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HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF.

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"Lord, I believe." How could I live without Thee, Alone in joy or grief! And yet, sometimes, the darkness comes, I doubt

Help Thou mine unbelief!

"Lord, I believe;" though not with faith unshaken
Can I in Thee abide.
Like those blest souls who once the true path taken,
Keep ever by Thy side.

"Lord, I believe." I do so long to know Thee
As fully, surely mine!
Yet, stained with sin, how can I pray? Lord, show
That gift of Love Divine.

"Lord, I believe." Oh! make me purer, stronger, Blest with a sure belief! So with glad heart, at last I need no longer Pray, "Help mine unbelief."

Diocesan Conventions.

Florida.

The 40th Annual Council of this Diocese med in St. John's Church, Tallahassee, on Wednesday, the 2d inst. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers, and the attendance of clerical and lay members somewhat larger than usual. The usual sermon was preached by the Rev. C. M. Sturges, of Mandarin, from the text, John 2: 21, and was a plea for the careful guarding of the spiritual life of the Church.

The Rev. R. H. Weller was unanimously reelected Secretary.

In his annual address, which showed much work done, and a prosperous diocese, the Bishop especially urged the support of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., the sustaining of the Florida Churchman, and the better development of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, in pressing its plan of obtaining regular contributions of one cent a day. The Bishop stated that whereas only about \$1,200 has been contributed through this society during the last year, if the plan had been fully carried out \$6,000 would have been received.

On Thursday evening a missionary meeting was held in St. John's Church, at which, after Evening Prayer, interesting and spirited addresses were made by the Revs. C. A. Apple, C. W. Ward and C. S. Williams, showing an encouraging advance in the mission fields represented by the speakers. The fields are Apalachicola and Marianna, in West Florida; Maitland, Orlando and Winter Park, in Orange County; and the missions of Putnam County. The Committee to which that portion of the Bishop's address which referred to the Univer-University depended entirely for its support upon voluntary contributions, except for the small amount received from tuitions, and that in addition to this \$10,000 is absolutely necessary to the progress of the institution for the building of a hall for the use of the department of Natural Sciences and the furnishing of the same. Florida being one of the ten dioceses upon which the University depends, has given nearly nothing to help make up the required sum. A resolution requesting an offering in every church in the diocese, for the University was passed. A subscription paper being circulated, resulted in obtaining all required for the discharge of the obligation of the diocese in this respect, except \$200.

The Committee on Canons reported adversely on the amendments offered to article third of the Constitution last year, providing for the addition of one clergyman to the Standing Committee, and also to others offered at this meeting, and proposed a canon creating a Diocesan Board of Missions distinct from the Standing Committee, to consist of four clergymen and three laymen. Their recommendations were adopted, and a Board duly elected.

The following officers were elected: Treaswrer-Mr. C. B. Benedict, re-elected unanimously; Registrar-Dr. A. S. Baldwin, re-elected unanimously; Standing Committee-Rev. Messrs. O. P. Thackara, C. S. Williams and R. H. Weller, and Messrs. J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict and Samuel A. Swann; Finance Committee-Messrs. E. K. Foster, W. A. Spence, C. B. Benedict and Rev. Messrs. W. H. Carter and C. M. Sturges; Deputies to General Convention-Rev. Messrs. R. H. Weller, O. P. Thackara, J. J. Scott and W. H. Carter, and Messrs. D. S. Walker, Sr., G. R. Fairbanks, C. C. Yonge, Sr. and J. J. Daniel.

New Jersey.

The ninety-eighth annual Convention of this Diocese met in St. Paul's Church, Camden, on the 9th inst. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. B. Franklin, D. D., of Shrewsbury. The Rev. A. B. Baker, of Princeton, was re-

elected Secretary.

In his annual address, the Bishop alluded to the fact that one more convention would intervene before the celebration of the diocesan centenary in May of next year. This is to be in New Brunswick, where, on Tuesday, May 11, 1784. several of the clergy and laity organized in a body for the relief of indigent widows and orphans, and out of this grew up a convention, which has assembled every year since.

The college at Burlington had a good class of young men, and St. Mary's Hall, for young women, founded by Bishop Doane, in 1837, was in

Thursday, June 14, and the delegates were cordially invited to be present.

The official work of the Bishop for the year was summarized as follows:

Priests ordained, 3; deacons, 4; total, 7; confirmations in the diocese, 538; confirmations in the diocese of New York, 78; total, 616; sermons and addresses delivered, 245; attendance at meetings, boards, etc., 42; at holy communion, 64; at public catechisings, 18; infants baptized, 8; adults, 1; total, 9; church consecrations, 5; churches formally opened, 3; churchyard consecrations, 1; corner stones laid, 2; rector's instituted, 13; marriages, 3; burials, 3; clergymen received in the diocese, 7; clergymen ordained, 4; number of clergymen belonging to the diocese —bishops, 1; priests, 80; deacons, 10; total, 91; lay readers appointed during the year, 16; appointed previously, 25; total 41.

A committee of three was appointed to report at the next session of the convention upon that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the diocesan centenary.

Before adjourning a message of greeting was despatched to the Convention of Pennsylvania, then in session.

In the evening the missionary meeting was held at half-past seven, and after its close the delegates were entertained at the residence of Senator Sewell.

During the session of Wednesday the following were elected, or appointed as the canons provide, viz: Treasurer, Charles E. Merritt, Mount Holly; Registrar, Rev. George M. Hills, D. D., Burlington. Standing Committee, Revs. Nathaniel Pettit, Bordentown; Levi. W Norton, Rahway; Joseph F. Garrison, D. D., Camden; Alfred B. Baker, Princeton; Messrs. Abraham Browning, Camden; Richard S. Conover, South Ambov; S. K. Wilson, Trenton; McRee Swift, New Brunswick. Deputies to the General Convention, Revs. J. F. Garrison, D. D., Benjamin Franklin, D. D., George Morgan Hills, D. D., William S. Langford, D. D., Messrs. George C. Hance, Samuel K. Wilson, J. Howard Pugh, M. D., Richard S. Conover.

Southern Ohio.

This Convention met at Zanesville, Ohio, May 9th, in St. James' Church. Previous to the meeting of the Convention, Bishop Jaggar confirmed a class of ten persons on Monday evening. On 'Tuesday, the 8th inst., the Weman's Auxiliary branch of the Diocesan Missionary organization, under the efficient direction of Mrs. M. H. Rochester, held its meetings both mornsity of the South was referred reported, that the ing and afternoon, and in the evening there were public services in a crowded church in the interest of this organization, which was addressed by Bishop Paddock, of Oregon, Bishop Penick, of Africa, and Archdeacon Kirkby, of the Church Missionary organization.

The Convention proper was called to order by he Bishop at 10 o'clock on Wednes ing, when he delivered a charge devoted to a and the duties of ministers in regard to it. This Brown and Rev. J. H. Davet, deacons to the order of priesthood, and the administration of the Holy Communion, by the three bishops in attendance. In the afternoon session, Rev. J. M. Kendrick was elected Secretary of the Convention. The Bishop then delivered his annual address. The following is a synopsis of his

Candidates for Holy orders, 2; Ordination Deacons, 3; Priests, 2; received, 5; transferred, 8; present number of churches, 48; whole number of parishes, 47; mission stations, 17; confirmations, 332; sermons and addresses, 161.

The report of the Committee on shortened services which was continued from last convention was taken up, and on motion the whole sub-

ject was laid on the table. At 4 P. M., on motion, the order of business was suspended, and Bishops Paddock and Penick and Archdeacon Kirkby were introduced, each of whom made short and spirited addresses.

The evening was devoted to a Missionary meeting opened by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Kendrick. The Secretary then read his report as follows:

We have been able financially to supply all the mission stations for the Diocese, but there is a great need of ministers. There are but three stations without ministers, but many fields into which missionaries could be sent, if we had the men and the means.

One of the greatest advancements made is in the appointment of a general Missionary, Rev. J. Kendrick, whose duty is to visit all the mission stations and infuse into them new and vigorous

The Secretary also read the report of the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. W. H. Rochester.

She reports three new societies organized, and many increasing in the efficiency of their work. An effort is being made to build in China a Memorial church to the memory of the late Rev. C. H. Young, \$370 of the \$600 which will be necessary to build, it has already been raised.

Rev. J. M. Kendrick, general missionary and other speakers, made short addresses on Mission work, Rev. J. F. Webster, Peter Tinsley, I. N. Stanger, D. W. Rhodes, H. N. Badger, D. H. Babcock, being of the number.

Rev. C. L. Bates, D.D., Prof. from Gambier, spoke of the institution during the past eight the purpose of consecrating the new Standard of number of candidates for Holy Orders, and the mencement of this institution will be held on for boys in Ohio. In every respect it has made vice was largely musical, and was excellently before their people.

great advancement. It is supported by seven

On Thursday morning the subject of the divorce laws of the country came up as unfinished business from the last Convention. A committee, consisting of the Rev. Paul Sterling, the Rev. Dr. Benedict, and Messrs. M. M. Granger, and Alex. H. McGuffey, appointed to consider the subject, offered an elaborate and able report, showing the alarming increase in the number of divorces, and offering for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Divorce Reform be continued, its vacancy be filled, and that three clergymen and one layman be added

Resolved, That extra copies of this report be printed, and placed at the disposal of the com-

Resolved, That the committee communicate these proceedings of the Convention to the various religious organizations of the State, with the request that they cooperate with us in the formation of an Ohio Divorce Reform League, in accordance with the suggestions made in this report.

Resolved, That these proceedings be commu-nicated to the Convention of the Diocese of Ohio, and that their coordinate action be invi-

Resolved, That the committee petition the Legislature of Ohio, to revise the divorce statutes in accordance with the suggestions of this

Bishop Jaggar said that this report brought before them one of the most important matters that could possibly be considered by the Convention. The General Convention of the Church had expressed its mind most emphatically on the question of divorce. He believed that the canon adopted by the General Convention contained the scriptural doctrine and teaching on this question. He hoped that this Diocesan Convention would be one of the first to re-echo the sentiment of the General Convention. The evil could only be reached by the creation of a public sentiment. That could be only done by the religious community, and united action was necessary.

The report of the committee so completely met the views of the Convention that there was but very little discussion. The report was accepted, and the resolutions (d. s.) were adopted.

The Sunday School committee were requested to arrange for a Sunday School Convention to be held next fall, at All Saints Church, Ports-

St. James' Church, Piqua.

