dolle, wollen comforters, books, mits, frocks and toys of all kinds, enough to provide for a well stocked Christmas tree, and will gladden the hearts of many a little one in the backwoods,
not used to such presents at this: season of the year.
By a vote of the school this yeer's donation is to be sent to the Sunday-schools in the Mission at Lyon's Head, County of Brice.
Wardgyilit. -The ubuel fortnightly meeting of the C.E.T.S. Wre. held in the basement of the English Charoh, on Taesday epening, there being a good attendance. After the asual opening hymn and prayier, the President, Rov. W. J. Taylor, gave a brief address npon the proposed work of the winter months, referring to the duty of self abnegation, and strongiy commending it, to all. Ai most interesting programme was then gone through, consisting of songs, rasdings, \&c. The instrumental masic upon violin and organ by Miss Howard and Mri. Hammond was much enjoyed; Miss Amy. Taylor sang very sweetly" "The Flower Girl;" and the Rev. W. J. Taylor gave a reading "How Five Bachelor's kept House," which was roceived with shonts of langhter. The meeting closed with singing the Bonediction.

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The following is the contlination of the Bishop's Triennial Roport:
To the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Cain ada:-
Mission Fund.-This is, financially, the foundation stone of our missionary work. Whatever else be lacking, the atipends of our clergy's mast be forthcoming. Averaging, a they do, only about $\$ 750$ per annum, ressonable men will not consider such a sum extravagant, when told that ont of it has to come, (1) the maintenance of a family, at more than ordinary expences, owing to high retail prices, in out of the way places; (2) the rent, in many oases, of a house, at from $\$ 60$ to $\$ 100$; (3) the keep of a horse from $\$ 80$ to $\$ 100$; (4) repair of summer and winter vehicles and of harness; (5) the doctor's bill, and (6) the calls of charity, which knocks first of all, at the clergyman's door. Under sach circumstances, it is imperative that the treagury be kept in a condition to meet the demands upon ite resources. The priority of our claims on the Charch in this Ecclesisastical Province is indisputable. Thoy are founded on facts which, to every impartial mind, carry with them all the weight of a most righteous obligation. (1) The Provincial Synod called the Missionary Diocese of Algoma into being, and so bound itself, by all the laws of parental responsibility, to the duty of mantaining it doring the period of its infancy. (2) This Synod gives Algoma its Bishop, denying it alone, of all the dioceses, either vote or voice in the election of its head. (3) This Synod holds Algoma responsible to it in every department of its internal economy, and requires from its Bishop a triennial report of its missionary work, as well as financial recaipts and expenditures. These considerations applying, as they do, exclusively, to this alone of all our missionary dioceses, suffice to give it, not, indeed, an exclusive, but cortainly a prior claim to the sympathy and sabstantial support of the eight independert, self-sopporting dioceses of older Canada.
By the will of the Iate James Kyffin, Esq., of York, County of Haldimand, the sum of $\$ 4,000$ was bequeathed to our Mission Fund. This legacy was promptly paid by the execators (with $\$ 500$ from the same sorice; for the beneOt of the Shingwank Home), and invested as a Reserve or Sustentation Stipend Fand. Another legaey of 83,000 ; was bequeathed by the lete John Labatt, Esq., of London (1,500 for missionary stipends; and $\$ 1,500$ for the education of an Indian stadent for Holy ' Orders), bat this bequest was lost in consequence of a legal deoision that it came within the terms of the Mortmain Act, there being no one at that time legally qualified to olaim as against the restric-
tions of these Acta. Dae provision has been minde against the possible recurrence of any similar loss in the future, by the passage, through the Ontario Legislature, of a special Act, incorporating the Bishop and his successors in offce, and investing them with all necessary powers.
(To be continued.)
Tre Rev. Alfred W. H. Cborne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the gift of a box stove, for the vestry, from J. P. Brown, Caq., Maplehurst Hotel, Rosseaи.

Grapramithar. - Box received from "C. W. M. A." Toronto, and hereby ack. nowledged with thanks. Contents forwarded and distribated as desired.

## CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Pacific Churchman (San Francisco) вays:-
It was not until Moses had been called, and ordained and sent upon his ministry, the brightness from the Burning Bush having shined upon him, that the pecaliar power of his ambaseadorahip was felt. He had before felt the personal call to strife for the deliverance of his people; but it was not till then that he had the special gifts of the Spirit needful to give force and success to his mission. And it has ever been so. "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

## The Pacific Churchman, says -

This principle and law of God's Kingdom interferes with no right or privilege of anyone in the common brotherhood of love. It leaves wide opon the great field of opportunity in which the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount may be worked out, and in which now, in the Chrintian Charch, every baptised person is coramissioned and oharged, as a soldier of Christ, to "make His Name known among men, His saving hoalth among all pations." The fact that there is an order set apart and ordained for certain holy duties, as officers of the Church, and ministers of Christ, can relieve the body of the people, individually or collectively, of no responsibility in the discharge of the Christian commission bostowed in Holy Baptism, sealed, may be in confirmation, and called to remembrance in the Sacrament of the Holy Eacharist. For the Christian ministry is not intended to, and cannot operate in as vicarious capacity, releasing any others from Christian duty-doing towards God or man.

## The Church Times (Luondon, Eng.) says:-

If we could think that the denominations were not schismatic, and that Disenting preachers were lawful ministers of the Gospel, we should never say another word against either. Always providing that bodies of Christian men might lawfully organies themselves into "churches," snd crente their own ministers, we should not admit that any differences, auch as those which now divide the more respectable sects, wonld be a sufficient excuse for disanion. Nay; we should admit that Dissent, or even the "Salvation Army." was not without one great advantage in these hard timesit is, or it might be, cheap. But our difflculty is that we do not find either in Holy Scripture, or in history, any trace of Christianity outside the Church which was founded on the Apostles and Prophets. We do not jead oi any Church but one, which, if it has its invisible, has also its visible side, and into which every one "that should be saved" must enter and be retained by the right ase of Sacraments, administered by a three-fold ministry deriving its power from an external devolation of authority from the Twelve. All this is a question, not of theory of of fancy, but of fact. The Catholic
syistem is not an arrangement devised by man,
but one transmittod to ua from the apostios, to whom the Koly Ghost had been speoielly given to gaide into all truth, At the same time, noither the Catholic Churoh nor the Catholic priesthood forms a cist-both are open to everyone, and belong in posse as much to those without, as it does to us who possess them in actual fact.

