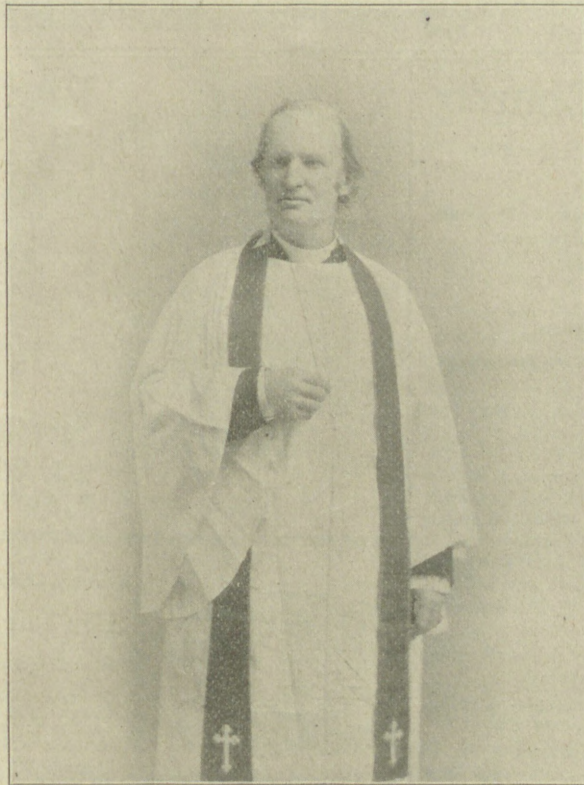


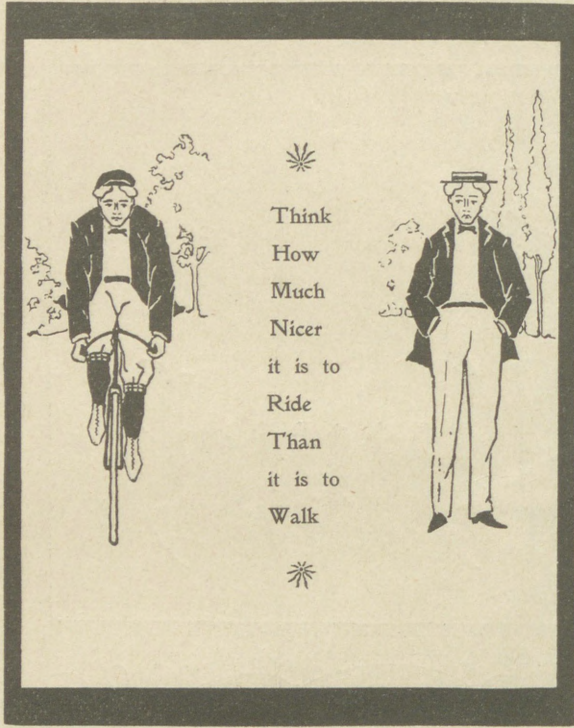
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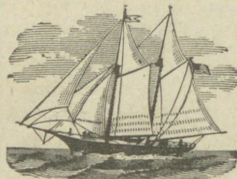


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News and Notes

THE protest of the denominational ministers of New Orleans against the teachings of a sermon of Bishop Sessums, will, we trust, prove to have been somewhat hasty. It is understood that the Bishop disavows responsibility for the report of his sermon which appeared in the public press, and that he has repudiated the principal charge which was brought against his teaching, namely, that of Pantheism. It would certainly be a serious matter if any bishop of the Church had really preached such a sermon as that which appeared in the newspapers, and it is very satisfactory to be assured that Bishop Sessums disclaims it. The conflict with rationalism, and with the "new Christianity," which is not Christianity, is grave enough without having to reckon with a bishop among the hostile forces.

SOME of the cities in the Old World are making a notable success of municipal control of affairs relating to the public welfare and convenience. Birmingham we have before cited in this connection. Glasgow is now demonstrating the complete success of its control of all the street car lines. It became owner of these in 1894, and immediately reduced fares, making rate of one, two, three, and four cents, according to distance. The report for the second year shows a profit of \$403,000 above working expenses, and \$213,000 net profit after allowing for interest, taxes, and depreciation. The number of passengers carried was 86,462,594. The average fare was one and seven-eighths cents, and the average cost of operation one and two-fifths cents. This success was won in the face of strong competition from several omnibus lines, and the use of horse power. Glasgow owns its docks, gas, and water-works, blocks of model dwellings, etc. It is about to establish a system of standard time, including several hundred dials in different parts of the city, electrically connected with the observatory.

THERE is no more knotty problem on the chess-board of European politics to-day than the question of "what to do with the Turk." Whatever move the Powers may make has in it the possibilities of a disastrous mate, and it is no simplifier of the problem that it is a combination in the game of four or five against one. For the multiplication of cooks carries with it the proverbial danger to the broth, and in this special game of politics each contestant in the combination has his own special interests to serve, and his own views of how the game shall be played that the result may best promote these interests. England wants one thing, France another, Germany craves a third, while Russia does not intend that anything shall happen to the detriment of the Muscovite, and Greece goes on thinking that she is a power; while all the time "the sick man" watches his opportunity, and moves a man here or a man there as best may annoy or perplex his adversaries. The

perennial invalid manifests a marvelous staying power, and bids fair, at present writing, to continue for many years a typical military and political nuisance.

WHILE for a long time past every Christian country has rigidly excluded ministers of religion from all political functions, *The Church Review* draws attention to the fact that the United States is now setting an example in the opposite direction. The last case in England was that of a bishop who was Lord Privy Seal early in George III's reign, while the ecclesiastics who used to represent their nations at foreign courts, have given place to laymen in all cases except the Papal Nuncios. In former days it was chiefly among the clergy that men properly qualified for such work could be found, but this is no longer the case. The United States has recently appointed a Congregational minister to the court of the Sultan, and a Methodist minister to Greece. There is probably no doubt that these gentlemen are perfectly qualified for the positions to which they have been appointed, and there is no reason why they should not serve. Still we should not be glad to see our own clergy turn aside from their spiritual calling to fill secular posts, and we can hardly imagine any circumstances under which they would be justified in so doing.

A contributor to a Lutheran paper says that the following couplet has been the watchword of the Missouri Synod for the past fifty years:

"God's word and Luther's doctrine pure,
Shall to eternity endure."

This is a little too much for *The Lutheran Evangelist*, which comments as follows:

While we heartily love Luther's doctrine, we would respectfully inquire whether this rhyming motto does not practically place Luther and the Bible on an equality. After all, the truly Lutheran view is to put God's Word above all human testimony, however excellent.

We fear *The Evangelist* will be suspected of defective orthodoxy, or is it only lack of the sense of humor?

THE death of Dean Goulburn, May 3rd, occasions a feeling of affectionate regret among many far beyond the boundaries of England; who have derived spiritual benefit from his devotional works. Dr. Goulburn was in his eightieth year. He was on terms of familiar intercourse with many of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. In 1850, he was appointed head-master of Rugby, where he remained eight years, after which he had another eight years as a parish priest in London. In 1866, he became dean of Norwich, in which position he did much to infuse new life into the cathedral system. He made the cathedral the centre of Church activity, and invited the foremost preachers of the day to his pulpit. He was himself a preacher of high rank, and his cathedral sermons are still remembered with admiration. He set his face sternly against the rationalism of the day, and yielded nothing to the spirit of the age. He is best known to a wide circle of devout people by his

"Thoughts on Personal Religion," from which many date their deepest religious impressions.

THE gentle Sultan lately appeared in a new role. He sent to President Faure a message expressive of his profound grief at the appalling accident of the charity bazar, and his sympathy with the families of the victims. Refreshing irony this, from the assassin of the Armenians. On the other hand, he has exhibited a commendable anxiety that the works of art which may come into the hands of his troops in Greece shall suffer no harm. Strict orders were issued to Edhem Pasha to preserve every specimen of the kind, and transmit it to the Ottoman Museum at Constantinople. Of all the strange developments of the period, nothing is more confusing than the attempt to imagine Abdul Hamid as a friend of humanity and a patron of the arts. Later news is to the effect that the Sultan is graciously desirous of honoring the Queen of Great Britain by sending his son to be her guest and to lend splendor to the procession on the occasion of her jubilee. If it is true that such a proposition has been formally made, it must put her majesty's advisers in some embarrassment. It is hardly possible that a Turkish prince could appear on such an occasion in the streets of London without some disagreeable experiences. Whatever may be the policy to which England finds herself committed, there can be no question that English feeling is radically anti-Turkish.

WE hear of a new sect in Mississippi, called "Flying Roll." They can scarcely find any new doctrine to rest upon, and what variation of old doctrines they represent we are not informed. We also hear of "Hellerites" (suggestive name!) in West Virginia, and of the "People's Christian Prohibition Church" in Pennsylvania. Next!—A kind of "Church Unity" which is popular in some quarters, was lately illustrated in one of our churches which was given over, altar and all, for a marriage in high life. It was "filled to suffocation," the papers said; a fine musical "programme" was rendered; there were women with bare heads and shoulders and everything was "radiantly beautiful." The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, a Presbyterian minister, "and the full and impressive rite of the Episcopal Church was used."—A Salvation female in Oakland, says the *Santa Anna Standard*, is trying to get Gov. Budd to pardon a savage, brutal wife murderer. She says he is converted, and now wants to go out and save souls. "We draw the line on soul saving when a wife murderer has to become our teacher. We prefer paganism."—A "brigadier" in the Salvation Army has become a Roman Catholic. His perversion is due, perhaps, to "ritualism." That is generally the cause assigned for such conduct.—A queer incident is reported from Indiana, how that a Presbyterian minister studied law and got admitted to the bar, so that he might serve litigants without charge; whereupon a lawyer of the same

town set up a pulpit in the Court-house, from which he proceeded to dispense his idea of the Gospel gratuitously. It is said that the preacher soon found himself without a congregation. It is not every rule that works well both ways!

The Board of Missions

At [its stated meeting, May 11th, there were present six bishops, 14 clergymen, and eight laymen.

The most important business before the board was the question of the appropriations for the next fiscal year. The treasurer's report submitted did not even make as favorable a showing as at the same date last year, and the board concluded to continue and make binding the existing schedules of appropriations in the domestic and foreign mission fields for September, October, and November, 1897. By the treasurer's report it appeared that (for the same number of weeks after Easter), the children's Lenten offerings had increased about \$1,000; 1,600 schools remitting within the time each year.

A letter was submitted from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholson, who expressed himself as exceedingly gratified because of the choice of Milwaukee for the next missionary council; the date, Oct. 19th, is entirely satisfactory; the meetings will be held in St. Paul's church; preliminary arrangements are already in progress. Interesting letters were submitted from Bishop Rowe, and two of the missionaries in Alaska. The former was published in the present number of *The Quarterly Message*. The Bishop is very anxious for the appointment of a young clergyman to open a mission among the Indians, at an important point, in connection with which an offer was received to pay the salary of such a man for two years. No application for the position was before the board, but, as it considered the matter urgent, power was delegated to a committee to select a suitable man.

Letters were presented from the Rt. Rev. Drs. Holly, Schereschewsky, Ferguson, McKim, and Graves, and several of the missionaries in foreign lands. Bishop Schereschewsky was about removing for a time to Japan, in order that he might supervise, on behalf of the American Bible Society, the printing of a large edition of his revised version of the Mandarin Old Testament, originally published in Peking about 1874. He will avail himself of the same opportunity to print his Wen-li version. It is said that such work is done better, cheaper, and more quickly in Japan. Bishop Graves writes that they are doing all they can to reach a measure of self-support in the field, and to cut down expenses by requiring the Chinese Christians to defray certain charges heretofore necessarily borne by the mission. On March 10th, he admitted Mr. J. L. Rees to the diaconate, and two days later advanced the Rev. J. T. Liu to the priesthood. The Rev. Mr. Pott had collected \$367 for the new science hall at St. John's, from the English congregation in Hongkew, and for the same purpose the Taotai of Shanghai had contributed 200 taels. The Bishop takes these gifts as a token that the work of the college is appreciated by both foreigners and Chinese, and as testimony to the Church at home that their contributions are well applied. An important conference of the Bishops of our own and the English Church had been held in Shanghai; one weighty subject of discussion being the question of the sole jurisdiction of our Bishop in the Yang-tse valley. The Presiding Bishop and Bishop Graves had forwarded full particulars with regard to this matter and, upon the recommendation of a special committee who had examined into it, the board

Resolved, That the Bishops of Albany, Pennsylvania, and Shanghai be requested to present the subject of episcopal jurisdiction in foreign lands relating to the English and American Churches, to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in order that by the proper authorities of the two Churches, the question may be definitely settled.