The usual elections resulted as follows: Standing Committee: Revs. Dr. Benedict, A. Blaks and E. Rowland, and Messrs. A. H. Mc-Guffey, Channing Richards and R. B. Bowler. all of Cincinnati; Treasurer of the Diocese, A. Whiting, of Columbus (re-elected). Deputies to the General Convention-Clerical: Rev. Mesconsideration of the present aspects of unbelief, srs. I. N. Stanger and S. Benedict, of Cincinnatti, J. T. Webster, of Dayton, and C. S. Bates, was followed by the ordination of Rev. Lewis of Gambier. Lay-J. L. Stettinius and A. H. Porter upon the work of the Church in her mis-McGuffey, of Cincinnati; M. M. Granger. of Zanesville, and J. W. Andrews, of Columbus.

The Convention took action toward erecting a chapel in China as a memorial to the Rev. C. H. Young, the late Secretary of the Convention. The whole amount pecessary was subscribed.

The Convention adjourned about six o'clock sine die. It was one of the most interesting

sessions of the body which has ever been held.

Northern California.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of this Missionary Jurisdiction opened with Evening Prayer, May 2nd, 1883, in St. Paul's Church, Sacramento, there being present the Bishop of the Jurisdiction and the Rev. Messrs. Shepherd, Williams, Powell, Cochran, Leacock, Davis, Mott, and Mansfield.

The Bishop's address detailed briefly the work of the past year, showing that the work is assuming a more healthy and encouraging state. The schools at Benicia, St. Augustine's and St. Mary's, are being better attended than at any time under the present administration. The missionary work has been slow owing to the lack of workers. The harvest truly is plenteous. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Ascension Day, after Morning Prayer, the Bishop delivered an earnest and eloquent sermon upon the necessity of personal character in the Priest of God, taking for his text St. John, xvii., 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth." The Rev. Carroll M. Davis, for the past year and a half, minister in charge of St. Paul's Church, was then presented by the Rev. J. A. Shepherd, S. T. D., and advanced to the Sacred Order of Priests. The Service was very impressive, and was a great gratification to the parish, which has now so long, except occasionally, been deprived of the consolation of the Priestly Office. Among several testimonials of appreciation, was the gift of the Sunday School teachers, consisting of an alb and chasuble and a beautifully embroidered white stole. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. T. G. Williams, of Petaluma.

In the evening a special Service was held for

rendered by the regular choir. After an address by the Rev. W. Simonton Cochran, the Standard was consecrated by the Bishop and delivered to the Knights, when the "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung, and the Knights retired with the Recessional-"Onward Christian Soldiers."

The decorations were novel and beautiful, consisting entirely of roses which hung in heavy garlands about the altar, lectern, pulpit, and prayer desk, and were looped from the arches above. The chancel window was curtained, and upon it was a fourteen foot cross, made wholly of red roses, and intertwined was a corresponding crown of yellow roses. The city is called a garden of roses, and it seemed as though every garden must have sent its share, "so great was the abundance thereof."

The handsome Sunday School banners, presented at Easter by the Guild of St. Thekla, were hung about upon the walls and added greatly to the effect. Over the arches on either side of the chancel was the text, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The work of the Convocation consisted mainly of the discussion of the missionary labor in the Jurisdiction, the special needs and difficulties and the ways and means of meeting them; and it is to be hoped that all returned to their various fields with renewed zeal and energy in the Blessed Master's work.

The Rev. W. C. Powell, of Grass Valley, and Thos. Walsh, of Eureka, were elected delegates to the General Convention, with the Rev. Carroll M. Davis and Judge J. S. English, of Sacramento, as alternates.

South Carolina.

The Ninety-third Convention met on the 9th inst., in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, with 32 clerical and 38 lay delegates present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Kershaw from Isaiah, 54.2. It was an appeal for greater zeal in the missionary work of the Church, for closer co-operation of the clergy and laity in all good works, and for more of reality and substance in the bond of brotherhood which Church membership ought to secure.

The Rev. J. D. McCoullough was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. F. A. Mitchell, Treasurer.

A resolution requiring Sponsors to be communicants, was tabled by a vote of 40 to 38.

In his annual address, which was delivered on the second day, the Bishop entered at some The next Diocesan Convention will meet in length into the question of work amongst the colored people. He expressed an earnest hope. that the meeting of Bishops called by Bishop Green, would result in something practical.

He also spoke of the coming General Convention, and of the proposed changes in the Prayer Book.

resolved itself into a missionary meeting and heard addresses from the Rev. Messrs. Hallam, Edgerton, Kershaw, Pinckney, McCollough, and sion fields, in which the speakers presented many points of interest and encouragement.

[The rest of our report has not yet reached us it will appear next week .- ED. L. C.]

Pennsylvania.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convention met in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, on the 8th inst. There was a very large attendance of both clerical and lay delegates.

In his annual address, the Bishop made touching allusions to the clergy of the Diocese, who had been called to rest since the last Conventtion. Of these there were no less than nine. He then spoke of the Hospital Mission, the Italian, the Spanish, and the Chinese Missions, Christ Church Hospital, the Ellen Butler Memorial, the Homes for Crippled Children and for the Homeless; of the McCall Mission in Paris, the Protestant Episcopal Academy, and the Board of Missions; each of these worthy objects was commended to the faithful.

As to the state of the Diocese, the Bishop said:

Looked at in certain of its aspects, I can truly y that this Diocese never presented so health ful and prosperous a condition as now. In the amount of Church debts cancelled, in the enlargement and beautifying of Church edifices, in the erection and extension of parish and Sunday School buildings, in the greater number of parsonages, in the increased reverence and decorum of public worship, in the liberal contributions for parochial, missionary, and other objects, in the variety of agencies for Church work in all its departments, there is cause for great rejoicing, and for all which we would ren-der to God devout thanksgiving. But sometimes this very condition of outward prosperity may cause us to rest satisfied with what we have done and thus make us to relax our aggressive power and weaken our ability to make further efforts at Church extension. Whenever pros-perity induces lethargy or self-satisfaction it be-comes an evil rather than a good, and we should scrupulously guard against such spiritual or ec-clesiastical indolence.

The Bishop also called tattention to the approaching centennial of the Diocese, and suggested the appointment of a committee for the was adopted.

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The question of a Federate Council for the Commonwealth also came up, and the Bishop said in relation to it that, as the two other Dioceses in Pennsylvania had appointed committees on the subject, it would only be courteous to do the same. He added:

This will commit us only to one thing, viz.: the due consideration of a plan of federate union, which will bring up in such committee the de-sirability and feasability of any such organization. I am not prepared as yet to adopt any such federate action, but I am prepared to consider it, and see if a wise and healthful plan can be devised whereby, in special emergencies, we may act together as Dioceses, and unify the in-fluence of our Church in all our civil relations

The following is the official summary of the Bishop's work during the Conventional year:

Confirmation Services, 121; Confirmations, ,948; sermons delivered, 124; addresses made, 139; Services participated in, 213; candidates for Holy Orders, 21; Ordinations to the Diconate, 6; Ordinations to the Priesthood, 6; churches consecrated and re-opened, 5; church buildings opened, 5; marriages, 7; burials, 9; baptisms (infant), 4; clergy deceased, 10, deposed, 1; clergy added by Ordination, 6; by letters, etc., 13, total 19; clergy dismissed to other Dioce

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California.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention, which met in Trinity Church, San Francisco, on the 2nd inst., was one of the most harmonious and pleasant eve neld in the Diocese. The opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. H. Ward, of Stockton. It was eloquent and appropriate to the occasion. The attendance was very large, and many of those present were ladies.

The Bishop's address was read by the Rev. W. L. Githens, his assistant in the pastoral charge of the Church of the Advent. It was a paper well worthy its author, full of hope for the future—gratitude for restored light—and with kind fatherly counsel for his children both clerical and lay.

In touching language he alluded to the two faithful soldiers of the Cross who, during the year past, have entered into life and rest; the Rev. Chaplain Vaux, of Santa Cruz, and the-Rev. Robert M. Chapman, D. D., of Los Gatos; men of singular purity of character, and devoted to the Master's cause. They rest from their

labors and their works follow them. The Bishop gave the following statistics of his: work during the year: Candidates confirmed on 29 occasions, 308; Ordinations -- descons, 4; priests 3; total, 7; baptisms, 10; marriages, 6; burials 6.

On the first evening a general missionary meeting was held, in which the several Sunday chools of the city took part. Forty-one clergy were present, and the whole Service was one of unusual solemnity and interest.

The Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Stoy, read a condensed report of the Missionary Board for the past year; and the Rev. Messrs. D. O. Kelley, Elias Birdsall, and S. Gregory Lines eloquently pictured their missions with the dark and bright sides, their needs and encouragements, and full of the subject themselves, they infused a like spirit into many others. The Rev. Mr. Githens confined his remarks almost entirely to the young people, telling them how each boy and girl could become a missionary in

On Thursday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, with appropriate Service for Ascension Day. The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and, with the exception of the recess for lunch, was occupied until 4 P. M., in hearing reports of committees, the election of Standing Committee, Missionary Board, and delegates to General Convention.

At 4 the Convention adjourned; while in the evening, from 8 to 11, the Bishop held the annual reception at his residence. The house was thronged with guests, only to happy to pay their respects to the Bishop and his good wife, and greet them with earnest wishes for future hap-

The Treasurer's report shows that the total receipts for the Bishop's salary had been \$5,-893.30, all of which had been paid on account: receipts for the expenses of the Diocese (the Convention Fund), \$639.76; expended, \$569.51; balance, \$70.25. Receipts for the Missionary Fund, \$7,415.08; expended, \$6,858.30; balance, \$556.78. Receipts for the Episcopal Fund, \$1,-856.55; expended, \$668; balance, \$1,138.55. Receipts for the Disabled Clergy Fund, \$2,407 .-50; expended, \$320; balance, \$2,087.50. Total assets of the Episcopal Fund, \$13,170.54; of the Disabled Clergy Fund, \$6,343.68.

The Convention assented to the proposed ratification of the changes in the Book of Common Prayer.

The following delegates were elected to General Convention: Clerical-The Revs. Hiram W. Beers, D. D., Elias Birdsall, Hobart Chetwood, Edward B. Spalding. Lay-Messrs. proper celebration thereof, which suggestion S. H. Stephens, A. M. Lawver, Dr. Peabody, D. R. Risley.