## The Church (Philadelphia) says:-

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is an expression of the hope of the Charoh in respect to the eecond coming of Christ in power and greast glory. It does not bid as look on the past only; it does indeed inspire "the remembrance of Ohrist's meritorions cross and passion;" but it summons us also to the contemplation of the triumphant return of the risen Cbrist who reigns in righteousness. As often as ye ent this bread and drink this oup, ye do ahow (Revised Version, proclaim) the Lord's death till He come. The Holy Eucharist is not a funeral feast. It did not "smbody a disappointment or onshine despair." The words of Him who is the resarrection and the If fe are none other than these; "Verily I say unto yoa I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." He is alive forever. Becanse He lives we shall live also. We are saved by His life. The Holy Communion tells us this: The Lord exercises a perpetual ministry in behalf of his people. He that came in lowly form will come again in majestio mien. The Sacrament of Christ's death is the Saarament of Christ's resurreetion and also of C'hrist's eternal judgment. It brings together His whole divine life as placed before us in the Word of God, and so it inspiros with faith' and hope and pats us in blessed relations with Him who has said, "I will pray the Father, and He ahall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever."

The Southerv' Ohurchmarl (Richmond Vs., gives this advice:-
There is nothing so necessary to success in Sunday school work as singing. Good singing, and plenty of it, should be the motto written over every Sunday school room. We believe that much of the failure in this peculiar branch of church work is due to the carelessness of the officers of the sohool about the singing. We notice that John R. Rue, of Philadelphia, has published what seeme to be an excellent Sunday school hymn and tune book. Let us see to it that, whather this book or other is selocted, there be plonty of good and hearty singing in our Sunday schools.
[We would add : See that the books used and the style of singing are churchly, and not of the Moody and Sankey type. Train up the ohild in this respect carefully and aright.]

The Church Messenger, referxing to the preaching of the 3rd Sunday in Advent, says: Then we are bound to believe, not a part, but all, the articies of Christian fuith as contained in the Apostle's Creed. God wants no heretics in His Church. To believe a part and reject a part of the Creed, is to pick and choose, which is heresy; and berresy is deadly sin.: It is to violate our baptismal vow and deny the faith.

## The Gospel Messenger on choirs :-

The writer of this lately worshipped at a Charoh in one of our cities, on a Sunday, where the conduct of the choir, placed at the side of the chancel and in view of the congregation, was noticeably serious and exemplary. Every member, asch man and each woman, appeared to join personally and heartily in the devotions, taking the proper attitudes, making the rosponses, bowing at the name of Jesiu in the Creed, and during the sermon being quietly
eiated outside the ohancel enclosure, near the
pulpit, The effect on the andience could pot be otherwise than impressipe. These singers were what their sacred office ;requiros them to be, consipitent aud reverent leaders, with the Olergy, of the worship of God. There was no Whispering, no inattention, no fumbling of books, no sign of an interctange of words or looke. Why.should it not be so always and everywhere? It only needs principle and pains.

## The Trish Ecclesiastical Gazette, says :-

We maintain that in explanations of points of doctrine, in statements of the orthodox view of passages of Holy: Scripture, the : persuasivoness of many a sermon would be increased, and therefore its likelibood of doing good, by the preecher supplementing his anduments by the appealing to the ruling of the Church opon the subject, drawing attention of course to what thatimplies--the opinion held by the holiest and best men of all ages; showing that he is stating something more than the opinion of himeelf or of a party with whom hei is classed. In matters not pronounc d upon by the Church, it is only fair that the preacher should state, or at least allow it to be distinotly understood, that the: view he pats forward is not given on the same autbority as those upon Which the Church does pronounoed; but is advanced as one which the tegeher himself, or his school of thought, believes to be for the good of those who are seeking to lead holier and purer lives, and to attain to the nearest approach to truth upon debatable questions. If this distinction were observed between the treatment of dootrines and of opinions, in some of the popular preaching of the day, we believe it would lesson muoh of the cavilling and the fault-finding in which thoughtful sermon-hearors of difforent classes are unhappily often heard to indulge; there would be more knowledge amonget our people of what is "of faith;" and many an earnest preacher would escape the charge-which really is often made with regard to some excellent enthasiasts-of "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

## THE NATIVITY.

By the Right Rev. Lord Arthur C. Hervey, D.D., Bishop of Bath and Wells.
A Jewish carpenter and his young wife are wending their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. When they arrived at Betblehem, in obedience to the decree of Augustas Cæsar, they find the oaravansary already full, and are constrained to pat. up with such shelter as the stable of the inn afforded. There the young wife is delivered of her first-boun babe, and the child is laid with loving hands in the manger as in'a cradle. A more unobstrusive incident can hardly be imagined. The crowd of passergby soarcoly noticed it. The occupants of the inn wont about thoir business as if nothing had occurred. The quiet village life of Bethlehem was not distarbed by it. Much less had it any place in the annals of mighty Rome. In the oourt of Augustus Clasar, in the midst of the Pretorian band, among the frequenters of the circus, in the debates of the Senate, in the Angora of Athens, even in the Temple courts at Jerusalem, and in the eittings of the Sanhedrin, it was not spoken of or Enown. Not one ripple on the surface of the great human society was causid by it. It, fell as noiselesily on the ear of the world around, as a single leaf falls to the ground in the midst of a vast foreat.
And yet we know that that birth was incomparably the greatest ovent that had oror happened on our earth. In its intrinsio wonder, in its majestic sublimity, in its ,immense and
endaring consequences for the haman race, it far exceeded everything and all the things that had ever come to pase. Measure it.by the side of any of the great political ocourrences of that time, the victories which placed Octavias Cesar on the imperial throne of the Roman world, the subjugation of the earth to the power of Rome, the broak-ap of Herod's kingdom, and such-like ; and even apart from ite deeper and eternal influence upon the destinies of man, you will see that the birth of that Babe of Bethlehem has far exceeded in its consequencees the sum-total of all the other events. It wrought a greater change in the opinions, in the politics, in the institutions, in the manners, in the way of life, in the philosophy, in the so cial conditions, in the whole earthly economy of nations, than all those other events combined. By it a new direction was given to edncation, to thought, to conception of duty, to civilisation, which has gone on increasing and widening and deepening, through eighteen centuries and a half. At the present day there is not, in any civilised country, a book, or a law, or a family, or a castom which does notin some way or another show the trace of the inflaence of that birth upon all things human. The abolition of slavery, the eleration of woman to an equality with man, justice and equality of all bofore the law, the lavish provision of reliof for the poor, the sick, the orphan; and the widow and the whole machinery of philanthropic help tn the sonle and bodies of men; these, when traced back link by link to their beginnings, all find their first link in the birth of Jesus Cbrist at Bethlehem.
Now it is well to notice these patent resalts of what seemed at the time sach a trivial and unimportant circumstance, becanse it at once prepares us to expect that there was more in it than met the oye at first. Such sustained machanicul force, so to spenk, operating through centuries of time, and upon handreds of millions of persons, beepeaks, an orignal motive power of ineffable potency, and of more than human strongth. The birth of Jesus Christ proclaims its divine mysteries by these visible fraits in the whole framework of society. We must have suspected some great mystery, even had the Scriptures been silent aboat it. But they are nat silent, and what they tell us accounts, and can alone account, for what we see. That lowly Babe, whose infant ories were heard in the stable of Bethlehem, was the Word made Flesh, the Everlasting Son of the Father, the Mighty God. His birth into the world was the execution of a parpose which had lain deap in the mind ofGod before ever the forndation of the the world were laid, but now the falness of time was brought to pass. That which came about so noiselessly and with such an absence of pomp and circumstance had been the theme of propbecy and the bnrden of all sacred song. throngh ages and generations. Seers had proclaimed it in their mystic speoch; psalmists had sung of it in their raptarous songs; patriarchs and lings had seen it floating in visions before their minds; and men of God had perceive it afar off, and died happy in the hope that in due time it would come near. And it was known in heaven. Dull earth listed it not; bat heaven was nll ablaze with joy when there whs born in the city of David the Saviour Who is Ohrist the Lord. Those fine intelligences saw at a glaneo, what we see so slowly and so pain. fully learn, the blessed change which was coming in human affairs by that wonderfal birth. For war and bloodshed, for strife and contention, for violence and wrong, which had so long polluted the earth, they saw the lovely peace of Messiah's happy reign.
(To be continued.)
Notioc.-The Rev. H. E. Plees has kindly oonsented to act as Local Agent for the Cibumor Gouddian for Kingston and neighborhood, We trast that present sabscribers will aid in secargai others through him.