The Rev. Mr. Partridge, writing from Wuchang, says that William Hall (the annex to the

Boone School) is completed, and has been occupied without ceremony, since it was not paid for. He remarks that the Chinese would never understand a ceremonious opening unless the building were free from debt. The Boone School is in a most flourishing condition. The authorities are crowded with applications from persons of all grades for admission of their sons.

The directors of St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, have sent in an urgent petition for a new building, the earthquake of 1894 having damaged the present structure to such an extent that the engineer who examined it has declared it unsafe. By request of Bishop McKim, the board has granted permission to the Rev. Mr. Francis, (now in this country), to speak in behalf of this object, and collect money for it; \$10,000 is required for the purpose. Another appeal comes from the Rev. Mr. Patton, with the Bishop's strong endorsement, for \$5,000 for the purchase of land and the erection of a church at Nara. This is very necessary, but the board, with regret, was obliged to inform the Bishop and Mr. Patton that, not having the means in hand, it could not authorize the project. On March 14th the Bishop ordained the Rev. Charles H. Evans to the priesthood.]

A number of communications were at hand from Bishop Ferguson. The political troubles at the lower end of the jurisdiction being over, the board was able to meet his requests for reopening some of the work in the district recently cut off by war, as it was supported by income from a trust fund which has been accumulating for a year or two. A long account of his visitation of this interior work has been published in the current number of *The Quarterly Message*. It is interesting to know that on Jan. 17th, the Bishop once more held services in the church of the Epiphany, Cavalla, (the Bishop's church during the episcopate of Drs. Payne and Auer). The church has suffered greatly from the ravages of war. It needs extensive repairs, but no funds are in hand for the purpose. February 1st, the Bishop removed to Monrovia, which will be his postoffice address hereafter. The general convocation of the jurisdiction was held in that city Feb. 10th-15th, 11 clergymen and 9 lay delegates being in attendance. A committee was appointed to devise plans for setting on foot and supporting an industrial school, the funds to be collected exclusively within the jurisdiction.

The auditing committee reported that they had caused the books and accounts of the treasurer to be examined to the 1st inst., and had certified the same to be correct.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers extend its congratulations to the Rev. Joshua Kimber, its associate secretary upon the approaching 30th anniversary of his connection with the Board of Missions, which marks the completion of the longest continuous service of any officer of the society during its entire history; and moreover expresses its confident hope that he may soon be restored to his former strength, and that the Board and the Church at large, may continue to have the benefit of his valuable service for many years.

New York City

At St. Andrew's church, the Rev. Dr. Van De Water, rector, the 71st regiment of the National Guard attended service on the afternoon of Sunday, May 16th, and the annual sermon was preached by the rector, who is their chaplain.

At the church of All Angels, the Rev. Dr. Townsend, rector, a special service has been held for the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses. An address was delivered by the Rev. Chas. E. Freeman, one of the assistant clergy of St. Luke's Hospital.

It is announced that the congregation of the chapel of the Transfiguration, which has organized as an independent parish subject to the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities, has again offered to purchase the chapel property from the church of the Transfiguration.

Trinity parish, the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector, has issued a very handsome volume in commemoration of the recent bi-centennial. It con-

tains portraits of all the rectors, and illustrations of the successive church edifices of the parish, and of all the present chapels.

At St. Matthew's church, the Rev. Henry Chamberlaine, rector, the 10th anniversary of the parish was celebrated on Sunday, May 16th. The history of the work was detailed by the rector, in a sermon at morning service. Special music for the occasion was rendered by the boy choir. The church was handsomely decorated.

At the church of the Holy Trinity, the Rev. Dr. Chas. De Witt Bridgman, rector, the 8th regiment of the National Guard attended service on the afternoon of Sunday, May 16th. In the absence of the rector, who is chaplain, and who is sick at Lakewood, N. J., the sermon was preached by the Rev. Alexander G. Cummins, Jr., curate of the parish.

The school of the Sisters of the Church in East 53rd st., has just held its annual commencement. The graduating address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. Nevitt Steele, vicar of Trinity church, who also presented the diplomas. Exercises of unusual interest were conducted by members of the school, reflecting high credit upon the management of the Sisters.

At St. Augustine's chapel of Trinity parish, the Rev. Dr. Arthur C. Kimber, vicar, the annual award of prizes for the scholars of the night school has just been made. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Kimber and Gen. Lockwood. Other friends of the work were in attendance. The housekeeping school has closed its sessions for the season, with appropriate exercises at which many were present.

At the Sheltering Arms Nursery, the Ladies' Association held their annual reception of friends of the institution, on the evening of May 21st. A brief service was held in St. Mary's church, with songs by the children, of which there are now 155 in the institution. An address was made by the Rev. L. Henry Schwab, and the Rev. Dr. John P. Peters, of the board of trustees, read a report of the work of the past year.

There was a large audience at the pro-cathedral on the evening of May 19th, to hear the first of a series of lectures on "City administration," delivered under the auspices of the City Lectures Committee. The lecture was on "This great city," and the speaker was Mr. John Lloyd Thomas. His remarks were very fully illustrated with stereopticon views showing the different sections of New York at various stages of its history, and indicating street improvements, parks, schools, and public buildings in American and foreign cities.

The annual meeting of the archdeaconry of Westchester, which touches the upper edge of the city, was held in St. Paul's church, Sing Sing, May 13th. The Blessed Sacrament was celebrated by the Ven. Archdeacon Van Kleeck, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Drs. Niles and Berkeley. The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Krans. A business session followed, at the close of which a luncheon was served by the ladies of the parish. In the afternoon, reports of missionaries were presented. Mr. Wiggin, of Rye, was elected treasurer in the place of Mr. Charles Gore King, resigned. The next meeting of the archdeaconry will be held in Rye.

The New York Training School for Deaconesses held a reception at St. Faith's Home, on the afternoon of May 17th. Miss Dean and Miss Demonet, who are about departing for missionary work in Alaska, received, and a number of the clergy and other friends of the school were in attendance. A service for farewell to these ladies was held at the chapel in the Church Missions House, on Monday morning of last week. The Bishop of Minnesota delivered an address, and the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Huntington.

A committee of the Church Association for Advancing the Interests of Labor has just made effort to discover the causes for shops being open Sundays in the vicinity of St. Michael's church. This committee visited five bakeries, nine groceries and delicatessen, four meat mar-

kets, one fish market, and one laundry. Of these, two bakeries, three groceries, and one laundry remain closed all day Sunday, and their proprietors claim that their general business does not suffer from this departure from the rule of the majority. Of the remaining 14, the proprietors of six groceries and delicatessen and four meat markets would be glad to close if others would do so. The committee appeals to Christian people of the neighborhood to refrain from trading on the Lord's Day, and so promote Sunday closing.

The spring local assembly of the order of the Daughters of the King in the diocese of New York, was held at the church of the Ascension, Chester Hill, Mt. Vernon, May 23rd. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock began the day. The rector, the Rev. F. M. S. Taylor, was celebrant, and the Rev. Mr. Clendennin, preacher. There were 85 members present, representing 17 chapters. Luncheon was provided in the adjoining parish house. The afternoon conference was opened by the Rev. Mr. Graham, of Trinity church, Mt. Vernon. Reports of work were given by many of the chapters, after which two papers were read, one on "The Daughters in the Church," by Miss Martin, a member of the church of the Heavenly Rest Chapter, the other on "Our individual responsibilities as a Daughter of the King," by a member of St. Augustine's Chapter, Trinity parish. It was a helpful and very pleasant conference.

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—The Rev. Dr. Roper, who will assume the professorship of dogmatic theology next year, has just conducted a retreat for the members of the senior class. The Students' Missionary Society has just been addressed by the Rev. Lewis Thomas Wattson, of the Associate Mission, of Omaha.

Philadelphia

In the will of Mrs. Mary W. Wells, probated 18th inst., is a bequest of \$2,000 to the endowment fund of old St. Peter's church. Alfred Pest bequeaths \$200 to the City Mission for its Home for Consumptives.

At the 45th annual commencement of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, held on the 19th inst., in the Academy of Music, the Rev. Richard H. Nelson, rector of old St. Peter's church, made the opening prayer.

Gaul's "Holy City" was rendered on the 19th inst., in St. Clement's church, the Rev. G. H. Moffett, rector, by the choir of the church of the Epiphany, under the direction of Prof. James E. Ackroyd, organist and choirmaster of the last-named church.

The re-opening of St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia, the Rev. C. M. Armstrong, rector, has been postponed until October, and will be the first service since the fire last August. Bishops Whitaker and Coleman are expected to take part in the services on that occasion.

On the 17th inst., the Rev. Dr. C. Ellis Stevens, rector of Christ church, responded, by request, to the toast, "The clergy," at the annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the Medico-Chirurgical College; and, on Tuesday, 18th inst., conducted the devotional exercises at the commencement of the college, at the Academy of Music.

The Rev. Father Dolling, late of St. Agatha's, Portsmouth, England, who has been described as probably the most powerful mission preacher in England, was expected to arrive in this country on the 26th inst., and, during his stay in America, will be the guest of the Rev. Dr. A. G. Mortimer, rector of St. Mark's church, where he is announced as the preacher at the solemn High Celebration on Ascension Day.

When Stephen Girard set apart the greater part of his wealth to found the college now bearing his name—the endowment fund at present being capitalized at fifteen million dollars—he enjoined that no ecclesiastic, missionary, or minister of any religious body, should hold or exercise any station or duty whatever in the college; nor should any person in holy orders, or any pastor or preacher, ever be admitted into its grounds. Nevertheless, a number of the

graduates of that institution have entered the Christian ministry; and on the occasion of the unveiling of the bronze memorial statue at the City Hall plaza, on the 20th inst., the Rev. W. S. Baer, the Bishop's secretary, and rector of St. Martin's church, Radnor, of the class of '77, acted as chaplain. It may be added that the Rev. C. S. Lyons rector of St. Alban's, Roxboro, and the Rev. T. A. Waterman, of the diocese of Quincy, are also graduates. To these the gates of their *alma mater* are closed forever.

The convocation of West Philadelphia met on the 20th inst., in the church of the Saviour, Archdeacon Brady presiding. The Rev. S. Lord Gilberston, as secretary, and Mr. W. D. Squiers, as treasurer, were re-elected. After awards to four parishes had been made, the missionary committee reported that mission work should be started immediately at Elmwood and Clearview, and suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to take charge of Church extension work. A resolution presented by the Rev. Dr. W. B. Bodine, that a piece of ground be apportioned in some part of West Philadelphia for the erection of a mission, and that the matter be referred to the missionary committee to report at the next meeting in October, was unanimously carried. To St. James', Hestonsville, \$300 from the Sustentation Fund was appropriated. A resolution was passed that the missionary committee be instructed to report, at the next meeting of convocation, a plan to carry out the canon regarding the boundaries of the territories governed by the various churches for their missionary work. A supper provided by the ladies of the church of the Saviour was served to the delegates, after which the essay was read by Mr. E. W. Barker, whose subject was "Miracles."

On Tuesday afternoon, 18th inst., the convocation of Germantown, on invitation of the Rev. L. F. R. Davis, rector of the church of the Holy Innocents', Tacony, attended the laying of the corner-stone of the parish house (which is also to contain the church, *vide* THE LIVING CHURCH, April 24th, last). In the presence of over 30 of the clergy, Bishop Whitaker performed that function, assisted by Archdeacon Brady and the Rev. A. H. Hord. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the members of convocation repaired to the present church of the Holy Innocents, where the Rev. Dr. J. DeW. Perry took the chair, and offered prayer. The Rev. Dr. Perry was nominated to the Bishop as dean for the four years next ensuing, although he informed the members that he preferred a younger man in the office. The Rev. Joseph Wood was chosen as secretary, Mr. Orlando Crease, treasurer. Three of the clergy and a like number of laymen were chosen as the advisory committee. The treasurer's report showed that convocation had met all demands, and was clear of debt. The remainder of the session was given to a debate over the present system of collecting moneys from the various churches to aid missions and churches in poorer districts, and the appointment of a clergyman as general missionary in Bucks Co. A resolution was offered that each church should be taxed on the amount of income above current expenses; this was defeated, but a slight reduction was allowed Trinity church, Oxford, and St. Luke's, Bustleton. The deficiency was more than covered by increase made by St. Paul's, Doylestown, and St. John Baptist's, Germantown. In regard to the appointment of a regular clergyman as general missionary in Bucks Co., it was stated that there are now four missions there, supplied by divinity students and lay-readers. The matter was finally referred to the dean for consideration.

