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# The Living Church.

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 28, 1886.

#### THE SOUL'S LESSON.

BY TRYPHENA M. BROWNE.

So hard, so hard to learn! It has taken years upon years; For the teaching seemed hard and stern, And she could not see for tears.

So hard, so hard to learn! She longed for the lighter task, The poor weak heart would yearn And the faltering lips would ask.

Ah! foolish heart! to seek For a smoother, easier road, A way is made for the meek That will lead them straight to God.

So hard, so hard to learn! For the soul's eyes were too dim With looking down, to discern That the rough ways lead to Him.

Laden with love and eare-Poor earthly care and love Life had no room for the prayer That lifts to the peace above.

So hard, so hard to learn! By grief was the lesson taught. E'er the thirsty soul could turn To the stream that faileth not,

E'er the blinded soul could grope Towards the Light that can never fade, Could taste of the deathless hope, Of the rest that our Lord has made.

So hard, so hard to learn! And yet--when learned--how sweet From earth and its griefs to turn And lie at the Master's Feet. Pasadena, Cal.

### NEWS AND NOTES.

THE RT. REV. ROBERT KESTELL-CORNISH, Bishop of Madagascar, was in San Francisco last week on his way to the East and England.

THERE are six services daily on week-days in St. Paul's cathedral, London-three in the north-western chapel, two in the choir, and one in the crypt chapel; and four services on Sundays, of which one is in the north-western chapel.

In the report of the Committee on the Book Annexed to the Chicago Convention which we printed on August 7th, there is a palpable error, which as it was in the copy, we did not detect at the time. Our report reads that the committee, recommended that the "minister may omit so much of the Lord's Prayer," etc. It should read, of course; that he may omit so much of that which precedes the Lord's Prayer.

THE Archbishop of Armagh has addressed a pastoral letter to his clergy upon the result of the recent parliamentary elections which he describes as a "merciful deliverance from the great danger which threatened our native land, and the free exercise of our Protestant faith." He sets forth a prayer of thanksgiving to be used in his diocese.

CANON LIDDON is making ample amends for his long and enforced absence from St. Paul's Cathedral by undertaking the residentiary work for August, in addition to the July duties which fell to his share in the ordinary course. As during August a large number of foreign and country visitors visit London, the canon's Sunday afternoon sermons are a welcome attraction.

WE are reminded that at the General a benefactor. Convention held in Boston in 1877, a very successful choir festival was held and occasionally a lively time at a ed by the Church of England, and the occasional duty within the diocese. A

in Trinity church, under the manage- vestry meeting, as was exemplified by proposal is one that can hardly fail to ment of the Rev. Chas. L. Hutchias. It the proceedings at the Clerkenwell be generally approved. The first sugthe previous spring. A notable thing had the pleasure of handing the sum of \$650 to the deputies of that diocese.

A LONDON telegram announces the death, at the age of 81, of the Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, the famous vicar of leaders of Catholic thought in England. | flourishing his stick, said that if the It will be remembered that in 1871, in the case of Sheppard v. Bennett, the Privy Council decided in favor of Mr. Bennett's teaching on the subject of the Real Presence.

THE REV. DR. DOWDEN, of Edinburgh, was on August 6th elected bishop of the diocese of Edinburgh in connection with the Scottish Episcopal Church. In the final vote in the Clerical Chamber, thirty voted for Dr. Dowden, one against him, and three declined to vote. In the final vote of the Lay Chamber, twenty-one voted for Dr. Dowden, and three against him.

SPEAKING at Cardiff last month the Bishop of Llandaff declared that Church building was proceeding in that diocese at a greater rate of progress than in any other part of England and Wales. The Bishop said he would like this fact to be known, especially in England, where it was erroneously thought, even by educated statesmen, that the Church in Wales was "the Church merely of the clergy, a few squires, and their families."

THE convocation of Canterbury was formally opened at St. Paul's cathedral; on the 6th. Following the usual custom there was a service, and the Latin sermon was preached by the Dean of Canterbury. The members, who were few in number, afterwards adjourned to one of the chapels in the cathedral and re-elected Archdeacon Sumner as Prolocutor. The House will not meet for business until next year.

THE work of the Egypt Exploration Fund is growing in extent and interest in its contributions to Biblical knowledge. The report of the annual meeting of the society shows that a great interest is taken in the matter in this country, owing to the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. Dr. Winslow. Nearly every historical society of note is represented in the list of contributors. No less than 39 bishops of the Church, and 78 clergymen of various denominations are subscribers to the positions for just such purposes. We

THE Chancery prisoner in "Pickwick" was ruined through having had a thousand pounds left him. Equally unfortunate have been the results of a legacy at Great Barrington-in-Maine. where the Church was recently enriched by a £20,000 parsonage and a £6,000 organ. The congregation have been almost ruined already by organ repairs, they will not raise the parson's salary to enable him to live in style in the palace parsonage, and everybody is uncomfortable and dissatisfied. The lady whose will disturbed the peace of that community is regarded as anything but

appropriation of the ratepayers' money, one vestryman informed the chairman former attempted such a proceeding he would meet with a warm reception.

Ir seems to be settled that a deputation from the Church in Scotland will be present at the General-Convention. A fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses will be raised. The size of the deputation will eventually be determined to a great extent by the amount of the guarantee fund; but it is understood that it will consist of the Bishop of Aberdeen and another bishop, and of one or more of the following presbyters: the Rev. Principal Dowden, D. D.; the Rev. Messrs. J. M. Danson, incumbent of St. Andrew's, Aberdeen; A. Leslie, incumbent of Folla Rule; and J. Skinner Wilson, incumbent of St. George's, Edinburgh. Some laymen also will probably accompany the deputation.

WE have naught but pity for the poor wretches who heard their doom in the verdict of the jury last Friday, although in common with all right-thinking men; we think the verdict justly finds them guilty of murder. Society demands for its own safety that these declared enemies of the human race forfeit their lives. But we think that the responsibility for the bloodshed rests not only upon these criminals, but must be shared by that easy good-natured sufferance of the preaching of sedition, which encouraged these men to pass from agitation to murder. Hereafter, it is to be hoped, the law will lay a strong hand upon all dynamiters, whether of German or Irish extraction, whether operating in the streets of Chicago or of London. Let us have an end of it.

The Churchman asks why it is that the learned men who occupy chairs in our General Theological Seminary have published so little that is worthy of note. It suggests that the professors who complain of a dearth of text books in their departments, should supply them, and hints that they occupy their have often wondered why, for instance the learned professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence has not furnished his pupils with something better than Gresley on Preaching. Is not the reason for this sterility to be found in the fact that the former composition of the Board of Trustees, and the inadequate endowment of the chairs have made it almost impossible to select the best men for these positions? With the new era of a smaller Board, and increased endowments, the Church may in time, expect "some tokens of learned thought and intellectual life."

IT is proposed that the Queen's jubi-THEY have vestries over in England, lee year shall be specially commemorat-

was a repetition of the programme of vestry in May. It appears that the gestion was made by the Bishop of Carvestrymen had been spending £92, and lisle, who proposed the erection in Lonin connection with it was that the offer- the various committees £200, for re- don of a Church House, or group of ings were devoted to the yellow fever freshments in less than a year. During halls, to serve as a headquarters sufferers in Florida, and Mr. Hutchins a heated discussion on this gross mis- for the Church. The Bishop urges what is only too keenly felt year by year-the lack of convenient accommothat if a certain other member inter- dation in London for gatherings, large rupted him again he should feel it his and small, of Churchmen. Archdeacon duty to "punch and tweak" the said Norris, of Bristol, proposes as an alter-Frome Selwood. He was one of the member's nose. The latter rose and, native suggestion, to complete the establishment of the seven additional bishoprics recently sanctioned by the legislature. This has called forth a let ter from the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, who much regrets that the archdeacon should have put forward his proposal, inasmuch as "five out of the seven additional home bishoprics have already been established; many Churchmen trustfully hope that the foundation of the See of Wakefield may be announced at the forthcoming Church congress in that town, as that of Truro was announced at the Plymouth Church congress; and if Archdeacon Norris and other Churchmen in the West persevere in the laudable efforts they have hitherto made, there is little doubt that, should the reign of Queen Victoria be. prolonged only a few years more, the complete tale of the seven new dioceses will be made up within her reign, without attaching it in any especial manner to the year of jubilee." He therefore hopes the Bishop of Carlisle's proposal may be carried into effect, believing that "the projected building would be of inestimable value to all Churchmen, lay as well as clerical, in both provinces."

#### ENGLAND.

After more than three centuries of desecration, the little chapel of St. Helen's, Colchester, has been restored to the Church by Mr. Douglas Round. The building was mentioned in the foundation charter of St. John's Abbey (circ. 1096); but after the Dissolution it went through many vicissitudes. In 1748 it even became a Quaker's meeting-house. It was afterwards a Lancastrian school, a circulating library, and ultimately an upholstery warehouse. It was then bought by Mr. Round, and restored according to the plans of Mr. Butterfield. It has now been made over to the clergy of the rural deanery as a Chapter house.

The Bishop of Exeter has held the first Confirmation since the reign of Henry VIII. in Lundy Island, when there were four candidates.

A large number of churches are being built in the diocese of York, and others are under restoration. The latest church, the restoration of which has been completed, is the ancient Norman edifice at Dalby, Yorkshire. It was re-opened by the Archbishop of York. Sedbergh parish church re stored at a cost of £4,000, has also been re-opened for public worship.

The Bishop of Salisbury, acting in the name of a committee appointed at the synod, has issued a statement, in which he says it is proposed to establish a small society of clergy, to be known as the Missioners of St. Andrew, who shall be bound by a very simple rule, and be entirely at the Bishop's disposal, for the purpose of taking temporary or

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assisting in parochial missions-has also been entertained. The Bishop has secured the services of two gentlemen. The members will be in priests' orders, and will live a common life when at home, but will be bound by no vows. They will make a promise of obedience to the Bishop for a year as regards their clerical work, renewable annually, on St. Andrew's Day, as long as they remain within the society. In addition used as a library and reading-room. to those who will be full members of the society, the Bishop proposes to attach a number of associates, who shall hold themselves in readiness to take such duty, either with or without remuneration, whenever their engagements permit.

The Manchester Guardian prints the following: "The name of Dr. George Wyndham Kennion, Bishop of Adelaide, South Australia, is now mentioned in local clerical circles in connection with the vicarage of Blackburn and proposed office of Bishop Suffragan of Manchester. Bishop Kennion, who is a Yorkshireman by birth, being the son of Dr. G. Kennion of Harrogate, was formerly curate of Doncaster (under Dr. Pigou) and successively vicar of St. Paul's, Sculcoates, Hull, and of All Saints', Bradford. He is a cousin to the retiring vicar of Blackburn, Archdeacon Birch."

#### IRELAND.

The financial report of the diocese of is of a favorable character, considering the present conditions of the country. The stipend fund shows an increase of 2201., and the total capital available for stipends an increase of 520l. There are now but three annuitant clergymen in the united diocese, a fact which reminds us that the Disestablishment Act is fast passing away into the region of the

The Rev. Prebendary Shaw has been elected to the rectory of Tynan, diocese of Armagh, vacant by the elevation of the Rev. Dr. Reeves to the See of Down. Up to July 26 the new Bishop of Down had confirmed, in his present Confirmation tour, over 4,000 candidates, and it is believed that when his lordship's tour is over, above 5.000 young persons will have received the rite.

#### CHICAGO

CITY.—The Rev. L. S. Osborne, rector of Trinity church, has suffered a severe affliction in the death of his father, Mr. Henry Osborne, which occurred at Sa-

The faithful lay reader of St. Andrew's church, Mr. Thomas E. Green, is enjoying a vacation of two weeks upon the St. Lawrence River, the parish showing its appreciation of his services by defraying the expenses of the trip.

CITY.—The Assistant-Bishop has Lake Placid.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd and are thus fitted for house-keeping. The girls, sixteen in number, are now time the house may become the head- held in the chapel some squares dis- in fact, very few of the people interestquarters of the Sisterhood.

A new church for sailors is to be

further object—that of conducting or the chapel near by, but it is quite inadequate. The attention of Mr. Vanderbilt was called to the greater needs of the seamen in this vicinity, and in his will was a bequest of \$50,000, to be applied to the erection of a new church. The mission owns four lots on Houston street, and with the purchase of a fourth, the church will have a frontage of 70 feet. The building will include a rectory, while the little chapel will be For the latter purpose a part of the building has been used for a long time, the reading-room being well patronized by the sailors. For some years the minister-in-charge has been the Rev. Mr. Hyland.

#### SPRINGFIELD.

Summary of diocesan statistics: Cler gy,40; ordinations-deacons,1, priests,1,-2; candidates for Holy Orders, 9; parishes and missions, 55; diocesan insti tutions, 7; churches and chapels, 42; schools, 7; Baptisms-infants, 306. adults, 101, not specified, 27, total, 434; confirmed, 288; communicants, 3,031; Marriages, 73; burials, 98; Sunday schools-teachers and scholars, 2,028; parish schools reporting-scholars, 71; total of offerings, \$28,100.46.

CARROLTON.-On Thursday night. August 19th, Trinity church was wholly destroyed by fire caused by the burning of a grist mill opposite it.

During the last two years the church had been practically rebuilt, and in ad-Killaloe and Achonry for the past year dition to being one of the handsomest of its size in the diocese; was stronger than when first built. The furniture, vestments, and costly altar hangings were all saved uninjured. Dean Whitmarsh had just made arrangements for the final portion of the work of restoration, which he has been superintending during his rectorate, in the painting of the exterior, and the re-carpeting of the church, but happily the work had not been commenced. The new furnace built last February, it is hoped, has escaped damage. The massive brass lectern was removed without injury. but a very handsome memorial window could not be saved owing to the fierce heat and the firmness with which it had been fastened.

Dean Whitmarsh took steps the following day looking towards an immediate rebuilding, and it is hoped that good will come out of evil in the erection of the new church on a better site, and so leading ultimately to the strengthening of the parish. The buildlem, Mass., on the 14th inst. The burial ing was insured for \$2,000, and the furservices were held at St. Peter's church. niture for \$500. Father Sauer, rector of the R. C. parish, was one of the first on the spot, and zealously devoted himself to saving the contents of the sanctuary, and the vestments.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

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be introduced in the early fall.

The congregation of Christ church, Ridley Park, has erected for their rector a comfortable rectory on the lot ad-

On Tuesday, October 3, 85 of the Indian girls now under the fostering care quarters at the institution building and vice of Common Prayer. went by rail to the station on the P. R. R. nearest their new summer home, known now as "Ponemah." It is a tract of ten acres of woodland in Upper Merion township, Montgomery county, Penna. there have been large and commodious buildings erected. But the mere routine of household duties will be required of the girls, so that their stay until the latter part of October will be as much play as work. The board of management did well to take up this work. when there were no more soldiers' orphans to be cared for. A clergyman hand to minister to their wants.

