

FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Scarecrow.

BY CELIA THAXTER.

The farmer looked at his cherry-tree With thick buds clustered on every bough; "I wish I could cheat the robins," said he, "If somebody would only show me how!

STORIES ON THE CATECHISM.

The Communion of Saints.

THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN'S LITTLE HOME.

A mild November day, the great Festival of All Saint's, the pale sun shining with a warmth that was almost the warmth of summer, not a breath of wind stirring the few yellow leaves that were left upon the almost bare trees.

Every Sunday the strange pair were to be seen going to church, the child taking care of the old man, he leaning upon her as though she were his stay and protection. But he had not been to church for a long time before that All Saint's Day about which I am telling you; he was very feeble now; all he could do was to sit in his arm-chair in the little cottage in which he and Katie had lived ever since they came to Clearview, and listen to the child as she read to him out of God's own Holy Word, and talk to her sometimes of that past, about which neither of them spoke to anyone else.

Her only other friend in Clearview (always excepting the Vicar and Miss Duncan) was Mary Grant. The quiet, thoughtful girl had always taken the child's part at school, and now that Mary was so ill, Katie was always trying to show her gratitude for all she had done for her.

one of another. And one more word about the saints in Paradise, about those whom you have known and loved on earth, and who are gone out of your sight; out of your sight, indeed, my children, but still close about and around you; closer, perhaps, in many ways than they were on earth, knowing your needs and necessities, seeing your triumph over evil, your struggles for victory. Their souls are in God's hands. He shows them all they need to see, and no more. We cannot tell how much of our lives He may lay bare to them; but this much we do know—their love for us is purer, better, more perfect, than it could be when they were with us: they prayed for us then; must not their prayers be more efficacious now, because they are nearer to Him who is always interceding for us? and they ask Him in His mercy to help us in our warfare, and to bring us, although it may be through much tribulation, safe into the haven they have found. My children, it is thus we should think of our holy dead, as each day we say those words: "I believe in the Communion of Saints."

NOVEL READING.

An Anecdote of Old General Terry, of Hartford, Conn.

Correspondence of the Living Church.

When I was a boy, more than half a century ago, the most noted man in Connecticut was General Nathaniel Terry, of Hartford—the most splendid-looking man I ever saw, not excepting Jeremiah Mason, of Boston, nor General Granger, of Canandaigua. With a number of other boys on our way to college and on board a Connecticut river steamer, we saw General Terry, attracting, of course, the attention of all the passengers. On assembling at night in the cabin, to draw lots for our berths, as was then the custom, there was a man on all fours crawling about, and for whose benefit a collection was being made, after which General Terry arose and addressed himself to the students, substantially as follows:

Bible Studies.

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A great insult to the ambassadors whom a kind and sympathizing King had sent with messages of comfort to another King who was in sorrow. The indignity did not consist of words of reproach or dishonor, nor in smiting nor in spitting upon; but the messengers were despoiled of what they held in highest respect and value. The Europeans and we Americans could scarcely conceive of the esteem which the Orientals have for this possession. While the Western nations go to much labor and trouble to rid themselves of it, the men of the East consider it an ornament and blessing. They even swear by it, and pledge it in matters of consequence and hazard their lives to redeem it. To be without it is to them a sign of slavery and mourning. The Ottoman princes are obliged to give it up as a token of their subjection to the reigning Emperor. Among the Mohammedans and Turks it is a mark of authority and liberty. Among the Arabians it is infamous to be without it; and the Persians who throw away part of it are regarded as heretics.

The Household.

Ribbons which are very much soiled can be made clean and will look almost like new ones if washed in ammonia and water. Use half a teaspoonful of ammonia to one pint of water. Some ribbons, after washing and sponging, do not need to be ironed, and in fact are injured by it. These should be fastened to a table or long ironing board, and, when perfectly smooth, let them alone until they are dry. If they are at all wrinkled when dry, lay a cloth which is slightly damp over them and press with a hot iron.

When girls are large enough to learn to sew, they can amuse themselves and learn a great deal about cutting, fitting and sewing, by making their doll's clothes. Cut or buy paper patterns for them; show them how to lay these patterns on the cloth and give them a few directions about beginning; then let them cut the garments out themselves. When the cutting is finished pin the separate pieces together and let them baste the garment, and then, in the beginning, give them a little help, with the sewing, on your machine, perhaps; say, for instance, the long tedious seams; this will keep them from getting discouraged and taking an early dislike to sewing, which, perhaps, may take long years to overcome. Don't make the children spend their time, or much of it, over coarse towels or patchwork. A little such work for them will do very well, but they will learn to sew much more cheerfully and successfully if their work is made interesting for them. A little girl's work soiled by long handling, is not inviting, and she tires of and dislikes it. A little doll's dress, however, which she has helped to cut and fit, may be quickly finished and the little one is eager to see it on her doll, and works happily and cheerfully. — Scribner's Monthly.