The Standing Committee remains as before. except that the Rev. E. B. Spalding takes the a most prosperous condition. The next com- years. The grammar school is the best school the Knights Templar of Sacramento. The Ser- clergy were urged to bring the subject often place of the Rev. Dr. Platt, who is now Rector of St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y.

The thirteenth annual Convention of this diocese met in Grace Church, Cedar Rapids, on Tuesday, May 8th., with a large attendance bury undertaken in England under the patronof delegates. The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Van Antwerp. The Rev. A. C. Stilson, of Ottumwa, was elected Secretary of the Convention.

A full synopsis of the Bishop address appeared in the LIVING CHURCH is week, and a telling extract from it will be found in another column.

The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance sheet, the result of which was that the debt at the beginning of the year had gradually diminished and finally disappeared, and there is now cash in the treasury. The report was received with cheers.

On the first evening the following important of Cresco, was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we regard it as an imperative duty resting upon the legislature of Iowa to restore, at the earliest practicable moment, the provision of the old common law, which shall grant to an injured wife who may prefer it, a separation "from bed and board," with alimony and control of minor children, for all offenses which now constitute legal grounds for actual divorce; and in addition, for the habit of profane or other violent verbal abuse, declara-tions of hatred and actions corresponding thereto, together with lewd and criminal associations, provided always the wife can prove that her conduct and actions have habitually been such as should characterize a faithful and affectionate

Resolved, 2. That we consider it a duty equally binding upon the legislature so to change the existing laws that the guilty party shall not, after separation, be permitted to marry again, at least while the innocent party remains unmarried.

Resolved, 3. That these resolutions signed by the Bishop and the secretary of the convention, be placed by the latter in the hands of some member elect of the next legislature, who will promise to present them to the body to which he belongs, as our respectful and earnest petition that the legal changes herein recom-mended, be at once embodied in the laws of

The report of the trustees of the Episcopal fund was submitted, showing balance on hand

The committee on ways and means reported parishes assessed \$2,496 and missions \$240, and recommended quarterly collections.

The report of the board of missions showed a falling off in receipts of some \$500 as compared with those of last year. The balance sheet, however, exhibited \$105.92 in the treasury as against \$6:04 last year.

The report of the trustees of Griswold College showed that that corporation had expired by limitation, and new articles, with slight changes, were adopted for re-incorporation. The college has no indebtedness, and its property is valued at \$90,000, exclusive of the college buildings. The resources of this institution have been increased recently by the addition of the endowment of Catherine Lorillard Wolfe, \$20,000, and the Burr legacy of \$10,000. The report announces the resignation of President Sprague, to take effect at the close of the present school year, and makes complimentary mention of his

The report of the committee on new parishes was read by Rev. Mr. Bell, of Iowa City, recommending the admission of St. John's mission. Glenwood was recommended. The report was

R. B. Tomlinson presented the following resolutions, which were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense and pleasure of this Diocesan Convention to the extent of its influence in all practical ways to promote the cause of temperance as contemplated in the

bishop's address.

Resolved, That as a means to this end we would most respectfully request the clergy at least three times a year to deliver an address their respective parishes, embodying the spirit of the resolutions adopted by our last convention and recorded on pages 56 and 57 of the

The report on education and educational institutions showed the school at Garden Grove. under the Rev. G. F. Degen, to be in a flourishing condition, also the institute at Lyons in charge of Rev. W. T. Currie, to be prospering finely.

A lively contest took place when the election of deputies to the General Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, came before the house, and on the second ballot the following were declared elected: Clergy-Rev. S. Ringgold, Rev. Wm. Van Antwerp, Rev. A. C. Stilson, Rev. J. Trimble. Lay-S. C. Bever, G. J. Boal, S. H. Mallory, D. Mooar.

George F. Henry was unanimously elected treasurer of the Diocese.

The election of the standing committee resulted as follows: Revs. W. H. Barris, D.D., C. H. Seymour, P. W. Sprague, and Messrs. S. C. Bever, G. J. Boal, and J. H. Henry. .

Oa motion of Judge Nash, it was resolved to hold the next annual convention in the Cathedral at Davenport.

There are about 100 congregations in the State with a clergy numbering fifty-nine, ten more than reported last year. The number of communicants is about 4,000.

The local paper has the following "Notes:"

The girls' school, which is endowed by the Burr legacy to the extent of \$30,000, will probably be built within a year. The location has not been selected as yet, but different cities are desirous of securing it. Davenport offers ground and a portion of the buildings, while S. C. Bever stands ready to give from his tract in the northern portion of this city a number of lots that would suit the purpose admirably, and the fact that Cedar Rapids is near the centre of the state, and has good railroad facilities, adds several points in favor of the location of the gaboal at this place.

The resolution introduced to amend the conthe resolution introduced to amend the con-stitution so that missions may be represented in the convention recommends a good change. Many of the missions pay full amounts toward the Bishop's salary and for other expenses, and stould have a voice in the councils.

Bishop Perry has been requested to act with the bishops of Connecticut and Albany as a committee of the American Church in behalf of the memorial to the late archbishop of Canterage of the Prince of Wales and Duke of Albany.

Georgia.

The Sixty-first Annual Convention met in St. Paul's Church, Albany, on the 2nd inst. The usual sermon was preached by the Rev. G. W. Wilson, Rector of St. Peter's, Rome, On the declination of the Rev. Dr. Williams to serve another year as Secretary, the Rev. C. M. Beckwith was unanimously elected to that position.

On Ascension Day, the Rev. Byron Holly was raised to the holy Priesthood, nearly all the members of the Convention being present at the solemn Service. Some comment was caused by the fact that a business meeting was held on resolution, moved by the Rev. C. S. Percival, this great Festival, and many thought that the Convention should have been called at a time when its meeting would not deprive nearly the whole Diocese of religious Services on the Holy Day which commemorates the crowning triumph of the Redeemer's life.

In his annual address, the Bishop reviewed his regular routine Diocesan work; touchingly and beautifully alluded to the death of Gov. Stephens, at whose burial he read the Service of the Church; gently and affectionately spoke of the death of the Rev. Mr. George; called attention to the celebrated St. Phillip's Church lawsuit, and the decision of the Supreme Court thereon: spoke earnest, forcible, and wise words on missions; recorded the remarkable work of the past year in the matter of church improvement; pathetically represented the claim and condition of "Appleton's Orphan Home"—the peculiar pet of the Bishop-a monument of his own unselfishness, as well as of the beneficence of Mr. Appleton; gave a candid rebuke for the carelessness manifested in the institution by the Church: called attention to a Church Year Book: the proposed amendments to the Prayer Book; represented the condition of the Church as excellent. In conclusion spoke eloquently of the power of a holy life.

Mr. J. S. Davidson, Treasurer of the Diocese made quite a satisfactory financial exhibit for the Diocese. This report, usually expected to be dry to non-interested hearers, was enlivened by quite a humorous, and probably effective, use of apology for the renewal of an often repeated rebuke to the Church for lack of meeting its claims quarterly, according to the rules of the

The report on the Appleton's Orphan Home was adopted, and the Rectors of the various parishes were called upon to present the claims and state the good the Home is doing, calling the attention of Christian women to the good work.

It was on motion resolved to organize an Orphan's Home Aid Society, with central government in St. Paul's, Macon, Ga., and local auxilaries in the other parishes of the Diocese.

The Committee on Canons reported in favor of changing the name of the Convention to Council; but on motion the proposition was laid on the table.

The following officers were elected: Treasurer of the Convention, Mr. J. S. Davidson; Registrar, Mr. W. S. Bogart, of Savannah.

Standing Committee, the Revs. Dr. W. C. Williams, E. G., Weed, Thos. Boone, Messrs. L. Whittle, T. E. Walker, and Z. D. Harrison Deputies to General Convention: the Revs. Thos. G. Pond, Dr. W. C. Williams, C. H. Strong, Thos. Boone, clerical; Col. L. N. Whittle, Mr. John Scriven, and J. S. Davidson, lay. The next meeting will be held in St. Philip's

Church, Atlanta, on May 14th, 1884. The local paper has the following notes of the Convention in general:

The Rev. W. C. Williams, of Atlanta, and the Hon. L. N. Whittle, of Macon, are the Nestors of the Convention. The record of long and beautiful lives, devoted to the service of Christ, affords a suggestion to our young men of the importance of starting early in the good cause.

Hon. Samuel Hall, of the Supreme Bench.

who is in attendance on the Convention, was claimed by both of the Macon churches as their good thing, and are not slow in laying claims

The Rev. Mr. Pond seems in his element in entertaining the Convention. He has one element (and more) of an apostolic Bishop. He is

given to hospitality. The delegates and visitors to the Convention have been delighted with the beautiful floral crosses, which have adorned the retable each day during the session of the Convention. They were all prepared by the deft and delicate fingers of Mrs. S. F. Jennings, now on a visit to her old home and much loved parish. They were also prepared as memorials of the members and days of the Church. On last Sunday one of exquisite taste was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Dr. Cromwell, whose sweet singing will always be remembered by the Albanians; Wednesday, be remembered by the Albanians; to the Rev. Mr. George, the first and greatly loved Rector of the parish, recently deceased Thursday's, to Ascension Day.

One of the most profitable sessions of the Convention was the Missionary meeting on Wednesday night. The Treasurer reported over \$4,200 as raised, and a surplus in the treasury. It was resolved with considerable unanimity that the Convention raise \$4,500 next. The debate in the conference on the proposition to increase the assessment for missions, was lively, filled with spice, common sense, zeal, solemnity,

The night session of Thursday was devoted to missions, the state of the Church, and the consideration of a proposition to alter the Service of Prayer of the Church. The Committee on Memoirs paid quite a graceful eulogy to the memory of the late Mr. George.

The Bev. G. W. Wilson, a member of the Convention from Rome, Ga., was a federal officer in the late war, and visited the section in which he is now laboring, with Sherman's army. Doubtless he takes more pleasure in his present

The Convention paid quite a compliment to the Rev. Mr. Pond by electing him to the Gen-eral Convention with almost unanimous vote. Capt. Hobbs was also chosen an alternate lay delegate.

Calendar.

May, 1883. St. Philip and St. James.
Ascension Day.
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Whitsun Day.
Whitsun Monday.
Whitsun Tuesday. Red. White. White. Red. Red Red Ember Day.
Ember Day.
Ember Day.
Trinity Sunday.
1st Sunday after Trinity. White. Green.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witiesses.—1 Timothy vi:12.