On Sunday morning, 16th inst., the Rev. Robert W. Forsyth, rector of St. Matthew's church, delivered an address appropriate to the 5th anniversary of his rectorship. Alluding to the works begun in the parish since he took charge, he showed the progress made. To the number of communicants enrolled in 1892, there had been additions of 50 per cent.; but in consequence of deaths, removals, etc., the net gain is about 50, the present list numbering 478. In spite of

hard times, the revenue has increased 15 per cent.; the Sunday school has grown from 371 to 514, or 38 per cent., with a total increase in offerings this year over 1891 of 31 per cent.; increase for missions and charities, 68 per cent. A rectory has been secured and is being paid for, and improvements are noted in every department. New organizations embrace a battalion of the Boys' Brigade, a Young Men's Club with a literary society and gymnasium, alternately used by the young people of both sexes under competent instructors; an active chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; a chancel chapter of ladies, having monthly meetings with lectures on the Prayer Book, and Tuesday morning readings in Christian theology; and a parochial society of ladies, doing work similar to that of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The parish reports show increased activity in missionary enterprises, local and general. The rector pleaded for an open church; a common banking system for the parish; individual and family memorials and bequests for the better support of the parish, for beautifying the church, and enlarging the work.

On Saturday, 15th inst., Judge Ashman, of the Orphans' Court, filed an adjudication in the estate of the late Robt. W. Ryerss, Esq., who left large bequests to relatives, friends, and employes, and large sums for religious and charitable purposes. He authorized and directed his executors to use a sum not exceeding \$30,000 in building a church at Rockledge (memorial church of the Holy Nativity), but not to make the expenditure until the church should be legally made into a separate parish from Trinity church, Oxford. This separation has been effected, and the \$30,000 is to be applied to the purpose designated, less payment of \$1,500 collateral inheritance tax. The Rev. Dr. W. F. Paddock is to receive \$1,500, and \$5,000 each is bequeathed to the House of St. Michael and All Angels for young colored cripples, and the City Mission. His residuary estate (amount not stated) is to be placed in trust, and one-fourth of the income is to go to the memorial church named above, for 20 years, when the trust shall terminate, and the principal be divided into three equal parts, one of which is to be paid to the memorial church; and should his widow die before the expiration of this trust, her share (of one-fourth of the residuary estate) is to be divided, so that the church will receive one-third of her share. It has been stated elsewhere, that the amounts over and above the sum to be expended in the erection of the memorial church are to be regarded as an endowment fund for the same.

The movement which resulted in the establishment of the church of the Crucifixion was begun by Mr. Thomas A. Latimer, of old St. Paul's church, in February, 1846, whose attention was called to the large number of colored people residing in the slums, poverty-stricken and destitute of moral and spiritual advantages. He rented a house, where services were held at stated periods by some of the city rectors. In April, 1847, a vestry was chosen, articles of association were drawn up under the name of the "church of the Crucifixion," submitted to Bishop Alonzo Potter and the Standing Committee, presented to the diocesan convention, May 20th, 1847, and the parish was admitted into union accordingly. Subsequently and for many years thereafter, the legality of this act of the convention in admitting a colored church, even though its rector and vestry were white men, was warmly discussed, and the matter does not seem to have been finally settled until about 1864. The semi-centennial celebration of its organization began on Sunday, 16th inst., when the Holy Eucharist was offered at 7:30 A. M. The chancel was decorated with palms, roses, and sweet peas. At the regular morning service, the rector, the Rev. Henry L. Phillips who is the seventh priest in charge since the organization, delivered an historical sermon; in which he stated that during the 50 years of its existence there had been, Baptisms, 1,462; confirmed, 808; marriages, 442; burials, 1,030. The Rev. Mr. Phillips has been connected with the congrega-

tion since 1870, as Sunday school teacher, lay-reader, deacon in charge, and last as rector. "The church of the Crucifixion stands, and will always stand, for a special principle. With no rented pews or fixed tax, no one can truly say, 'I am excluded from the house of God because of my inability to pay for a seat or to give.' It is God's house. In it His children, whatever their outward condition may be, are always welcome." In the evening Archdeacon Brady made an address. On Monday evening, 17th inst., there was an organ recital by Stanley C. Gilbert; on Tuesday evening, the Sunday schools had their celebration; on Wednesday evening, the several parish organizations met, when addresses were made; the parish re-union was held on Thursday evening in the parish building, where on Friday evening a drama was presented. On Sunday afternoon, 23rd inst., Bishop Whitaker made an address, and in the evening, the Rev. Dr. W. N. McVickar was the preacher. The influx of Jews and Italians in the neighborhood has caused the church to branch out in other directions, in order that it might still retain its members. It has a Sunday school at 903 McKean st., and a chapel (St. Augustine's) at 1830 Ellsworth st.

Chicago

Wm. E. McLaren, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop

The Bishop has just admitted the following persons candidates for Priests' Orders, viz: Harold E. Addison, Chicago; William W. Fleetwood, Sycamore; and Webster Hakes, River Forest.

The Bishop of the diocese has appointed the following as members of the Committee on Joint Diocesan Sunday school lessons; headquarters at Philadelphia: The Rev. Jas. S. Stone, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. Edward A. Larrabee, and John H. Edwards; Messrs. L. A. Heile and R. A. Young.

CITY.—A remarkable class of candidates was confirmed by Bishop McLaren, Sunday, May 23rd, at the cathedral. One of the candidates was a man over 80 years old, several of the women must have passed 50, while one woman was partly blind, and one girl, deaf and dumb. It was a vivid illustration of the Church gathering in "the halt, the lame, and the blind."

Sunday morning, May 23rd, the Bishop confirmed a class of 41 at the church of the Epiphany, presented by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, rector.

A pledge of \$1,100 for the Board of Diocesan Missions was made at St. Mark's church, Evanston, and one of \$650 at Grace church, Chicago.

A rich and beautiful cross has been placed on the altar of Trinity church, the gift of Mrs. C. L. Raymond, to mark her thankfulness to Almighty God for her recovery from a serious illness. In accordance with a resolution of the vestry, a brass memorial tablet has been placed on the north wall of the church, "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John Tryon Chumaseo," who died April 15, 1896.

The Rev. A. L. Williams, rector of Christ church, Woodlawn, has been preaching a series of sermons on Sunday evenings during May, on the Bible, its history, pre-eminence, and unity of design, its relation to the Church, why it was written, and how it is to be read. Through these sermons many outsiders have been interested in the Church.

In view of a recent serious illness of Capt. J. B. Hall, senior warden of the church of the Ascension, the vestry of that parish has just passed a resolution expressing their hope and trust for his recovery, and congratulating him upon the full completion of his 25 years of service as warden of this parish.

The ordination services which occurred on the morning of May 20th will be found recorded under the usual heading in another column. The Rev. A. W. Doran was advanced to the priesthood, and Dr. M. E. Fawcett and Mr. J. M. Ericsson to the diaconate. The Rev. Mr. Doran will continue in charge of St. Luke's church, and the Rev. Mr. Ericsson, of St. Ann's mission. The Rev. Dr. Fawcett will be deacon-in-charge

of the church of the Redeemer, Elgin, where he was until recently the pastor of a large Methodist congregation. Bishop McLaren's address was so timely and stirring that we give a short abstract of it:

He thought that we were living in an age that was characteristically theological. Theology was the most persistent theme of discussion among men today. Yet modern theological thought was singularly heterogeneous and chaotic. This condition of things could not be final, however, for anarchy in theology must produce anarchy in everything else. It was but the symptom of a regeneration and the precursor of a larger and nobler community of conviction than the world had seen for some centuries. He then discussed five causes which had contributed to this condition of theological upheaval; namely, the intense individualism of Luther, to whom could be traced nearly every school of modern destructive criticism, and nearly every form of social anarchy now menacing society; the straining of the principle of authority in the modern Roman Church by blind obedience to a human exponent of doctrine and morals; that repellant type of Christianity taught by the successors of Calvin, "bristling with five dagger-points of error"; unnecessary inferences drawn from the philosophy of evolution; and the increased attention now given to comparative religion. The outcome of all this confusion must ultimately be peace. But meanwhile, the issue was clearly defined. It was between natural and supernatural religion. To be victorious we must have trained soldiers—men thoroughly equipped to teach the world "the Faith once delivered."

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, on May 20th, the following officers were elected for next year: The Rev. F. J. Hall, president; Dean C. S. Sargent, of All Saints' cathedral, Milwaukee, vice-president; the Rev. E. M. Thompson, of All Saints', Ravenswood, secretary; and the Rev. A. W. Doran, of St. Luke's church, treasurer. The annual banquet was held at the Tremont House, at 2 o'clock P. M. The Rev. W. C. DeWitt was toastmaster. The Rev. Dr. Gold spoke on "The seminary"; the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Springfield, on "The provincial system"; the Rev. F. J. Hall, on "The recent Anglo-Roman controversy on Anglican Orders"; Dean Sargent, on "The cathedral system"; Bishop McLaren, on "The relation of philosophy to theology"; the Rev. J. A. Carr, of Wausau, Wis., on "The superiority of Western Seminary methods over those of other seminaries," and the Rev. A. W. Doran, on the "Junior alumni." Five new members were admitted to the Alumni Association.

The commencement exercises were held in the cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Thursday evening, May 20th. The graduates were the Rev. John Addams Linn, of the diocese of Springfield; the Rev. J. Mark Ericsson, of Chicago, and Mr. Edward Sargent, of Milwaukee. Following the Evening Prayer, the valedictory sermon was delivered by Mr. Sargent, who spoke of the necessity and office of the priesthood. He made affectionate tributes to the dean and to Dr. Gold, and closed with some words of appeal and counsel to the underclassmen. The diplomas were presented by the dean, Bishop McLaren. The Rev. F. W. Keator preached the baccalaureate sermon, on the text, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." He said the aim of the seminary was the definite teaching of a definite faith. That aim had been the secret of the triumph of the early Church, and was the aim needed for success to-day. Everything but that was being tried to remedy existing evils. To heal divisions men suggested a surrender of most of Christ's teachings, and a so-called unity on the basis of a common fellowship. To bring men to church and to reach the "masses" all sorts of sensational schemes had been tried, and Christ's churches had been turned into lecture halls. Outward circumstances might have changed, but the real need of humanity for the certainties of Christ's gospel was the same as ever. He urged the alumni to be faithful to the seminary by continuance in the Apostles' doctrine, and a constant growth in holiness of life.

The outlook of the seminary for next year is unusually promising. Standing as it does for the definite teaching of the Catholic Faith, and the cultivation of the devotional life of its stu-

dents, the seminary is sure to be a great moulding power in this centre of the rapidly developing Church life.

Long Island

Abram N. Littlejohn, D.D., LL. D., Bishop

The 31st annual convention met in the cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, May 18th. The opening service was a full choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Bishop's address was directed to the laity, his topic being "The lay priesthood."

A special committee was appointed by the Bishop to attend to the matter of the organization of churches under the laws of the Greater New York act, consisting of the Ven. Archdeacon Alsop, Colonel Cogswell, and Mr. Pendleton Schenck.

The convention continued in session throughout Tuesday and Wednesday, and was one of the most successful and largely attended for some years.

BROOKLYN.—In the afternoon of the 4th Sunday after Easter, the Fort Greene chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution attended a patriotic service in Holy Trinity church. Other chapters of the "Daughters," and also members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, Society of the Colonial Wars, and Sons of the American Revolution, and the League of the Red, White, and Blue from Public school No. 75, on Ralph st. and Evergreen ave., were also present, by invitation. Dr. McConnell preached, his text being, "Love the brotherhood, honor the King."

The 19th anniversary of the Women's Guild of St. Ann's church, on the Heights, the Ven. Archdeacon Alsop, rector, was observed Sunday evening, May 16th. The members attended in a body, seats having been reserved for them. The rector preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, from Hebrews vi: 10, "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Dr. Alsop recounted much of the valuable work of the guild. The members made 289 visits during the year, and spent \$2,609.50 in charitable work.

The Bishop on Wednesday evening of last week made his annual visitation of St. George's church, Flushing, the Rev. J. C. Smith, S.T.D., rector, and administered Confirmation to a class of 44 persons.

At St. Andrew's church, the Rev. W. N. Ackley, rector, the Bishop recently confirmed a class of 38 persons. Four others were kept away by illness or absence from the city. The annual meeting of St. Andrew's guild showed great usefulness, and a membership of 80.

Washington, D. C.

Henry Yates Satterlee, D.D., Bishop

The 2nd annual convention assembled in St. Paul's church, May 19th, the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Alfred Harding.

The convention being called to order, 56 clergymen and 43 of the laity answered to their names. The Rev. Arthur S. Johns was unanimously re-elected secretary.