#### IOWA.

St. Paul's church building has been talents. The field is entirely missionary neatly painted within and without. and is known as the Santa Anna misbuy a fine chair for the chancel.

his residence at this place, and in addi- in the Santa Anna Valley. tion to his labors in town has been holding services at Westfield schoolservices are well attended.

A convocation of Central deanery is to be held at Brooklyn, near Grinnell, on August 26, 27, 28, and 29th. It is courage the Brooklyn Churchmen, who lily rendered. hope soon to call a rector.

Ringgold, assisted by the Rev. D. C. Garrett, conducted services at the chapel adjoining Hotel Orleans, on Sunday, August 8th.

The Rev. Mr. Garrett, of Trinity over to the town of Spirit Lake to inaugurate the Church's service, and, if possible, to take steps to organize a number of Church-people here, and having expressed a desire to have the both college and hospital. services begun, I was glad to give what PHILADELPHIA.—At the church of aid I could. A hall was secured, a chothe Holy Trinity some improvements rus choir organized and put to practice, are being made at the chancel end of Evening Prayer leaflets and several Church people of this parish celebrated been spending a part of his vacation at the church. The old pulpit and lectern hymnals ordered, and everything made the 50th anniversary of the laying of the Adirondacks. On Sunday, August have been removed and the railing ready for the opening service. The the corner-stone of the parish church. 8th, he preached at the Union chapel, across the front of the chancel has been leading spirit in this good work is Mrs. extended to the steps. Two neat wal- B. B. Von Steenburg, a most enthusinut prayer desks matching the rest of astic and devoted Churchwoman. It is have for some time had charge of the the furniture have been introduced, and wonderful what this one woman has house, 191 Ninth Avenue, between 21st also a small lectern, this however is done. One day she came after me with rector, being Celebrant, assisted by the and 22nd street. The house embraces only temporary as it is soon to give place a buggy, and we visited a number of Rev. F. P. Winne and the Rev. Mr. 21 rooms. It is a kind of training to a handsome metal pulpit and lec- the people, who were rejoiced at the Beauchamp. A large number of the school for girls, who do all the work, tern. During the summer the church prospect of hearing again the grand and chapel have had united services; old service. A few years ago, I believe, those in the morning being at the our Bishop visited Spirit Lake, but at Asbury Park. It is possible that in church, and in the afternoon they were since then there have been no services; the morning service. ed now were present at the former ser-The church of St. Matthias is closed vice. This afternoon the hall was

are to be put in and a vested choir will the singing was better far than is heard in two thirds of the parishes. I have seldom seen a heartier service. It was like a grand revival."

The rector of the church of the Good joining the church, and the rector, the Shepherd, Des Moines, has been hold-Rev. W. F. C. Morsell, is now occupying ing Sunday evening services at Chesterfield during the summer. The schoolhouse is filled with an attentive congregation and it is hoped that many of of the Lincoln Institution left their the people will soon engage in the ser-

> The rector of St. Paul's, Des Moines, has returned from his vacation trip to Michigan much refreshed and strengthed physically and mentally.

A number of the clergy in the diocese Upon this, which is beautifully located have taken their vacations in installand admirably adapted for the purposes ments, going away from home for a few for which it was purchased last winter, days at a time, perhaps to exchange with some brother for the following Sunday. The Rev. Allen Judd of Oskaloosa expects soon to resume his work after a much needed rest.

The services and Sunday school at Winterset have been kept up by Mr. C. W. Hale, the faithful lay-reader of the mission. The Rev. W. W. Corbyn, however has visited the place and enholds service every Sunday and is on abled the faithful to partake of the Holy Communion.

The Rev. F. J. Mynard's new field of GRINNELL.—Through the liberality labor in California promises him abundand earnest labors of Mrs. L.H. Barnes, ant opportunity for exercising all his The work is all paid for, and the chan-sion. The incumbent is appointed by cel has been carpeted. A young girl Bishop Kip, and is expected to have lately confirmed helped her aunt to charge of the parish at Tustin City, where he resides, and to exercise person-The Rev. Wm. Wright has taken up al supervision over all the organizations

Two of the clergy have been in attendance at the annual encampment of house in the country. These mission the Iowa National Guards. The boys were in camp for a week at Oskaloosa, and Chaplains Stilson of Ottumwa and Watson of Iowa City conducted daily services. The order of service was set expected that these services will en- forth by the Bishop of Iowa and heart-

The children of Christ church, West SPIRIT LAKE.—The Rev. Samuel Davenport, are raising money to reshingle the church, while the children of Trinity have contributed the money to buy an elegant prie dieu made of hard wood and beautifully finished.

The old Griswold College building at church, Davenport, held service at the Davenport, known as Wolfe Hall, is betown of Spirit Lake, in the afternoon ing cleansed, refitted and made meet of the same day, and in a letter to his for a companion to Kemper and St. parishioners, thus describes the service | Katharine's. The students will be made and the field: Sunday afternoon I went comfortable and their surroundings much improved.

The ladies of St. Paul's parish, Des Moines, are enlarging the borders of permanent mission. There are quite a Cottage Hospital so that many suffering ones may be cared for in the future. about 20 communicants. Some of them Let the people of Iowa heartily support

#### CENTRAL NEW YORK.

FULTON.—On the 6th of August the It was a day of great gladness to all, and one long to be remembered. The morning service consisted of a Celebration, the Rev. Horace B. Goodyear, parishioners received.

Earnest words of encouragement were spoken by the visiting priests at

In the afternoon the parishioners gathered at the rector's house and had built at West Houston and West Streets. during August and the chancel is under-Services have long been held in the lit-going considerable change; choir stalls The responses were full and loud, and and dearly loved rector, the Rev. T. M. a very social time. At Evening Prayer

Bishop, of Honeoye Falls, W. N. Y. portant factors in this large diocese, re- of Christ; in a striking manner, he an- baptismal office to be complied with, He was followed by the priest in ported for last year nearly \$1,000, which swered the question: "Why should incharge, who made a few remarks and was all expended on diocesan missions. fants suffer?" showing that it is the gave the benediction, thus bringing to Owing to the resignation of the Rev. a close a day of joy that ended 50 years | Hubert Grabau, its late missionary, it of the Church's life in this parish.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

sembled at Trinity church, Sunday vocation for the ensuing year are: Dean, morning, August 15, had a serious cause for alarm, of which, fortunately, all the Rev. W. G. G. Thompson; treasurer. present were ignorant at the time. A few minutes before the beginning of the service the sexton announced that beautiful specimen of Gothic architecthe congregation must leave the audi- ture, was erected a few years ago "to torium and the service would be held in the glory of God, and in loving memory." the chapel. No reason was assigned for the change, but after a few moments of astonished conjecture a rush was made for the smaller building, grandfather across the railroad. The which would contain only a portion of church and a magnificent mausoleum those present. It was subsequently of white marble, in which her body was learned that the large chandelier in the laid to rest, occupy nearly a square of main body of the house, which is made of brass and iron, and weighs several tons, had in some way become loosened and was deemed unsafe. On the dis- and walnut, the windows of richest covery of this state of affairs the congregation was requested to vacate, and to avoid a panic it was deemed best to assign no cause. The chandelier was kind. temporarily secured, and will be made perfectly safe before another service is held.

#### TENNESSEE.

Gallatin, on Tuesday, Aug. 10th, and remained in session till Thursday night, the following clergy attending: The Rev. Drs. Wm. C. Gray, and H. R. Howard, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas F. Martin, Wm. G. G. Thompson, Cabell invitations were issued and the building Martin, and J. W. Graff of the diocese of Northern Texas.

The services and meetings were held in the Baptist place of worship, kindly. The chancel had been profusely decoraloaned for the purpose, and were all attended by good congregations. On convocation sermon, from the words: "That they all may be one."

G. Thompson preached on "The Reas the basis from which it shall spring." At night there was Evensong with a sermon by the Rev. Cabell Martin, his subject being "The Spiritual Life."

On Thursday, Morning Prayer having been said previously at 9 A. M., there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 10:45 A. M., the sermon being preached by the Rev. T. F. Martin, the subject being, "The Life of the Christian as parish to the rest of paradise. The rectaught by the Church." 'At night the convocation closed with Evensong and sermon by the Rev. H. R. Howard.

each day, at one of which an essay was son, officiated at the services. At 7 read by the Rev. Dr. Howard, on Christianity and Socialism," which attracted a great deal of attention, it being an able defense of the theory that there should be no conflict between the two. Discussions took place in regard to missionary work and the Otey School.

The next meeting of this convocation will be at the church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville, on November 9th, the dean making the following appointments. Preacher of convocation sermon—the Rev. Wm. Graham, D. D.; Alternatethe Rev. P. A. Fitts; Essayist—the Rev. Thos. F. Gailor; Alternate—the Rev.F. A. Shoup. Leader of discussionthe Rev. W. G. G. Thompson; Alternate -the Rev. Chas. M. Gray.

ly conceded to be one of the most im- work that the babe fulfills in the Body ciently large to allow the rubric in the others in the brief time of a couple of

is now ready to receive propositions nocency of the Christ." from any seeking, work in this section Boston.—The large congregation as- of the country. The officers of the conthe Rev. Wm. C. Gray, D. D.; secretary, the Rev. C. M. Gray.

CLEVELAND.-St. Luke's church, a of Nina, a little daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. H. Craigmiles, who was killed by a passing train while riding with her ground, which is tastefully laid out and kept with greatest care. The interior of the building is finished in solid oak stained glass, the baptismal font of purest statuary marble, and every article of furniture the most perfect of its

August 5, being the anniversary of "Little Nina's" birthday, a splendid organ, just completed by the Messis. Pilcher, of Louisville, was opened with The convocation of Nashville met at | an inaugural recital given "in memoriam." Mr. Samuel Bradley, of Atlanta, assisted by musicians from Knoxville and Chattanooga, and the choir of the church, furnished the programme, which was one of unusual excellence. Special was thronged by friends of the family from far and near, making an occasion that will long be remembered by all. ted with flowers.

The organ occupies the room former-Tuesday night there was Evensong, at ly used as a vestry in the left transept, which the Rev. Dr. Gray preached the and presents a handsomely decorated front, which alone projects from the wall. At the close of the exercises, the On Wednesday, at 6:30 there was a rector, Dr. Flagler, formerly of Albany, Celebration, the dean being Celebrant. N. Y., made some well-chosen remarks After Morning Prayer the Rev. W. G. appropriate to the occasion-speaking of the organ as a completion of the union of Christendom, taking the Creeds purpose long cherished by the loving parents of a darling child.

COLUMBIA.—On Sunday, August 15, an interesting ceremony took place in St. Peter's church; the Rev. Geo. Beckett, rector, it being the occasion of the placing upon its altar of a cross, by the guild of the Holy Child, in memory of the children who have passed from this tor being on his vacation, the Bishop of Arkansas, who is now sojourning here, assisted by the late assistant of There were business meetings held this parish, the Rev. W. G. G. Thompthe Holy Communion. At 11 the services opened with a processional hymn by the excellent surpliced choir. Morning Prayer and Litany were then said by the Rev. W. G. G. Thompson, after which he retired to the vestry and with the help of one of the choirmen bore the massive cross to the altar and having placed it there, the priest presented it to the Bishop, who then used an appropriate prayer. After this "When I survey the Wondrous Cross." was sung.

> The Bishop then preached a most admirable sermon on the words, "They are without fault before the throne of God," in which he lovingly brought be-

babe and the babe alone that sets before the Christian world the "suffering in-

The cross was made by Geissler of New York, and perhaps may be pronounced as one of the most beautiful in this country. At the ends are the symbols of the four evangelists, while, in the centre, is a medallion bearing the sacred monogram. The whole is beautifully chased and carved with passion flowers. This makes the ornaments on the altar very complete, handsome large brass Eucharistic candlesticks having been placed there lately, as also vases: The work of the guild of the Holy Child, organized only last November, has been one of note; made up entirely of little girls, they are full of good works, such as ministering to the sick, and beautifying the temple. In the afternoon-the mission school of 60 children met in the parish church.

It is at this place that that school, so well known all over the South, -"The Institute".--is placed its prospects for the ensuing year are brighter than ever.

#### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

BLOOMSBURG.-The Rev. L. Zahner has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church, to accept a call to All Saints' church. Omaha, Nebraska. The vestry. in a complimentary letter accepting the resignation, thus speaks of the work accomplished:

Under your administration a church debt of long standing, amounting to \$3,500, was paid, and the church consecrated in 1882. This debt was incurred in the erection of the new church, and was a burden upon the parish when you entered upon your ministerial duties here. A new rectory was erected in 1884 at a cost of about \$6,000, and for this purpose nearly \$1,600 was raised mostly through your efforts. In addition to this, a fund of \$1,000 has been accumulated by the several guilds of the parish for the erection of a chapel, under your direction, and action been taken to secure additional funds sufficient to pay off our entire debt of about \$600, so that your successor will be able to enter upon his duties with a clean balance sheet.

#### MARYLAND. BISHOPS' APPOINTMENTS.

SEPTEMBER. 5. Mount Savage, A. M.; Frostburg, P. M. 6. Cumberland. 7. Westernport. 9. Hancock 10. Petersville. 12. Bel Air and Rock Spring, Harford Co. 13. Churchville, Harford Co. 14. St. Mary's, Emmorton, Harford Co.

Deer Creek-Parish, Harford Co. ... Rock Creek, A. M.; St. Alban's, D. C., P. M. During July the Bishop confirmed 100 persons, at 17 places. During the year, he has visited chapels as well as churches. He now requests the clergy hereafter to spare him labor by so arranging that all Confirmations may, so ish church. It will not only lighten his labors, but help to restore the true relations between church and chapelrelations which have, in many cases, been lost sight of in the present prevailing method of parochial affairs.

FREDERICK.—A brass lectern, the gift of Judge Maulsby, in memory of his departed wife, has been placed in the chancel of All Saints', the Rev. Osborne Ingle, rector. July 14, a class of 14 was confirmed here by the Bishop of the diocese.

At Evensong of Whitsun Day, in St. James's church, a beautiful carved

and bears the inscription: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Accompanying the font are a pyramidal cover of polished brass, with base of oak and a bucket of oak bound in brass. Both are good specimens of work and well executed. They were made by Geissler, of New York. The font is from the house of Cox Sons, Buckley & Co., London. All are in memory of Captain Gilbert Francis Dawson, R. N.

WOODVILLE.—Here, the Rev. Geo. W. Dame has succeeded in getting nearly completed and ready for consecration, a beautiful chapel.