COFFEE AND EGGS FOR SICK PERSONS.—I have found that a sick person, wanting nourishment and having lost his appetite, could only be sustained by the following, when nothing else could be taken, provided always that coffee be allowed by the physician: Make a strong cup of coffee; add boiling milk as usual, only sweetening rather more; take an egg, beat yolk and white together thoroughly; boil the coffee, milk and sugar together and pour it over the beaten egg in the cup you are going to serve it in. This simple receipt I have used frequently in hospital practice.—M.

No picture ought to be hung higher than the height of the average human eye when the owner of the eye is standing. It is the most universal rule in our houses to hang pictures much above this level and they cannot be enjoyed there. If the picture is a portrait, or it has human faces in it, its eyes should look as nearly into ours as possible, and if there be no such simple guide, perhaps a good rule will be to have the line that divides the picture horizontally into equal parts level with the eye. If one starts in hanging pictures with the determination to place them so that they can be readily seen and enjoyed without stretching the neck in the least, or stooping the body, he will be pretty sure to do well.—Clarence Cook.

YOUR OWN MASON.—Small holes in white walls can easily be repaired without sending for a mason. Equal parts of plaster of paris and white sand, such as is used in most families for scouring purposes, mixed with water to a paste, applied immediately and smoothed with a knife or flat piece of wood, will make the broken place as good as new. As the mixture hardens very quickly, it is best to prepare but a small quantity at a time.—Exchange.

To remove oil marks from wall paper where inconsiderate people rest their heads, take pipe-clay or fuller's earth, and make into a paste about as ice cream, with cold water; lay it on the stain gently without rubbing it in; leave it on all night. It will be dry by morning, when it can be brushed off, and unless an old stain the grease spot will have disappeared. If old renew the application.

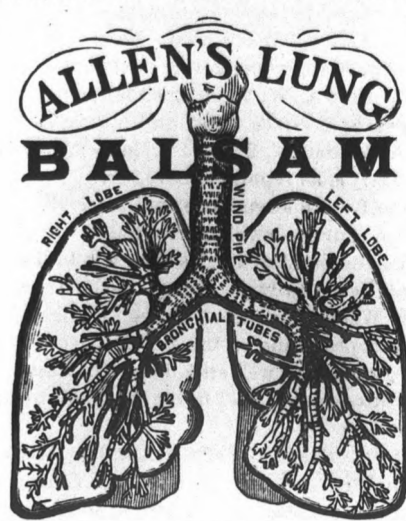
In entertaining guests you are only required to do what you can conveniently to make them feel at ease and to make them comfortable, that their stay may be pleasant and their visit ever remembered with pleasure. Never invite people to visit you unless you want and expect them to come.

To SCOUR CARPETS.—Your carpet being first well beaten and freed from dust, tack it down to the floor; then mix half a pint of bullock's gall with two gallons of soft water; scrub it well with soap and this mixture; let it remain until quite dry and it will be perfectly cleansed and look like new, as the colors will be restored to their original brightness. The brush you use must not be two hard.

To CLEAN STRAW MATTING.—Take a large coarse cloth, dipped in salt and water, and then wipe dry. The salt prevents the matting from turning yellow.

An Exchange gives us the following odds and ends as worth knowing: To Brighten Silver.—Old newspapers will put the finishing touch to newly cleaned silver knives and forks and tin ware, better than anything else. They are also good for polishing window panes and mirrors. Cleaning Tinware.—The best thing for cleaning tinware is common soda. Dampen a cloth and dip in soda and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry. Any blackened or dirty ware can be made to look as well as new. Vermin.—Mosquitoes will not remain in a room where pennyroyal is exposed. If rats enter your cellar, powdered potash sprinkled in their runway and about their hole will banish them. Cayenne pepper will keep the buttry and store-room free from ants and cockroaches.

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HEROES OF THE MISSION FIELD.

Henry Martyn in India and Persia.

By the Bishop of Ossory, Ferns, and Leighlin. [Concluded.]

He left India on the 7th of January, 1881, without a companion, without even an attendant, and it is only from fragments of his letters and journals we can trace his progress.

Not, indeed, without manifold interruptions was this great work accomplished. Again and again had our missionary to encounter the Mollahs and the Soofies of Persia in public and private dispute.

A writer in the Asiatic Journal has mentioned the case of an interesting and accomplished man, called Mahomed Rahem, whom he met at Shiraz, and who for years had secretly been a Christian.

Soon after this his face was turned towards Europe. He resolved to make his way to England, via Constantinople, to recruit his shattered health, and perhaps to bring back his beloved one with him to India.