The Bishop read his annual address. He stated that there are now on the clergy list one bishop, 74 priests, and nine deacons. He confirmed during the year 925 persons. The Bishop laid emphasis upon the importance of keeping parish registers and all records and papers of the vestry in safety, and added that a church safe is almost as great a necessity as a church bell. He also spoke of the importance to a parish of an ideal treasurer. Referring to the late Bull of Leo XIII on Anglican Orders he said that it was instinctively felt by the sober-minded clergy and laity of the Church to be nothing less than an uncalled-for act of intrusion upon the home life of the national Churches of England and America. The historical reasons set forth in the order are insufficient to justify this course, and it is perhaps not too much to say, that the Bishop of Rome by this last act has

isolated the papacy and cut it off from all participation in the coming re-union of Christendom. This letter will serve to create a more general recognition and better understanding of the historic character of the Anglican Communion.

The Rev. Dr. McKim presented changes in the constitution, passed at the last convention. The Bishop invited the convention to a reception at his house from 5 to 7 o'clock. The evening session was devoted to the consideration of diocesan missions. The report of the Committee of Missions was read by the chairman, the Rev. Dr. Aspinwall. Short addresses were made, at the Bishop's request, by several of the missionaries in the southern counties, and a discussion followed on the committee's report.

At the second day's session, the Rev. Dr. Gibson announced the death of the Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Gambrall, and offered a resolution of sympathy with his family, and with the diocese of Maryland, which was adopted by a rising vote. Discussion of the constitutional changes was continued, and that, fixing the Wednesday after the first Sunday in May as the time for the convention, was adopted. Some minor changes were agreed to.

The election of the Standing Committee resulted as follows: The Rev. Drs. J. H. Elliott and R. H. McKim; the Rev. Messrs. Alfred Harding and J. W. Chesley; Judge J. C. Bancroft Davis, Messrs. Arthur S. Browne, and Charles H. Stanley.

A proposition was discussed to abolish the Washington convocation, which is co-terminous with the diocese, but to continue the office of archdeacon. It was also proposed to revive the rural convocations. The subject was finally referred to a committee to report next year. Leave was granted to organize St. Margaret's and Brookland parishes within the bounds of Rock Creek parish. Trinity church, Takoma Park, was received into union with the convention.

The report of the trustees of the Endowment Fund stated that it is found that the approximate value of funds and property of the Keerl estate, to be divided between the dioceses of Maryland and Washington, is \$98,415, besides a tract of land held for sale, the value of which cannot yet be stated. The Bishop having resigned the chair to the Rev. Dr. Elliott and retired, it was proposed to empower the trustees of the Endowment Fund to devote \$45,000 to the purchase of the house which the diocese now rents for the Bishop. While there was a universal desire to do everything for the Bishop's comfort, and to secure, in the near future, an episcopal residence, there was a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of purchasing this particular property, and the proposition was not carried.

The following Committee of Missions was elected: The Rev. Dr. Aspinwall, the Rev. Messrs. C. E. Buck, Alfred Harding, and Charles F. Sontag; Dr. T. B. Wood, Messrs. W. B. Baldwin, H. E. Pellew, and E. N. Watts. The convention passed a resolution expressing thanks for a bequest of \$750 left to the diocese by Samuel S. Keefer, an old soldier, who died recently at the Soldiers' Home.

A representative of the American Church Building Fund made a short address, and the convention adjourned after prayer and the Bishop's benediction.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese held its closing service in the church of the Epiphany, May 11th. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, and made an address. The annual report was read by the rector of the parish, the Rev. Dr. McKim. It shows a growing interest in the work of the Auxiliary among the Churchwomen of Washington, evident in the increased attendance at the monthly meetings, and the earnest co-operation in all that is undertaken, especially the diocesan work, which is now twice as much as that which fell to the share of the Washington churches when part of the diocese of Maryland. The aggregate value of boxes and other gifts sent from 15 parish branches during

the past winter is over \$4,000. A business session was held in the Sunday school room, and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Grace church, Woodside, near Washington, which was destroyed by fire last June, has been re-built and completely furnished. It was used for service for the first time on the 3rd Sunday after Easter. In the morning the sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Elliott, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Alfred Harding. The rector is the Rev. J. E. C. Smedes.

Pittsburgh

Cortlandt Whitehead, D.D., Bishop

The monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Clerical Union was held May 10th, at the church rooms. The Rev. Dr. Maxon read an interesting paper on "If Christianity is abolished, what shall we have"? A general discussion followed, in which many members of the union participated.

The semi-annual meeting of the Pittsburgh branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, occurred May 11th, at Trinity church. In the absence from the diocese of Bishop Whitehead, the Rev. Dr. Arundel, rector of the church, presided. A helpful and forceful address was delivered by the Rev. Howard E. Thompson, on the topic, "The power of and for foreign missions." He spoke of three elements as essential to the progress of the work: money, information, and prayers. He alluded to the Church papers, both general and diocesan, as a most important source of information on missionary topics, and deplored the sad and inexcusable disuse and neglect of them by so many of our Church people, and made an earnest appeal that they be more generally taken and more numerous read. An offering was received for the contingent fund of the branch.

A grand rally of the Junior Auxiliary of the diocese was had at Calvary church, Pittsburgh, May 15th, in charge of Miss Diana Benson, president of the diocesan branch. The Rev. Dr. Maxon presided. An address to the children was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ward, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson spoke to the grown people present. The yearly reports from the parish branches were read by the Rev. Mr. Cole, and showed an aggregate amount of money contributed during the year a little exceeding \$1,200. Much interest was manifested by the children and the older persons present, in the recitation of the Missionary Catechism, prepared for the occasion, and in charge of the Rev. Mr. Gunnell. The number of children present was estimated at 450. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation adjourned to the parish house, where ice cream and cake were served to all by the ladies of Calvary parish. The occasion was a most successful one, and Miss Benson was the recipient of many congratulations.

Nebraska

Geo. Worthington, S.T.D., LL.D., Bishop

The 30th annual council assembled in Trinity cathedral, Omaha, May 19th. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

The Bishop began his annual address with a long and affectionate reference to the life and death of the late Dean Gardner. He spoke at considerable length upon the Church's duty to missions in the diocese, and especially to the foreign population, on the Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday school work, Christian education, the Episcopal Endowment Fund, and on the Bull *Apostolica Cura*.

The Rev. W. T. Whitmarsh was re-elected secretary of the diocese, and, on his nomination, the Rev. John A. Williams as assistant secretary.

Various propositions involving changes in the constitutions and canons of the diocese were offered, and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion a special committee of six was appointed to consider, and report to the next annual council, the proposed alterations of the Constitutions and Canons of the Church in the United States, viz., the Rev. Messrs. John Wil-

liams, Robert Doherty, S.T.D., and Campbell Fair, D.D.; Messrs. J. M. Woolworth, C. W. Lyman, and C. S. Montgomery.

At 8 o'clock, the council re-assembled in the cathedral for a missionary service. The Rev. Dr. Langford, of the General Board of Missions and Dr. Boone, of China, addressed the council on the duty of extending the missionary work of the Church everywhere, but especially in China.

Thursday morning, diocesan missions were warmly discussed by the Rev. Messrs. Irving P. Johnson and E. A. Marsh, and some others. The second order of the day, Sunday schools, was taken up and debated by Dean Fair, the Rev. J. P. D. Llwyd, and others. The report of the committee on legislation was received and adopted, after a very warm debate. The committee reported against the expediency of changing the present constitution and canons, with regard to woman suffrage; the date of the annual council; and the mode of assessment on parishes and missions for the current expenses of the diocese.

The most spirited debate ensued on the present very unsatisfactory condition of the Episcopal Endowment Fund. A resolution was adopted making a special assessment of \$1,000 for the ensuing year, to prevent all necessity of drawing upon the fund itself to meet current obligations. In addition, it was understood that \$500 more would be raised by private subscription in Omaha for the same purpose.

The Standing Committee was elected for the ensuing year as follows: The Rev. Messrs. Robert Doherty, S.T.D., H. B. Burgess, and John Williams; Messrs. J. M. Woolworth, C. W. Lyman, and H. J. Walsh. Mr. C. W. Lyman was chosen treasurer of the diocese.

The Rev. J. P. D. Llwyd was appointed to represent the diocese on the General Missionary Board, and on the nomination of the Bishop, the Very Rev. Campbell Fair, D.D., and Mr. B. A. Macalaster were elected by the council to a like position. The council adjourned *sine die*.

On the evening of May 16th, the Very Rev. Campbell Fair, D.D., was formally installed dean of Trinity cathedral, Omaha, by the Bishop who also preached. The clergy assisting were the Rev. Canon Whitmarsh, M. C., the Rev. Canon Doherty, S. T. D., the Rev. Messrs. John Williams, R. D. Stearns, G. B. Hewetson, and J. C. Gardner. Immediately before the service the parish house, formerly the rectory, was dedicated by the Bishop as a memorial of the late dean, the Very Rev. C. H. Gardner. A reception was arranged to be given to the dean and Mrs. Fair in the parish house the following evening.

Although last year the largest number were confirmed in the history of the diocese, the Confirmations of the present year are larger still.

On the 2nd of May, all incumbrances having been removed, St. James' church, Fremont, was at length consecrated. It was built 10 or 11 years ago, in the rectorate of the Rev. John Hewitt, but a heavy debt has hitherto prevented its consecration.

Quincy

Alexander Burgess, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop

The 20th annual convention assembled in Trinity church, Rock Island, on May 18th. It was well attended and very harmonious; the genial rector, the Rev. Dr. Sweet, having made most liberal provisions for entertainment, aided by the generous ladies of the parish. The fine rectory adjoining the church was "open house" to the convention at all hours. The church was "all glorious within," where the chancel was resplendent with the light of the wonderful windows of La Farge, of which mention has been made in these columns, and all were surprised and delighted to view the magnificent altar and reredos erected only last week by Messrs. J. & R. Lamb, elaborately carved in oak, one of the finest specimens of work ever executed in this country. Windows and altar were gifts of Mrs. Castleman.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert

W. Hewitt, rector of Christ church, Moline. The Bishop's address was upon general and local Church affairs. He paid eloquent tribute to the late Bishop Coxe, to Dr. Adams, of Nashotah, and others. Confirmations 170, somewhat below the number of former years. The Bishop referred with expressions of regret to his inability to continue the work of the diocese as actively as heretofore, and cordially commended the general missionary, the Rev. Wm. F. Mayo. While indicating his willingness to give his remaining strength to the diocese, he urged that if possible, relief should be given to him and the diocese by the election of a coadjutor. This portion of his address was referred to a committee, and resolutions were adopted expressing the desire of the convention that the Bishop should take such time for absence and rest as his health might require.

The old Standing Committee was re-elected, and little change was made in other committees. The trustees of funds and property reported the endowment fund to have been increased by the gift of \$1,000 from a former parishioner of Rock Island, the fund now amounting to \$5,389. The clergy were urged to give their people information about this fund, and to prepare the way for a canvass of the diocese.

Meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary were held, at which reports and addresses were made, showing interest and progress. Mrs. Victor H. Webb was re-elected president. On the evening of the first day a missionary meeting was held, at which addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Wm. F. Mayo, W. H. Benham, and Dean Moore, of Quincy. It was thought by many to be the most interesting meeting of the kind ever attended.

The next annual convention was appointed to be held in St. Paul's church, Peoria, on May 10th, 1898.

Virginia

Francis McN. Whittle, D.D., LL.D., Bishop
John B. Newton, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop

The 102nd annual council began May 19th with Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in St. George's church, Fredericksburg. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. B. Burwell. The report of the committee on election of trustees of the Theological Seminary, Alexandria, recommended that a change in the method of electing the board be made, so that vacancies be filled by vote of the councils of Virginia, Southern Virginia, and West Virginia. This brought out a lengthy discussion. A minority report was read, and a resolution was adopted that it was the sense of the council that no action be taken at this time, but that the report be laid on the table.

The report of the Standing Committee of the diocese was made. There had been recommended for Holy Orders 3, for deacons' orders 3, and for priests' orders 4.

A meeting in the interest of diocesan missions was held in St. George's church at 8 p. m. The secretary, the Rev. P. Nash, read his report. Over \$6,000 had been raised during the past year, and 33 clergymen had been assisted. The children in the diocese had raised by mite-boxes about \$2,000. Addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. L. R. Mason, E. L. Goodwin, and S. S. Hepburn.

At 7:15 a. m., a service was held in St. George's, with sermon by the Rev. F. S. Stickney. At 9:30, service with sermon by the Rev. H. B. Lee. Bishop Whittle's address was read by the secretary. The Bishop had made 12 visitations, confirming 110; ordained 2 deacons, received 8 presbyters, dimitted 7, and appointed 15 lay-readers. Bishop Newton reported visitations, 128; Confirmations, 557; ordinations, 5; churches consecrated, 4.