Wherever the future of the Church is revealed us in the pages of inspiration it always bears this character, that it is maintaining a strife against false doctrine. And so it will be evermore, until all the elect shall have been gathered, and the blessed end come. Here then is plainly the vocation of the Church at all times, to maintain the witness of Christ in this evil world. For this we have been gathered into one body.—Bishop Wilberforce.

The Ark of God is in the field, Like clouds around the alien armies sweep; Each by his spear, beneath his shield, In cold and dew the anointed warriors sleep.

And can it be thou liest awake And can't be thou nest awake,

Sworn watchman, tossing on thy bed of down?

And doth thy recreant heart not ache

To hear the sentries round the leaguered town?

O dream no more of quiet life! Care finds the careless out: more wise to yow
Thine heart entire to faith's flerce strife;
So peace will come, thou knowest not when or how -John Keble.

A Greater Curse than Intemperance, (From Bishop Perry's Convention Address, 1883.)

Much has been said, and well and wisely said,

temperance, but is it not time for the teachers you hold up your hand, Israel will prevail in of the young and the preachers to the people to your soul." enter upon a crusade from desk and pulpit, and by private as well as public discourse to try to chief seized upon the whole houseful of chilcheck the tide of impurity sweeping in upon us dren, and it may be said for them that never was on every side and threatening to whelm in hopeless ruin the old and young alike? If the love mischief. All together they were led into open of strong drink has undermined the character violation of maternal rules, and maternal discipand effected the ruin of thousands, the sins of line came down upon all and each; first with impurity have destroyed the souls and bodies of soft words, and then with a heavy hand. In tens and hundreds of thousands. This evil is the order of seniority each received a proof that rampant. It no longer skulks in its dens of the parable of the importunate widow by way of shame. It flaunts itself unblushingly in the sight of all men. It enters our homes, our schools, our churches; it permeates every strata of society. That which may be made use of in restraining or obliterating the vice of intemperance is powerless here, for the source of this evil is in the depraved and sin-loving heart, and in its breaking forth it may or may not render itself amenable to law, while in either event the ruin is certain. The moral taint corrupts the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual man. We must, as Christians, as teachers of Christianity, meet this demon of lust. We must strike at the root of the evil, We must seek to create by our teachings, both of the young and the old. primarily in catechising and then in sermons and in our daily walks and conversations, this great truth of our holy faith that all who have hope in Christ must purify themselves as Christ was pure. No other standard is ours, and as we desire to urge the blessedness of the Master's Benediction, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," so also we must hold up the ostolic warning, "If any man defile the te of God, which is our body, him will God destroy." It is time for action. The very atmosphere is polluted with the shameless words of unblushing, brazen impurity. Our children very large," remarked the daughter; "lots of phere is polluted with the shameless words of hear them at their sports, they learn them at girls in school wear 5's. Miss Hockheimer school, where the bold and bad are the teachers of vice and revel in the corruption of the innocent and unsuspecting. Our literature is full of impurity. Art is too often prostituted to minister to the cravings of sensuality and sin. Our amusements are often panders to vice. The sins of impurity are described by the inspired writers, as detailed in a prophet's scathing, burning denunciations or revealed in all their sickening deformity by an Apostle's vivid pen, are confessedly hideous and repelling. Disguised delegate. Macon Episcopalians appreciate a by the graceful style of a French play-wright or novelist, the evil is often unsuspected, but it is there all the same. Our modern stories are filled with discriptions, or allusions, which continuously minister to sin. The trail of the serpent is everywhere. We must try to build up a more wholesome and righteous public opinion prettiness, and the very low-water mark mere in the matter of social purity. Let the mark of Cain be set on the forehead of the man who has wrought in thought, or word, or deed, a woman's degradation, or sullied in act, or speech, or purpose, his own purity. Let the book, or paper, or picture, which would weaken our sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sensual sin be banished from our sight forever. Let the first symptom of tendency to obliterate or even lessen the distinction between purity and vice be strongly and sternly reprobated. Let us, on the basis of God's Word and in compliance with the clear teachings of God's Church, for ourselves and for our children and for all whom we can influence or control, keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity and be pure in heart

> When we have wound up our minds for any point of time, any great event, an interview with strangers, or the sight of some wonder, or the occasion of some unusual trial-when it comes and is gone, we have a strange reverse of feeling from our changed circumstances. Such, but without any mixture of pain, without any lassitude, dulness, or disappointment, may be

that we may indeed see God.

is it possible? What an easy trial; what a cheap price for eternal glory! A few sharp sicknesses, or some acute pain awhile, or some few and evil years, or some struggles of mind, dreary desolateness for a season, fightings and fears, afflicting bereavments, or the scorn and ill-usage of the world-how they fretted me, how much I thought of them, yet how little really they are! How contemptible a thing is human life-contemp'ib'e in itself, yet in its effects invaluable! for it has been to me like a small seed of easy purchase, germinating and ripening into bliss everlasting .- J. H. Newman.

How Amalek was Discomfited. By W.T. B.

A flock of children whose "parents held the quaker rule," had been reciting their Bible lesson from Exodus xvii. They having rightly told the literal story of how Amalek fought with Israel, and how when Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed, and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed, the good Mother gave to the relation a spiritual significance.

"Every soul, she said, passing through the wilderness of this life meets many enemies, and has many a contest. God, who allows the trial, places the means of victory within our reach. In our own strength we cannot but fall. But His strength is perfected in our weakness; and strength He will give if we seek it, if we stretch out our hands to Him in prayer. It is only when we grow weary and let down our hands, that is, when we cease to look to God for help, that our enemies become stronger than we. You, children, have your trials as grown people have, like contests with sin in your hearts. You are tempted to selfishness and anger, and disobedience; your help is the same, to be sought of late in urging upon all classes the virtue of by you in prayer, and you will find that when

A few days after this lecture a spirit of misa quaker household acquainted with more varied the mother had studied Solomon as well as Moses, and had no intention to spoil any child given her. As one after another passed under the chastening rod, a little one, whom we will call Tommy, felt more and more that he was benefitted by vicarious suffering, and as the loving hand was laid on his shoulder, he cried out, "O Mother, Mother, I don't feel as though I needed any whipping! Israel is prevailing, and that other fellow is nowhere!"

COMMON SENSE FASHIONABLE.—We should be glad to think the following a correct chronicling of the signs of the times. The writer is commenting on the fact that shoes smaller than

the feet are not "good form." Shoe dealers do not understand it, but those who have been long enough in the business to know the difference acknowledge the fact and refer it to the influence of sanitary ideas on the minds of mothers, and not only their willingness but their urgency that the shoes worn by their children should be made "large enough." Doubtless these have had their effect also, for the feet of school girls are no longer crowded into shoes so small that they become instruments of torture; and young women seem to be far less afraid of showing good-sized, useful feet. An day by finding that her big daughter, not yet out of school, required No. 4's in walking boots, 'Good Heavens!" what a foot for a young lady! does." Miss Hockheimer belonging to the most fashionable set in a fashionable school, the mother's fears abated, and her anxiety became less depressing. There are some old ladies who still flourish in society whose feet are no larger than the deformed Chinese, and who still wear such shoes as were common among women thirty years ago. They cannot walk any distance, not only because their feet are almost useless from long compression and inactivity, but because their shoes are so thin-soled and inadequate that they do not protect the feet from the pavement. These women wear the daintiest of kid slippers, with embroidered toes, the thinnest of silk stockings, and still coquette with their toes as if they were babies in arms. The modern girl is active, and, though society does its best, it cannot wholly suppress her. She has learned, too, a good many things of which her mother never dreamed, and one is the extent and stupidity of the sacrifice the American girl has been in the habit of making to prettiness occupies in comparison with character and a really true and noble type of beauty in the minds of well-informed and intelligent persons, both men and women. The days of glove upon a 62 hand for her are over. Even if no higher motive operates, she will not be bothered with them.

Take a Church Paper!

To the Editor of the Living Church: You may find the following worthy of a place in your columns. It is an extract from the annual budget of one of our Western Rectors. H.

O, if only a good Church paper might find its way into every family in my parish! If you really mean to help your rector in his aggressive work, and ask him what first to do? he answers "Subscribe for the LIVING CHURCH, and swers "Subscribe for the Alvino to spare, sup-then, as you have a second dollar to spare, supplement with The Spirit of Missions. Church paper with its variety of instruction and news, is the best adjunct a rector can possibly have to his work. It enters the family, not as a guest, but of right, as a loved member, who returns every week, bringing home the wage of toil and a blessing. The father reads it, and the mother, and the children. All anticipate its coming and sigh when its contents is expans. its coming, and sigh when its contents is exhausted. And then, its mission! It puts the Church Catholic in solution, until every member becomes a part of every other member, in thought, in feeling, in interest, in activity. It is our nearest practical realization of the universal the happy contemplation of the disembodied spirit; as if it said to itself, "So all is now over; this is what I have so long waited for; for which I have nerved myself; against which I have prepared, fasted, prayed, and wrought righteousness. Death is come and gone—it is over. Ah!

The Household.

To the Onions of a Country Parson. BY A CITY PARSON.

sweet bulbs which gleam above the rich, warm soil, Draw tender juices from the ambient air, Grow fat and round, and well reward the toil Of him who planted you with tender care!

Get ready for the ardent, crisping heat Which shall transform your white to deep brown When you are grilled, with tender, toothsome meat, Or served up hot, with appetizing stew.

Your rich, warm natures cause us to shed tears As we disrobe you of your vesture fair, Your beauty dazzles, as it thus appears,

Stripped for your fate of "well done," or red "rare." O tender turnips! O aspiring peas! O parsley, well selected for a crown! O happy priest! who thus with glorious ease,

Chicago, May, 1883. Russian crash table-covers, edged with Russian lace, are pretty for round tables in bed-rooms. They may be ornamented still more by

Sits down to rest, far from the madding town!

embroidering a border in working-cotton. A table spoonful of strong coffee put in the gravy of melted butter, pepper, and salt to be poured over beef-steak imparts a delicious flavor to gravy and meat. It makes the gravy a

rich brown. A dainty and popular side-dish is made of bananas, fried. Remove the skins and cut the fruit lengthwise; melt a lump of butter large enough to cover the bottom of the frying-pe aud fry the bananas in this till they are a light

brown; add salt to suit your taste. When washing lisle-thread gloves, do not use soap; instead of that put a teaspoonful of ammonia in one quart of water. If washed in this way, there is no danger of there being spots and streaks in the gloves, as there would almost certainly be if washed in the usual way.