ANACOSTIA .- For the new Immanuel, or rather, the old, reconstructed and enlarged, plans have been submitted. The Rev. Mr. Peck is rector. The present structure is considered unsafe.

BALTIMORE.—St. Michaels' and All Angels, Baltimore county, has reached the dignity of its 32d anniversary. The corps of clergy is the rector, Dr. A. J. Rich, M. A., and the Rev. Messrs. Wyatt and Trapier. But a handful began the work in 1854, and hard was the struggle against prejudice and hostility. Many remain to recall those days and to rejoice in the vast change which has come over the face of things since. At the late anniversary the Rev. Drs. Tennent and Leakin preached. There are now 200 communicants, and the two churches hardly hold the congregations. The pupils of the Hannah More academy attend St. Michael's, and Dr. Rich is open to every congratulation on the present and future of this parish.

#### DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON .- St. Andrew's; the Bishop's church," continues to flourish, footing up \$8,112, and rejoicing in 300 communicants. From the Sunday School alone \$400 have been contributed; from the offerings in church, \$1,290 (including subscriptions); miscellaneous alms, \$690; current expenses, \$4,900. The Rev. C. E. Murray is the assistant minister, and all things move on the old lines.

The city missionary, the Rev. Chas. Breck, in the fall of last year, began duty, and officiates here and there as duty calls, and sees the sick and others from house to house.

Calvary church here, the Rev. Mr. Latrobe, has collected \$1,548 and has 158 communicants, though losing of late some 20 or so by removals, yet has nearly made up the losses. Over an hundred are gathered into the Sunday School and gladly and lovingly instructed.

#### ALBANY.

A Retreat for the clergy of the Convocation of the Susquehanna was conducted by the Rev. Father Torbert, S.S.J.E., Aug., 11th and 12th at Christ church, Walton, the Rev. Reeve Hobbie, rector. The subject of the meditation was the Epistles to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. The instructions at noon were upon the use of the offices and upon the dealing with individual souls.

#### VIRGINIA.

The labors of the evangelist, the Rev. F. Stringfellow, are crowned with good success. At Eagle Rock, is one of the monuments of his zeal. Aided by the Rev. Dr. Stanger, of Ohio, and others, both locally and from a distance, Emmanuel has been built, and a goodly font of Caen stone was uncovered congregation gathered. In Burkeville, with an appropriate service of Ben- he organized another parish, -where, This convocation, which is now just- fore the notice of the congregation the ediction. The bowl of the font is suffi- aided by the Rev. Mr. Marshal and sprung up.

MANCHESTER.-The Rev. Jno. J Clopton, rector of the Meade Memorial, has here nearly 150 communicants. The and principles of both his old and new rectory fund was awhile since augmented by the sum of \$293.

At the two parishes of the Rev. Edmund W. Hubard, there would seem to be in the neighborhood of 70 or 80 communicants. A new and much needed roof has been placed on St. Stephen's, and the parish is out of debt.

ACCOTINK.—In Truro parish there are two churches, each in charge of the Rev. S. A. Wallis. Besides officiating at these points, he conducts periodical services at Burke's Station. About 50 communicants are enrolled. The former of the churches under the care of Mr. Wallis (Pohick) is historical and wellknown as that of which the father of his country was a member, and [now set beyond doubt by the discovery of the record] a communicant. About \$1,000 has, in all, been, for one object and another, obtained and spent.

LAWRENCEVILLE.—The colored work in this [Brunswick] county, goes bravely on. There are 66 colored communicants, of whom 27 were confirmed last year. The Rev. J. S. Russell does faithful duty in this place, besides having charge of St. James's, where there are nearly 40 communicants, and about as many children in Sunday school. The Rev. J. T. Harrison is a missionary

ABINGDON.-In few places, in proportion to opportunity, has there been wrought a more marked change in the condition of the community than here, by means of the active work of pastor and people.

In Campbell county, the Rev. Dr. Jaegar has charge of four points, Good Shepherd, Trinity, Lynch Station, and St. John's, all in Moore's parish, with 75 communicants. 'At Lynch's Station he has devoted great time and has been successful in the matter of a new church and the funds for it.

Petersburg.—The benefactions of the Rev. Dr. James Saul, almost a devotee in his interest in the welfare of the colored in this diocese, amount to some \$5,000 in gifts for houses and lands for the uses of this class of the citizens, in connection with the Bishop Payne Industrial and Divinity School here. The work among the colored continues to increase in magnitude and importance, and the diocese is solving it in the only way of which it is capable, by doing it while it is called day, for "the night cometh in which no man can work."

### MISSISSIPPI.

VICKSBURG .- One of the most interesting ceremonies ever enacted in a colon Sunday evening, July 25, it being the admission into said church and re-Baptism of the Rev. Gilbert Middleton, who, for many years, has been a leading minister in one of the colored Bapupon his part, in changing from the Baptist to the Episcopal Church, is of no sudden impulse, but one which has long been contemplated by him, in fact he has ever been termed by his congregation a "high Churchman." The services were conducted by the Rev. H. Sansom, of Christ church, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Adams, rector of Holy convert addressed the congregation Bride say, Come, etc."

years, a good and encouraging work has in an able and lucid manner, setting forth his reasons for taking the steps he had, showing clearly that he had studied thoroughly the creed, ritual sion two years ago, it is now a prosperfaith. The music upon this occasion was extraordinarily good, adding in a great measure to the solemnity of the sacred ceremonies. The church was admittance or seats.

#### CONNECTICUT.

The convention journal of this diocese furnishes the following items from the abstract of the episcopal address: Confirmed, 1,436; ordained to the diaconate, 7; ordained to the priesthood, 8; clergymen received into the diocese,12; clergymen dismissed from the diocese, 14; clergymen deceased, 4; candidates for Orders, 19; churches consecrated, 4; parishes, missions, chapels, and places visited, 140.

From the summary of parochial reports, we gather the following figures: Families-156 parishes and missions reporting, 15,697; Baptisms—infants,1728, adults, 375, total, 2,103; communicants present number, 22,354; Marriages, 575; funerals, 1,434; Sûnday school teachers. 1,896; scholars, 16,244; total disbursements, \$554,723.97.

#### MISSOURI.

A meeting was held on the evening of the 4th inst. at the residence of Mr, Gaius Paddock, St. Louis, with reference to forming a new parish in the western part of the city. Mr. Charles Shaw was elected chairman and Mr. Eugene Abadie, secretary. They will ask Bishop Tuttle to grant permission for a new parish and to define its boundaries. The persons interested in this movement have heretofore been connected with St. Peter's church.

Bishop Tuttle's appointment for September at Grace church, Kirkwood, should be Sunday 26th, instead of 20th, as given in last issue.

#### NEW JERSEY.

PERTH AMBOY.—Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Whitehead, mother of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, died on Saturday, Aug. 14th. She was a daughter of the late James Parker, and widow of the late Wm. A. Whitehead of Newark. The funeral services were held at St. Peter's church.

#### CALIFORNIA.

SAN DIEGO.—Bishop Kip recently visited this place—the most southerly point in his immense diocese, and only 14 miles from the Mexican boundaryand a series of very interesting services took place on Sunday, July 18th. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. A. G. L. Trew, Dean of Southern California, B. Restarick, rector, baptized four adults, two of each sex. The Bishop then proceeded to administer upon them and eight others, 12 in all, the laying on of hands. The Bishop's address was unusually impressive. The rector then tist churches of this city. This step proceeded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In the afternoon in the presence of the Sunday school, the rector baptized two children, and another adult, a gentleman from a distant part of his large field, who had been unable to be present in the morning.

In the evening the church was again packed to the doors, and the venerable Trinity church, who administered the Bishop preached an impressive discourse Baptism, after which the reverend upon the words: "The Spirit and the

very marked. It was a struggling misous and self-supporting parish, with with the church, as both buildings will stand on the same lot. Mr. Restarick is to be congratulated on his parish, and the parish is to be congratulated on its rector and his wife.

#### VERMONT.

The journal of the 96th annual convention gives the following summary of rectors' reports of statistics: Families, in 49 parishes, 2,076, individuals, 8,216; Baptisms, adults 135, infants 301, total in 45 parishes, 436; Confirmations, men 99, women 210, total in 40 parishes, 309; communicants, total in 52 parishes, 3,801; marriages, in 28 parishes, 95; burials, in 39 parishes, 187; Sunday school teachers, in 40 parishes, 252, pupils 1,852; total offerings, in 51 parishes, \$9,423.30.

#### AN OLD CHURCH.

In these days of change and progress it is seldom that, we have preserved to us intact such mementoes of the early is seen in the old church of St. James's, Goose Creek, in the diocese of South Carolina. Situated about sixteen miles from Charleston, the old church stands almost alone in the forest, the nearest dwelling being a quarter of a mile distant. It derives the name of Goose Creek from a stream near by which imparts its name to the surrounding country. St. James's was built about the year 1702, and remains to-day almost the same as it was one hundred and eighty-four years ago. The churchwas erected for the use of the wealthy planters of those early days; and its ministers were supplied from England.

The first of these, the Rev. Samuel Thomas, arrived in 1702, and was sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; he died in 1705,a few days after his return from a visit to England. The Rev. Francis Le Jau, D. D., arrived on October 15th, 1706; he was a canon in St. Paul's cathedral, London, and was sent by the same society. He died in 1717, and a marble slab in the aisle of the church marks the spot where he lies. The church is built of bricks brought from England, has a gabled roof and no steeple, the doors and windows are arched, and each surmounted with the special lessons being chosen; the second head and wings of a smiling cherub, or lesson being Acts xix: 1--8, relating the a flaming heart, made of stucco. The Baptism and Confirmation of the Ephe-interior remains unchanged since those ored church in Vicksburg, was that sian disciples. At its close the Rev. H. old days. The quaint, square, high-lieve what St. Paul so plainly teaches, reached by a spiral stair, while overhead hangs the ponderous soundingboard, looking much like the cover to a huge cup, which might fall and inclose the unfortunate minister in a strange prison. The table, pulpit, and reading desk, stand within the chancel rail, the inclosure being so small as barely to afford room for the minister to move around. The chancel-rail could scarcely accommodate more than eight persons kneeling at a time. The aisles are paved with blue and white flagstones, the flooring of the pews being and the large centre window is sur- their ministrations?

The growth of the Church in San mounted by the British coat-of-arms. Diego during the past year has been made of wood or stucco, and painted in brilliant colors; these colors have retained their freshness through all these years, never having been renewed since \$12,000 in hand with which to build a they were first put on. This coat-ofnew church and rectory. A suitable arms is said to have preserved the site has been procured and paid for, and church from destruction or desecration plans are now being drawn for a church by the British during the Revolution. crowded to its utmost capacity, in to cost when completely furnished The walls of the church are adorned fact, many came who could not gain \$10,000. The same architect will pro- with various tablets to the memory of vide plans for a rectory to harmonize some of the earliest members of the parish; some of these tablets are of stucco, highly ornamented and colored; from each side of one of these appear the faces of two chubby, bright-eved. and rosy-cheeked cherubs. The church is surrounded by a grave-yard which contains some very old monuments, and around this grave-yard can still be seen the remains of a deep ditch and high embankment, said to have been intended to keep out the wolves and other wild animals. The history of the church is very interesting, and there are several legends of the stirring days of the Revolution connected with it. The church is now but seldom used for divine worship, the country around being but sparsely inhabited, and the parish unable to support a minister. We hópe, however, that the good Churchmen in this diocese will always continue to preserve this old monument of the Church's early 'days in this country, from the destroying hand of time. days of our Church in this country, as and the desecration of irreverent vandals.

#### REVERENT CUSTOMS IN WORSHIP.

BY THE BISHOP OF NEBRASKA

There are those, doubtless, who are really devout and reverent in their sentiments, and who yet fail to express by outward gesture and deed that which fills the mind. Let us hope that this is the case with many worshippers in the houses of God in our land.

It is a blessed thing, however, to have the outward expression and demeanor correspond with the inward sentiment. Where these two things go together the impression made upon the beholder is surely more beneficial than when they are divorced; and to divorce them is to do violence to natural and God-given instincts, as a rule.

To kneel in prayer seems to be a natural and necessary expression of a prayerful frame of the mind. To lift up the body, with the heart and voice, in praise, seems to be just as natural and necessary. To indicate our reverence for that "name that is above every name," to show how dear and precious, and sacred a name it is to us, no more natural and proper action could be devised than that every "knee should bend."

There is, surely, due to the ministers backed pews are there; the tall pulpit is that they are "ambassadors for Christ," and "stewards of the mysteries of God-" there is surely due to them a very high consideration and respect, especially when engaged about their priestly functions in the sanctuary.

If we pay, as in many of our courts of justice we are required to pay, respect to the officers of the court, by rising when they proceed to their official duties; if we show marked respect to governors, and those in authority, no matter what their personal character may be, when executing their trusts, is it too much to ask that Christian people about two inches higher. The two should show a like respect to a divinely sides of the chancel wall are adorned ordered priesthood, when its represenwith gilt tablets of the Commandments, tatives enter or retire from the place of

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Realizing that all our good things are from God, and that they are entrusted to us as His stewards, when we give "alms of our goods," what more natural and right than that we should rise at the solemn presentations of our offerings before God, acknowledging with our lips that "of His own have we given Him," and bearing our part with the priest in the presentation of our almswhich have been procured by the labors of body and mind-yea, expressing our desire that God would accept of our souls and bodies which we lift up and present unto Him, as "a holy and living sacrifice?"

In approaching the "sacrament of so great a thing" as the Body and Blood of Christ, let us be careful, too, lest the gloved hand, the careless, thoughtless manner, the irreverent attitude, indicate, but too truly, to the earthly beholder, as well as to God who readeth the heart, that we do not discern the "Lord's Body."

Let us, rather, seek to manifest in every possible way our reverent regard for that Holy Sacrament wherein we plead before God the one sacrifice "whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins and are made partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven."

In all things pertaining to God's worship and God's house, we cannot give too marked and decided expression to that reverence which every devout soul must cherish. By such expression,—natural and hearty, let us hope that through the outward senses, the undevout and irreverent may be impressed and led to true reverence and devotion .-- The (Omaha) Church Guardian.

#### HENRY VIII. AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The popular objection to the Church in England and this country, because the alleged fact that Henry VIII. founded it, has so often attracted attention that we feel as if we were harping on a very old string in saying a word on the subject. But we remember that it is only by line upon line that truth is hammered into unwilling minds. We want to say a few words by way of hammering as hard as we

What does founding mean? It does not mean establishing, for that implies a previous founding. Henry did not even establish the Church of England. Henry did not How, then, did he found that which was established before his birth?