The old Standing Committee was re-elected, as also the former executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, with the addition of the Rev. Wm. Smith and the Rev. J. J. Gravatt. The report of the executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society was read by its secretary, the Rev. Preston Nash. Total receipts for the year, \$8,957.68, expenditures,

\$7,633.92, leaving a balance in hand of \$1,323.76. A discussion of the report followed.

The parochial report gave the following statistics: Baptisms, adults, 302; Baptisms, infants, 471; Confirmations, 635; communicants, 10,397; marriages, 191; burials, 491; Sunday school teachers, 903; Sunday school scholars, 6,900; Sunday school contributions, \$3,659.57; St. Andrew's Brotherhood members, 313; Woman's Auxiliary members, 1,364; total contributions, \$160,360.42.

A resolution was offered abolishing the office of diocesan evangelist at the expiration of 90 days. On being amended to read April 30th, 1898, the resolution was adopted. A committee was appointed on plans for a diocesan library.

The regular spring sessions of the Piedmont convocation were held in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, commencing May 4th, and continuing three days; 16 of the clergy were present. Sermons were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. K. Pendleton, J. H. Gibbons, G. W. Nelson, E. H. Hinks, and Carter Page. A quiet hour for the clergy was conducted by the Rev. J. McGill. The afternoon was devoted to Sunday school work, and the night service to the cause of missions, the Rev. S. A. Wallace and the Rev. R. K. Massie making addresses. There were the usual business meetings. Reports from various points were read, and missions arranged. Grace church, Casanova, was selected for the fall meeting. As is usual when the convocations meet in the country churches, the lay attendance was good throughout.

Pennsylvania

Ozi W. Whitaker, D.D., Bishop

THE BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS

JUNE

2. Evening, St. John's, Lansdowne.
4. Evening, Christ, Eddington.
6. A. M., Holy Spirit, Philadelphia; P. M., St. Luke, Germantown; evening, House of Prayer, Branchtown.
7. Evening, Christ, Media.
8. Evening, St. Michael, West Philadelphia.
9. Evening, Emmanuel, Holmesburg.
10. Evening, St. Luke, Newtown.
11. Evening, St. James, Hertonville.
13. A. M., Ordination, St. Andrew, Philadelphia; P. M., St. Michael, Germantown; evening Episcopal Hospital mission.

Maryland

William Paret, D.D., LL. D., Bishop

The 114th convention of this diocese, and the second since the separation of the diocese of Washington, convened in All Saints' church, Baltimore, on May 19th and 20th, Bishop Paret presiding. The clergymen, numbering 57, walked in procession to the chapel on Court st. to the church on West st. As the procession entered the edifice, the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," was sung. The Rev. Peregrine Wroth was unanimously re-elected secretary, and chose Mr. John T. Mason as his assistant. The Bishop made his annual address, in which he reviewed the year's work, and spoke on Church extension in Maryland. There are now in the diocese 127 clergy, 83 parishes, and 141 places of worship. During the year four clergymen were called to rest—the Rev. Messrs. Marburg, Hall, Baker, and Gambrall. Statistics followed of the Bishop's public services during the year, all showing arduous work and the faithful discharge of duties. "But," said the Bishop, "the chief question of this convention should be, What can we do to strengthen and advance the Church work in reaching and blessing all the souls within the limits of this diocese? The distinction between life and work in the rural parts, and life and work in the cities and larger towns, is growing every year clearer and more positive. The wealth, the learning, the social influence, the positive, vigorous, pushing life, the grand fields for developing ambition and hope and character, are passing away from our country homes and families, and crowding into the great and growing centres. Every young man of hope and promise makes haste to leave the country home, and goes where life is busier and seems nobler, and where opportunity of work and advancement calls. The old country

families of worth and eminence are breaking up and passing away; the grand, old estates are broken up and let out to tenants in smaller portions. The old customs and traditions are dying out, and the Church sorely feels the change." "Our laymen are not so much and as actively interested in the affairs and work of the Church as they ought to be. In New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and elsewhere, wonderful work has been done through what are known as Church clubs. I think the time has come when we should have a Church Club of Baltimore."

The report of the committee on new parishes was read by the Rev. Edward Ingle. A new parish was asked for Washington Co., to be known as Antietam parish, and a new congregation in the same district, to be known as St. Ann's. Both propositions were adopted.

A resolution was presented that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for library purposes. It precipitated a controversy, in which the Rev. T. S. Bacon, Judge John A. Lynch, Mr. Skipwith Wilmer, and others took part. Judge Lynch asked if there was any money in the treasury for this purpose. He was informed that there were no available funds at present, but Mr. Skipwith Wilmer said there would be about \$60,000 coming from the Keerl estate very soon. An amendment to wait for that fund was lost. The disposition of the money accruing from the Keerl estate was freely discussed. It was cited that the Keerl gift was left to the Bishop of Maryland and his survivors forever. The library adjoins the episcopal residence built by the late Bishop Whittingham, and Bishop Paret says it is a great comfort to him. Now it is considered advisable to build a new home for the Bishop in another portion of the city, hence it is considered proper to also move the library. It was finally resolved that the books in the library given by Bishop Whittingham should not be removed.

A motion to change the method of electing a bishop, after some discussion, was postponed indefinitely.

The Rev. Charles C. Frost read a report on maintaining a sustentation fund for superannuated clergymen, but on motion the report was laid on the table. Reports were read on Church statistics and parochial contributions. The latter was, upon motion, ordered to be abolished. Mr. Edgar G. Miller was elected treasurer of the convention. Various other reports were submitted.

A discussion on the needs of rural parishes was participated in by the Rev. Messrs. A. C. Haverstick, George Bragg, J. B. Purcell, J. S. B. Hodges, S. T. D., Edward P. Gray, Frederick Humphrey, W. H. H. Powers, D. D., David May, and Dr. Staker.

The Standing Committee was elected as follows: The Rev. Drs. J. Houston Eccleston, William M. Dame, Frederick Gibson, J. S. B. Hodges, and William H. H. Powers; George C. Stokes and Wm. S. Southgate.

It was resolved that the next convention be held in Emmanuel church, Baltimore.

BALTIMORE.—The Rev. Theodore C. Gambrall, D. D., rector of St. Barnabas' church, in Anne Arundel Co., and archdeacon of the convocation of Annapolis, died on Tuesday evening, May 18th, at the Church Home and Infirmary, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he sustained on April 9th. He had been at the institution about three weeks. Dr. Gambrall was born in Baltimore in 1842. His education was received at the Maryland University School, conducted at that time by the Rev. Dr. Edwin Dalrymple, afterwards examining chaplain of the diocese of Maryland. He was ordained deacon by the late Bishop Whittingham, May 21, 1863, and ordained to the priesthood two years later. His first work in the ministry was done in Baltimore, but he was afterwards called to Trinity church, Steward Co., where he remained some time. Subsequently he accepted a call to St. James' parish, Anne Arundel Co., which included the old chapel at Tracey's Landing, one of the old historic parishes of the diocese. In February, 1890, he resigned as rector of St.

James' parish, and accepted missionary work under Bishop Paret, at Curtis Bay, where he built the present St. Barnabas' church. St. John's College, at Annapolis, Md., honored him with the degree of doctor of divinity. He was a scholarly man, and was the author of several literary works. "Church Life in Colonial Maryland," published in 1890, is a work of merit and value, and attracted wide attention. Later he published "Studies in Civil, Social, and Ecclesiastical History of Early Maryland." This work was made up principally of a series of ten lectures delivered by Dr. Gambrall to the students of the Maryland Agricultural College, in 1893. Dr. Gambrall was among the first clergymen to enter the crusade against the Sunday pleasure resorts about Brooklyn and Curtis Bay, and became prominent from the part he took in behalf of the proper observance of the Sabbath in his neighborhood and county.

At St. Luke's Hall, exercises were held May 13th, in commemoration of Founder's Day. The exercises are held each year on the birthday of the late Rev. Charles W. Rankin who founded the school when he was rector of St. Luke's church. There were readings and recitations, and an address by the Rev. William A. Coale, the present rector of the church. The most impressive part of the exercises was the wreathing of the picture of Dr. Rankin while the entire school sang the founder's favorite hymn, "Ye saints who from their labors rest."

The trustees of Hannah More Academy, the diocesan school for girls, near Reisterstown, met on May 10th, in the library adjoining the Bishop's residence. The reports showed the affairs of the academy to be in an admirable condition. The Rev. Joseph Fletcher is the principal.

On Sunday, May 9th, the Bishop visited Trinity church, Towson, the Rev. W. H. H. Powers, D.D., rector, and administered the rite of Confirmation to a class of 14 persons. The Bishop also preached in the morning, and confirmed a class of 10 at Emmanuel church, Glencoe, the Rev. Duncan McCullough, rector.

New Jersey

John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop

During the past year new organs have been placed in more than a dozen different churches in the diocese. A new instrument, valued at \$2,000, is now being placed in Holy Trinity church, Spring Lake, the latest parish that has been musically fortunate this year.

Holy Trinity church, Ocean City, is now nearing completion, and will be ready for use before the summer season opens. Among other seaside churches, St. James', Atlantic City, has advanced so steadily in strength that it is now to be open the year round; the Rev. W. W. Blatchford was recently placed in charge. The Rev. Dr. W. B. Bodine will again have charge of St. James, Elberon, for the summer.

During the recent epidemic of typhoid fever at Lambertville, the vestry of St. Andrew's church tendered the Board of Health the use of the parish building as a hospital. The building was furnished with the necessary articles, a corps of trained nurses was brought from Philadelphia, and through the prompt action of the health authorities, thus aided by the Church, many lives were saved.

Two beautiful stained glass windows have recently been placed in Grace church, Merchantville, one in memory of William Horton Moses, and the other, a memorial of Mrs. Lottie Lee Knight Stramm. The latter represents an adoring angel kneeling before the Cross, and is a copy of one of the figures of Hoffman's "Ascension." The other window is a representation of the archangel Michael.

Thieves recently broke into Trinity church, Vineland, and stole two Communion sets, one of them very valuable, besides robbing the mite boxes.

Central Pennsylvania

Nelson S. Rulison, D.D., Bishop

The spring sessions of the archdeaconry of Reading convened in St. Luke's church, Leban-

on, May 17th. Evening Prayer was said at 7:45 p. m., the sermon being preached by the Rev. Otto Brandt, D.D. On Tuesday, at 7:30 a. m., the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Ven. Archdeacon James P. Buxton. Breakfast was served to the clergy in the rectory by the ladies of the Guild of St. Agnes; at the conclusion of which the members of the archdeaconry repaired to the parish school building to convene for business at 9:30 a. m. The attendance was large, there being present during the sessions 23 clergymen, including the Bishop of the diocese, and visitors from the archdeaconry of Harrisburg. A warm and helpful discussion was entered into regarding the methods of working diocesan missions. The reports of missionaries were presented. An essay by the Rev. John Mitchell Page was entitled "The lack of cohesion in the work of the Church." The paper was a timely presentation of the state of the Church as a transition period from the day of small things when the laity are working at haphazard as individuals, or groups of individuals, to the day of greater things when the laity will work with more unanimity and loyalty to the comprehensive and Catholic idea of the Church. There was much discussion of a helpful kind at the conclusion of the essay, in which the Bishop was an interesting participant. At 5 p. m., conveyances arrived to carry the clergy to the beautiful home of Mrs. Horace Brock, where a reception was held in the music room, and refreshments served. At 8 p. m., three addresses were attentively listened to by the large congregation present. The Rev. F. C. Cowper spoke on "The need of religion to the nation," the Rev. Benj. F. Thompson, on "The need of definiteness in religion," and the Rev. Gilbert F. Sterling, D.D., on "The need of organization in religion." Archdeacon Buxton summed up the points of the three addresses with skill and eloquence. The large and well-trained vested choir added much to the beauty of the evening services, and the singing of "Rest in the Lord," by Mrs. George Bowman, was exceptionally fine and effective.

Bishop Penick recently relieved the Bishop by taking an eight days' Confirmation tour in this diocese, in the course of which he confirmed 129 persons

The Rev. G. C. Foley, rector of Trinity church, Williamsport, delivered one of the Reinecker Lectures at the Virginia Theological Seminary on May 4th. The subject was "Origin."

The archdeaconry of Harrisburg met for its spring session in St. Luke's church, Mechanicsburg, on the evening of April 27th. The opening service was fully choral, and the music was beautifully rendered by the vested choir. The sermon by the Rev. Dr. Bodine, of Philadelphia, was an eloquent presentation of the value of the Bible. Mr. B. F. Meyers was nominated as the lay member of the Board of Missions from this archdeaconry. On Wednesday morning, the Holy Communion was celebrated, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. C. Pastorius.