When putting up curtains which are to be draped, in a low room, put the cornice to which the curtain is to be fastened close to the ceiling, even if the window is put in lower down, as it gives the effect of greater height to the room. The curtains meeting at the top will conceal the

For a polish to clean up and brighten old furniture, pianos etc., dissolve four ounces of rouge shellac in one quart of ninety-five per cent. alcohol; to this add one quart of linseed oil, and one pint of turpentine; when mixed add four ounces of sulphuric ether and four ounces of aqua ammoniæ; mix thoroughly and well, before using. Apply with a cloth or sponge, and rub the surface to which it is applied until the polish appears.

Old carpets that are badly worn and discolored, may be thoroughly cleaned and used under new ones, or the best parts may be taken and sewed together, and finished with an inexpensive border, and used as rugs. Sometimes an old carpet may be ripped up, and thoroughly cleaned, then take the best parts for the outside. Cover the centre with some kind of a pretty crumb cloth, taking care to have it large enough to cover all the bad places.

MATERIAL FOR LAMRBEQUIN.—A plain valance of silk sheeting or plush, about four-teen inches deep and edged by silk tassels in color of valance, is recommended in preference to the cut up lambrequins formerly in use. On a ground of bronze green, or golden green, a wisteria vine with amethyst blossoms would be beautiful, On a ground of plum-color pale pink marsh-mallows or Japan lillies might be painted. You will have to be guided largely by colors in your room, and you should make the nattern continuous for a valance.

A baby basket which has seen much service can be made to look like new again, if the foundation is still capable of keeping its shape. If there are any weak places in it, mend them. Then cover the basket, both inside and out, with silesia, making the outer covering in the form of a scant ruffle, which entirely conceals ted or plain. Put muslin in the inside also Put a double ruffle or plaiting of muslin around the top of the basket to hide the seams. Trim the edges of the ruffles with narrow lace. a pincushion and attach it to one end of the basket; do not make it square, but long and narrow; cover with muslin, and put lace all around it. Trim the top of the two little pockets with lace, and add bows of narrow ribbon.

If possible, furnish an aim and object for your boys' spring excursions to the woods; it will keep them from mischief. Let them hunt far and near for the first ferns that are visible. If they are taken up with ordinary care they will live and grow luxuriantly. A bed of ferns un-der the sitting-room window will fill the room with a sort of woody fragrance that is full of pleasant suggestions. To stock a small aquarium will be a labor of love for the healthy-minded boy or girl, and will lead to delightful and profitable excursions. Many of the bad habits which children acquire, and which have to be severely dealt with sometimes, are formed be-cause their minds as well as their hands are idle. They seek objects of thought as well as things to play with, and a fretful, discontented mood in a child is often wholly and at once dispelled by the suggestion of something he may do. "But it would take almost all my time,"

I heard a mother say in conversation when this subject was broached, and it is true enough. I suppose that if we do our duty by our children it will take nearly all our time; but how may we be better employed? How to PRESERVE SEAWEEDS .- Preser-

ving them is an easy matter. Wash the seaweeds well in fresh water to remove the sticky saltness which pervades them; then take a plate or shallow vessel, and having out paper or card to the size required, place it under the specimen, and while under the water spread out the plant as naturally as may be, either with the fingers or a camel's-hair brush. Raise the paper carefully into a slanting position to drain off the water. Have at hand a piece of board or very thick pasteboard, lay two or three sheets of blotting paper on it, upon which place the specimen, putting smoothly over it a piece of cambric or linen; then more blotting paper, another pasteboard, and so on alternately till all your specimens are arranged. Place on the uppermost board a weight. The blotting paper and cambric will require to be removed and dried every day or two, as much moisture ex-udes. When quite dry the specimens can be arranged in a book according to the taste of the collector, with the names, date of finding and locality written clearly below. In most cases the natural gum of the specimen will affix it firmly to the paper; but should it get loose, the best thing to use will be one of the seaweeds

The Story of Admetus and Alcestis.

There was wailing and lamentation in the palace of Admetus, King of Thessaly. He had reigned long over a happy people; thousands of flocks fed on his many hills; thousands of herds lowed in his sunny valleys. But now his hour was come, and it was ordained by the Fates, that he must leave life and kingdom, and go down into the cold shades. The old men came to his palace gates and wept. The women wrung their hands for sorrow, and beat their breasts; the very children ceased their sports, and lamented for good King Admetus. He himself was without a tear, though he looked forward to the gloomy palace of Dis, and the river over which none may return. But when he thought of Alcestis, his own, his beautiful Alcestis, the bride that he had won through so much danger, and had loved but for so short a time, then all his courage melted away, and he would have given all that he had for longer life.

By chance, Apollo came by that way, and the god was grieved at heart for the sorrow of Admetus. When he had been banished from heaven, he had fed the king's flocks, and Admetus gave him a royal welcome, and laid up a friend in the lover of the bow. And now he came to the palace mourning, but beautiful in his strength. His lyre of many strings was in his hand, his long hair curled over his shoulders, and bright streams of light flashed gloriously from his head. "I have heard of thy grief, O Admetus," thus spake the son of Lato, "and would I could give comfort in deeds, instead of exhorting to patience by words. But the Fates are mightier than Phœbus; what marvel, when Zeus himself obeys their commands? It is fixed that thou must die; it is fixed also that thou must die now. There remains but one hope, and that a vain hope indeed, but yet, if thou biddest me, I will speak

"Speak on, son of Zeus and Lato," said Alcestis. "If there be a hope for Admetus, I will journey far and wide to seek it. I will go to the ageless Hyperboreans, that inhabit the distant north, I will hasten to the Fortunate Islands, where there is never drought and never storm; I will do all that ever was done, and bear all that ever was borne, so I may but deliver my husband in this sore strait."

"Alas, lady," said Phœbus Apollo, "it is not by labors like these, that royal Admetus can be helped. The Fates allow but one offer, and that none will be willing to make. If, indeed, any were hardy enough to die for the king, that man's life should be accepted in his stead. But who will change this pleasant light for the lower shades, until the time comes, that neither courage nor skill can avoid?"

"I will," said fair Alcestis, "and I joy in the sacrifice. Live, beloved Admetus, live and reign over sweet Thessaly. I will journey to the pale regions, which the

not men say, as they gaze on my tomb, even when many ages have passed away, Here lies Admetus, the coward, who saved his life by the death of his bride? Thus shall some man speak, and my dishonor shall never be forgotten."

"Admetus," thus spake Apollo, and as he spake, his glory was terrible, "thou canst not refuse the gift; the Fates will accept the offer. If thy queen resolves to die for thee, it is not in thy power to gainsay her."

"I am well resolved," said Alcestis; "be witnesses the two goddesses. But since, in the prime of my strength, I go below the earth; do thou, O god of the silver bow, slay me with thy gentle arrows. If I must die, let it be death without pain, and an easy passage into Hades."

Thus spake she: nor was the god regardless of her prayer. But he sware by the king of gods and men, and by the Furies, who avenge perjury, and by the ninefold Styx, * inviolable oath, that he and his sister Artemis would slay Alcestis with their gentle arrows.

And so day by day, she pined away with a painless disease, and her husband stood by and wept, and the elders of the city gathered round, and her two children stood by her couch and kissed her hands and her lips. And when the color was fading from her cheeks, and the eyes grew heavy, and the breath came shorter, Hermes came from heaven, to conduct her soul to Hades. The spirit came forth from the body, and the god addressed himself to his journey. They sped over the surface of the ocean, to its uttermost western bounds, until they came to the city of the Cimmerians. There the sun never shines; there is perpetual cloud and shade. And the shadowy nations of the dead gathered round them, and the souls that dwelt in Erebus; brides that were cut off in their beauty, old men that had seen hard toil; tender virgins that had scarcely known the world they left, and warriors

*Whoever swore falsely by the Styx was condem-ned for a hundred years to the Infernal Regions.

strength.

But Admetus wept continually, and forbade any to console him. He called to mind all that Alcestis had said, all that she had done; he embraced the children that she had given him. The elders dared not speak to him; they stood afar off, and looked on his grief. Thus all that day he spent in affliction, while his servants gathered wood for the funeral pile. For till the body of Alcestis was consumed, her spirit could not rest. And the sun set and all ways were shaded.

Hercules came to the palace, the son of Zeus and Alcmena. He knew not of the grief of Admetus; he came hungry and weary, and besought food and lodging.

"I will go forth and entertain him," said noble Admetus; "I will conceal my grief in my heart, I will never leave a wan-

derer without hospitality."
"Hail, O Admetus!" said Hercules. "How fares it with all in thy house?"

"Well," Admetus made answer: - "for what the gods will is well. But now sit down to the banquet; thou art weary and hungry, eat and be refreshed. To morrow thou shalt depart if thou wilt, but give tonight to the feast."

So they two sat down to the banquet, and poured forth the dark-faced wine. Admetus fought hard against himself, and though his heart was bursting with grief, his tace was cheerful. And Hercules waxed merry with wine, and feasted till the night

That night, as he lay down to rest, an aged servant of Admetus came to him. 'What hast thou done," he asked, "O stranger? Why wouldst thou thus despise the dead? Why wouldst thou wring the soul of our king?"

"What dead?" said Hercules, the equal of the gods. "What grief? Thou speakest to me in riddles."

Then the servant told him all, and Hercules stood awhile, as one speechless. He remembered how he had feasted in the house of mourning, and he wist not what to say, nor whither to turn. At length he arose from the hall, and went forth alone. None knew whither he went, and in that hour of grief there were few to inquire. Meanwhile the elders of the land assembled; for they were eager to do honor to the memory of Alcestis. The old men had loved her as a daughter, since the day, when, forsaking her father's house, she had first come to Thessaly in her beauty. So they now assembled mournfully, and poured forth libations to Persephone, goddess of the shades. The first time they poured forth wine and honey; the second wine alone. The third libation was of pure water. And they prayed that the our souls, and so He gives us, in the Holy spirit of Alcestis might fare well, even now that she had passed under the earth.

And now the morning was come for the sacred ceremonies. The fire was prepared for the funeral pile. The people of Thessaly were assembled, and the priests had done sacrifice to Dis, god of gloomy Tartarus. Lo! on a sudden, Hercules, draws shades inhabit."