What acts of Henry show that he originated the Church of England? The bishops existed before, the ministers existed, the people existed, the dio ceses and the parishes existed, the canons, the government, the very convocations—all existed. The very titles to property remained unchanged.

Now, if all these things existed be

fore, and existed afterwards without being changed, it is folly to speak of his founding the Church. The prepara-tion of a new liturgy, the rejection of certain spurious laws and enactment or re-enactment of others, the cutting off certain excrescences—taking place while he was reigning—things done by the Church itself even more than by Parliament, these did not make him a founder.

Four comparatively recent laws were repealed, and the Pope had no legal authority either in the Church or State of England. This was the only change made in the government of the Church. There was no founding of something new in that. Grant the Pope's authority and we see rebellion; but deny the Pope's authority and we can make out nothing but a return to lawful conditions of existence. Identity is not destroyed under either supposition. In one case we should have the same old Church of England simply in a state of rebellion; in the other we would see her in her sovereign majesty dispensing jological and psychological laws.

with the rule of an unjust usurper.
Our whole issue is with Rome. The
denominations granting our right in the papal controversy must needs grant us to be the same old Church, only free of the corruption of the ages of darkness and ignorance.—Church Work.

THE TRUEST FRIEND OF MEN.

(A rejoinder to Alex. M'Lachlan's poem, "The Knights of Labor," in Grip, May 15th.)

In Grip, I see you say, dear sir, "The Church has been too long The bulwark of oppression, the Apologist of wrong," Go read your history again,

And con its lessons o'er; The Church has always stood between Oppression and the poor.

Before the crushing arm of might Unawed she's stood alone; She's braved the tyrant in his hall, The monarch on his throne.

When plague and famine stalked the land, Or fields were dyed with red, Like Aaron, saving, she has stood Between the live and dead.

She tamed the savage hordes that poured Across the Alpine wall, To batten on the eagle's spoils, In Rome's imperial fall: From out that wild and awful wreck

She brought the peace of home; The Church it was who conquered then The conquerors of Rome.

she led the barons in their strife Against the royal greed, And won the charter of our rights At graceful Runnymede; In James's reign the bishops braved The king's despotic power, And, lodged like common criminals,

Lay captive in the tower.

And in these latter days, go, ask Who cares for England's poor, In Devon's combes or grassy vales, Or Yorkshire's barren moor; Throughout the great Black Country, 'Mid smoke, and grime, and glare Where din of thousand workshops drowns

The rising voice of prayer? Who feeds the starving laborer By London docks, brings smiles To all that want and wretchedness Of Holborn and St. Giles? Amid the courts of Kennington, The slums of vile Soho,

The Church's consecrated priests Share half the weight of woe.

Through Minnesota's prairie plains Or broad Dakota land, Where Indian races die before The white man's blighting hand, The Church alone is brave to stay The hand of lust and might-For souls, themselves too weak to ple ad,

She pleads aloud for right. On Gaspe's strand, on Hudson Bay, Or in the dark tepee That dots the whilom hunting-grounds Of Blackfoot, Blood, and Cree,

The Church's priests toil patiently With hero heart and will, To save the men their fellow-men Would cheat, and crush, and kill.

How can you say in face of this, "The Church has been too long The bulwark of oppression, the Apologist of wrong?"

Go teach your Knights of Labor, Sir, Their lesson right, and then They'll know the Church, the foe of wrong, The truest friend of men.

-- From The Dominion Churchman.

#### BOOK NOTICES.

FORGOTTEN MEANINGS; or, An Hour with a Dic-

interesting collection of the etymological derivations of many familiar words, containing little that is new, but much that would remain unknown to most readers, unless brought to them in some such way as this. The Book of Exercises is for little children, or rather, for parents and other teachers, that little children may be trained in such a way that the senses may be developed rationally and in accordance with phys-

LA PLATA COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA. By E. J. M. Clemens. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.; Chicago; S. A. Maxwell & Co. 1886. Pp. 511. Price \$1.50.

The purpose of this book is stated in the dedication, to be that of "contributing to a better acquaintance with the rather than in the Zoological Garden, to foreign papers and magazines.

nations of La Plata," and, as far as the probably be accomplished. There is the volume, but an easy, narrative style will give to those interested many facts to do with the government, religion, peoples, in a pleasing manner.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Its Valleys, Hills and Streams; its Animals, Birds and Fishes; its Gardens, Farms and Climate. By Theodore S. Van Dyke. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert; Chi-cago: S. A. Maxwell & Co. 1886. Pp 233. Price \$1.50.

"Southern California" is a wonderful subject, and Mr. Van Dyke has written the best book on it that we have seen. That is not saying much, perhaps, because there has been no book published so far as we know, that covers just the same ground as this. But it would be difficult to find one better acquainted with his theme, or more able to discuss it in an entertaining manner, than the present author. Traveller, sportsman, agriculturist, fisherman-all will find herein valuable information, while those who are not included in these nor any other "practically" interested classes, will be glad to be taught in regard to a country about which the majority of people know only that it is a place of "big things." Not the least commendable feature of this new volume is its substantial binding, good paper, and clear type.

PSYCHOLOGY. The Cognitive Powers. By James McCosh, D.D., LL. D., Litt. D., New York: Charles Scribner's Sons: Chicago: S. A. Maxwell & Co. 1886. Price \$1.50.

This volume is published as a text book, being one of a series which its distinguished author designs to issue upon the science of psychology. The mention of the author's name is sufficient guarantee of the character and quality of the book. We have here the ripe fruit of thirty-four years of study and teaching upon this special topic. Our space is too brief to allow of such an extended notice as we should like to give our readers, but we will say at once that though the subject is one which is generally voted dull and difficult, there is neither a dull nor a difficult page in the entire book. Dr. McCosh is wellknown as the expounder and defender of realism, and as one who has enjoyed any degree of training in psychological studies follows his argument and weighs his propositions, he will recognize the force of the author's statement, "that the honest and careful study of the human mind in an inductive manner undermines the prevailing philosophic errors of this age; saves us from idealism on the one hand and agnosticism on the other; and conducts us to realism, which in a rude state was the first philosophy, and when its exlast." His treatment of sense-perceptionary. By Alfred Waites:

IMPROVEMENT OF THE SENSES. Exercises for young children. By Horace Grant. Boston: Lee & Shepard; New York: Chas. T. Dillingham. Price 50 cts. The former of these little books is an ciation of ideas is the clearest analysis ing-men in the British Parliament," by use of this volume as a text book will not be confined to our schools and colleges, but that it will be welcomed by the thinkers of America and Great Britain, as a valuable contribution in aid of the true philosophy of the human

> THEISM AND EVOLUTION; an examination of modern speculative theories as related to theistic conceptions of the universe. By Joseph S. Van Dyke, D. D., with an introduction by A. A. Hodge, D. D. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son; Chicago: S. A. Maxwell & Co. Price, \$1.50.

There is a certain class of religious people who are satisfied with finding

whom the theory of Evolution seems to book may find its way into the hands be a club with which science means to of the reading public, its purpose will dash out the brains of Christian faith, And there is also another class of benothing remarkably attractive about lieving thinkers for whom this doctrine (as old as human speculation) has such a fascination that, while they feel that its entertainment may be "naughty," customs, etc., of the South American they can not help confessing secretly to themselves, that it is "nice." Dr. Van Dyke, who seems to be thoroughly acquainted with the views of the advocates of Evolution, assures the timid individuals of the class referred to that this theory is not such a formidable affair after all. It is only a "working hypothesis" within its own proper limits. It can not tell how organic matter was evolved out of inorganic, nor give the clue to the origin of life, nor bridge any of the chasms that yawn deep and wide between man's physical and mental, between his mental and moral, and between his meral and religious natures. A working hypothesis that so utterly fails to account for the phenomena under consideration, and even in the domain of physical enquiry, is unable to find in nature's records for millions of years, either the "primordial germs" or the "moneron," or one single fossil bone or organ of the creatures that can prove the derivation of man from the monkey, somehow or other impresses one with the conviction that it is only a hypothesis, and moreover one that will not "work." The author further shows that so long as the doctrine of Evolution is confined to the limits of pure science, it is not antagonistic to the faith of either theists or Christians. It is only when it is regarded as a philosophic speculation, professing to account for the origin, causes and ends of all things, that it begins to threaten the Faith, and so far as its philosophy is concerned, it is but one of the countless speculations that have their little day and cease to be. The writer has undertaken to present an argument against those forms of the Evolution theory which seem to tend towards atheism, and to cover the whole field as connected with the origin of man, of matter, of force, of life, of mentality, of conscience; and while he has not so clearly defined, as we could wish, the limits beyond which science can not rationally pass, nor pass without conflict with Christianity, he has done much to calm unwarrantable fears on the part of Christians, and to place true philosophy and revealed religion upon a strong basis. We would heartily commend this book to the careful study of the large circle of general readers who are interested in the questions of man's origin and destiny and crescences are pruned off, will be the of his relations to God and to revealed religion.

Harper's Magazine for September is a strong number, richly and attractively illustrated The article on "Work of that interesting, but often confused, Mr. Edward Brown, illustrated by subject that we ever read. We trust the twelve portraits is a striking revelation of the force wielded in England by the Trades-unions. "The Reform of Railway Abuses," by Dr. R. T. Ely, is also an important paper.

> LEADING articles in The Atlantic for September are"The Saloon in Politics" by Geo. F. Parsons, "The Law's Partiality to Married Women," by F. G. Cook, "E. P. Whipple," by T. W. Higginson, and "French and English," by P. G. Hamerton.

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Some communists claim that the Church established, by the Apostles, under the direction of the Holy Ghost, a social and political communism, which lasted to the days of Constantine.

There is no doubt that our Lord taught a Gospel utterly opposed to the selfishness too common among us as to the use of property, men discarding the doctrine of stewardship of God. But the right of private property is native, and as such cannot be destroyed by any religion -certainly is not destroyed by Christianity, for its aim is to secure man's natural rights; material and spiritual, more perfectly, and to guide him more perfectly in the use of theri. The Church abandoned the communistic idea almost as soon as it took it up-long before Constantine's time.

It is significant that our day of rest stands at the beginning of the week, and not at the end. The Jews in their Sabbath looked back upon the week which that day completed. We on our Christian Sunday look forward to the new week which that day begins. The Jews rested on their Sabbath from work which they had done. Our rest on the first day of the week has reference to fresh work to be begun. In this view of the day we see that it has a very direct bearing upon the duty of worship which the Jewish Sabbath had not. For what is worship but sacrifice? And what is the Holy Eucharist but the sacramental pleading of the sacrifice of the death of Christ in which and through which "we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice?"

Thus while in the rest which the Lord's Day brings from ordinary work, we are recruiting our energies for the duties of the week before us, in the Eucharistic worship of the Lord's day we hallow the whole week in advance and dedicate ourselves afresh Hto is service.

recommended the appointment of a dangerous measure for the General committee of carefully selected spec- Convention to appoint a committee ialists or experts to take in hand the which should be empowered to call whole subject of liturgical revision, to its aid such persons as have beand to communicate with similar come recognized as authorities on committees in England and Scot-liturgical questions, the two eleland. But this proposition is greet-ments together forming a commised with smiles of derision on the sion which might produce really part of the advocates of the Book meritorious work. The original Annexed. "There is only one way committee might, in fact, be apin which these things can be done," pointed by the House of Bishops they say, "and that is by General from its own number. This, with Convention. If the Church wants the addition of eminent men, selectthe Convention to appoint a com- ed for their "peculiar knowledge" mittee of 'experts,' let her send on of the subject, would command the the 'experts.' If she does not do respect of the Church and would so, it may be taken as a proof that not be likely to make startling innoshe does not want 'experts' to be vations, or violate fundamental

meddling in the matter." of the politician, who well knows in former action for almost precisely that a class of men, who are not or- such a method as this. We fail to ators, or great preachers, or parlia- see in it anything revolutionary or mentary managers, are not the most destructive. We are loath to think likely to be sent in large numbers that it is visionary and unpractical. to a great representative assembly. It would certainly give the Church Then, too, a scholar of reputation the benefit of the best skill within throughout the Church, may unfor- her limits. Of course no one would tunately live in a diocese where the desire that such a commission narrowness of local party spirit con- should be clothed "with power," in trols all elections. Such a diocese the same sense in which the Mexican feels no duty toward the Church at Commission was so clothed. Every large, which is therefore deprived proposed alteration or addition or of services which might be invalua- any matured scheme of revision must ble in such an important work as be submitted to the action of Generthat now in progress. As an article al Convention, and if ratified there, in The Seminarian points out, "the laid before the Church and subseexpert" is not to be confounded quently passed upon again. This at with the mere doctrinaire, but is one least would be necessary under our who has particular knowledge of a present constitutional provisions; certain subject, and it is simply pre- but it is worthy of consideration, posterous to assume that, in a work whether it would not be wise to like the revision of the Prayer make such a change in the constitu-Book, it is a matter of indifference tion as that suggested by the Bishop whether the services of such persons of Iowa in his last episcopal address, are employed or not. The "practical politician" and the "practical use of offices or forms suggested by man" are not convertible terms, al- such a committee, for three years though it is apt to be assumed that before they are adopted as a part of they are. The politician will be our permanent liturgical system. sure to endeavor to bind us down to tive heath. 'The "practical man," devised of reaching them, even at nexed has been associated.

the sacrifice of some red tape. importance, and so unlike the ordinary matters of legislation with "specifically the American Liturgy which the General Convention has to do, it does not seem visionary to suppose that some methods may be employed a little out of the beaten track, and some new precedents established. Is it so impossible, or as a Church so intimately bound to even difficult, to devise a plan by the Church of England, we are at which the services of specialists may liberty to alter our common liturgy be secured, whether they are mem- in any material degree, without vio-

LITURGICAL SPECIALISTS. not? It would certainly not seem Many diocesan conventions have to the uninitiated a very radical or principles. We are not at all sure This is said with the shrewdness that there is no precedent to be found by which there may be a tentative

parliamentary methods and prece- moreover, being directed to confer think, that if those ends are admit- gerous spread-eagle Americanizing ted to be desirable, some way can be tendency with which the Book An-

As Bishop Bedell has wisely said, In a work of such exceptional it is most undesirable that we should so change our Book as to make it in use nowhere except within the bounds of our limited confederacy. Are we prepared for such a descensus?" And further, "It is a question of serious importance whether,

not fairly be argued that these considerations forbid us to move further in the matter of alterations until at least we shall have taken counsel with our brethren of the Church of England?"

We submit that the plan here described has a weight of argument in its favor which is not to be overturned by mere assertions that it is impracticable and visionary.