WILKES-BARRE.—May 4th, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, the corner-stone of the new St. Stephen's church was formally laid by the Rev. Dr. H. L. Jones, rector, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hayden, Ware, Cox, and Johnson, assistant ministers of the parish. After the singing of a hymn, Psalm cxxii was read responsively, and prayer was offered by the rector. The Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. J. P. Ware. Mr. S. L. Brown, chairman of the building committee, read a description of the stone and its contents: "On the one side of this corner-stone is the number 1817, marking the year when St. Stephen's parish was organized and received its charter; on the other, 1897, the year of the erection of the present edifice. Within this stone are deposited the contents of the corner-stone of 1853, including a copy of the Holy Bible. In addition, there are now deposited copies of the Prayer Book and Hymnal, last edition; journal diocesan convention, 1896"; etc. The corner-stone was laid with the usual solemn formula. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hayden and the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the rector delivered a brief address. The invitation

from the rector of St. James' church, Lancaster to hold the autumn session in that parish was accepted. A committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of the Rev. Montgomery R. Hooper. An address on "The originating and procuring causes of salvation" was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Roke, followed by one on the "Effectual cause of salvation," by the Rev. Dr. Angell.

Iowa

Wm. Stevens Perry, D.D., LL. D., Bishop

HARLAN.—Oct. 1st, Church work was begun here, when the present clergyman took charge. On Dec. 6th last the first class for Confirmation was presented to Bishop Graves, of the Platte, acting for Bishop Perry, when 36 persons received the apostolic rite. Now, on May 1st, Bishop Perry has confirmed 12 more, and another class will be ready about the last week in June. There are already over 60 communicants. A Church History Club for men and another for women have been doing very excellent work for some months. The people are already organized as a parish and have accepted no aid in a financial way from outside the parish. They are yet worshipping in a hall—a most inconvenient place—but hope soon to better their condition in this regard. This work was started by two ladies last summer and ere the close of the first year we are able to report most gratifying success.

Kansas

Frank R. Millsbaugh, D.D., Bishop

The Salina deanery met at Beloit, May 10th and 11th, in St. Paul's church. Holy Communion at an early hour began each day. On Monday the missionary meeting was called to order by the Archdeacon of West Kansas, the Ven. Albert Watkins, in the absence of the dean, and addresses most interesting and encouraging were made. The speakers were the Rev. L. J. Wooden, Rev. R. H. Barnes, the Archdeacon, and the Bishop. Evensong closed the day. Tuesday, Morning Prayer was said at 9 a. m., followed by a second Celebration, after which a very enticingly arranged lunch was spread by the ladies of the parish under the trees on the pretty church grounds. At 2 p. m. a thoughtful paper on Sunday school work was read by Mr. Herbert Baker, of Logan, and remarks on this important matter were made by the Rev. R. P. Kendal, Mr. McKenzie, of Minneapolis, the general missionary, and the Bishop. In the absence of the Rev. W. K. Damuth, the Bishop's address on the importance of "Woman's work" followed. The Daughters of the King and the Woman's Auxiliary, with their distinctive and unselfish work, were the two divisions of the Bishop's inspiring address. After a standing vote of thanks to the kind people of Beloit for their courteous hospitality, the convocation adjourned to meet early in November in St. Paul's church, Clay Centre, rector, the Rev. J. E. H. Leeds.

Minnesota

Henry B. Whipple, D.D., LL.D., Bishop
Mahlon N. Gilbert, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor

The eighth annual diocesan council of the Daughters of the King was held May 8th, at Faribault. A short service was held in the chapel, conducted by Dean Slattery. A beautiful hymn, written especially for the order by the Rev. Mr. Webb, of St. Paul's church, Minneapolis, was sung, followed immediately by the admission of eight new members to the Bishop Whipple chapter. At the conclusion a formal reception was tendered the visiting delegates, and a half-hour was spent in social intercourse. Saturday morning, 9 a. m., at the cathedral there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which 62 communicated. Dean Slattery was preacher and celebrant. After service the delegates were driven around the cathedral city, and visited all the Church institutions. A basket

lunch concluded this part of the programme. The afternoon the council re-assembled for business, reports from the various committees were presented, and showed the order to be in a very flourishing condition, full of activity and

life throughout the diocese. Officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Crouse, Bishop Gilbert's chapter, Merriam Park, St. Paul, president; Miss Theobald, Bishop Whipple chapter, Faribault, vice-president; Miss Case, St. Paul's chapter, Minneapolis, recording secretary and treasurer; Miss Bingham, Minneapolis, corresponding secretary; delegate to National Convention, Washington, D. C., next October, Mrs. Webb. Council will meet next year at Gethsemane, Minneapolis. The duties of the order were minutely outlined, and a written summary of work is to be sent to all the clergy of the diocese, with a view to increasing the influence and membership of the order. Addresses were made by Dean Butler, Dean Slattery, and the Rev. Mr. Tenbroeck. Sunday morning the delegates attended the cathedral service in a body, the Rev. Dean Slattery, preacher. Both the Bishops were unavoidably absent. The delegates left for home Monday morning.

ST. PAUL.—In addition to his numerous parochial duties, the rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. W. C. Pope, gives an occasional service at North St. Paul and Taylor's Falls. Mrs. Patten presented a very handsome chalice veil, used for the first time Easter Day. The total amount of Easter offerings from all sources was \$176.97.

The annual parish meeting of St. John's the Evangelist, the Rev. D. W. Rhodes, rector, was largely attended, and the reports presented show the parish to be in a very flourishing condition. Increase of communicants, 109; pew rental, \$7,200—an increase of over \$1,000 during the year; Easter offering, \$344; Bishop Gilbert's needs fund, \$114.60; Sunday school increased in membership, and still growing rapidly. At the Confirmation service recently held, the entire family of Gen. J. W. Bishop, formerly of the Baptist denomination, received the sacred rite; also Col. Page and family, of Ft. Snelling. Death has removed from the parish two of its faithful adherents, Maj. White and Capt. Johnson.

The ladies of St. Paul's parish, the Rev. Dr. Wright, rector, have made themselves responsible for the care of the music during the ensuing year. The altar guild, comprising some 30 young ladies of the parish, with Mrs. Whipple as directress, will have sole charge of the altar and sanctuary. Instead of resorting to entertainments for the purpose of raising money wherewith to carry on their work, they have resolved to earn it through their own skill in needle work of any dignified description. They are now prepared to do any kind of ecclesiastical work pertaining to the altar—vestments, banners, etc., plain sewing, and furnishing altar breads.

MINNEAPOLIS.—At Holy Trinity church, the Rev. S. B. Purves, rector, 143 communicants received the Blessed Sacrament at the 7 A. M. Celebration on Easter Day.

At Gethsemane church, the Rev. J. J. Faude, rector, the Sunday school children's Lenten and Easter offerings amounted to \$327.57. The total contributions from all sources for the year amounted to \$14,327.41. Holy Innocents' mission contributed \$15 for missions. The Sunday school of the Shepherd's Fold made an offering of \$7.26 for general missions. At St. Paul's, the Rev. F. T. Webb, rector, the Easter offering netted \$500, and the children's Lenten savings, \$50. At St. Mark's, the Rev. H. P. Nichols, rector, Easter offerings were \$2,000; children's Lenten savings, \$340.39, the largest amount ever given by the Sunday school.

Colorado

John Franklin Spalding, D.D., Bishop

Bishop and Mrs. Spalding are expecting to sail from New York on the "St. Paul" June 16th, for England, to be back in Colorado in about three months. The friends of the Bishop and his wife are sending them to London for needed rest, and that Colorado may be represented in the Conference of the Anglican Bishops in July

The annual council meets June 2nd and 3rd, and the Woman's Auxiliary, June 1st. The Denver Theological School is to graduate three men June 23rd, the Rev. Dr. Kramer preaching the baccalaureate sermon, and the Bishop presenting the diplomas in the cathedral.

Dallas

Rt. Rev. A. C. Garrett, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

On Easter Day last, the Very Rev. Hudson Stuck, dean of St. Matthew's cathedral, presented 41 candidates to the Bishop for Confirmation, making 50 for the year past. The Easter service was very impressive, and the music was especially well rendered. The cathedral received several gifts, amongst them a heavy red plush curtain for the arches of the reredos, and a massive carved oak litany desk, from Geissler's workshop. A solid silver Communion service for early Celebrations was also given.

Arkansas

Henry Niles Pierce, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

The 25th annual council met at Trinity cathedral, Little Rock, May 7th. Every clergyman of the diocese was present, and 14 of the 18 parishes were represented by the lay delegates. After Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion, Bishop Pierce delivered his address. The council sermon was preached by the Rev. D. B. Ramsey.

The election of a bishop-coadjutor was the chief business before the council. The condition of the permanent episcopate fund has delayed earlier consideration of the matter, although urged by Bishop Pierce for the last two years. This fund now amounts to \$17,115.70, an increase of \$1,451.49 during the year. This fund has been raised entirely within the diocese. After several able speeches from members of the clergy and laity, and a private conference of the clergy at the episcopal residence, the name of Archdeacon Wm. M. Brown, of the diocese of Ohio, was submitted to the laity, who, however, rejected it. The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, and the Rev. John Gass, both of Arkansas, then held a tie vote, and as no conclusion could be reached, it was moved and adopted that the choice of a bishop-coadjutor be postponed till a special session to be called by the Bishop at the end of 60 days.

Reports to the Board of Missions show a decrease in offerings, and new work was not undertaken last year, and will not be this, on that account. A re-awakening of interest in the parochial missionary societies was determined upon, and provision made to establish them in every parish and mission.

The committee on the state of the Church set forth the pressing need of episcopal oversight, and summed up by reporting the Church in Arkansas "in its normal condition, with an upward tendency that is encouraging."

The Bishop's diary and the parochial reports show that there is in the diocese 17 clergy and 1 candidate for Holy Orders, 14 lay-readers, 18 parishes, 9 mission points, 2,312 actual communicants.

Oregon

Benj. Wistar Morris, D.D., Bishop

Through the joint efforts of the King's Daughters and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Archdeacon Webber was induced to go to Portland and conduct a five days' Mission, this being all the time he could spare from his other engagements. On Sunday, April 25th, he began his work, preaching in Trinity church, at the 11 o'clock service, to a large congregation, and again in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, and in the evening of the same day in St. David's church, Eastside, Trinity being occupied by Bishop Barker. On the four days following, services were held at 10 A. M., 4 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., with Holy Communion at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday and Friday. "After-meetings" were also held at the close of each of the evening services. The weekday morning and afternoon services were well attended and in the evenings the church was crowded to overflowing, and so interested were the people that

they were loath to leave the church to give place to the after-meetings, each of which was devoted to the interest of some particular organization of the parish, except on Friday evening, when the talk was to communicants and supporters of the Church generally, to which almost the entire congregation remained. Not only were these services of Archdeacon Webber a great source of spiritual uplift to the people of Trinity parish, but to every parish in the city. It was truly a season of refreshing to all.

Marquette

Gershom Mott Williams, Bishop

At the late convention of this diocese, resolutions commemorative of the Rev. Levi Burt Stimson, were adopted by a rising vote. Mr. Stimson was 72 years old at the time of his death. A native of Pittsfield, Mass., he was graduated at Trinity College, 1848, and was successively rector of the parishes of Wilton, Fairfield, and Brookfield, in Connecticut; of Lafayette and Delhi, in Indiana; of Owosso and Escanaba, Mich. With a highly cultivated intellect, he was much sought for as a classical teacher. Warm in his friendships and devoted in his attachment to the Church, he entered into rest quietly and peacefully, after receiving the Blessed Sacrament, on the 27th of April, 1897.

Alabama

Richard H. Wilmer, DD., LL.D., Bishop
Henry Melville Jackson, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop

The Standing Committee of the diocese has been organized as follows: The Rev. W. Dudley Powers, D.D., of Montgomery, president, and Mr. W. W. Screws, of the same city, secretary.

West Missouri

E. R. Atwill, D.D., Bishop

BROOKFIELD.—Grace church, the Rev. G. B. Norton, D.D., rector, has received a new altar, made in Gothic style of quarter-sawed oak, richly marked. A personal friend of the rector, in no way connected with the parish, made a generous contribution, and certain parishioners gave the remainder of the cost. A handsome credence table in antique oak was the gift of Miss Alice Carroll's Sunday school class. A prayer desk for the rector's use, patterned after the stalls used in English cathedrals, is of quarter-sawed oak, beautifully paneled, the offering of Mrs. Norton's Sunday school class. A litany desk was the gift of the Busy Bees. The work, on all these gifts, was done by a Brookfield man, J. Stannard.