## CORRESPONDENGE.

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## BRANCH HOMES IN THE NORTHWEST.

## To the Editor of the Chumon Guardian:

Sik,-I am very anxious to see something done this winter towards the establishment of two branch bomes for Indian children in the Northwest - one in Assiniboia, in Bishop Anson's Diocese, and one in the Diocese of Rapert's Land. I bave letters from the Metropolitan, the: Bishop of Montreal, the Bishop of Quebec and the Bishop of Niagara, all wirmly recommending this proposed extension of our work, and a host of other letters from kind, Christian friends all wishing me godspoed: Someimes, too there comes a letter with $\$ 10$ or it may be $\$ 20$ enclosed. The Bishop of Qr'Ap. pelle writes most warmly of the project. "There are 5,000 Indians in this Diocese," be says; "it would give me the greatost pleasura to see such an institation as you propose established in this Diocese if by the blessing of God you can succeed in carrying out your intention." And the Bishop of Rapert's Land writes:-"I should be very thankfal, and I am sure the members of the Church would be very thankful if you should. be able to establish in this Diocese such an iastitute as Shingwank Home." Up to the present time we haye $\$ 611$ in hand towards the Home in Manitoba and $\$ 72.2$ towards the one in Assiniboia. Five thousand dollars for each of them is what is required. Surely this sum could soon be raised if only a few of our friends wonld set about it in earnest. I feal very confident about it myself, because I am convinced that it is a good work and a necessary work, and I believe that Almighty God has called me to underrtake it. I seo no more difficuty in establishing these proposed Branch Homes in the Northwest than there was originally in setting on foot the Shingwauk Home and the Wawanosk Home. Both these old institutions are now in active operation. We have nearly eighty papils, a larger number than we have ever had before. Ton of them are boys from the Northwest Prairies, come to make a beginning here and then to form the nuclens of these Branch Homes when they are started. Oh, that God would rouse the people to helpus! The Jesuits are bard at worls, and soon will have the 130,000 Indians of Canada almost wholly under their influence if we leave them thus alone. Is it for the good of the country that these wild Indians on the prairies should be brought under Jesuit influence? Is it a right thing that they should be turning from Paganism to Romanism? Has not Almighty God given these people into our charge to care for them and to train thom in His ways? Are we fulfilling the solemn trast which God has given us? I am trying porbaps to do a greater work than I can do, but Gond will help me. I go foward in God's strength, not in my own. Only let those who have the love of God in their hearts rise to the work and aid me in my efforts and push forward this work for the Divine Master into thase resions where Paganism is rife and Jesuilism agiresssive.

Yours faithfully,
Edward F. Wildon.
Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 4, 1886.
Sur,-I read with mach interest the recent lettere regarding the proposed Charoh Society. Such an association is much needed in this diocese; but I have looked in vain for any sign of its existonce. Will "Churchman" kindly further enlighten us and enable us to judge of the merits of the organization he advocates?

I am, sir, yours traly,
K. H. ABCHER.

Srr，－The question of the unity of the Charoh is frequently disenssed，and one cannot avoid bearing of the oft repeated remark，＂It makes no difference，there aire no seats in Heaven．＇Not long since I＇met with a man who volanteered to show me that there are no sects in Heaveń：He claimed to know all about it．Not being morely ordained by a Bishop，bat called of God to preach the Gospel and taught by Him all things necessary to the successful preaching of that Gospel．：Firat，affirming in the most positive manner that there was no sects in Heaven，he onded his harrangue by saying there conld be no doubt but that no sects did exist in Heaven．：I was perplexed secing the uncertainty that dwelt in the mind of this man，and so mightily able to teach．After some couversation I explessed my unability to say whether there were any sects in Heaven or not，but felt confident that the Oharch will bo in Heaven for ever，as it came down from Heaven，and its Divine Head will present it to God the Father，a glorious Church not having spots or wrinkle or any such thing．I wished my friend to tell me what became of the secte， as there is nothing said in the Soriptare which lead us to beliove that there are sects＇in Heaven．Yet，the Church is there．If they reach Heaven they must some way cease to be sects or sectarians．How is it？Do they go through a Pargatory after death，and so get purified from the sin of sectism？My friend then volunteared to prove to me that there are what ho called sects in Heaven．One strong proof was that some seots he named produced such powerful preachers and he might say fairly turned the world up side down．God would surely reward them for this．I deolined to take this as a proof；as our Lord gays，＂In that day many shall say to Me ，Lord have we not pho－ phesied（preached）in Thy name，cast out devils，and done many wonderful works：？unto whom He will say，Depart from Me，I know you not．＂I，likewise，said to my friend，If he would have me believe that there are no sects in Heaven，I must think that they who made and maintained seots on earth，could not be doing God＇s work，for they are making earth atterly unlike Heaven．He will have His will done in earth as it is in Heaven．

Would not some one of your correspondents kindly enlighten a rustic on this sabject，and set his mind at rest．