#### WORK BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

The close approach of the General Convention brings many questions to the front. This body has nearly always met heretofore when there was a so-called crisis in the Church, when the cry of a faction was louder than the voice of the Church collectively, when the heat of contention was seemingly greater than the quickening of the Holy Spirit. This year it will meet with the Church not in slumber but without an issue that seriously disturbs any one. The fate of the amended Prayer Book has already been substantially decided, and there is nothing else that is likely to be a bone of contention among brethren. There is much to thank God for in this condition of peace, but it is not a time in which we can take consolation to ourselves that there is nothing to do.

Has not the time come for a much wider outlook than has been taken both in regard to the religious condition of the country, in which we share the responsibility with others, and in regard to the work that we have to do in bringing the Church into line with the duties which it has to discharge to its own people? The testing of the fitness of the different denominations for the work of holding society together is one of the signs of the times. People are escaping everywhere from the old restraints, and life looks differently A committee of this character, to them from what it used to. It takes a much roomier organization dents, which he feels that he can with, and as far as possible, work in to hold them than it once did. It is manipulate. Here he is on his na- concert with similar committees ap- not that people believe less or are pointed by the convocations or less religious, but the demands of on the other hand, with his hard synods of the mother churches of life are changed, and we are changed sense, will look at the ends to be ac- England and Scotland, would prob- with them. But the methods of docomplished, and will be inclined to ably deliver us from the really dan- ing religious work have changed less than the social life of the people has changed, and, where these methods were factitious to begin with, the revolt is greater than the denominations are prepared for. Hence the present broken condition of religious society. It is this state of society with which the Church is to deal to-day. Our system is wider, freer, more elastic than that of others who have the same end in view as ourselves, and it is the privilege of the General Convention to take note of this fact and, in any possible legislation that may place the Church in closer relations with the bers of any particular convention or lating an implied contract. May it people, to set its face in the right

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do this, but the atmosphere of the two that the Church has yet to meet the houses in convention assembledthe spirit of their discussions-is better than legislation so far as permissive policy is concerned. This kind of action is of great importance when so much that was once fixed in the life of Protestantism is now unsettled and ready for new relations. It is manifestly for our interests to be as open and cordial as possible to all sorts and conditions of men, and if our present Christianity is to be more efficient than it has been, its life, he addressed himself to the preparefficiency must come from that wholesome strength which the Church has always developed wherever in our American communities it has secured a fair foothold. The Church does not need to lower its tone to be more useful, but to widen its range of sympathy with what is best in our common religious life. It is here that the different denominations aphelpful to one another.

The other work before the Church concerns our own household. It is not specially the province of the Convention to increase the working efficiency of our parishes, and yet it is greatly in its power to widen the field which the parish is supposed to cover. The tendency in this country is to ignore the place of the family-in the Church and to dwarf the efficiency of Christian education. The school and the family do not give the parish church the support that is necessary for the proper discharge of its functions, and again the pastoral work is done too much with the young and too little with those who have the natural care of the young in the home and the school. The drift among all Christians has been in the direction of individualism. The end sought has been to build up the man, but men have not learned how to use the man in building up society. This neglected work must be taken up on a larger scale, and with the enthusiasm of the Apostolic days, if our communities are to be kept Christian. The Church can not do everything in the General Convention, but it can give the direction in the Christianity of America, and it is out of the large deliberations of such a body that the wisdom is reached that secures intelligent and concerted action.

If in either of these directions or in both, the approaching Convention shall take knowledge of the signs of the times and shall see things in a large way, the best auguries may be had for the future. It is in the power of the bishops, who are intended to be the originating party in the business of the Convention, to use their large experience and their freedom of consul-

direction. It may not seem easy to tation to this end, and it is just here expectations of the Christian people of the United States.

#### THE CALL OF THE MOTHER CHURCH.

BY THOMAS E. GREEN.

V.—THE CHURCH AND THE BIBLE. Near the ending of the first century, St. John, the last of the holy Apostles writings. These were partially successon the earth, was living at Ephesus, ful, but in every instance later writwhere he had come after his return ings, highly esteemed for learning and from exile to the rocky island of Patmos. While here awaiting the end of ation of several manuscripts, among them an account of the words and works of our Blessed Lord, and a relation of the wondrous visions he had witnessed during his exile. He also wrote three short epistles, two of a general character | began under Diocletian. By imperial which were given to the Ephesian enactment the Christians were ordered Church, and one to Gaius, probably a bishop of some adjacent Church. In the year'98 the beloved A postle passed peacefully to his reward in the Paradise of God. The Gospel, and the Book of the proach one another at a point where Revelation together with at least the they can be true to themselves and first Epistle, were in the keeping of the Church at Ephesus;—the second and third epistles in the hands of those to whom they were addressed. During the lifetime of our Blessed Lord, He had constantly appealed to the Jewish Scriptures, both for maxim and proof of His divine mission. The Early Church, devout in its Jewish reverence, had constantly therefore accepted the Jewish Scriptures as the inspired Word of God, and as the Faith extended, these ancient writings had been widely spread, as chief evidences by virtue of fulfilled prophecy of the divinity of Christ. During the first fifty years of the Church's life, several of the Apostles and of those connected with them, had written treatises of Christian doctrine, or accounts of the life of our Lord. Coming from such holy hands, these were naturally prized and reverenced by all who perused them. The Churches who were their custodians held them as the very Word of God. Thus it came to pass that the Church at Ephesus possessed in addition to the Jewish Scriptures, a letter from St. Paul written from Rome in the year 58, together with the work of St. John in 96 and 97. The Church at Corinth had two epistles from St. Paul, written in 57 and 58; the Church at Colosse had one written in 62. St. Matthew had written at Jerusalem in probably 53, an account of the Life of our Lord that had obtained a wide circulation: St. Mark had written in 62 a supplemental Gospel, and St. Luke in 59, followed by his record of the Acts of the Apostles in 70. Almost which we are to move as a part of individual book of apostolic authorship, from Rome with its letter from St. Paul, to Antioch where St. Peter's letters were highly venerated. From the widespread character of his missionary labors, St. Paul was by far the most prolific author, having written no less than fourteen different letters. After the death of St. John writings of the same character continued to be written in great numbers. They who had seen and been taught of the Holy Apostles, wrote memoirs of their lives, and bishops wrote epistles, the writings of the Apostles. They

related, and were placed side by side them were carefully made and exchangthe Church thus was centered upon the fact that the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the promise of the Lord, had inspired the Apostles, and that these writings were the offspring of that inspiration. Probably about A. D. 170, there were several movements, chiefly among the Asian Churches, to collect all of the apostolic sanctity, were added. No two such collations were of course alike. Each Church, or at any rate each section, had a collection of apostolic writings, but any local attempt to decide as to the rightful list, failed for lack of information. Finally, near the end of the third century, the great persecution to give up all their sacred writings and to cease from any assemblies. The emphasis of persecution was thus given to the questiou: What are the apostolic Scriptures? Upon the mind of the Catholic Church, the Holy Ghost now wrought His work of illumination and guidance, teaching discrimination between the rightfully inspired and the merely true or good Scriptures. Gradually the apostolic writings were separated from the other manuscripts, and finally the Synod of Laodicea, held in the year 370, made a list of the rightfully called apostolic writings, omitting, however, the Revelation. In 397 the council of Carthage, met, and as a council, expressing the mind of the whole Church, it was infallibly guided, and identified the canon of New Testament Scripture. Sealed thus, by the witness of the Holy Catholic Church, the New Testament was for the first time an organic fact, but not until four centuries after the Holy Catholic Church began its life. Its twenty-seven books became now a history of a remote time, to whose narrative the Fathers appealed, as showing the constant continuance of the Church in the Faith once delivered to the saints.

From this brief narrative there are some important practical conclusions,

First—The historical relation of the Church and the Bible is very emphatically shown. The wide-spread Protestant notion is, that the New Testament was written, and that upon its statements and directions the Church was framed. A single glance at this history shows that the Church was older by hundreds of years than the New Testament, and older by a score of years than the earliest of its books. The Catholic Church baptized thousands and taught them the Faith before the civilized world. Her system, her ministry, her sacraments, her entire life, were fully matured and bearing the most perfect fruitage, before there was any New Testament.

Again, we may see now that the purpose of the New Testament was not to define a foundation for a Church about to be constructed, nor to construct a connected account of all the detail of Christian Faith and practice, but the rather to preserve in permaby way of encouragement or reproof, to nent and convenient form, certain the Churches under their care. But of the more salient points of defininone of these possessed the sanctity of tion, both positive and negative, by

tles. There might thus be two distinct with the Jewish Scriptures. Copies of lines of proof, the voice of Inspiration, and the voice of Pentecost; the witness ed among the Churches. The faith of of the written Word, and of the Catholic Church. So long as the Church remained Catholic, the records were the same. Down to the last general council no trace 'of error had crept in; the Church still paralleled the Scripture; the promise was fulfilled; the apostolic fellowship was guided unto all truth.

> Finally, it is evident that these two activities of the Holy Ghost so supplement and interpenetrate one another as to be inseparable. The Church and the Bible cannot be separated. For just as fully as the New Testament gives its witness to the faith of the Church, just so fully, even more so, must the Church give witness to the Scripture. Indeed, the Church's witness was the voice that gave authority to the organic Scriptures, and is our only proof to their genuineness. From this follow two conclusions; first, that Catholic tradition, if it be truly Catholic tradition, has identically the same authority as Holy Scripture. It is the creation of the same Spirit, in a different function, and from even an older earthly source. It is the voice of the living Church of God, and to it, as to the written Word of God, is given the grace of infallible truth. Moreover the very paucity and incompleteness of Holy Scripture, point to Catholic tradition as its complement in the perfect whole of revealed truth. First, the Church, fully made, completely equipped, infallible so long as it maintains Catholic unity; then the Scripture, infallibly written, given to the Church, to be stamped with the seal of the authority of the Church, and used by her, for the evangelization of the world.

And the second conclusion is a reproof to all that vast multitude of book worshippers, who having learned the absurd cry: "The Bible and the Bible only," commit logical suicide by rejecting the authority of the very church that gave them their Bible. To trace the genealogy of the so-called Bible-Christians, is but to recount the weary years of sectarian heresy and schism. It has all grown from that appalling mistake of the Reformation that instead of turning against the errors of Rome, the power and authority of true Catholicity, began to train men to be sharpshooters, fighting Rome with the small shot of individual judgment. Private judgment has no part in the declaration of absolute truth. As well talk of private judgment respecting the revolution of the earth, as concerning Catholic dogma. They are both part of the "nature of things." Look at the Protestant world to-day. Some man develops a philosophical theory of things. It grows on him, until it becomes the each of the great Churches had an the first word of the New Testament coloring matter in his eyes and sets the was written, and before its last book | chords for his ears; he takes the Bible was finished, the Church had covered and by a prejudiced searching and interpretation, he makes the Bible suit and sustain his position. He thereupon teaches it, and claims it as Bible truth. He says: The Bible teaches it. His interpretation of the Bible does teach it. You have the rationale of every sect under heaven. They are all taught in the Bible, as they interpret the Bible. How shall you answer such a man? Your faith is at variance with his, you want to disprove him, and assert yourself. You say, or the Protestant world says: "Appeal to the Bible." He has done that. You say: "His interpretation;"he answers: "Yours; -and mine is which the Church might in after days just as good." What are you going to were held as authoritative sources of take her bearings as regarded her per- answer? How shall the "Bible only" appeal on all questions to which they severance in the doctrine of the Apos- disciple prevent chaos, and spiritual anarchy? The world is near enough ary activity, at once so noble and so that now. What can save it? Plainly painful. Time glided away, however, not the "Bible only;" plainly not that and the examiner did not make his ap-Protestantism that says "the Bible, our pearance. But at last, when the hour only rule of faith and practice." The of eleven had arrived, he entered, and same authority that gave the Bible, the same Spirit that inspired it, must be its interpreter. Such was the promise to the Catholic Church. "He shall guide you into all truth." (St. John xvi: 13). Such was the fact during eight centuries of blessed Catholic life. From those eight centuries must come the voice that alone can interpret Holy Scripture, that alone can define faith. Catholic consent is the test of doctrine; Catholic teaching is the key to Holy Scripture; "Catholic dogma is the antidote of doubt."

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE CHURCH IN PERSIA. To the Editor of The Living Church.

The friends of the Archbishop's mission to the Assyrian Church are naturally much interested in the efforts recently made by the two Persian students in the General Seminary, Mr. Dooman and Mr. Neesan, to awaken interest in the Assyrian Christians. At the same time some anxiety is felt amongst us, lest the object of our American allies should prove to diverge considerably from that of the Archbishop. Mr. Isaac Dooman has been admitted to Holy Orders in the American Church. In what light will he be regarded by his countrymen on his return? What will be his position politically and ecclesiastically? Will he goout as an American citizen, or as a Persian or Turkish subject? Is his Persian Prayer Book intended to be the basis of an "American Uniat Church" among the Nestorians? Any creation of new ecclesiastical organizations and divisions would be directly in conflict with the scheme of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and with the instructions given to Mr. Browne and Canon Maclean; as well as with the aspirations of English Churchmen since the time of Bishop Andrewes, for the rescue and union of the Churches of the East.

W. R. CHURTON.

#### THE TRIAL.

To the Editor of The Living Church:

In reading not long since L'Avenir, a French journal, published in Philadelphia, by the Rev. Dr. Miel, I came across the following brief narrative, which I take the liberty to translate for

THE LIVING CHURCH: Some ten years ago, a student connected with a missionary school in Germany, asked that he might be permitted to have his final examination some weeks before the ordinary time of the session, in order that he might get the sooner to his work. Being a seriousminded Christian and filled with the love of work, he had secured the esteem and affection of his teachers, and the examiner well knowing the extent of his attainments, was convinced long before the appointed time, that the young candidate was capable of replying to the most difficult questions. The examination was appointed to take place at 9 o'clock in the morning, and at the very moment that the cathedra! clock was striking that hour, the young man entered the study of the examiner. At that solemn hour, his heart was tranquil, and his head perfectly calm, for he had prepared himself for the ex-

after casting a scrutinizing look upon the young man, requested him to be seated in a chair opposite to him. Then with the greatest seriousness; he put to him the following questions: "Do you know how to write?" ."Yes, sir," simply replied the candidate. "Have the kindness, then, to write your name!" "Very well, and do you know how to read?" The same reply was made and in the same tone of voice. "Well, read this;" and the examiner handed him a spelling book, opened at the first page. Without manifesting the least impatience, the young man read the column of words indicated. "And now, young man, let me ask, in the last place, have you a knowledge of mathematics?" 'Yes, sir." "You have answered me yes; will you then please tell me how many two times two make?" "Four, sary to prevent accidents. If you take the chalice by the foot and guide it, you will find no difficulty in sir." The examiner then arose, and receiving. People are often very careless, and acsir." The examiner then arose, and pressing in his own the hand of him whom he had subjected to an examination so singular, not to say more, he said to him in an agitated voice: "My young friend, permit me to congratulate you on having passed victoriously through a trial which I believed it my duty to impose upon you. I am now confident that the missionary work to which you are from this day admitted, will find in you a valiant servant. For the man who knew how to wait two hours without losing his serenity of temper, and whose self-love did not revolt at questions so elementary as those which I put to you, is worthy, by his humility and obedience to the commandments of the Lord, to work in His vineyard. May He keep you in these sentiments, and bless your labors!"