Tennessee

Chas. Todd Quintard, D.D., LL. D., Bishop
Thos. F. Gailor, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor

The annual convention met at Sewanee May 5-7. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. T. Wright, who, upon organization for business, was re-elected secretary, with Mr. S. D. Wilcox for his assistant. The Standing Committee elected was: The Rev. Messrs. T. F. Martin, Geo. F. Degen, and J. R. Winchester, D.D.; Messrs. W. D. Gale, and E. L. Gregory. Dr. Starr delivered the annual Otey sermon, his subject being "The divine constitution of the Christian ministry."

At the missionary meeting on the evening of the second day Bishop Gailor made an able address, which was followed by some good missionary talks from men in the field, after which increased pledges for diocesan missions were made. The convention elected a board of managers for the more practical work of its missions. This board is to keep an account of money received and expended, and will devise ways and means for increased appropriations.

The Woman's Auxiliary had a Quiet Hour the next day, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Starr. In the afternoon their annual meeting was largely attended. Mrs. Shortridge, of Memphis, presided. Encouraging reports were read, and larger pledges given for another year. A scholarship to be known as the "Thomas F. Gailor" scholarship at St. Katherine's school,

Bolivar, was taken up, and its support guaranteed by the Tennessee branch. The pupil is to be chosen by the Bishop. Mrs. Smede read a paper full of the missionary spirit, with reminiscences of her work among the Indians.

Massachusetts

William Lawrence, S. T. D., Bishop

The 112th annual convention held its first session in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., Boston, where the committee on qualifications was appointed. The delegates afterward adjourned to Trinity church. The service was the celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Arthur Lawrence, D.D.

The Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., was re-elected secretary, and appointed the Rev. L. C. Manchester, as his assistant. The annual report of the treasurer, the Rev. C. H. Learoyd, showed a balance of \$610. The Rev. Dr. Abbott read the report of the Standing Committee. St. Martin's, New Bedford, was admitted into union with the convention.

The Rev. S. U. Shearman made the report of the committee on clerical support. The Rev. Dr. Shinn, in behalf of this report, offered a resolution to the effect that on the organization of a new parish, or when there is a vacancy in an existing parish, the warden shall give notice to the bishop of the diocese, who, in a month from the time of receiving the notice, shall nominate no less than three, nor more than five clergymen, from whom the parish can elect a rector. If they should not so elect, then the bishop shall make additional nominations. The whole matter was referred to a committee, which will report at the next convention.

Bishop Lawrence's annual address dealt with the subject of the division of the diocese, but recommended no action about it. The larger part of the address treated of the material prosperity of the diocese. His official acts were as follows: 2,189 Confirmations; ordinations to the diaconate, 12; to the priesthood, 6; candidates for orders, 16; lay readers licensed, 71; clergy in the diocese, 252; parishes, 150, and missions, 53.

The Bishop appointed the following committee on general missions: The Rev. John S. Lindsay, D.D., the Rev. S. G. Babcock, and Mr. Geo. P. Gardiner. Delegates to the Missionary Council: The Rev. R. Kidner, and Mr. F. P. Foster.

The Rev. C. H. Learoyd was elected treasurer, and the Rev. E. F. Slafter, D.D., registrar. The following were elected on the Standing Committee: The Rev. Drs. J. S. Lindsay, E. W. Donald, A. St. John Chambre, and Edward Abbott; Judge E. L. Davis, Messrs. Robert Codman, A. J. C. Sowdon, and Charles G. Saunders.

The report on diocesan missions, with the work of the archdeacons, was read by the Rev. R. H. Howe, D.D. The assessment on current expenses of the parishes, for the convention fund, was discussed and adopted. It levies one and one-quarter per cent, on the current expenses of the parishes, instead of the old rule of three per cent, upon the rector's salary.

The Rev. Drs. Lindsay, Parks, and Messrs. Cawsten Browne and J. C. Ropes, were appointed on a committee to endorse the Arbitration Treaty recommended in the address of the Bishop. The convention expressed its sympathy with Mr. Jos. S. Fay, for many years a valued member of the convention, who has been ill for some time. A new guide in organizing parishes and missions was introduced by Mr. Charles G. Saunders, and adopted. The attempt to omit the sermon at the opening service of the convention failed to be accepted, and was vigorously opposed by the Rev. Dr. Donald. After the appointment of the next convention at Trinity chapel, instead of the Y. M. C. A. Hall, the convention adjourned, with prayer by the Bishop of the diocese.

The first evening of the convention, a large missionary meeting was held in Trinity church. addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Sedgwick, Mills, Johnson, Fisher, Page, Sundelof, Peabody, and Crocker.

Missouri

Daniel S. Tuttle, D.D., Bishop

The 57th annual convention assembled in Christ church cathedral, May 18th, at 10 o'clock. The bishop, clergy, and vested choir entered in procession singing, "The Church's one foundation," when Morning Prayer was said, and Holy Communion celebrated by the Bishop, the Rev. Gustavus Tuckerman delivering the convention sermon.

The convention organized in the Schuyler Memorial House by the re-election of Mr. John R. Triplett as secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Ingraham called attention to the fact that this was the 25th occasion on which that gentleman had been chosen to that office, and addressed him on behalf of the Bishop, clergy, and lay delegates, on the long, faithful, and efficient service which he had rendered the convention as its secretary, closing by presenting to him a testimonial of the high regard in which such services were held, in the form of a dessert dish of rich cut glass and silver. This was so unexpected to the secretary that he could only declare his inability to express his feelings, or to say more than that he was most deeply gratified to find his services so highly appreciated and so fully remembered.

After a recess for luncheon at Hotel Rozier, the Bishop read his annual address, in which he made fitting reference to the death of two of the oldest clergy of the diocese, the Rev. O. H. Staples and the Rev. E. F. Berkeley, D.D., both having passed considerably beyond four-score years, and at last sinking calmly to rest in the midst of their respective families. The death of that "prince in Israel," Bishop Coxe of Western New York, was also feelingly referred to and commented on, with high tribute to his rich scholarship and rare taste, his devoted Churchmanship and his able championship of the Faith. The terrific cyclone which had broken in upon the last convention, completely wrecking one of our city churches and greatly injuring another, and causing ruin and desolation to so many of our people, was dwelt upon in its effects both direct and indirect on the interests of the Church in the city. The falling off in pledges and offerings to the Diocesan Missionary Fund caused by this disaster, was the source of much embarrassment and was likely to be perpetuated into the operations of another year; but an earnest appeal was made against such a result, and it was even urged as a duty resting upon the diocese to consider the propriety and even obligation of speedily relieving the General Board of Missions of a continuance of its present appropriation to the needs of Missouri. The prolonged illness of the Rev. Dr. Holland, of St. George's church, was tenderly mentioned by the Bishop, and a resolution of sympathy and condolence unanimously adopted by the convention by a rising vote. The Bishop expressed surprise that the number of Confirmations during the past year had fallen so far below the number reported a year ago, being only 387 instead of 615, but a little more than one-half. He could in no way account for this, as there was no evidence of any remissness on the part of the clergy, while his visitations had been as frequent as usual.

The Rev. P. G. Robert gave notice of a proposed amendment to the canon whereby the annual parish meeting and election of vestries shall be held on the Monday following Advent Sunday, instead of, as now, on Easter Monday.

Several reports were read from committees appointed at the last convention; among these, one of remarkable force and ability was presented by Prof. M. S. Snow, upon the subject of "Church halls and guilds in connection with State and other universities." This was well calculated, and can scarcely fail to influence action towards the establishment of a Church hall in connection with the State University at Columbia, or Washington University in St. Louis, or, possibly, at both. Thus this plan whereby the Church may avail herself of the benefits of extensive and heavily endowed institutions, first suggested by the late Rev.-Dr. Adams, of Nashotah, is meeting with continually wider favor and

adoption. The report of the Rev. Mr. Dean, chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, was full and exhaustive, and abundantly revealed what a grand and extensive work this noble institution is so quietly doing in the cause of suffering humanity, it being, after the city institutions, the first in the number of its charity patients, which are received entirely irrespective of their religious attachments, so that Churchmen are largely outnumbered by those from other religious bodies.

The election of the Standing Committee resulted in the choice of: The Rev. Messrs. P. G. Robert, Wm. Short, S. H. Green; Messrs. M. S. Snow, T. K. Skinner, and H. H. Denison.

The pledges made for diocesan missions, instead of reaching the amount required to continue present work (\$4,600), fell to \$3,293, several of the larger parishes making no definite pledge. This amount, however, represents the minimum which may be counted on, and may possibly be largely exceeded, as it certainly ought to be.

The Rev. C. M. Davis and Mr. F. W. Bles, of Macon, were elected delegates to the Missionary Council at Milwaukee.

The subject of definite pledges from the various parishes for the general missions of the Church, was referred to a committee to report at the next convention.

The Board of Missions elected for the ensuing year consisted of the Rev. Messrs. G. D. B. Miller, K. M. Dean, J. P. T. Ingraham, E. Duckworth, E. P. Little, and C. N. Moller; Messrs. Wm. Bagnell, D. F. Leavitt, F. J. McMaster, E. H. Lycett, W. C. Stith, J. L. Ford, Charles Sparks, and R. G. Jordon.

Mr. Walker Hill was chosen treasurer of the diocese in the place of Mr. Wallace Delafield, who declined re-election.

After the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis* and offering prayers, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

Newark

Thomas Alfred Starkey, D.D., Bishop

The 23rd annual convention was held in Trinity church, Newark, on May 18th and 19th. The Bishop reported 120 clergymen canonically connected with the diocese, 95 parishes and missions, 68 parishes in union with the convention, 4 clergymen ordained in the diocese, 13 received from other dioceses, 1 deceased, 6 dismissed to other dioceses, 8 candidates for the order of priests and 2 for the order of deacons, 4 clergymen temporarily licensed in the diocese, 1,419 persons confirmed, 39 lay-readers licensed, 3 new missions admitted, and 6 postulants.

The officers of the diocese were elected as follows:

Standing Committee—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. W. Holley, D.D., Wm. R. Jenvey, N. Barrows, D.D., and Frank B. Reazor; Messrs. Henry Hayes, F. W. Stevens, Alfred Mills, and D. Smith Wood. Delegates to the Missionary Council—The Rev. Wm. W. Davis and Mr. Henry Hayes. Treasurer, Mr. Henry Hayes.

The following were elected as members of the Board of Missions: The Rev. Messrs. George S. Bennett, Walker Gwynne, John S. Miller, F. B. Carter, Frank B. Reazor, and William N. Davis; Messrs. George S. Wylie, George G. Frelinghuysen, Richard F. Stevens, Robert A. Hewitt, Richard Stevens, and William M. Franklin.

A committee was appointed to form, with a similar committee of the diocese of New Jersey, a commission on new State legislation in favor of simplifying the legal status of the Church.

The archdeacon of Newark announced that during the past year more money had been raised for diocesan missions, more money appropriated, and more parishes responded to the appeal, than ever before in the history of the diocese.

Archdeacon Mann read his report: From the mission at Hackettstown, which is under the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Pickslay, rector of St. John's, Dover, come most encouraging reports. Some two years ago the work of the Church was revived in that flourishing village, and excellent progress has been made. The Rev.

W. M. Mitcham is now priest in charge under Mr. Pickslay. The congregation has steadily increased. At St. Luke's, Phillipsburg, the Rev. Mr. Martin is doing most excellent work. Hearty services and large congregations characterize the mission. At St. Peter's, Washington, the Rev. Mr. Flindner is faithfully carrying on the work. The church in this place has to contend with strong prejudices, and progress is difficult. There has been, however, a gratifying increase in the Sunday school, and the missionary reports a large attendance of children upon the services, especially during Lent. The mission at Landing maintains a weekly service and a Sunday school, which has grown encouragingly during the past year. Trinity mission, Arlington, in charge of the Rev. Mr. Keller, reports increased attendance upon church services during the year. The property is in good condition; no incumbrance upon it. It is estimated that the ground is worth seven times what was paid for it.

In July of last year, the Rev. Appleton Grannis, then a deacon, began work at Essex Falls. Services were held in the waiting rooms of the railroad station, the only available place. Shortly afterward, ground was given by the Essex Falls Land Company, subscriptions were secured for a building fund, and on Christmas Day the first service was held in the completed church. The cost of the building was \$3,200. The mission has the promise of a pipe organ valued at \$1,200. The total value of the property is about \$5,000, with an indebtedness of \$1,500. This mission has been self-supporting from the start. It is the only church in the place, the people are all interested, the services are well attended, and the outlook is most promising. In December of last year, church services were begun by Mr. Grannis in Little Falls, a village of some 2,000 people, about eight miles from Essex Falls. The services are held Sunday afternoons in a private clubhouse belonging to the Beatty family. Two months ago a Sunday school was also started. The average attendance at the services has been about 60, and there are 20 children in the Sunday school. The majority of the congregation is made up of factory employes with their families who have been brought up as members of the Church of England, and who show a hearty appreciation of the services. At present there are 22 communicants, and there is a Confirmation class of 10 adults who will shortly be confirmed; 21 persons, seven of them adults, have been baptized.