## Perplexed．

## CHANGE OLF NAME．

Sir，－Onder the above heading a＂Lay Del－ egate＂has an interesting letter in your issue of Dec．1st．In this detter he wants us to name the Cburch here＂the Catholic Church of Can－ ada，＂and in his argaments for the same，says of the Charch of Rome these words：＂their correct and proper title．＂I think there are very few who have any knowledge of theology who will agree．with his proposition or with his assertion concerning Romanists．Our Church ought to be＂The Charch of Canada＂and no other．It is not the Catholic Charch，it cannot be such．The Catholic Church is the univarsal Cburch and may not be localized．To change the name of the＂Church of England，＂or of the＂Church of Treland．＂would be to jun full force against all knowledge ancient and mod－ orn．They are the Churches of these countries respectively and as suoh must remain ever so or be destroyed．There can be no such thing the＂Catholic Churoh＂of a country．We do not find this designation in Scripture，where it would be found if it，were the proper title．Now as to Rome，there is not in Canada to day a single＂Roman Catholio＂＂muless，indeed，the person has been born in Rome，and then he is de facto a＂Roman Catholic，＂but de jure＂Ca aadian Catholic．＂．In this age half the writers seem to have as little knowledge of the mean－ ing of the torm：＂Catholions，＂as if they never hesrd of the word before．When－will men
learn that＂a part is not equal to the whole．＂ I am more than surprised to think of persons asking that the American or Canadian charches be designated＂The Catholic Church of Arie rica＂and＂The Catholic Charch of Canada＂； as．well might we say，I believe in＂not one Catholic Charch bat all the Catholic Ohurches，＂ from which confasion of confusions may a little bit of common sense deliver us．

I am，sir，yours，C．A．Frenoh．

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA．

Sie，－Will you allow me to atate，through your columns，that I have just received from a Toronto Churchman a most generous proposi－ tion to the effect that he will contribute $\$ 200$ 日 year，for thiee years，towards the stipend of a Clergyman to take charge of a tract of country， between 30 and 40 miles in length（in the dis－ trict of Parry Sound），within which the Church has been hitherto wholly uniepresented aave by a few occasional services，and where a number of．church families are to be found，who，if any longer neglected，mast either bo absorbed by other religious commanions，or else drift out into the gulf of practical infidelity．If，how－ ever，I am to avail myself of this generous offor at least $\$ 550$ more will be needed per annum to render the stipend at all adequate．May I not confidently appeal to your readers to assist me in atilizing this provindential opportunity of repairing the neglects of the past in the terri－ tory roferred to，and of caring for the souls of brethren，who，till now，have been，so far as their own Charch is concerned，as＂sheep scat－ tered abroad，having no Shepherd．＂
It is hoped that responses to this appeal may be given on the same torms as the original pro－ position，viz．，for three years，dating from January 1st， 1887.

E．Algoma．
147 John street，Toronto．
Sir，－The Chancellor of Biahop＇s College having hinted that the removal of the Univer－ sity to Montreal is a mattel well worthy of con－ sideration，it is to ke hoped that the question Will be served $\mathfrak{u p}$ in due course at the annual Alma Mater dinner shortly to be discussed in Quebec．
The subject is well worthy working out：and being the jubilee of our illustrious Queen lot us all pall together and by uniting colleges，ex－ tonding wings to schools，and promoting har－ mony，prosperity and peace in our happy pro－ vince here，prove our loyalty to the throne and uar devotion to the canse of Christian unity．

Yours，etc．，
Unite．

## EDITORIAL NOTES．

＂Churchman，＂in the Guardian of the 8th December，raised an important question as to the right of the clergy to a voice in the ap． pointment of such diocesan officers as Deans， Archdeacons and Raral Deans．A querist，in the Montreal Witness，makes the further en－ quiry：－＂Will some one learned in the Ecelesi－ astical lore of the Church of England inform me on what authority a Bishop makes a Doun or a Canon in Canada？In England both Bishop and Dean are supposed to be elected by the Chapter of the Cathedral．This power in England is nominal，for the Crown has taken the power in most cases．The Church of Eing－ land in Canada boing independent in its man－ agement，it becomes a question，how such ap－ pointments are made，whether the Bishop has the right by Letters Patent，or by Canon of Synod，or how ？＂The Editor replies on the authority of a＂gentleman well up in Ecclesi－ astical matters；＂that in the strict sense of the
words the Bishops in Canada have no anthor－ ity to appoint these officoris；that the anthority is in the Queen，as Head of the Church，and that the titles referred to are parely honorary．Our Synod lists inolude Judges，Chancelloirs，Queen＇s Connsel and simple Barrister．Will not some of them enlighten our readers in regard to this matter？Do our Bishops receive any anthon ity through the Patents grantod formerly by the Crown？Whatis the meaning and effect of the provision of Sect． 1 of 19.30 Viot．Cap． 141 （The Synod Act）anthorizing the Bishops， Clergy and Laity to meet in Synod and make rules and regnlations．．．．＂for the appointment， ．．．．of any person bearing office therein，of whatever order or degree any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithatanding？＂Is the right inherent in the office of Bishop inde pendently of Crown Legislature？

As a proof of the greater boldness of the pub－ lishers of religious papers amongst the denom－ inations in almost demanding as of right the as－ sistance of their ministers in extending the circulation of the denominal organ we clip the following from the last number of the Wesleyan of Halifax（which notice is priated in very large type）：－＂Ministers will oblige by prosenting the claims of the Wesleyan upon the attention of their several congregationsimmediately，and by personal effort help us to secare our propos－ ad object．Where the Ministers cannot give attention to the canvass，they will oblige by requesting other competent persons，either ladies or gentlemen，to take hold of the matter． We shall not be satisfied until our paper is read in every Methodist family of the Maritime Provinces．＂We would like to feel that the Clergy and people of the Church of Fingland would take like interest in the Choror Guar． dian．

A writer in the same paper is very indig． nant at the decision of the local coart in the case of a Mr．Carrie，and insinuates that per－ haps never having read two of John Wesley＇s sarmons the Jadge was not qualified to place ＂handcuffs on a Church（the italics are ours） numbering some 1,500 ministers，two of whom are Bishops in essence（whatever that may be） and 125 of whom are Doctors in Divinity，to prevent those who have taken the brother in from tarning the brother out．＂But the appeal to John Wesley is rather dangerous；the Judge might retort by quoting John Wesley against the existence of any such Church，and therefore of anything of that nature to be taken into or cast out of，Wesley desired his followers to continue members of the Church of Eingland and never to separate from her．

## TO BE NOTED．

Some of our Subscribers seem to forget that the One Dollar per annum rate only applies 10 Subscriptions Paid Siridutu in Ad． vanoz．We are continually receiving remits： tances three，six，nay even twelve months after the due date at the dollar rate；whereas in such． cases the sabscription is really 81.50 per year： We oannot begive payment or sobsorip－ Trons at themat of One Dollar per joar，inv－ less PAID BLIBTOTLY IN ADVANOE．Will Sabsoribo ers please note this；

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## CHRISTMAS, AND WHAT THE WORLD THINKS OF 1T.