The pastor who related to us this fact, had occasion, some months since, to meet with this missionary at Basle; he was able to convince himself that he had kept the promises of his youth, and that the prayer of the German minister in his behalf, had been heard.

W. E. V.

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The Rev. Joseph Sherlock, deacon, has been assigned by the Bishop to duty in Mt. Calvary church, Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. T.G. Jackson has become rector of All Saint's, Baltimore.

The Rev. Geo. W. Harrod, B.D., rector of St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md., is in Europe, and the Rev. A. V. Colston, of the diocese of Iowa, is officiating during his absence.

stead of the Rev. Dr. W. A. Hyland, who resigned in order to become a member of the Standing Com-mittee in place of the late Dr. Lewin, the Canons disallowing a presbyter to be at once occupant of each position.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Paret, Bishop of Maryland, is rusticating off the shores of Massachusetts.

The Rev. F. M. Gibson has resigned charge of the church of the Holy Innocents, Baltimore, and accepted an election to the rectorship of Grace church, Elkridge, Maryland.

Address the Rev. P. B. Peabody after September st; at Austin, Minn.

The Bishop of Long Island has been spending some little time at the Catskills.

The Rev. John Graham having accepted a call to the rectorship of St. John's parish, Marietta, Pa., desires all mail addressed accordingly, after Sep-

The Rev. Dr. Leffingwell and the Rev. E. H. Rudd sailed from Old Mission on the Argo, and arrived in Kenosha last Monday. They have been as far

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MRS. E.H., TEKONSHA, MICH. - There is no! form of That book is for public worship rather than for use as a manual of private prayer. A good form for grace at meals may be found in Psalm cxlv: 15, 16, with the Gloria Patri.

M. D. G., NEW YORK.-The rubric directs that the cup shall be delivered into the hands of the communicants. This does not forbid the minister to retain his hold of the vessel, which is often necessidents are liable to occur with the careful. Hence the clergy who are careful, generally adopt the pre caution of retaining hold upon the chalice while they deliver it into the hand.

J. T .- Your fallacy lies in premising that Baptism is essentially a sacerdotal act. From the earliest days of the Church Baptism with the proper matter and form has been allowed by the Church, even when it was administered by laymen or schismatics. On the contrary, the Holy Eucharist can only be celeprated by a priest or bishop, because it is a sacrifice. Baptism by a schismatic is valid, though irregular and the Church has allowed it, and also lay Baptism even when performed by a woman, because it is the sacrament of primary necessity in order to claim a share in the promises of the Christian Covenant. In regard to the Eucharist, when the sacrificial action has been completed by a priest. It can be admin-istered, i.e. distributed, by a deacon, and in the early ages the faithful were allowed to reserve and take It home to administer to themselves and their families during persecution.

THE ABBE GRATRY, writer, theologian and philosopher, Professor of Moral Theology at the Sor-bonne, Member of the French Academy and Priest of the Oratory, was born at Lille, 1805, and died at Montreux, 1872. He was a liberal priest: "one of that family," says M. de Marade in 'The Revue des deux Mondes, Dec. 1, 1862, "whose reason, illuminated and strengthened by faith, combats that reason which has gone astray in the entanglements of its excessive uncontrol." For long years he worked at the 'Summa' of Thomas Aquinas with a view to bring it abreast of modern science. In 1870 he pub-lished the two celebrated letters in which with rare erudition, he assailed the claim of papal infallibility, proving from history that any claim further than that to a primacy rests upon false documents, and he attacked with great vigor the Ultramontane School which he regarded as the enemy of the Church. While he was congratulated upon this work by Bishon's Dupanloupe, of Orleans, Stross mayer, of Bosnia. David, of St. Brieux, and several other eminent prelates, he was violently denounced by the partisans of infallibility. The Bishop of Strasbourg, in an order dated at Rome, Feb. 19, 1870, condemned these letters and forbade them to The Bishop of be read in his diocese. When the council proclaimthe infallibility dogma, Pere Gratry bowed his head and strove only to be forgotten. Shortly be-fore his death he wrote to the Archbishop of Paris a public retraction of what he had written against the infallibility, retired to Montreux, and died there His works are various, and all excel in clear 1872. His works are various, and all excel in clearness, style and thought. His Philosophie, du Credo was published in 1861. The works which procured nim his fauteuil in the academy, were "La Paix," "Les Sources," 1861-2 (Counsels as to the Culture of the Mind), and Commentaires sur St. Matthew, 1863. "The familiar idea of the author is that the reform of the world can only be realized by the individual regeneration of man, which can only be accomplished under the influence of the Christian. accomplished under the influence of the Christian idea, whence flows every notion of truth and jus

#### OBITUARY.

WHITEHEAD. - Entered into Life Eternal on Saturday, August 14th, 1886, aged 77, Margaret Elizabeth, widow of William A. Whitehead, late of Newark, N. J., and mother of the Bishop of burgh. Interment at St. Peter's churchyard, Perth Amboy, N. J.

BOUVET .- Fell asleep, on Monday, August 16th, BOUVET, Fell asleep, on Monday, August 16th, 1886, at the residence of her son-in-law, the rector of St. Mark's, Anamosa, Adelphine Jeanne Bouvet, late French teacher at St. Mary's School, Knoxville, 1il., in the 60th year of her age and in the Communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

MASSEY.-Entered Paradise, from his earthly home, August 7th, 1886, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable religious and holy hope; in favor with God, and in perfect char ity with the world, the Rev. J. rector of St. John's church, Rochester, N. Y., aged

#### A WARNING.

amination by prayer and conscientious work, and he left to God the care of guiding him through the day, and of permitting him, if He judged it good, to soon enter upon a career of mission-STAMFORD, CONN., August 20th, 18 6.

them. If these letters should come into the hands of any of the clergy, I would request that they be detained, and forwarded to me.

Commissary of the Bishop of Jamaica.

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#### THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN KNIGHT

Suggested by meeting Lewis A. Kemper as a boy nearly forty years ago, and now, inscribed to his memory by the author,

A fair and innocent girl (I once thought) in her fresh young gentleness

Was earth's most lovely sight; And her hair's wavy curl,

As the soft breezes kissed each flowing tress, "

Seemed to catch heaven's own purity and light.

In th' unskilled days gone by There sure was naught, it seemed, more fair to see In all this earthly sphere!

Thought captured by the eye Misjudged the soul of this dear mystery, Nor read truth's lêsson with an eye severe

But now-a virtuous boy, (Me seems), well nurtured in all Christian

Filled with courage and life, Strength to do right, and joy In every battle for God, his blooming youth Moving unharmed amid life's passionate strife,

Is yet a lovelier thing, Grander and nobler. 'Twas to such as this The holy John appealed, He of the eagle's wing, Who on His Master's bosom leaned in bliss

And highest of his Master's words revealed. "To you I write, young men, Because ye are strong and ye have over-

come The wicked one," saith he.

His spirit's faultless ken Discerns and shows virtue's pre-eminent

In strength that gains o'er all things mas-

But chiefly over self, O'er lust and laziness, o'er pride and hate, work of the highest interest. Holding with steady hand The rem upon that elf-

The natural man-with mien grave and sedate.

Still keeping that wild beast under com-

Shame is it to your name, For that she mostly is Purer, more free from blame In the things that too often drag thee low, Betrayed to vice and weakness with a kiss.

Then youth, O boy, be strong! Watch by thy armor, young Knight, fasting, praying.

Recall the strength that's thine Away from wine and song, From scenes of dalliance where thou'rt idly straying,

And brace thee in the knightly-lists to

Be chaste as any girl In inward thought-in all thy acts be clean: Be temperate in all, Let not thy passions whirl, Drown reason and obscure thy vision keen; Reverence thyself, whatever hap befall.

O knightly, princely boy, Knightly with knightly virtues, manly vigor,

Be thoughtful, strive to know Thyself. Thy hours employ In study or exercise; let kindly rigor Still be thy guide the nobler path to show.

So, devoir fairly done, Faith kept and chastity and temperance, Well used thy knightly arms And many a hard field won, Thou shalt receive thy Sovereign's gra-

cious glance, His "Well done," 'mid the dying world's

Cornwall, N. Y.

THERE are 20,000 Czechs, natives of Bohemia, in New York City. A few of them attend the church of Rome.

HERE is a truly Irish extract from an Irish paper: "So long as Ireland was silent under her wrongs, England was deaf to her cries."

An old parish clerk was courteously thanking a Church dignitary for kindly taking, on emergency, a village service: "a worse preacher would have done for cluded in the large collection, which us, sir," he said, "if we had only known where to find him!"

A BAPTIST minister in a Baptist weekly comes out strongly for trine immersion, and was delighted to see Bishop Doane of Albany pour water on the head three times at a certain "christen-

"History of English Literature," the Bishop of Orleans pronounced the book irreligious and immoral, because the author denied free will preached fatalism, slighted the Fathers of the Church, and historian of Berlin and the Governor of distinctly commended the Anglican Alsace-Lorraine were intimately asso-Book of Common Prayer.

"WHAT is all this talk about home rule in Ireland?" asked Mrs. Homespun. "It is an endeavor," replied Deacon P. "on the part of the Irish to get control of affairs in Ireland." "Mercy!" exclaimed the simple old lady, "what do they want to do that for? They've already got control of affairs in America. Isn't that enough to satisfy them?"

painter, has left a book of autographic longing to Sanson, the notorious headssketches and manuscripts. This valuable volume has been preserved under the name of the "Codice Atlantico," at has prefixed to each volume a summary the Biblioteca Ambrosiana at Milan. It of the contents. It appears that during has not been published, but the Italian 25 years he executed 7,143 capital sen-Government has now decided to issue it tences, being an average of 217 executhrough the Academia dei Lincei at Rome. The sum of 100,000 lire is allotted to defray the expenses. It will be a

MR. W. A. MACDONALD, who contested West Islington with Mr. Richard Chamberlain, and has since been returned unopposed for the Ossory division ed execution through the heroism of his of Queen's County, is quite blind, having lost his sight from cold when he O youth, that woman is more rair than thou was at the age of 13, and was commencing the study of Greek. Notwithstanding this serious deprivation he continued his studies, and gained, after a severe competitive examination, a sizarship in Trinity College, and subsequently a scholarship and first classical honors.

> "YEARS ago," says a writer in The Nineteenth Century, "had one walked into almost any poor but respectable man's room in the kingdom, one would probably have found two books at least -the Bible and the Pilgrim's Progress. Now it is to be feared that very few working men and women read the Pilgrim's Progress, and the Bible is far from being what it was-the book of the home. For this, the propagation of Sunday newspapers is largely to blame."

In a book called "Authorship and Publication" some curious titles, selectas-"Eggs of Charity, laid by the chickens of the covenant, and boiled in the water of Divine love. Take ye and eat." Some fine Biskets baked in the oven dwarfs in holiness.".

IT is not yet settled which of the late Leopold von Ranke's pupils shall write the life of the historian. At present the literary remains and correspondence of the deceased are being looked up. The correspondence will in all probability prove of remarkable interest, so extensive were Ranke's relationships with literary and scientific men of various countries. Letters from Macaulay, Carlyle, and Thiers, to Ranke are inwill have to be classified and sifted. Ranke's letters to Goethe have been found at Weimar. In the historian's papers only one letter of Goethe's is said to have been discovered. It was written to Zelter; and in it Goethe asks where the young Professor Ranke is, and seeks further information about him. Goethe and Ranke often exchanged ideas after WHEN Henri Taine published his this, though the former seldom corresponded. The richest treasure trove for the future biographer will be found to be Ranke's correspondence with General Manteuffel. For thirty years the ciated. Since, too, Ranke used to correspond with two Prussian Kings, some: thing of interest will certainly be found in that direction as well.

THE city of Paris has become lately the possessor of a remarkable collection of documents, which will have great interest in years to come for historical investigators. This was the series of death warrants, extending from 7th LEONARDO DA VINCI, the great Italian April, 1808, to 8th December, 1832, beman of the Revolution. The collection was bound up in 19 volumes, and Sanson tions in each year-rather a busy life. During the 25 years he only twice ascended the scaffold without a fatal result-once in 1815, when General Count Lavalette was to have been executed for complicity in the return of Napoleon, but escaped the night before his intendwife. The second time was in 1817, when Philippe-Jean Antoine, a noted coiner, was respited at the last moment by Louis XVIII.

An interesting literary relic has lately come to light in New South Wales. It is a copy of "The Whole Duty of Man" which formerly belonged to John Adams, the celebrated mutineer of the Bounty. By him it was given to his son, and in the course of time passed to his grandson, from whom Mr. Wilkinson, of Sydney, the visiting magistrate of Norfolk Island, had it. In the last they had. So much used was it that the covers are quite worn, and the binding ed by Puritan writers, are given, such has given way. Adams repaired it with a rude string manufactured from the bark of the burdoa tree, which grows chickens of the Church, the sparrows of formed the ritual of the community in the Spirit, and the sweet swallows of its early days. Mr. Jonathan Adams, Salvation." "A reaping hook, well the grandson of the original owner, gave tempered for the ears of the coming up the book that it might be preserved

#### THE QUEEN'S CORONATION.

Just now, when we are celebrating the commencement of the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's happy reign, it may not be out of place to remind our readers of what took place just forty-eight years ago, when, on June 28, 1838, the Queen was crowned in Westminster

From the official "Form and Order of Her Majesty's Coronation" we learn that the Queen was to enter by the west door of the church, and that, passing up "through the body into and through the choir, and so up the stairs to the theatre," and then "kneeling at the faldstool set before her chair," and, after sitting down in the chair, "not in her throne," was "there to repose her-

Being thus placed, an anthem having been sung during the procession, there took place what is styled "the Recognition," which is thus described: "The Aichbishop of Canterbury turneth to the east part of the theatre, and after, together with the Lord Chancellor, Lord High Chamberlain, etc., goes to the other three sides of the theatre in this order, south, west and north, and at every of the four sides, with a loud voice, speaks to the people; and the Queen in the meantime, standing up by her chair, turns and shows herself to the people at every of the four sides of the theatre as the archbishop is at every of them, and while he speaks thus to the people: 'Sirs, I present unto you Queen Victoria, the undoubted Queen of this Realm; wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage. are you willing to do the same?" " the people, we are told, signify this willingness and joy by loud and repeated acclamations, all with one voice crying out:

"God save Queen Victoria!" Then the trumpets sound.