"Not so," said valiant Admetus, "If I die, I can bear my fate. But I cannot bear that thou shouldest be cut off, in the flower of thy beauty; that thou shouldest lay down thy life for one that is bound, did the gods so will it, to die for thee. Shall hides her."

But Hercules passed right on, till he stood before the king of Thessaly. "Admetus," he said, "thou didst receive me with joy, when thy heart was bitter with grief; and I, knowing nothing what had with joy, when thy heart was bitter with grief; and I, knowing nothing what had passed, feasted in thy palace, and thou woulder not say me now Decairs.

"Prosperity unmasks the vices; adversity reveals the virtues." The virtues of Ely's Cream Balm, as a catarrh cure, are set out at some length in an accompanying advt. Please read advt. again with joy; this time I have no shame in rejoicing. Doth she whom I hold, resemble Alcestis? look well, and answer."

"She is like her," said Admetus, "but my wife is far off, on the shores of the dark Styx. Even now she waits for the fine eral pile, that the shores of the dark of the shores of the dark Styx. Even now she waits for the fine eral pile, that the shores of the dark of the shores of the dark Styx. Even now she waits for the fine eral pile, that the shores of the dark Styx. Even now she waits for the fine eral pile, that the shores of the shores of the shores of the dark Styx. Even now she waits for the fine eral pile, that the shores of the shores o

eral pile, that she muy cross the waters and be at rest."

"Thus then I answer," said Hercules, throwing back his companion's veil. It was Alcestis that stood by him, with a

smile of perfect happiness. was no vain shade that he held. She breathed, she was warm, she lived, and

fondly she returned his embrace.
"Marvel not," said Hercules, "that as yet she speaks not to thee; that also shall be in due season. But first she must be purified by sacrifices; for so is the will of purified by sacrifices; for so is the will of the gods."

"I fought with him, and I overcame him," Hercules answered; "thou shouldest thank my father, who gave me my strength. But now slay oxen, and pour forth the dark-faced wine. Let Thessaly rejoice in the joy of Admetus.

Many a time, in the Mythology of the Greeks, we have a dim and faint tradition of the resurrection from the dead. There were those, it was taught, who were mightier than the grave; even as here, Dis was conquered by the son of Zeus. Even so, death may be overcome by every true child of our Heavenly Father. And the that had fallen by the sword. Thither story beautifully sets forth another duty, went Alcestis, leaving her beauty and even the third of the Spiritual Works of Mercy: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have enter-tained Angels unawares."

Confirmation.

By Mrs W. A. Peabody.

In Baptism we were made Christians. that is, members of the Body of Christ, which is His Church. Our sponsors then made promises for us, which we must keep if we would really be children of Christ and not children of the devil. But, as we grow older and learn to understand what these promises mean, we find that it is very hard to keep them. The life given to us by the Holy Spirit in baptism, needs to be strengthened, and this is just what Confirmation does for us. It gives us a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit to confirm or strengthen our resolution to fight manfully under Christ's banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. So when we renew the prom ises made at our baptism we must remember that God's Holy Spirit is given us in Confirmation, to help us to keep them.

We first read of the Apostles giving Confirmation when they laid their hands on the heads of the Baptized Samaritans, that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts VIII: 14, 17.) Just so, the Bishops now lay their hands on us, for the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles

Before we can receive Confirmation, we must not only have been baptized, but we must truly repent of all our sins for the Holy Ghost will not dwell in a heart defiled by sin. We must also know the Church Catechism especially the Creed. the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. And to "know" does not mean merely to repeat them, but to take them into our hearts, and to seek the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand and live by them.

In our first Baptismal promise we engage to renounce (that is, to give up) the devil and all his works, such as pride, disobedience, lying, murder, and tempting others to sin; the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, that is anything which we are in danger of loving too much, so as to draw our hearts from God; and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, such as too much care about eating or for our own ease and selfindulgence. In our second, we engage to believe all the articles of the Christian Faith, and these we find contained in the Apostles' Creed. In our third, to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of our life.

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Trinity Sunday.

days in the Christian Year. Unlike the other days, it commemorates a truth, not that the publication of them has made a an event. Other days are related to truth decided sensation. For Dr. Dix's lectures through facts. This day gathers up all the truths implied in the wonderful events that have been celebrated, and presents them as summarized in the mystery of the Divine Nature. Through all and under all the author and his work, but to emphasize was this great truth of the Holy Trinity, the fact that if American society is pretty which the Catholic Church in all ages has generally stirred by such a series of lecguarded as the ground and hope of eternal tures, there must be a troubled conscience

that it is of no consequence what a man believes, if he lives a good life. Definite that has been moved by this plain talk, as faith is at a discount in many so-called the teachers of society, those that from "churches." Their preachers scoff at so bad if there were not many, professing denounce the prophet who dares to say and calling themselves Christians, who out the truth in a way that must be heard. quietly assent to every bold denial, and But Dr. Dix did not invent these views proclaim in advance that there is nothing which "progressive" teachers stigmatize in faith worth contending for. Not so by many unlovely epithets. They are not has the Church held and taught, not so his views, particularly, or monkish notions have her faithful sons thought and acted. or mediæval fancies. They are simply believe!" has been the watchword that world-old facts. The ideas which Dr. Dix all victories over sin; "I believe!" has been courage, truth, patriotism and the like. prominent place in the creed and worship blessed. of the Catholic Church. Take it away, gone and it all falls to the ground.

The truth which Trinity Sunday brings truth of the whole Christian system. It is is, in fact, the great truth-hating age. Inwritten on every page of the Church's liturgy, and stands out in every page of her history, as the great truth that characterizes Christianity. It is not a modern invention, nor a mediæval invention, nor God, and is the highest knowledge we can have of Him in this world.

Our conviction is clear that it does make a difference what a man believes, and the is on our side. The maxim that we protest against is pernicious and deadly. It friends.

It is as true now as it was when Athanknowledge of God standeth our Eternal Life." To know Him truly is life eternal as it is the basis of uprightness and purity of life temporal. Not to believe is not to be. To have no principles grounded in shows that the prevailing tendency of edthe eternal verities of things not seen, is to have no moral character; and, in most cases, no virtue or godliness of living.

The Church has a definite Faith, and that Faith is Trinitarian. It is not the product of pious opinion, nor the conjecture of reason, nor the result of "private interpretation" of the Word of God. It is historic. It pervades the whole historic Church. It differentiates her religion more than any other doctrine, from all other religions. It is to the Church as the Coliseum to Rome.

"When falls the Coliseum, Rome shall fall; And when Rome falls, then falls the world!"

The Church is very tolerant of "opinion;" she allows a wide latitude and liberty of thought, but in this truth she is outspoken and established. Her martyrs have died for it; her heroes have fought for it; her treasure has been expended to maintain it. While the world stands, she will proclaim it as the Faith once delivered to the Saints.

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The Christian Woman.*

It is an encouraging sign of the times and at the same time remarkable, that a course of Lectures on this subject has Trinity Sunday closes the cycle of great awakened an interest outside the congregation for which they were prepared, and are not at all sensational, nor is the subject sensational, nor does Dr. Dix bring to its discussion any views that are original or novel. We say this, not to disparage underneath the gaiety and dissipation of It is a favorite maxim of modern time, the multitude, which has been smitten.

But perhaps it is not so much "society" pulpit, platform, or press are influential in creeds and ridicule dogmas. Garnished forming the opinions and customs of the religion should be patriotism. Tom Paine with sentiment and garlanded with "sweet- social world. These watchmen on the ten to the "mistakes of Moses" or any roots of untold misery to millions. Of other dogmatic atheism. It would not be course they are startled and angry, and has rung all down the ages. "I believe!" enunciates about woman have come down has been the battle-cry that has heralded to us along with such ideas as honor, the legend upon shield and banner, of all They are as old as humanity, and just in the hosts of the Lord. The sublime mys- so far as humanity has accepted them and tery of the Holy Trinity has ever held a cherished them, so far has humanity been

are old and true. The spirit of the age is intolerant of truth. While scientists boast home to us is the central and sustaining that this is the great truth-seeking age, it tense devotion to physical phenomena and the truth of natural law, seems to have incapacitated the thought of the age for apprehending supernatural truth and moral law. Devotion to truth seems to be in any invention of man. It is a revelation of the inverse ratio to devotion to phenomena. For most people, in these days, the older an idea or custom is, the worse it is. The "progressive" spirit takes hold on morals and religion as well as on mechanweight of human opinion and experience ics and the arts. It assumes to rule supreme over life, and nothing is so sacred as to escape its irreverent assumption of would not for a moment be asserted, much control. Very largely have men's religless acted on, in the affairs of life. No one ion and homes been dominated by this could have the slightest confidence in a gospel of "progress," until the fires are man who should proclaim it as a principle dying out on the hearth-stones, owls and of social or business or political life. Such bats are finding congenial homes in meeta man would have no following and no ing houses, and offices of State rest upon foundations of dynamite. The old truths must find a place and power among us soon, worth saving.

has been in departing from them. He ucation, society, and politics is to debase creation, that there is a distinction between Man and Woman, not only physical, but also mental and spiritual, "a difference running through thoughts, aims, work, mission, everything." It is the upcate distinctions that is throwing society izens. into disorder and degrading woman. The author shows the place and power of wo-

*Lectures on the Calling of a Christian Woman, and Her Training to Fulfill it. By Morgan Dix, S. T. D. New York: D. Appleton & Co.—Price 50 cents.

man to be in home life, social life, educational and charitable works, in the adornment of the world and the alleviation of its miseries; that the very qualities of character through which Redemption was wrought by Christ were those in which she is pre-eminently above man; that the Gospel restored her whom the world had enslaved, rebuilt the Altar of Home, made it the light of the world.

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make a very plausible defence against a Dr. Dix simply tells the world these old It is not natural in any line. Therefore,

> The religion of the future is at last defined: it is to be the worship of the American eagle, and the idol is to be the American dollar!