We take (bays the Parish Visitor, N. Y.,) the following from a leading secular paper. Suoh testimonies indirectly strengthen the Ohurch's view of this festival:

There is to every man who is able to imbibe the true apirit of Christmas a deep significance to the day. When the Angelic choirs announced the coming of the Child, they sang "Peace on earth, good-will to men." The true Christmas feeling warms the hearts of all men to their fellows. If any man has a grudge against his neighbor, this is the time to forget it. If any man is living at variance with those of his own kith and kin, this is the time to wipe out old scores and begin anew account. Even the heart of the veriest churl may open somewhat to the poor, and sigus of relenting may appear among the most selfish and wouldlyminded.

This is not only the time of forgiving, but also of giving. Good cheer belongs to Christmas; but the very poor will have no good cheer; no Christmas, if the comfortable and prosperous, out of pure good-will, do not help them.
If Thanksgiving is pecularly a home holiday, Ohristmas is, or should be, the festival when peace and good-will to all men go out from multitudes of homes and hearts. The Saviour of mankind came to teach the univerasi brotherhood of men. Wo celebrate His birthday by gifts of good things to each other and iby benefactions to those who hare no helper, no rightfal earthly: guardian. And if
a larger and more charitable spirit of forbear ance than has usually moved as shall, pervade the Chriatian commanity on Christmas Day, the true meaning of the festival will have been clearly discerned,: Good-will to men should furnish the key-note to this festival sesson. We forgive and are ready to be forgiven. Wo exchange gifts with those who are equal with us in prosperity, and we are ready to help the poor to garnish the dey with aome little semblance of a festival. Good'will to men mores us to remember that life is too ahort for the cherishing of animosities, too short to monopolize all its opportunitits for the aggrandizement of self. Jollity and mirth pervade the family, the poor are cared for, and in the battle of life a truce is called, "so hallowed and so gracious is the time.

## OBSTACLES TO CHRLSTIAN UNITY.

(By Rev. G. A. Shinn, reprinted from the Church Review.)

In view of the growing interest in Christian unity, and the many discussions as to how the scattered portion of Christ's flock can be brought together into one fold, it is pertinent to enquire what are some of the obstacles. There are obstacles, or else these unhappy divisions conld not continue year after year. There are serious obstacles, too, or else the good sense and Christian spirit of so many wise men in the different religions bodies would soon devise some plan of union.
Some of the most ardent friends of Christian unity confers that, however greatly they long for it, and however ferrently they pray for it, they can see no plan by which it can now be accomplished, and their best word is to wait nntil God the Holy Ghost shall make men to be of one mind and of one heart. While it is certainly true that there can be no union until the Giver of all grace shall work mightily in removing whatever stands in the way of godly concord, it is well to study the hindrances calmly and dispassionately, and so to get some clear view of what organic union must involvo.
The temper of the times is happily quite favorable to such an inquiry, for the growth of a broader view of what the Churech of Christ is, in its ideal, permits the most searching investigation and the freest utterances of opinion without the danger of incurring the charge of disloyalty to one's own denomination on the one hand, or of discourtesy to other bodies on the other. There have been times when each little organisation thought itgelf to be "the Israel of God." The smaller the number of its members, and the narrower its views, the more strongly it held to the belief that its existence was essential to the preservation of the trath on the earth.

But there has come to somo a more correct and hence a more generous view. It may be that they are just as sincore to-day in believing that the doctrines they hold are important, but they have seen that the Church of Christ is broader than any denomination of Christians, and that fellowship with all believers, even though there bo varying views, is most desirable.
(1.) When, however, we give attention to the divisiuus that exist, and to the hindrances to Christian unity, we soon become aware of the fact that one obstacle is a widespread ignorance among Christian people of what is really meant by Christian unity.
Some suppose that it is nothing more than the bringing about of an era of such good feeling that " Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Jndah shall not vex Ephraim." If that be all, a tacit agreement to live in peace with others is all that is required, and the lost anity of the Church is restored simply by letting other people alone.:

We have had a great many exhibitions of
this kind of unity, but what have they done to check denominationalism and to present an unbroken front to the world ? The good feeling is all very well, the determination to live peaceable with all men is very well, but, what about organic life as members of one fold?
We may emphasise the fact that to-day there is such affectionate regard on the part of Chuistian denominations for each other that they can extend cordial greetings, and wish each other God-speed; but is that enough?
Few can honestly eay that they believe this is the unity which once existed in the Christian Church, and which is the realisation of the Master's prayer for His disciples that they all might be one.

Other's, who realise that unity means much more than living peaceably, are very fond of using a military figure, and telling us that the Christian Church is a vast army, with different divisions under different banners, bat that all the divisions are: Waging the same battle against the same foes.
This representation is quite a favorite one with some palpit oratora, and its plansibility often misleads unthinking people. It can certainly never satisfy any cne who sees that mach of the strength of those modern divisions is spent in winning men from one division to another. The military figure is apt to be forgotten when people want to make a change in their ecclesiastical relations. They are not told then that one division is as good as another. The rejoicing over new rocruits is ordinarily as great when they come from another Christian camp as if they came out from the world.
The fact is; few believe that one division is as good ss another, elie there would be different plans adopted for the occupation of missionary territory, and an entire disuse of efforts for increasing the membership of one division by depleting another.
One obstacle, then, that mast be removed is this widespread ignorance of what Christian unity is. We mast all learn that it is something more than good feeling, and that the Charch is not an army divided ap into different divisions. We must look back to the design of its Founder, and to the conditions of its existence before heresy and schism invaded it, and seek to restore it to what it was when in its organic life, its principles, and its polity.
(2.) A second obstacle is the view held by others that the divisions, instead of being harmful, are really helpful to the progress of Christianity.

One of the strongest presentations of this view was made by a layman a few jears ago. There was a conference of gentlemen respecting the religious interests of a certain commanity, and the proposal was made that, instead of encouraging the organisation of a new denomination in the place, efforits should be made to combine, and thus to strengthen, those already existing. The laymen referred to objected strongly to this proposal, upon the ground that denominationalism was a bleasing. It secured more money, it interested more people, it developed more energy, and it produced better resalts than could be the case in any other way. He instanced the construction of fine church edifices, the large missionary offerings, and the zeal each of theso competing bodies manifested for building itselt up. "And," said he, "just as soon as this competition stops the onergies of people will flag. They will give less money, put forth less effort, and thinge will become flat and dull."
It is quite likely that many people agree with this gentleman, although not all of them are so ready to say openly that they believe divisions are a blessing.

The utter fallacy of all auch reasoning is seen when you look at the condition of things existing in almost any ordinary community. Take the very:commanity which seemed to the apologiast for its divisions so mach benefited by these divisions.