The Queen next, "going down to the altar and kneeling upon the steps of it," made what is called her first oblation, which was "a pall or altar cloth of gold," and "an ingot or wedge of gold of a pound weight." These having been presented by the Archbishop in her name, the Queen returned to her chair, and knelt at her faldstool while the Litany was read by the two bishops.

At the end of the Litany the first part of the Communion service was taken, with a special Epistle and Gospel, followed by a sermon, which was heard by the Queen sitting in her chair with the Bishops of Durham and Bath and Wells standing on either side of her.

The sermon being ended, the Archbishop put three questions to Her Majesty, the third being this:-"Will you, to the utmost of your power, maintain the laws of God, the true profession century the book was issued with the of the gospel, and the Protestant Re-Bible to seamen in the Royal Navy, formed Religion established by law? amongst others to the men of the And will you maintain and preserve in-Bounty, and a copy was amongst the violably the settlement of the United mutineers' effects when they settled on Church of England and Ireland, and Pitcairn Island, and was long the only the doctrine, worship, discipline, and means of religious instruction which government thereof, as by law established within England and Ireland and the territories thereunto belonging? And will you preserve unto the bishops and clergy of England and Ireland, and to the churches there committed to their on Pitcairn. The part of the book which | charge, all such rights and privileges shows most use is the collection of as by law do or shall appertain to them of Charity, carefully conserved for the prayers at the end, which evidently or any of them?" To which the Queen replied: "All this I promise to do;" and then rising out of her chair and going to the altar, she made her solemn oath "to observe the promises," laying her crop." "Hooks and eyes for believers' as a memorial of the mutiny of the right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the breeches." "High-heeled shoes for Bounty and the subsequent incidents great Bible, which was tendered to her in the strange career of the mutineers. by the Archbishop as she knelt upon I have here before promised I will per-Majesty thereupon kissed the Book and signed the oath.

The anointing, or Consecration of the peculiarly impressive. While the Queen knelt at the chair on the south side of the altar, the choir sang the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," and then after a prayer for her sanctification and strengthening, she rose, and putting off her crimson robes sat down in King Edward's chair, there was annointed "on the crown of the head and on the palms of both the hands," after which she knelt down and the Archbishop pronounced a special blessing over her.

The spurs and sword were next presented, the Archbishop saying as he delivered the latter into her hand, "With this sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order."

On presenting her with the imperial mantle and with the orb, the Archbishop bade her, "When you see this orb set under the cross 'remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our Redeemer," and on handing her the sceptre and the rod with the dove, said, "Be so merciful that you be not too remiss; so execute justice that you forget not mercy.

The actual coronation next took place, the Queen still sitting in King Edward's chair. The Archbishop having, with the crown in his hand, invoked a blessing on the Queen, placed it "reverently" upon her head, at the sight of which the people cried, "God save the Queen," the trumpets sound ed, and, by signal, the tower guns were shot off. An exhortation from the Archbishop to "be strong and of good courage," etc., and the singing of an anthem, "The Queen shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord," concluded the coronation proper.

The next ceremony was the presentation of the Bible-"the most valuable thing which this world affords"-then the benediction, first of the Queen and afterwards of the people, and the singing of the Te Deum; at the conclusion of which the Queen was "lifted up into her throne by the archbishops and bishops, and other peers," and while they and the rest of the nobles stood round the steps of the throne, the Archbishop exhorted her to "stand firm and hold fast from henceforth the seat and state of royal and imperial dignity, which is this day delivered unto you in the name and by the authority of Almighty God, and by the hands of us the bisnops and servants of Almighty God. though unworthy," finishing with these words-"And the Lord God Almighty, Whose ministers we are, and the stewards of His mysteries, establish your throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore like as the sun before Him, and as the faithful witness in heaven. Amen."

Medals of gold and silver were then thrown among the people; the bishops and peers, beginning with the Archbishop, knelt and did homage; another anthem was sung, and with cries of "God save Queen Victoria!" "May the Queen live for ever!" the solemnity came to an end. The rest of the Communion office was then proceeded with;

the steps, and saying, "The thing which and taking off her crown in order to ology understand and describe the comoffer first the bread and wine for conform and keep. So help me God." Her secration, and next her second oblation, evil? What are the conditions of the a purse of gold. The Communion was struggle and the chances of success? administered to the Queen first and alone, and then to the rest of the con-Queen, which followed must have been gregation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, her Majesty, having put off her imperial mantle, "and being arrayed in her royal robe of purple velvet,' was conducted once more to the west door of the Abbey, wearing her crown, and bearing the sceptre with the cross in her right hand and the orb in her left. And so the long and imposing ceremonial came to an end.-Oxford University Herald.

#### THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CREED.

BY PERE GRATRY,

SOMETIME PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT THE SORBONNE, PARIS.

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FOURTH CONVERSATION. Subject -- The Redemption.

i-continued.

Q. So then you say we are born in iniquity, and you do not therein perceive injustice to the individual! We are members of a race. Yes, but we are free; each man is a man and ought only to answer for himself. This is the teaching of reason, and even of the

R. True. Man is man through the freedom of his will, and I will add, by reason also of the proof and exercise of that freedom.

Now the proof and essay of liberty is found in the struggle which we carry on against the evil which is present

Well, we are born in this struggle. Is that unjust? Original sin causes us to be born in a warfare which in any case, under one form or another, was inevit able.

God allows us to be born face to face with sin, to be born in selfishness, entwined with that serpent which every man ought to strangle, if not in his cradle like Hercules, yet at least at some one time in his life.

This proof, this trial, is necessary; it begins in the cradle, is that an evil? It begins, let us never forget, under the eye and hand of Our Father. May it our nascent powers, that they should Thy Word." not develop one single day in peace and security from the foe, as it is good for the sailor boy to be born in the roaring of the tempest, and for his infancy to be trained amid its alarms?

Q. Yes, but what of those eternal pains destined for a being born in sin who has died in infancy, has never struggled, never committed any voluntary sin? Such a doctrine is a blasphemy against God, I will never admit it.

R. I say with you, such a doctrine is not my faith nor the faith of the Church. My faith does not teach me that eternal pains are destined for any one who has committed no voluntary fault. "The goodness of God," says theology, "suffers no one to undergo eternal pains, if he has committed no wilful sin. To affirm the contrary would be to go against the express doctrine of the Church." (Perrone, vol. I., p 256, edit. Mique.)

Q. You astonish me much.

R. Doubtless, since, like many others, you are in the habit of attributing to the Church a doctrine it does not teach.

Q. If these things are so, I no longer see any injustice in the doctrine of or- own eyes, in meditating on the creation conversant with the subject.

R. Let us see. All life is nothing else than the time given by God to man in which to win the victory. Man chooses every day, and throughout his entire life, between the two extremes of Augustine: love of self even to the contempt of God and the brethren, and love of God and the brethren even to the contempt of self. Look at man at his birth. He is enveloped in self-love, as an oak is enclosed in the husk of the acorn. But man is a free germ; he may die while still a germ, within the husk of self-love if he will, and if he will, he may spring forth into life. Behold the seed cast on the earth! God pours the sunshine of His love, the showers of His grace upon it, that He may stir it to open and grow.

But the souls of men in their free dom hesitate between selfishness and love. Some refuse the life of God, or reject it after it has been received; others receive it, and, as the Gospel says, "walk as children of light."

Q. Will you explain this without figures?

R. Willingly. The whole of life is one perpetual solicitation of love against self-love. Every sensation, every sight every passion, desire or fear, joy or pain. -the whole of life in short—is one continued sequence and multiplication of these solicitations by which the Almighty would win us to His love. In all the creatures, under all those forms which a holy writer has called "natural sacraments," under other forms and influences of which we are not now speak ing, God comes and knocks at the heart of man, many times a day, seeking to awaken that consciousness of life which will reply "God," or "self." Too often the soul replies only with the sterile and monotonous refrain, "self," 'self."

Such is the history of the soul. It lives thus until either, through continued resistance, it has hardened itself, and become radically and incurably insensible to the saving action of God, which condition can only be possible at the last instant of life; or until that happy time when by long continued obedience freely yielded under the divine grace, it is able to say, Yea, Lord, benot be that He knows it to be good for hold me, "be it unto me according to

> The Almighty only asks for moments like these, when self is conquered, and the heart is pure, to pour in the fulness of the Holy Spirit, and especially through the blessed means of grace. Then the Word, conceived within us by the Holy Spirit, in this pure point of our life, renders us more and more truly the children of God.

> R. We must then understand that there is in redemption the human side as well as the Divine. Man must be willing to respond to the invitation of God for that invitation to avail.

> So in the great act of the Incarnation, the beginning of the redemptive work, a human will had to be found in Mary which would humbly accept the message from heaven, in order that the Godman, Jesus Christ, might be born of His Virgin mother to save the world.

> Q. To be frank, it is exceedingly hard to believe this strange mystery of a real human conception by the operation of God alone.

the Queen descended from her throne, iginal sin. But, tell me, how does the of the world? Then you saw with ab-

solute certainty, God Himself place bat of free will against selfishness and man upon the earth without other father or mother than the will of the Creator. In a word the first man had neither earthly father nor mother.

What then is more simple than to admit that through the sole operation of God the Holy Ghost, the second Adam was born of the Virgin Mary?

In our thoughts, difficulties, and objections we are ever too apt to forget one point, that God our Father is Almighty.

#### RESTATEMENT -- A THREAT-ENING PERIL.

BY THE REV. P. B. MORGAN, M. D.

"It may be feared," said Bishop Sparrow, "that when the festivals and solemnities for the birth of Christ and His other famous passages of life and death. and resurrection and ascension, and mission of the Holy Ghost, and the lessons, gospels, and collects and sermons upon them, be turned out of the Church together with the creeds also, it will not be in the power of weekly sermons on some heads of religion to keep up the knowledge of Christ in men's hearts."

How like an inspired prophecy does this utterance appear, when brought to the test of modern denominationalism! The solemnities of our feasts and fasts have been turned out of these churches, together with the creeds, (I fear we must say) while sermons on some heads of religion have been retained, but to what effect!

How like humanity always, when, loosing from the moorings of the Church, an unbalanced individualism seizes the helm! St. Paul has plainly said: "Now the spirit speaketh expresly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Perhaps it would be difficult to find a more out-spoken and confessed "departure from the faith," among so-called Evangelical churches than is found in this high demand for a restatement of Christian doctrine.

The necessity of such a restatement was the subject of a lengthy paper by the Rev. Daniel Curry, D. D., LL. D., at the late "Congress of Churches" in Cleveland.

And be it remembered, the learned author is one of the ripest theologians of a great denomination, the "M. E. Church." The paper has since been published through the length of our

Those who were not present and have not seen the paper may be interested to know what articles and on what ground this modern divine makes the demand for a restatement of doctrine. Carefully reading his paper, I think it will appear that there is no necessity for a new statement concerning the doctrine of atonement, nor of the doctrines of repentance and justification.

As an Arminian he would have the Calvinism of the Presbyterian Church eliminated, and then the time-honored declarations of the Protestant Episcopal Church concerning the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, he insists upon it, should be restated; evidently desiring to reduce everything to the standard of the mostmodern Methodism.

I say standard, and yet strange to say, he does not hesitate to make the painful confession that, "the numerically largest Protestant denomination in this country has no closely defined R. Why? Have you forgotten already formulary of doctrine;" though a fact what you saw, as I may say with your easily enough inferred by all who are

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to destroy all faith in the doctrine of the resurrection, as that doctrine was held and taught by the Church of the

The ground whereupon he would rest primitive symbols? this demand is not very fully stated. Perhaps the most that can be gathered from his paper touching this point is a sneer at the "materialistic" idea of the apostolic statement. For example he says: "The historical creeds are all of them materialistic, often grossly so in throw the faith of some." their forms of language and manifest conceptions respecting the future life." leaving us to the fair inference that a spiritualistic idea or possibly a revised statement of Swedenborgianism will afford the more rational ground for any definition that might now be made of the life of the world to come. This I say because, leaving the Christian idea of a sanctified and regenerated materialism, we have antithetically a form of spiritism only to fall back upon, call it by whatever name you will.

The grievous part of this statement however consists in the fact that this distinguished Methodist preacher and writer is not merely stating his own views, but is [most evidently] voicing the wide-spread conviction of his great and influential denomination; though a thing not so much to be surprised at, considering that having left the "old paths" they "have no closely defined formulary of doctrines." In proof of this point I need only ask the reader to call to mind, the substance of any one of the addresses made by the preachers of this denomination upon funeral occasions, when the practical importance of a resurrection is, as a rule, entirely ignored. The doctrine of the Church of England as expounded by Mr. Wesley; [as for example in his sermon on Dives and Lazarus], seems to have become utterly obsolete with these professed disciples of his-disciples becoming wiser than their master. Mr. Wesley says: "It is indeed very generally supposed, that the souls of good men as soon as they are discharged from the body, go directly to heaven, but this opinion has not the least foundation in the oracles of God. On the contrary, our Lord says to Mary after the resurrection: 'Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my Father in heaven.' But he had been in paradise thief: 'This day shalt thou be with restrictive of liberty! me in paradise.' Hence it is plain that paradise is not heaven. It is indeed (if we may be allowed the expression) the arte-chamber of heaven, where the souls of the righteous remain till, after the general judgment, they are received into glory." Sermons, vol. II., p 417.

But as further proof that this is the trend of this "great denomination," I quote the following from Zion's Herald, views on this subject announced in my one of the oldest and most popular of last annual address. I disapprove of all dark year in Scottish Church history-Methodist journals in this country. In this paper of January 20th last, p. 18, a writer says:

because of the tendencies of our boasted progressive age. Quite recently an editor who sits at the very apex of our Methodist periodical literature, has an- its rubrics. Apart from all minor connounced that the expectation of an outward advent, and a scenic resurrection is fundamental. and day of judgment, are among the exuvie of which essential Christianity, as delivered by the Master and received retort of metaphysics, have in saving than transcendental Unitarianism."

preachers of "the great M. E. Church" realized the inevitable tendency and peril of this modern departure from the

(1) Admit this teaching, and pray, how much short does it come of the departure which St. Paul so sharply rebuked? 2 Tim. ii: 18. "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and over-

(2) So soon as we allow ourselves to speak derisively of material things in connection with Christianity, so soon we touch a principle which makes utterly unnecessary the use of water in Baptism, or bread and wine in the feast of Thanksgiving.