Brief Mention.

to the Holy Ghost. It is a fact that those ture," it seems is to have its sacraments. who take upon themselves to make prayers in public should ponder. Those who elect to listen to such prayers may also con- a few others were present. The mother sider whether they are guilty of such neg- bore the child into the charmed circle, possible for her to be once more true wife lect and indifference. In every office of when one of the party advancing, said, and mother, and gave her a mission to be the Church there is repeated ascription of "Child, in the name of the principles of praise or offering of supplication directly Socialism, which thy father has defended, The discussion of education, divorce, to the third Person of the Adorable Trinsocial crime, and kindred topics, is master- ity. —The Christian at Work is responful. Dr. Dix can well bear the abuse and sible for the following: "There was a the social revolution and free thought, I railing of the crowd. He is used to it. He small collection of Methodists in Pennsyl- baptize thee Elodie Lina Abric." Then has done the world a real service in this vania so sensitive in their perfection that each bestowed upon the cheeks of the child work, and the calm confidence that in using the Lord's Prayer they omitted the fraternal kiss. breathes in his words is a truthful expon- the clause, 'forgive us our trespasses,' because it implied a confession of faults. But the Christian Advocate relates that when the leader of the society left his wife and ran away with a young woman who had been very prominent in refusing to repeat the prayer except in the altered form. the clique speedily broke up."---The celebration of the completion of the New York and Brooklyn bridge, the grandest in the world, is appointed for May 24th. Some fanaties have protested against the day as being the Queen's birthday! So much the better, we say, if the ceremony has any possible reference to the Queen. We honor womanhood in honoring Eng- Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated land's Queen. She is of the race of which three Bishops; Dr. Richard Lewis, for the our mothers and daughters come. God see of Llandaff; Dr. George H. Wilkinson, bless her !---"Financial losses-insom- for Truro; and Dr. Daniel Fox Sandford, nia suicide," was the announcement last for Tasmania. There was a very large week of the career of a Cleveland millionaire. The tremendous strain of making the ness and light," this "liberal" philosophy world's high towers have been told, and is supposed to be, and perhaps Mr. Parton millions was succeeded by the more treis put forth as an improvement of the old told so straightforwardly and clearly that is. But how much religion is there in pat-mendous strain of losing them, and the Gospel which calls upon men everywhere they cannot but understand, that some of riotism? The pagan Romans were patri-sympathy felt for those who suffered with to repent and believe. In this way, of the ideas which they have been preaching ots. If patriotism is religion, and if relig- him in the loss. Oh that men would learn course, the community is prepared to lis- and printing are germs of social ill and ion is a good thing, why did Rome grow that the things which are seen are temprotten to the core while patriotism was so oral, and that only the things which are unseen have the promise of help for the Religion means devotion to God. Is the life that now is, and of hope for the life United States of America a god? Is it a which is to come!--The Pope is not personality of any kind? Is it something pleased with the action of his clergy in that a man may worship, something that promoting the Parnell fund. Archbishop claims to control conscience and thought | Croke is in Rome, trying to justify himself, but does not meet with favor. Ireland A queer species of idolatry is Mr. Par- will lose all its friends if it persists in the ton's religion of the American citizen! mad policy of the past two years. ---- We He means the American eagle, perhaps! regret to hear that the health of the ven-He should say, "The proper idol of the erable Bishop of Virginia has failed, and American citizen is the spread eagle!" that he is obliged to seek rest and relief For such a statement he might find some from care in foreign travel. The great support in Fourth of July orations and in Diocese of Virginia is too large for any the dollar coin of the country. Is it not Bishop, not only in number of clergy and often called "the almighty dollar?" Do parishes, but also in extent of territory. It is not because these ideas are new or not many Americans worship it? There is, -A contemporary asks: "Why should you take all. There is no significance or untrue that press and platform are excited undoubtedly, no influence so potent in persons who attend no church with any sort value to the residum; the Key-stone is over Dr. Dix's Lectures. It is because they shaping the lives and characters of Amer- of regularity, who give and do, nothing ican citizens, as the dollar influence. To for the Gospel in any way, pay the doctor the majority of our citizens, perhaps, the and the undertaker, and expect the minisdollar represents better than anything else, ter to officiate with no offering for religi not only the United States of America, ious purposes? We pause for a reply, and will publish a logical one when it comes.' -It might also be asked: Why should such people expect a clergyman to officiate asmuch as it makes 85 equal to a hundred! at their funeral at all? If they do not ex-Any idol which can do this, has claims to pect and request it, why should the friends proceedings against the Rev. J. B. Cox, of the deceased make such public renuncia-There is another reason for supposing tion of the principles in which the departthat Mr. Parton referred to the American ed lived and died? A man should be aleagle in his obscure remark about an Am- lowed to have the courage of his convicerican religion. Upon the dollar which so tions at his own funeral. — Macbeth was many Americans worship, is conspicuous filled with horror at the idea of murdering the figure of that illustrious bird, under the sleep, though he was a very bad man. A motto, "In God we Trust." Mr. Parton great many people, however, who have no evidently supposes that the god referred to compunctions about "killing time," are is depicted beneath. He could doubtless considered very good people. Sleep may "knit up the ravelled slave of care," but charge of violating the second command- it is making time that weaves the web of ment; for his graven image is certainly life. —A Baptist paper offers a prize of not "the likeness of anything that is in the \$20, for "a passage of Scripture which by heaven above or in the earth beneath, or precept or example assert Infant Baptism." in the water under the earth." Its erect It is rightly claimed that our Lord's comasius stood against the world, that "in the or there will be nothing left of society attitude is not that of bird or beast. Its mission to baptize "all nations," includes form is not that of bird or beast or man. infants. We do not expect the \$20, for "Baptist principles" are superior to the truths and shows that much of its misery says Mr. Parton, it must be supernatural census. Inasmuch as the Jews, by God's people in the Western Highlands, that it -it is a god! This conclusion is con-appointment, admitted infants to the Covfirmed by the extraordinary appendages to enant, and the Gospel was fulfillment of buried amongst them, beneath the shadows its lower extremities. To the rude and ig- the Law, if there was to be any change in women by ignoring the truth, as old as norant they might appear to be immense this respect it must have been indicated. spoons, but to the learned and devout, We offer a prize of \$20, for a passage of like Mr. Parton, they are thunderbolts. It Scripture which by precept or example asis by the command of such irresistible serts that infants are to be excluded from forces that the god of the American citi- the New Covenant. —A contemporary, zen makes 85 to be equal to 100. Such a who is brandishing a knife preparatory to ford. He was Senior Censor of Christ rooting of these subtle, refined, and deli- god should be worshipped by all good cit- taking the scalp of Mr. Newton, rejoices Church, and after an absence from Oxford in the prospect of a trial which shall de- of some years, resumed work at Christ termine whether "the Protestant Episco- Church. Since its commencement he has pal Church has any faith or not." The been Censor of the Un-attached Body, and

find out that. One would think, to hear the clamor, that an obscure pulpit in New A writer in the Evangelist asserts that York had preached the Creed out of the (extempore) prayers are seldom addressed Prayer Book. --- "The Church of the Fu-The socialists of France have had a baptism. Only the friends of the family and and that we defend, and which thou art called upon to defend, by all means, for

News and Notes.

It is announced that the Rev. Dr. Nicholson has finally declined the Bishopric of Indiana. A new election will therefore be held at the meeting of the Convention, June 5th.

Canon Farrar, the well-known author, has been appointed archdeacon of Westminster. This position gives him the right of wearing the gaiters, apron, and shovelhat worn by Anglican ecclesiastical digni-

On St. Mark's day, April 25th, the new congregation, and the whole service was unusually impressive.

The First International Fishery Exhibition was opened in London on Saturday last, by the Prince of Wales. The United States is admirably represented. The exhibition is not intended to be only an agreeable spectacle, but to furnish the people with instruction in the ways of cooking

The sympathies of the whole Church are with the Rev. E. L. Stoddard, rector of St. John's Church, Jersey City, in the terrible affliction that has befallen him. On Monday, by the accidental explosion of a pistol, his wife was killed almost instantaneously. God only can soften such a blow. May He have mercy on both nusband and wife!

While all England quivers with pious horror at the thought of an atheist helping to frame its laws, no one denounces the wholesale pandering to paganism which goes on at Birmingham and other places. Only the other day a ship-load of idols was sent to India, where they are now doubtess receiving the adoration of millions Perhaps if Bradlaugh would only consent to bend his knees before one of these castiron images, all would be well. What curious thoughts does the fact suggest.

The "Dynamite Fiends" are strongly Protestant. The Bishop of Liverpool has received a letter stating that unless he took of St. Margaret's Church, Prince's Road, a very "High" church, as High Churchism goes in the Diocese of Liverpool, the church would be blown up with dynamite or attacked by a large party. The vicar and churchwardens attach no importance to the threat, but a guard of police has been placed specially on the church.

The late Bishop Mackarness, of Argyll and the Isles always used the old Scotch Confirmation office, unless the English one was asked for. The form is, "I sign thee with the sign of the Cross and I lay mine hands upon thee," etc. The progress of the Diocese during his episcopate was very marked. He was devotedly attached to his flock, and but a short time before his death, he wrote these words for his executors: "I should wish it to go forth to my was my heart's first desire, that I should be of the giant hills of Glencoe."

The Rev. George William Kitchin, of Christ Church, Oxford, has been appointed to the Deanery of Winchester in succession to Dean Bramston, who retires. Mr. Kitchin will be greatly missed at Ox-Church is in a bad way if she has to go to its chief developer. He has also taken a a little ecclesiastical court in New York to principal part in the modern history teach-

ing in Oxford. He has been a prominent Liberal in his relations with the city, and served for some years on the Oxford School Board. He is the author of some valuable works, particularly in the domain of French and Italian history.

A pleasant and useful lesson may be learned by us in this country where political feeling run so high, from a simple and significant ceremony which took place the other day in London. The leaders of the two great parties, with men of every shade of political opinion, met to do honor to the memory of that Tory of the Tories, Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield. A superb statue of the great statesman was unveiled and the charge of it gracefully accepted by a member of the Liberal governknighthood is a noble one, and it should country." These are above party.

Mr. Bradlaugh has successfully raked up an old English statute, which, to prevent vexatious litigation, forbade "Maintenance", that is to say, the payment of the costs of a Plantiff in a law-suit by some other person. The expenses of the person who prosecuted Bradlaugh were defrayed by Mr. Newdegate. The Lord Chief Justice has just decided in Bradon by the Church Association against Ritualists, which all had nominal Plantiffs, were illegal, and that the officers of the their victims.

We desire to say to several esteemed correspondents that we do not think an extended discussion of the case of the Rev. Heber Newton would be of interest to our probable that a great variety of opinion exists on this subject, but we have not space to give it expression. The LIVING case, and it may pass for what it is worth; but it is absurd to charge us with favoring heresy, because we do not clamor for a trial which the presenters think "would define more clearly the rules of faith." It is published. This Institution, which is situated simply a question of greatest good to the in Montreal, and which was established for the Church. For ourselves we are not eager to see repeated the unprofitable experiments of the past, nor to have the rules of faith made "clearer" by an ecclesiastical court in New York.