It has four small religiuas edifices, all within sight of each other. For much less than what the fotur cost one large noble building could have been constracted.
The four ministers now laboring separately, and occasionally crossing oach other's lines While studying to avoid giving offence, could do much better work if they were of one oiganisation. They are not all needed where they are. Two of them could do the work of the four.
Then as to the people, it certainly is a most gratuitous asanmption to say that men who profess and call themselves Christians, when properly instructed will not labor so hard nor give so much money for the Master as they will to maintain their own fancies, and to get abead of their brethren.
If Christian anity did nothing more than encourage the growth of purer motives, it would be worth laboring for.

F'ew of us has any realisation of the great cost of our present methods of worls and of the unwise expenditure of money. Inasmuch as a business term, "competition," is sometimes used to set forth the benefits of the present conditions of things, it is proper to ask if sagacious business men would conduct business enterprises in such a way.

Wou'd they occupy the same small territory With three or more independent establishments where a wider field just beyond remained unoccupied? Woald they employ four men to do the work of two?
Competition among Christian brethren ! Why, surely no one can think complaisantly of it when he remembers that the work of the Christian Church is to preach the Gospel to all nations for a witness so that the Son of Man may come again in His glorious majesty.
(3) A: third obstacle is the hope so often expressed by many a sanguine friend of Christian unity that the religious organisation with which he happens to be connected is destined to absorb all the others.

Nothing is morecommon than such a view. Sometimes it is expressed in very forcible terms, and sometimes it gives color to all consideration of the subject. Some are so well satisfied with their present denominational doctrines and usages that they cannot think of any change being necessary or desirable, and wonder why it is that all Christians do not rally under their banner.

They resent the suggestion that there is no religious organisation of any kind to-day in this country which in its present condition is fitted to receive all the others.

It is not necessary to point out the utter absurdity of requiring all men to subscribe to confassions of faith which have had their origin in comparatively mordern days, and which represent but one phase of Christian thought, or to compel the adoption of nasges which. were unknown in the primitive ages, or to impose tests which are not vital.

We make no real advance towards unity until we are ready to admit that there may be changes made in the way of simplification and comprehension.
Just what those changes must be it is not competent for any one now to suggest beyond the general statement that there must be a return to the Faith and Polity which prevailed in the parest ages of Christianity. Some things held now as doctrines must be left simply in the realm of allowable opinions. Surae, things deemed essential must be declared to belong to the non-essentials. Jsages now insisted upon as very necessary may become optional, and many a requirement may possibly be relaxed.

It is quite probable that $a$ reorganized Christianity: will be quite a different thing from What some of us faucy it will be, and possibly it might not suit us near so well as our present denominations, simply because we have not yet grown up to the broader conception whioh will be required.

Our fondness for insisting upon minor issues must give place to larger views of the Church. Our disposition to make converts to our way of thinking must be exchanged for willingneess to see them become Christ's servants, and our narrow notion that we represent the Church must be replaced by the conviction that the Church is too broad and comprehensive to be represented in its fulness evon by us.
There is probably nothing so repulaive to the majority of men who give thought to this subject as the claim made by ardent denominationalists that unity means the absoption of all the present bodies in one existing organisation with all its features unchanged. They properly declare that such an absoption means simply a denominational criumph, and is not in any sense a gain for Christian unity or a return to Erangelic Trath and Apostolic Order.
(4) And this leads very naturally to the mention of the fourth obstacle; viz., the ignorance of the fact that the unity of the primitive Church was consistent with varying opinions and modes of working.
There was no dead level of sameness, although there was unity. They preserved What was essential, while they permitted large liberty in non-essentials.
The "Faith once delivered to the Saints" was very simple. That they defended, while they did not feel called upon to defend the diversities of interpretation which men put on many of its different points.
Divisions into parties began when men began to press their own interpretations, but the first formal separation was not consummated until the weight of aryogant authority was used to compel sameness in matters of opinion.
And so all subsequent subdivisions have grown out of efforts to compel a uniformity, or out of voluntary separations for the purpose of maintaining favorite views, or out of ignorance of essential principles.
Reunion can be possible only when there is a retarn to the esrential truths of primitive Christianity, and the willingness to permit wide diversities of opinion and usage.
To learn. What are the essential truthe of our religion which we must accept, and what are the limits of allowable variations, should bo the effort of all who would find some durable basis for reunion.
It makes the outlook mach more hopeful if we are willing to adopt the position that there are vital truths, and that there may be allowable differences of view apon lesser points.
Of course it is not for any of us to declare nrbitrarily what these essential traths are. We must find out what the primitive Church declared them to be; what was Evangelic Faith and what was Apostolic Order.
If the Gospel is God's final revelation to men then the Faith once delivered to the saints contained those essential truths, and nothing of more recent origin can contain anything that is vital. It is not in the power of the Charch to originate articles of the Faith, or to devise a new Polity, but simply to declare what had been from the beginning.
This appeal to the primitive deposit must seem reasonable to most Christian bodies, except indeed to some who boldly declare that Christianity has been a development, and that the new is better than the old. For such people the appeal to antiquity means nothing, for they discredit the wisdom and reliability of the Apostles, and contend that those were days of darkness from which no light shines down upon the present.
The majority, however, of believers must recognise the fact that the Master delivered to those whom He commissioned to plant His Church certain definite trathe which can never be altered, and which have in them saving health for all nations.
To discover what these traths are, to separate the notions and fancies of men, to see the truth free from human interpretations and
vagaries,-this is one way to reach Chriatian unity.

If it should be found that there are after all a few vital points around which all can cluster then what is to become of so mach that is now held, and to which many have been so long accastomed?
Fery evidently there are some things they can give up, and there are others which they will judge it no longer neoessary to press as hitherto. It may be that such a stady would open all eyes more and more to see how small were some or the causes that led to separations, and how easy reconciliations would have been if the pacific temper which now prevaila had prevailed in those stormy days of controversy.
Little concessions, larger recognition of varying opinions, a gentler spirit and a clearer knowledge of what was primitive and Apostolic, might have prevented many a separation of Christian bretbren.
Now that the unchristian temper has been generally succeeded by something more in accordance with the pationce, the gentlenoss, and the brotherly kindess of Christ, maj not little concessions, larger recognition of varying opinions, and a atudy of the early Church lead to the healing of the divisions?

Just at this point there may arise something of the old-time championship which cried out, "The truth is in danger! Let us spring forward to its defence!"

But let the champions keep their swords in their shaathe yet awhile. The suggestion is not that the truth shall be pared away to suit everybody, until there is nothing left.

No, not that, bat simply that we consider seriously what are the vital principles upon which we can be united, No one need give up his opinions and his preferences concerning minor points, only thenceforth he is debarred from pressing them as essential.
(To be continued.)