(3) Admitting the position of this writer, we have no longer any reason to believé that, because God has laid hold upon the material creation, therefore the Incarnation becomes the great central fact of all Christian doctrine. This central and all-comprehensive and ever glorious truth ceases to be any longer thought of as an eternal reality, but only as an accident of time.

(4) So soon as we place the material creation in such utter abeyance, we not only rule out the divine narrative, but more than that, we certainly place ourselves more in sympathy with the philosophy of Plato than with the teaching of Jesus.

(5) I am led again to ask: Cannot the students of ecclesiastical history perceive the greatness of the danger involved in departing from the symbols of the "primitive Church?" Observe the learned doctor graciously says: "The new creed will not be the same in all things with any of the older and historical systems of faith." And we are just ready to exclaim: Will it be Christian in any true sense? when he immediately adds for our edification: "It will accept the Apostles' Creed with historic emendations and independent interpretations." But could an Arius ask more! If our denomination becomes large enough (?) and leafned enough to ignore the eschatology of the primitive Church, why not another be at liberty to ignore both the psychology and the theology of the Church? or after the manner of the Unitarians in their late convention in Cincinnati, according to his promise to the penitent | boldly affirm that the name Christian is

> But, should not Churchmen learn by these manifold cries of a distracted Christendom, the real value of the "old paths." and "the faith once delivered to the saints."

#### THE BOOK ANNEXED.

I have seen no reason to change the substantial changes in our Prayer "I am more emphatic on this point bishop, under the canon; and can be year which brought, with the death of Prayer Book, either in its substance or siderations, my objection to alterations

The Common Prayer Book is not our individual property. We share it in common with the Church of England by the Apostles, is freeing itself." The and her descendants. Nor should we writer very pertinently asks: "What presume to amend the work of the repower will such a sublimated Gospel, formers without consultation with all doubly vaporized and distilled in the those Churches who share in this common inheritance. Let it be considered that, if any material changes be introduced into our Liturgy, it will no longthe unchurched masses? Little more that, if any material changes be intro-

But have these theologians and er be the "Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments," which English-speaking Protestant Episcopalians throughout the world have rejoiced in since the days of Edward VI., for three hundred years. The changed Book will be specifically the American Liturgy, and will be in use nowhere except within the narrow bounds of our limited confederacy. Are we prepared for such a descensus?

Another objection of similar character should have due weight. Our Orders were perpetuated by the Church of England on the implied condition of our maintenance of the Liturgy as used in the English Church. I need hardly remind this convention that so strong was this feeling that the slight alterations made in our Liturgy to conform it to the Scotch Rite, became a subject of discussion and added to the difficulty in the way of the subsequent transmission of English Orders. And I am in a position to affirm that this feeling has not entirely passed away, for my conferences in the summer of 1884 with the authorities of the Church of England, under appointment by the House of Bishops, in respect to a common liturgy for our Foreign Missions in China and Japan, revealed the existence of a grave unwillingness to vary in the slightest degree from the old standard.

It is a question of serious importance, whether as a Church, so intimately bound to the Church of England, we are at liberty to alter our Common Liturgy in any material degree without violating an implied compact.

May it not fairly be argued that these considerations forbid us to move further in the matter of alterations until at least we shall have taken counsely with our brethren of the Church of England?—Convention Address of the Rt. Rev. G. T. Bedell, D. D., Bishop of Ohio. grand and probably more ancient, to-

#### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

BY THE REV. EDW. J. GOUGH, M. A.

For more than a hundred years after the beginning of the Reformation the ancient Church struggled to hold her place as the Church of the country, until there came over the whole kingdom the dreadful shock of that political strife which ended in the downfall of the House of Stuart. Now, in such a period it was clearly the duty of the Church, while indeed guiding the minds of men in the course of justice and right, to preserve herself, as far as possible, in peace, amid the strife of parties in the State. But the bishops, having taken the oath of allegiance to the House of Stuart, felt that the question came to be one concerning the obligation of that oath, which in their consciences they held to be binding. And so it came to pass that in 1689, that the year which saw William and Mary provided for as occasion shall arise Claverhouse at Killiecrankie, the utter without altering a line of our Common | collapse of the Stuart cause—the Church which had associated itself so closely with that cause, was by Act of Parliament disestablished and disendowed; the bishops were deprived of their sees; the clergy turned out of their livings. Later on, it was even made a penal offence for Churchmen to assemble for divine service in a greater number than four, even in a private house. And in the place of the ancient Church—the divine society—Presbyterianism, a new form of religion imported from a seced-

were spared from the violence of an infatuated mob, were handed over, together with such endowments and rights of title, etc., as were not diverted to purely secular purposes. What was actually done will be better understood if we suppose the same to take place at the present day in England. It was exactly as if the Church of England were to be disestablished and disendowed, and the Wesleyan, or the Baptist, or the Independent, or any other body you please, were to be set up in her place by Act of Parliament, and labelled: "The Church of England." But let any fair minded and honest man ask himself whether, apart from its actual wrong. any such process could really make the newly and arbitrarily established body to be indeed the Church of the landthe divine society of ancient right?

But that ancient Church in Scotland did not die. Cast aside—robbed—des-poiled—proscribed—she lived on. There was still a remnant, "as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done;" and that her life is still in her and increasing, this beautiful church and many another built to replace those taken from her, this, and many other large and increas ing congregations of loyal and devoted

Church people, will clearly testify. All through these sad two hundred years it has been indeed a struggle for life, for bare existence; twice in her history she has been obliged to seek the renewal of the episcopal Order from England, yet herself giving America her first bishop a hundred years ago, and thus laying the foundation of the now flourishing Church of the United States. Yet still in poverty, in fewness of members, she is one with the ancient branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church which was founded in this land at least fifteen hundred years ago-more than a thousand years before the religious system, which has displaced her, was heard of! Distinct too from the English National Church, though in full communion with her (the only Church in Scotland that is in communion with the Church in England), yet with a separate national history,—a liturgy of her own well-nigh unrivalled in all Christendom—until the day of her spoliation possessing churches as gether with her own separate line of apostolic orders; governed by her own episcopate under the metropolitans of st. Andrews, guided by her own synods and councils, and recognized by the whole Anglican Communion, both then and now, as a distinct national branch of Christ's Holy Church.

#### THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRAYER BOOK.

It seems to me strange that no one should ever have thought of writing a treatise on the political importance of the English Prayer Book. Perhaps it has been done, but if not, I should say, judging from the curious reflections which occurred to me in the course of last Sunday's services on board the Catalonia, that it would be a good subject for somebody. On the Cunard steamers, and, I presume, on those of all the other first-class English lines, it is the rule that the captain, either in person or by some acceptable deputy, shall read the service of the Church of England every Sunday morning, and the crew and passengers are required or invited to be present. In our case a general notice of the service was given to all cabin, steerage and intermediate Book. Relaxations, as they are called, ascend the throne which the last Stuart passengers, and the saloon was comare already within the purview of each sovereign was forced to abdicate, the fortably filled at the appointed hour hishon under the capon; and can be year which brought with the death of with auditors of all three classes, each one of whom found a pretty Prayer Book ready for him, stamped with the Cunard seal, and containing the service and the hymns. During the reading, the saloon skylight, which opened through the portion of the deck reserved for the steerage passengers, was dark-ened from time to time by the appari-tion of a head, wearing anything but a sympathizing expression, and as I thought of the crowd of men and women on the deck above us, outnumbering the cabin passengers more than ten to one, who would have regarded any participation in the simple service as a serious sin, I began to re-flect upon the thousands of instances in which, as the Sunday sun threw its beams over the revolving earth, it would shine upon the same spectacle—a hand-

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ful of Englishmen saying their prayers calmly together in the middle of an unriendly multitude, whose hostility or whose courage stopped just short of actual menace. To say nothing of Great Britain itself, the history of the conquest and government of India shows nothing, one might say, more alainly then the power of the muttell. plainly than the power of the mutual support which, aside from the force of organization, Englishmen get in some way from their forms of religious service. The character of their belief has nothing to do with the matter; the se-cret appears to lie mainly in the accident which led the compilers of the Book of Common Prayer to engage the auditors as well as the minister in the service, so that the Anglo-Saxon on Sunday, instead of gazing mutely at the gold lace on a priest's back, or crawling about a temple floor and knocking his head on the pavement, stands up like a man before his Creator, acknowledging his own sins, and asking, for others as well as himself, mercy and forgiveness; and, like Antæus, refreshed by contact with the earth, he rises from his knees each week with a renewed confidence in the sympathy and support of his fellow-be-lievers, and renewed thoughts of home and duty and eternal happiness, which sustain him, as nothing else can, through the trials which may beset him until the Sunday comes round again. A great deal has been said about the desperate courage which is inspired in Mussulman soldiers by their conviction that if they die fighting for their faith they will enter at once into their rather æsthetic Paradise, and there is no doubt that when death is very near, such considerations have great importance; but the future to which an Englishman who does his duty looks forward is as much more in-spiring than that of the Moslem, in the encouragement which it offers to noble deeds, as the habit of candid self-examination and repentance which his religior inculcates is superior, in training him in justice and self-control, to the blind Asiatic fanaticism.—The American Architect and Building News.

### OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Paper of the Open Church Association.

THE LIBERATION SOCIETY. — This society has issued a circular, calling for resolute efforts to secure the return of candidates, at the approaching election. who will further the society's objects. In the midst of the clang of war issuing from political strife, and the contention for the union or disunion of the empire the Liberationists are silently working out their one design. This is the de-struction of the Church as a national institution. One result of the general election of a few months ago was to increase the parliamentary strength of the Liberationists from 100 to 171, with an additional 47 favorable to disestablishment in Wales and Scotland. Such an accession of strength proves unmistakeably an extraordinary march onward in public opinion. It reveals, too, the fact that not only are the Church's enemies rapidly increasing, but that the Church herself is doing little to meet them, and is even unconscious that a blow is impending over her.
The Church we believe to be in real danger, and if a catastrophe happens "the chief fault will rest," as Archdeacon Denison says, "with the bishops, the clergy and people of England men and women slumbering and sleeping." If we view the times aright, a catastrophe is not far distant. This may be delayed, but only on one condition, viz., by the speedy removal of all abuses within the Church herself. Of these a glaring one is the proprietor-ship or appropriation of seats in parish churches. This monopoly certainly cannot be pleasing to Him who is worshipped, and must sooner or later meet with its punishment. Every pewed church is a nail in the coffin of the Establishment. The English mind revolts from injustice, and it is an injustice that on Church ground one man should claim as a right to take pre-eminence over another. The parish church belongs to the parish and not to the pewholders. The workingman asks to be holders. The workingman asks to be treated with respect and fair play in the building which is a public one, and in which his Church and his Bible teach him that all are equal. If this respect and fair play are denied him we must not be surprised if he throws his vote the lear to the heart tion. And as the rai ty, so neither may complish that for we have and fair play are denied him we must lord, hearken, and do not be surprised if he throws his vote

into the ballot box in such a way as to betray his indignant and injured feelings.

The Florida Times-Union.

BISHOP WEED.—The ceremonial by which the Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Florida was one of the most august and solemn ever witnessed in the State, and the event itself, which lifts a dis-tinguished clergyman to the most ex-alted position in his Church, is quite as important as the inauguration of a governor to preside over the political destinies of the commonwealth. Until death shall bring his career to an end, which we trust is many years hence, Bishop Weed will stand at the head of the Florida branch of one of the greatest religious organizations that the world has known; and the influence of such a man, working through example as well as through precept, cannot fail to be profoundly beneficial to a State which is in an era of formative transition such as Florida is passing through at the present time.

The interest in such an event is not confined to the communion of Churchmen which will profit directly by the Bishop's administrations. Every good citizen, and especially every professor of the Christian faith, looks with pleasure upon a circumstance that adds to and strengthens the moral and religious forces that are working for the regeneration of mankind, the elevation of society, and the purification of life. By reason of his exalted official station Bishop Weed must henceforth be looked upon as one of the leaders in our midst in the good work that makes for righteousness, and we are sure that we speak the sentiments of a great majority of the citizens of Florida, irrespective of sectarian beliefs, when we extend to him a cordial welcome to our State and wish him a long life of personal happiness and official success.

The Indian Churchman.

Polygamy.—A contemporary has lately been making great fun of a question on the subject of polygamy which was raised the other day in the Southern Convocation, and is quite unable to imagine" how in the light of the Gospel the Anglican prelates can have one moment's hesitation about it." Herein our contemporary shows a singular ignorance which we can hardly imagine to be genuine. In the first place no question whatever was raised as to the practice of polygamy in the Christian Church. Neither our Blessed Lord or His first Apostles actually forbid it or pass any definite judgment regarding it, although it is quite clear that it is absolutely alien to the spirit of the Christian religion, and therefore has been rejected by the Church. But the question—and a very important and difficult one it is—which is constantly pressing itself upon missionaries in polygamous countries is how to do away with the evil, without doing grievous injustice to individuals, injustice too, which would be calculated to prejudice heathens against our holy religion. And our Blessed Lord seems to have left the question open in order that His Church might deal with it from time to time as circumstances might require. It will appear then to most persons that after all the Anglican prelates are not

BY GEORGE HERBERT, PRIEST.

O Lord! we beseech Thee to bless Thy Word wherever spoken this day throughout the universal Church. O make it a word of power and peace, to convert those who are not yet Thine, and to confirm those that are. Particularly bless it in this our native land, which Thou hast made a land of light. Pardon our sins, and perfect what Thou hast begun. Do Thou especially bless this portion here assembled, with Thy unworthy servant speaking unto them. Lord Jesu! teach Thou me, that I may teach them. Sanctify and enable all my powers, that in their full strength they may deliver Thy message fervently, faithfully, and fruitfully. O make Thy Word a swift word, passing from the ear to the heart, life and conversation. And as the rain returns not empty so paither may Thy Word but as ty, so neither may Thy Word, but accomplish that for which it is given. O Lord, hearken, and do so for Thy blessed

#### HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

antidote for the sting of bees, wasps, hornets, etc. The sting of the honeybee, which is always left in the wound, should first be removed.

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2d row: K 3, p 1, k 2; p 6; o and n twice, k J. (17 st.)
3d row: K 3, o, n; k 6; o, n, k 4. (17 st.)
4th row: O, k 6; p 6; o and n twice,

k1. (18 st.)
5th row: K3, o, n; k6; o, n, o 2 and n twice, k1. (20 st.)
6th row: K3, p1 and k2 twice; p6; o

and n twice, k I. (20 st.)
7th row: K 3, 0, n; k6; 0, n, k 7 (20 st.)
8th row: Cast off 4, leaving 15 st. on left hand needle and one on the right hand; k 4, p 6, o and n twice, k 1. (16 st.) Repeat from first row.

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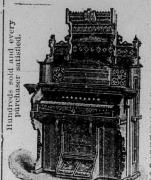
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