Much of our space is taken up this week with reports of Diocesan Conventions. For several weeks to come such will probably the various Dioceses. Many Confirmations be the case. These reports are valuable. They show the Church to be indeed a Living Church, alive to all the questions of the day, alive to her great and glorious mission. Churchmen of one diocese need to existed, and not one church in twenty held any study the doings of other dioceses, so that | Service. they may have an intelligent idea of the work of the whole Church throughout the land.

Canadian Church Affairs.

From our Special Correspondent.

For the sake of prominence I must commence by correcting a very important typographical error in my last letter. In speaking of the Indians of Manitoba and Keewazdin, I am made to say that 1,350 belong to the Presbyterians, the number should have been 356, which bears me out in my statement that with the exception of the Roman Catholics, the Church is virtually the only body represented among the Indians of this region and the North-West generally.

A good start has been made with the summer Ordinations in the Dioceses of Montreal and Ontario, where four deacons and five priests and two deacons, respectively, have been ordained, all young, vigorous, promising men. In the Diocese of Ontario, the Church has lately been invading a hitherto utterly neglected district on the Ottawa river to the far North of the Province with marked success. Churches and parsonages have been and are being built in this remote region, and before long it will be overspread with a network of churches and stations.

Of late years, in the Province of Ontario. Church extension has been going on at a rapid rate in the rural districts, which, although too recent to make much show in the last census, will undoubtedly bear tangible fruit in the census returns of 1891. To take for instance the county of Kent, the most South-westerly county but one (Essex) in the Dominion, we have the following suggestive statistics: Number of Churches ten years ago, 7. at present, 14; clergy, 5, now, 8; Sunday Schools, 7, now 14. There has been no sudden influx of population into this district, the country being purely agricultural and possessing only one town of over 5,000 inhabitants. This has, therefore, been the result of steady growth, and is clear gain to the Church. In one township alone, four new churches have been built within this period, and sions, built in the collegiate Gothic style of

the standard of the Church unfurled in what has architecture, three stories high and divided into hitherto been a stronghold of denominationalism. Other churches are being projected. In the North-westerly counties, of Huron, Grey, and Bruce, also good work has been done, and the Church now covers the ground very fairly, although many a waste and desolate place still remains, destined soon, however, from present indications, to be sown with the good seed of Catholic teaching. In these three counties the number of clergy and churches has nearly doubled within the past decade. In fact, a steady advance is noticeable in every county in the west of the Province, new parishes have been formed, large ones have been subdivided. and it would be difficult to find a village of more than five hundred souls without a resident clergyman. To go back a little further and to speak of the whole Province, it is safe to say, dwelt upon, and by Mr. Edward J. Wortley, of that during the last twenty-five years, the number of clergy has increased at least three-fold. The cause of this happy state of affairs can clearment. The motto of the French order of ly be attributed to the creation of several new Dioceses, which bears out the remarks on this be the motto of every man, "Honor and subject contained in the letter of the Rev. Dr. Hopkins in last week's issue of the LIVING CHURCH.

A very simple but admirable scheme for the convenience of strangers attending church has been devised by the Rev. Jeffrey Hill, of Seaforth, in the Diocese of Huron. On a large, two-leafed card of strong manilla paper, is printed the whole of the Evening Service-with the exception, of course, of the Lessons and Psalms-in good type, with plain directions as to posture. These cards are numbered to correspond with the pews where they are to be left for the use of all "visiting brethren." This seems laugh's favor, and his decision seems likely to solve a difficulty, at least in Canada, where to lead to unexpected results. It follows we use the somewhat antiquated and cumbrousfrom it that the whole of the cases carried ly arranged English Prayer Book. It is strange often, how small difficulties repel people from attending our churches. The dread of making themselves ridiculous and appearing awkward and ill at ease, keeps hundreds of peo-Association may be made to compensate ple away who might eventually be drawn into the Church. Now a device such as this, seems to obviate this drawback to a great extentt and would probably lead many "outsiders" who were in the habit of dropping in to "hear some popular Anglican preacher, to take part in the Service and thus become interested and finally attached. Every town or city church should readers or productive of any good. It is possess a bundle of these cards which might be distributed by the sexton or wardens and sidesmen to persons unprovided with Prayer Books. Mr. Hill, I fancy, would gladly send a sample card to any one. We cannot afford to disregard CHURCH has a right to its opinion in the the simplest plan for advancing the interests of the Church, and I give this publicity in hopes that it may prove beneficial to some parishes and clergymen.

The annual report of the Sabrevois Mission Church and Schools for 1882-1883 has just been benefit of French "Episcopalians," is in a very flourishing condition. It is conducted under the supervision of French clergymen, and is attended at present by 120 pupils. Though the tone of the teaching is perhaps a little too ultra -very natural under the circumstances, however -yet a good work is undoubtedly being done, and a real boon conferred upon French Church members.

Ascension Day was well observed throughout were held; in other churches special collections were taken up, and Holy Communion celebrated, and altogether the day was very creditably recognized. A few years ago, not one Churchman in ten, probably, knew that such a festival

A very important movement in connection with Foreign Missions has now been fairly inaugurated by several city congregations in Canada, including the wealthy parish of St James', Toronto. Hitherto to the discredit of the Canadian Church, she has been the only religious body of importance in the Dominion utterly unrepresented in the foreign mission field. Owing, however, to the exertions of the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, late a curate of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and now Rector of St. George's, New York, an Association in connection with this church has been formed with which several others have affiliated for the purpose of aiding the well-known Yenana Indian mission. Excellent work has so far been accomplished, and we may hope that ere long this reproach will be rolled away from our doors. The movement appears to be rapidly spreading. Every important parish should take it up.

Ontario, May 14, 1883.

The General Theological Seminary.

The Annual Commencement exercises were held on Thursday of last week. On the Sunday preceding, Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey, delivered the annual sermon in Trinity Chapel, from the text, "John did no miracles." The Bishop spoke eloquently of the great Forerunner, and drew the lesson for his hearers that the methods of the Baptist, religious enthusiasm and devotion of mind and body to a single aim, should be also the methods of the clergy of to-

On Thursday afternoon the corner stone of the new Sherred Hall was solemnly laid. The Bishop of the Diocese being confined to his house by illness, the Bishop of Albany presided at the ceremony. The Bishops of New Jersey No. and Springfield were present, as well as very many clergy, and, of course, the Faculty and students of the Seminary. Addresses were made by Bishop Doane, Bishop Seymour, formerly Dean of the Seminary, the Rev. Dr. H. C. Potter, and the Hon. W. M. Evarts.

The building is to be 35 by 85 feet in dimen-

six lecture rooms, each 30 feet square. It will be of brick, with stone trimmings, and the interior walls will be of white and red brick. Its cost will be about \$50,000. It is named in honor of Jacob Sherred, a merchant who 60 years ago left \$60,000, half of his fortune, which was used in founding the institution. -It will be finished in the fall. The Rev. Dr. Hoffman, the Dean, said the seminary had a pledge of \$60 .-000 to build a fire-proof library on the corner of Ninth-avenue and Twenty-first street, provided \$40,000 was raised to erect a building for the students between it and Sherred Hall.

At the Commencement exercises, essays were read by Mr. John A. Crockett, of the graduating class, on "Rationalism," in which the tendency of the age toward infidelity and disbelief was Jamaica, West Indies, upon the "Unity of the Church," in which he spoke of the doctrine of Apostolic succession as finding its parallel in the great laws of nature, by which every living thing reproduces its own kind. Bishop Scarborough presented the diplomas to the graduating class as follows: Henry Chamberlain; John A. Crockett; Frank Draper, B. A.; Theodore Martin, Jr.; A. B. Moorhouse, B. A.; Sylvanus B. Pond, B. A.; Arthur H. Proffitt; Olin Roche, B. A.; S. B. Townsend, B. A.; William R. Trotter, B. A. Edward J. Wortley: A. Du Pont Parker, B. A.

Personal Mention.

Bishop J. A. Paddock's P. O. address is New Ta-

oma, Washington Territory. The address of the Rev. Stephen H. Granberry, sistant to Dr. Schenck, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn Heights, is Remsen House, Brooklyn, N. Y. The address of the Rev. H. H. Washburn is changed from 346 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, to 65 Stanhope St., Brooklyn.

The Rev. Philo W. Sprague has resigned the Presi dency of Griswold College, Davenport, Iowa.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, Warden of Seabury Divinity School, may be addressed at 22 Bible House, N. Y. until further notice. Applicants for admission to the School may address the Rev. Prof. Wilson, Faribault,

Obituary.

STAUNTON.—Entered into the rest of Paradise, April 30, 1883, Eliza Ann, wife of the Rev Wm. Staunton, D. D., of the City of New York, and daughter of the late Hon. Joseph Field, of Rochester, N. Y.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her hus-Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reached forth her hands to the needy. A servant of the Church, she hath been a succorer of many, and their helper in Christ Jesus, laboring much in the Lord. She loved the habitation of the house of the Lord, and the place where His honor dwelleth—walking in His commandments and ordinances, and going to his altar. Her hoary head found in the way of righteousness was a crown of glory. Her soul is in the hand of God, where no torment shall touch her. She is in peace, with a hope full of immortality. We is in peace, with a hope full of immortality. We sent her out with mourning and weeping; but God will give her to us again with joy and gladness for-Church of the Transfiguration, N. Y., May, 1883.

THE LATE HIRAM A. BARNES.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry of Grace Church, New Haven, Conn., held May 1, 1883, the following Preamble and Resolutions

WHEREAS, in the wise Providence of God, the earthly life of our late associate, Hiram A. Barnes, has been suddenly closed,

Resolved, That we remember with deep gratitude

his constant and intelligent interest in this parish from the time of its organization, and desire to ex-press our appreciation of his careful helpfulness as Treasurer for two years, and later, in manifold acts of kind assistance to the Rector, the vestry and the

choir; Resolved, That we offer to his bereaved family our personal sympathy in this sudden loss, which we, in our measure share; and pray that they and we may be truly comforted of God.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be inscribed in the Records of the Parish, and that copies be sent to the Living Church and to the family of the late Hiram A. Barnes.

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