## A MERRY CHRISTMASI

Such will be the salutation used by thousands apon thoussads-young and old, rich and poor, peasant and prince-in all parts of the world on the recurrence of another twenty-fifth day of Decomber. But how many will even in thought connect the joy of the season with its cause, by any direct reoognition of a Saviour's birth. "To you is born this day in the City of David a Savrour which is Christ tho Lord." And yet the "tidings of great joy" were to and for "all people." Many still will gather' curiously around the Manger at Bethlehem only to wonder how these things can be; other, porbaps, to cavil at the Mystery of God incarnate ; many lacking faith will still fail to recognize Christ the Lord; many will be to all appeatance wholly careless and indifferent alike to tho great event commemorated and to the character and claims of the New-born. Such do not and cannot in any degree appreciate or share in the joy of the Day, and to them the "Merry Christmas" points to mere animal enjogment. None such, we trust, are numbered amonget the thousands of our readers scattered throughout this great Dominion and elsewhere; and, therefore, we can and do extend to each and all of our subscribers, a hearty Cbristmas greeting, accompanied by the earnest paryer that stumbling not at the mystery, but accepting by faith het fact, each may be partakers of the benefits resalting from this wooderful manifestation of "absolate, infinite, unconquorable Love, able to condescend to anything that good might be done," that salvation might be provided.

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## HINA'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

By the Author of "Borne Back," "Maryellous in Our Eyes," Etc. Etc.

## CHAPTER I.-" GLORIA in EXCELBIS."

From ond to end of the great city, cradled in its solernn night hash, rings out the old anthem which long ago stirred heaven's starry arch, when the sons of God sang forth in a burst of glad amaze the sovereign goodness of their great Creator-

## "Gloria in Excelsis!"

Now nearly ninetean hundred years have flown, and from nearly every quarter of old mother earth the song is echoed. Chime after chime in the groat capital of our insular home seems to catch up the refrain as it has dropped from the aweet choirs and carol singers. They bore it along in a full wave of melody to the ears of Mr. Garth Glyni in his handsome study at Lancaster Gate-

## "Gloria in excelsis!"

The words stir him strangely. But what has he to do with this glory? It is nothing to him -nothing to him, this oft-repeated tale of the advent of a Saviour Who was cradled as a babe in Bethlehem.
"Pbhaw!" he muttered, as he had oftan thought'before, " A t is a mere legend, beautiful and ingenious enough, to be sure, bat unworthy a man's.credence in this nineteenth century of culture and enlightement. Still-"

He hears it again. This time it comes in a girl's sweet clear treble, blended with au organ's low swell.
It is his daughter's voice, and despite his selfpossession and indifference, the color rises in a dark flush to Mr. Glynn's cheek. The hand that is holding a new edition of a work on Evolution even trembles slightly.
"It sounds to him like his mother's voice Singing in Paradiso.'
Only an early memory, yet so real that he seems to live in the past once more. A quiet parsonage by an Engliah lake, and a fair-haired placid woman making her little boy repeat after her the worde, "Glory to God in the highest !": Then he hears her explain in simple words how God's glory was manifested in redemption, His goodness to a fallen race in sending His Own Son into the world to bear the penalty which justice demanded for man's guilt
"Snblimely slmple toauhing! would it were true:"
Crasif! The book on Evolution has fallen with a thad on the floor.,
The start arouseshin; the past fades away like a wraith, the present is more visibly present than before.
Garth Glynn, Esq., M:P,; for Wordham, arises, and with a somewhat impatient movement for a man of such composare, begins to pace up and down his stud floor.
The Iittle table is in his way. With the same impatient movement he puta it aside; a glass fails to the ground and is shivered. At the same moment'a step sounds behind him, and a child's sweet voive cries-
"You naughty papal you said I might sit up as late as ever I liked to-vight, as it is Christ mas Eve ; so I would not let Edyth or Mre. Clayton send me to bed. We have had such a lovely time. Bdyth has been playing the organ for as, and singing the Christmas hymns, all about the Saviour Who came into the world as a little child, you know. And Ainslie is there too. I like Ainslie: he told me a story But now it is near twelve 'o'clock, and you have néver been near us. Oh! you naughty, wicked papa!"
Mr. Glynn did feel rather wicked just then, but he only drew the littie speaker tenderly towarde him, and began gently stroking the upturned face.
"Bless you, my darling!" he said. "I was reading, and forgot all about it."
"It was a nasty book to make you forget us," persisted the ohild. Then. spying the open volume on the floor, she lifted it, and turned over the leaves with supreme disdain. "There is not a pictare in it! I knew it was a nasty book."
"Are there pictaros in all the books you love, Nina?"
"Mostly," replied Nina, with a wise little shake of her head.
"In your Bible?"
"Tn the big Bible;' you know; I like that best. But oh, papal I think every Bible is fall of pictures. When I shut my eyes I see them."
"Wbich accounts for the hold the book has on the imagination of the young;" muttered Garth Glynn to himself. Aloud he only said-
"I will come with you for a few minutes, Nina, though why you should expect mo on this particular evening I can't say. It troubles me that you have notibeen in bed three hours since."
"In bed, papa?" replied the child, opening her blue eyes very wide indeed, as if to show there was no trace of sleepiness in them. "How could I be în bed ? We are keeping Christmas."
"And why do you keep Christmas?" questioned the father; perhaps a. little carious as to the extent of her understanding.
"Now you are laughing at me," she returned, very gravely. You linow we are remembering the birth of the Lord. Don't you always make a fuss about my birthday, and give me a lovely present, you dear, good old papa?"
"And are you going to give the Lord a present?"
The balf-mocking words escaped Mr. Glynn without reflection. He was almost somy, the moment afterwards, for attering them. His little daughter, however, answered in all sincerity and with the utmost simplicity-
"Yes, papa; I mean to give him myself."
She looked up, as she spoke, with a strangely reverent expression. It was evident the love of Christ had touched his heart, and won her affection.

Garth Glynn took her hand to pass with her into the music-room, but as he did so some of the latest utterances of the great Napoleon in his exile at St. Helena, occured to him. They Were:
-. The soul-oan never go astray, with the Bible for its guide. When it is master of our spirit,

God is our Friend and our Father. Christ speaks, and He lights'up the flame of a love which consumes self-love, which prevales over every other love.