The love and piety of Christian brethren have in later years erected a suitable memorial over this true soldier of the cross.

beneath the sand of a mountain stream, and having lovingly removed the remains to a quiet spot in the mission cemetery, they obtained help from the East India Company and other sources to build a handsome monument.

REV. HENRY MARTYN, M. A., Chaplain of the East India Company, born at Truro, in England, on the 18th of February, 1781, died at Tocot, on the 16th of October, 1812.

The gifted pen of Lord Macaulay has furnished another epitaph: "Here Martyn lies! In manhood's early bloom The Christian hero found a pagan tomb;

For ourselves, a prayer in one of his earliest journals seems best to express the wishes of our hearts, both with respect to the influence of his own memory, and of that higher example which ruled his life:

Consecration at Carlyle, Ill.

Correspondence of the Living Church.

Bishop Seymour visited Carlyle on Tuesday, April 20th, for the purpose of consecrating the new and beautiful church which has just been erected at that place.

At 11 o'clock of the appointed day, the Consecration took place. The procession entered the West door, where they were received by the lay officers of the church, and proceeded up the middle aisle, reciting responsively the 24th Psalm.

At night, Evensong was said by Dean Irvine and Rev. Mr. Moore; and the Bishop preached again, a sermon for Easter-Tide, taking for his subject the fact that the risen Lord appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils.

The church-building, which is complete, furnished throughout, and paid for, is one of the most beautiful in the Diocese.

St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Western Michigan, had a happy Easter; all the more so, to quote the words of a local paper, through the intelligent and persistent effort of the rector, aided by a few members of the vestry, the means to lift the mortgage debt of the parish were presented as an Easter Offering.

A Blessed Work.

To the Editor of the Living Church:

During the past Lenten Season, the parish of St. Ann's Church, in W. 18th St., New York, of which the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet is Rector, has added to its already overflowing charities, and its excellent organization for Deaf-Mutes, for Parish work, and for Missions at "Home and Abroad," a Society called the "The Boys' Friendly Society," which meets every Thursday evening, at 7:30 in the "Bible-Class Room" of the church.

The following names compose the Committee: Rev. E. H. Kraus, Mr. Floyd E. West, Miss Rathbone, Mrs. A. C. Betner, Miss Sheafe, Mrs. Pitts, and Miss Cocheal.

Easter in Central New York.

Correspondence of the Living Church.

We learn that Easter was well kept in the churches of Elmira. Instead of repeating for the hundredth time the statement that the floral decorations were fine, and the congregations large, and the music unusually effective, which, we take for granted, was true of the Elmira churches, as of others all over the country, we prefer to quote two or three sensible passages from this report found in a secular paper; in the hope that they may bear fruit.

The next extract occurs in connection with the account of the Services at Trinity, of which the Rev. Dr. McKnight is Rector.

In the afternoon, the Sunday-school held its festival, the children bringing their offerings, amounting to \$213.72.

At Grace Church (Rev. F. D. Hoskins, Rector), the great Festival was also very satisfactorily observed.

the morning; after which the Rector (Rev. John A. Staunton), presented a class of sixteen persons for Confirmation.

The proceeds of the Offering were devoted, in a large measure, toward the extinction of the floating debt.

On the afternoon of the Festival, the Sunday-school held its special Easter Service, when a very large congregation was in attendance.

We have no reports from the other parishes in Syracuse.

Conference in Western Michigan.

Written for the Living Church.

The Twelfth Semi-annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Church Conference of the Diocese of Western Michigan, was held in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, April 26th, 27th and 28th.

The delightful feature of the whole Conference, was the evident devotion of the clergy of Western Michigan to their Diocesan work, and the thoroughly fraternal and cordial feeling existing among them.

St. Thomas' Parish Church, Battle Creek, was elaborately and exquisitely decorated for Easter, and, in spite of the rain, at the hour of Morning Service, it was crowded.

The Church in Delaware.

Correspondence of the Living Church.

Bishop Lee is making his annual visitations; and on Palm Sunday confirmed 15 adults at St. Andrew's Church, of which he is the Rector.

On the evening of Good Friday, St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, attended Divine Service at Trinity, and listened to a sermon by Rev. Dr. Frost.

On Thursday and Friday of Holy Week, Bishop Penick, of Cape Palmas, preached at St. John's Church; and on Good Friday afternoon, in St. Andrew's Church.

The Easter sun rose bright and early, and so did the congregations of Trinity Parish. Dr. Frost celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Church (Old Swedes) at 6 o'clock, and at Trinity Chapel at 7:30.

The Easter Services in the Syracuse churches this year, were—as seems to have been the case everywhere—very impressive and largely attended.

The R. E. Church of the Covenant has quarrelled with its pastor, and now he intends to start another branch-office, so to speak, in this city.

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