## CEAPTER II. - IN THE MOSIC-BOOM.

Gently and playfully Garth Glynn's little daughter drew him along the softly carpeted corridor to the door of the masic-room. Here she stayed.
"Listen," she whispered. "Don't let us stop thera."
He looked at the child: her whole soul seemed to be going forth with the music. There was no appearence of weakness or weariness, but a certain spirituelle expression which suited her delicate features, fair hair, and slight figure. Even her pale-blue dress heighened the effect. It was relieved by banches of holly berries in one or two places. A Christian sprite he had playfally called her at the dinnertable. Now a sort of nameless pang shot through his heart as he remembered the unseasonableness of the hour.
"A most improper proceeding," he said to himsolf-" a veiry improper proceeding. I shall speak' seriously to Mrs. Clayton about it tomorrow."
(Mrs. Glayton was Nina's governess, and chaperone to the elder daughter.)
Somewhat impatiently he pushed open the door from whence issued the deep notes of the organ. With the girl's sweet treble was now blending the deep tones of a man's voice.
"Kyrie Eleison!"
Like an angel's voice the words sound in Mr. Glynn's ears, speaking through that intuition which lie in every man's heart. Stifle it, crush it down as he may, the consciourness that he is a sinner and in need of mercy must at some time occar.
Doas he listen to the whispers of conscience? No; be only says within himself that he is strangely nervons and out of sorts, and not under the influence of reason to night.
He might have checked his daughter's song earlier, bat it was a ruling principle of his life zever to interfere with his children's religious emotions in any way. Free-thinking in a man might be a daring and admirable thing, but with girls the case was. wholly different. An irreligions woman was an anomaly.
Somehow, the fair sweet Edyth who rose to greet him as he entered the music-room, in all the graces of person and manner, with all refinement and calture of good b,rth and good breeding, in her unsullied purity of mind, would have seemed unfinished, incomplete, and marred, without ber enthusiastic devotion to Him she owned as Lord.
And for his little Nina! oh, what soeptio so ruthless, what hands so profane as. to tamper with and overturn a thing so sacred as a child's faith?
"It comforts her," he had said to himself again and again. "It comforts her, and does me no harm. They are not the less dutifal and affectionate to me."
Garth Glynn had been a widower for some years. He had clasped to his heart the :one most tenderly beloved, and seen her fade awny. At one time he held a high appointment abroad, but. his wife's hoalth failing, he determined to return to England. The sacrifice was in vain; the long sea voyage so tried her shattered constitution that the lamp of life went out almost immediately on reaching their native land. With it went out life; joy for him. Grief, if it does not subdue, hardens. Thenceforth, in proud rebellion against God, Garth Glynn was at heart almost an infidel.
His two helpless children had all the care which money could procure, and that is saying a good deal. Later on he procared for them the constant companionship of a lady of undoubted bat unobtrasive piety,
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The youngest Indian mission [of the Oharch of Fingland] of all in this part of the colony is one with which the remembrance of a most grievous catastrophe will always be conpled. Some Indians from Potara, a tribitary of the upper Eissequibo, had applied for a Christian teacher, and a catechist who understood the Accawoio language -a Mr. Lobert-was sent np to ro port on the sitnation. On the 24th of August, 1880, messengers arrived in Georgetown with a report from 7. Lobert; stating " that after sixteen days travelling he had reached the settloment; that the ordinary population was about 200 , but that within a week of his aririval nearly 800 people were congragated on the sput. There were a few Accapoios and a fair number of Macusis, but the major ity were Paramunas, a tribe that had hitherto furnished fow, if any, Christian converts. Mr, Lobert immediately set to work, held classes for several hours day after day, and reported that, inclading some 200 children, he had 678 persons under preparation." At this junctare the Rev. W. E. Pierce, who was stationed at Bartica visited the settlement at Shenanbauwie and commenced to instract the candidates for Baptism. Event ually he baptized 1,398 people, of whom 1,084 were Paramunas, 213 were Macasis. 62 were Arecmas, 2 wero Accawoios, and 37 were Wapisianas. The account of this remarkable ceremony carries back our thoughts to the firet Penteoostal ingathering at Jeruialem. Mr. Pierce's eatimate of the good qualities possessed by these wild children of the forest is thus summed up: "Honesty, to an extraordinary degree, parity of moralis and modesty of demeanor among peopie who wear only the scantiest clothing, perfect good hamor and bonhomie kindness and gentleness of mind and manner, in a race of ignorant barbarians, of whom each is independent of every one else." On the 29th of September, 1881, as he was returning from a subsequent visit to the mission with bis wife and family, the boat was capsized while decending the Marrybe falls-almost within sight of home-and himself, his wife, three children and an Indian girl, was drowned. Sinoe his death the mission has been overlooked by the Rev. A. Gwyther, curate of the apper Demerarariver; but arrango ments have recently been made for the transfer of the Rev, F. I. Quick from the Pomeroon river very ahortly. The venerable So ciety for the Propagation of the Gospel has made a special grant of £200 per annum towards the salary of the missionary at this distant post.--Mission Field.

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"Yes, doctor; but what is the method of approach?"
"If you dip your finger in acid you burn it ; do you not?"
'Yes."

- If you wash this burnt finger overy second with the acid, what is the resalt?"
"Why, constant inflammation, festering and eventual destruction of the finger."
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"Perfectly! Bat how do you prevent the accumulation of these acids in the system?"
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4．We se日 in drunkanness $a$ great loss of domestic happiness． The drunkard ruine home for him－ self，and for those whom he ought to love；and is capable of loring． Now we are touching the bottom， we are recognisiop in the drunkard a man who has a heart．It does not look like it very often，because he is most brutal towards those whom hetrought to tond and pro－ tect．Well，－however paradoxial it may seem，I sometimes think that a drankard＇s barbarity towards his wife and children is a proof that he is not indifferent to them．It＇s a queer way of showing affection，I will grant，is the kicking of a wife， and the pitching of a baby down－ stairs；but fet when the operation has beon entirely successful，and the wife or the child is killed by the ill－usage，the poor murderer is truly miserable．Do you think the man does not know and feel how wretched he has made his home？ and its dirt and raga rebuke and madden him．
6．We see in drunkenness a great sin．It is a base surrender of man＇s free will．The will becomes atter－ ly enslaved．The drinkard would like to be healthier，and richer， and bonorable，and bappier，but be oannot，He has become weaker and weaker in self restraint．And in doing this he has fought against good impulses．He knows he is a bad follow；he has a conscience， and it tells him so．And the voice of conscience answers to the voice of God in the Bible．There we read that drunkenness is one of the sins of self－indulgence whioh ex－ olude from grace and glory． Drankenness is an evil，for it is a sin．Holiness is the chastening of the will，by grace，into accordance with the will of God，and dranken－ nese leaves a man with such an utterly enfeebled will that he can－ not serve God．Every sin of self－ indulgonce does the same in its de－ gree，bat drankenness shares with sensual impurity this characteristic that it adds to the moral force of a bad habit，the physical tendency to the indulgence of the habit．
I have been speaking of drank－ enness se an evil to the individual who indulges in it，but it is an evil to the community past calculation． It is degrading to national honor， national prosperity，national influ－ ence．If the British people at home and abroad were sober，who can es－ timate the extent of their pos－ sible influence？
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