The report of Archdeacon Jenvey followed. The missions of this archdeaconry are making most abundant returns for all that is being done for them. They are in the main new missions, live missions, vigorous missions. They are acquiring land, erecting buildings, and laying solid foundations for the future. Calvary church, Bayonne, must enlarge its borders. Its congregations are often larger than its buildings can accommodate. About 700 souls are connected with this church. The contributions have been \$1,950. The stipend of \$250 which this church has received from the Board of Missions will soon be voluntarily relinquished. The mission of the Epiphany, Allendale, has now a priest of its own, the Rev. William Ernst Allen. Growth is seen in every direction. The mission of St. John the Divine, Hasbrouck Heights, has accomplished wonders during the past year. It has now its own building, presented to the diocese by E. W. Dunstan, a member of the mission. The value of the property is \$4,500, with \$2,800 still owed upon it, but provision has been made for the gradual reduction of this. The mission reports 125 souls. Holy Trinity mission, Hillsdale, is steadily advancing in strength and usefulness. The Rev. Arthur Whitaker reports 50 souls and offerings amounting to \$802. This mission voluntarily relinquished the stipend of \$100 it was receiving from the Board of Missions one year ago. There is no debt of any kind upon the mission property. St. Paul's mission, Montvale, is also under the charge of the Rev. Arthur Whitaker. Its year of work shows 50 souls and offerings amounting to \$400. This mission is half supporting. In addition to faithful work

done in the two above-named missions, Mr. Whitaker had held as many services as possible at Oradell, Closter, Demarest, and other adjacent villages. All Saints' mission, Leonia, is now ready to take a most decided step in advance. Enough is now in hand to justify them in building. By Christmas, at the latest, the building should be fully ready for use. The mission reports 106 souls and offerings amounting to \$900. At St. Luke's mission, Paterson, during the past year the church building has been enlarged until its capacity is two-thirds greater than formerly. The cost was \$2,200. Of this, \$1,700 has been paid or provided for.

The missions of this archdeaconry have received from the Board of Missions the sum of \$1,175. In return for this, it reports 3,112 souls, 1,010 communicants, 196 Baptisms, 96 Confirmations, 1,160 scholars and teachers in the Sunday schools, and offerings of \$11,344. No more fruitful results can be found anywhere in the Lord's great field, which is the world, whether at home or abroad.

The report of the Board of Missions was read by the Rev. Frank B. Reazor. Help had been given to 20 missions during the year. The total amount received was \$5,013.23, and at the close of the year there was a deficiency of \$328.52, which had been made up by the Bishop from other missionary funds in his hands.

The diocese has subscribed a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the Bishop on his visit to the Lambeth Conference in July.

The Rev. John P. Appleton, Nutley, N. J., was re-elected secretary of the convention.

The convention was closed with prayer and the episcopal benediction.

Connecticut

John Williams, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

On May 9th, the following letter addressed by the Bishop to the clergy and laity of the diocese was read in most of the churches:

To the Reverend the Clergy and to the Laity of the Diocese of Connecticut:

DEAR BRETHREN—It had been my expectation and hope that I might very soon resume the active work of the diocese, but I find that this hope must be given up. Moreover, the time has come when, in my opinion, a due regard for the well-being of the diocese and a proper consideration of my own condition make it right that I should ask the diocese to elect a bishop-coadjutor.

According to Canon 19, § v., Title I., the bishop of the diocese, in giving his consent to the election of such a bishop-coadjutor, is required to state the duties which will be assigned to him. It will be my purpose to assign to him all the duties connected with the visitation of the parishes for Confirmation and other ordinary matters, and also, from time to time, to devote upon him the ordinations to the priesthood and the diaconate, the laying of corner-stones, and the consecration of churches. I shall also relinquish one-half of the salary now paid to me for the benefit of the coadjutor, and hope that the diocese will undertake to make such further provision for his maintenance as will be just and honorable.

I am sure, my dear brethren, that I need not say to you that it is a painful necessity which compels me to address to you this letter. I cannot contemplate without sorrow the practical severance of ties which have so long bound me to your service for more than half of my life, and in which I have received such uniform kindness and forbearance on your part. I deeply feel the additional burden which is to be laid upon the diocese, and it is only after long, earnest, and prayerful consideration, and not without consultation with those whose opinion is entitled to weight, that I have decided to ask the action of the convention in this behalf.

In case the convention, which will meet on the 8th of June, should feel that there had not been sufficient notice to warrant immediate action, I would suggest that it fix upon some time to which it may adjourn, at which adjourned session the special business shall be the election of the bishop-coadjutor.

Will the reverend clergy, at their earliest convenience, read this letter to their congregations?

Asking your prayers that the convention be guided to do that which shall be to the honor of God and the prosperity of His kingdom, I remain,

Affectionately your Bishop,
(Signed) J. WILLIAMS.

Middletown, May 5, 1897.

NEW HAVEN.—In Trinity church, the Rev. Geo. Wm. Douglas, D.D., rector, on Sunday,

May 2nd, Bishop Niles, acting for Bishop Williams, set apart to the office of deaconess, Miss Mary Isabelle Potter, a graduate of the New York Training School. Miss Potter will spend the summer at Farmington, assisting the priest-in-charge until October, when she will return to New Haven to work in Trinity parish.

Sunday evening, May 9th, the Rev. G. McC. Fiske, of Providence, R. I., preached the fifth in the series of Berkeley sermons for this season.

The officers of the Yale Berkeley Association for the ensuing year are: President, E. King, '98; vice-president, E. T. Howes, '98 S.; secretary and treasurer, Ossian Ray, '99.

BRIDGEPORT.—The missionary society of St. Luke's church, the Rev. John W. Gill, missionary in charge, has just completed a house to be used for parish purposes. This mission, with its chapel, parish house, and rectory, is now well equipped for Church work.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, held in New Haven, May 10th, the school was reported in excellent condition, and plans were discussed for enlarging the work in the scientific course. It is desired to erect a new laboratory for chemistry and physics.

NORWALK.—The Sisters in charge of St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children, West 34th st., New York, are now making preparations to open their new summer hospital on "West Rocks" early in July. The children's building, which will accommodate about 80 little ones, the dining-room, laundry, and kitchen are now completed, but a part of the former building will be used for workers this summer, as the house for Sisters and nurses will not be erected until a sale has been made of the property at Rockaway Beach. Those who are familiar with "West Rocks," or "Pleasure Rocks," as this part of Norwalk used to be called, will understand what a charming spot has been selected by the Sisters for the outings of the sick children under their charge. The money for the purchase of the property and the present buildings was the gift of a New York woman who is well known for her generous offerings for Church work.

SHELTON.—A movement full of promise has been started for a church at Shelton, opposite Birmingham, on the Housatone River. There is a large number of communicants here, many of whom have hitherto worshipped in the old parish church at Birmingham, of which the Rev. George H. Buck is rector.

Western New York

Wm. D. Walker, S.T.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Bishop

On Easter Monday, Bishop Walker visited St. Mary's, Buffalo, the Rev. C. F. J. Wrigley, rector, and confirmed 26 persons, two being from Grace church. On the following day, with a large company from Buffalo, the Bishop visited St. Andrew's mission, Irving, in charge of Mr. Thomas Clough, lay-reader. Here a neat and pretty chapel was opened and used for the first time, and four persons received the "laying-on-of-hands." The completion of St. Andrew's, with its appropriate furnishings, marks a decided advance for the Church in Chautauqua Co., and will in time be an element of spiritual strength in and around the village of Irving.

April 21st, Bishop Walker visited St. Mark's, Newark, the Rev. A. Brittain, rector, and confirmed 18 persons. In the afternoon of April 23rd, the Bishop visited Grace church, Randolph, and confirmed six persons, presented by the Rev. Geo. R. Brush; and in the evening, at East Randolph, confirmed seven persons.

Bishop Walker visited St. Mark's church, Penn Yan, the Rev. F. M. Baum, rector, in the evening of May 4th, and confirmed 12 persons.

Bishop Walker visited the church of the Good Shepherd, Buffalo, the Rev. T. B. Berry, rector, the evening of May 5th, preached, blessed the new choir stalls and pulpit, confirmed 11 persons and addressed them.

The annual council of the diocese, announced to meet in Christ church, Rochester, May 18th,

has been postponed to May 24th, to meet in St. Luke's, Rochester.

The Bishop made his annual visitation to St. James' church, Hammondsport, the Rev. Thos. Duck, rector, April 29th, and confirmed 15 persons and addressed them. April 30th, he visited St. James' mission, Avon, and St. Thomas' church, Bath, both under the rectorship of the Rev. B. S. Sanderson, confirming seven persons in the former place and eight in the latter. On the following day, he visited the parish of the Redeemer, Addison, the Rev. W. H. Hawken, rector, and confirmed 18 persons.

ROCHESTER.—Bishop Walker visited St. Andrew's church, the Rev. A. S. Crapsey, rector, on the morning of Low Sunday, preached, and confirmed 13 persons, and addressed them. On the afternoon of the same day, he visited St. James' church, the Rev. J. H. Dennis, rector, and confirmed 30 persons; and in the evening, confirmed, in St. Luke's church, the Rev. Henry Anstice, D.D., retiring rector, 53 persons and one additional in private, and another in private on the morning of the 26th. The service at St. Luke's was memorable as being the last time that Dr. Anstice officiated as rector of the parish in which he had labored for 31 years. The Bishop preached an effective sermon upon the subject of the divine forbearance, from Is. xli: 2. In his address to those confirmed, he alluded to the rector's departure as an occasion for much sorrow in the diocese. After the service, an informal reception was held in the vestry room. Here Dr. Anstice made a brief farewell address, in which he summed up the results of his ministry in St. Luke's. He said:

With this evening's service, my completed labors of 31 years among you will have become matter of history. Its statistics may be briefly stated: The Symbol of the Covenant has been administered to 1,575 at the font; 1,127 have ratified their baptismal vows in Confirmation; 1,016 have had their marriage solemnized, and over the mortal remains of 1,122 the Burial Service has been said. At the beginning of my rectorship, there were 451 communicants, of whom only 61 remain. I have received as new communicants, 1,830. The total number therefore on the list has been 2,281. The present number is 151 men and 533 women, making a total of 684. The offerings aggregate \$456.31. I am profoundly grateful for God's blessing on our mutual work; for what has been accomplished in the various forms of Christian effort in which we have been privileged to be engaged; for what has been achieved through grace in individual lives in the upbuilding of a holy character. The sacred tie which has so long and so happily bound us together cannot be severed without pain. But for us all God's will obeyed is always best. Follow me with your loving interests and helpful prayers, as I shall always bear you and the dear old church in tenderest remembrance. And I invoke for you God's richest blessings, parochial fruitfulness, and individual growth in grace.

LOCKPORT.—Bishop Walker visited Christ church, the Rev. W. F. Faber, rector, on the evening of April 27th, and confirmed 43 persons, preaching the sermon and addressing those confirmed. On the morning of the following day, he consecrated All Saints', a chapel of Grace church, of which also the Rev. W. F. Faber is rector. In the afternoon, he confirmed three persons in private, and later confirmed four in All Saints' chapel, and in the evening, 43 persons in Grace church. It will be seen from the above how greatly the strength of the Church in Lockport is increasing under Mr. Faber's ministrations, efficiently assisted by his curate, the Rev. G. S. Burrows.

GENEVA.—On Sunday, May 2nd, Bishop Walker visited St. Andrew's chapel in the morning, and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon, at Trinity church, the Rev. H. W. Nelson, Jr., D.D., rector, he confirmed 52 persons, preaching, and addressing those confirmed; and in the evening, he visited St. Peter's, the Rev. Thos. E. Calvert in charge, confirming 11 persons, preaching, and addressing the candidates. On Monday morning, he addressed the students of Hobart College, and in the evening, confirmed for the Bishop of Central New York 32 persons in St. Paul's church, Waterloo, the Rev. R. M. Duff, D.D., rector.

TONAWANDA.—At St. Mark's church, the Rev. E. H. Martin, rector, the Good Friday services

were unusually well attended. At the Three Hours' service, a goodly number was present all through. In the evening, 26 persons were confirmed. The Bishop preached an earnest and logical sermon from St. Matt. xxvii: 3, 4. It was a strong characterization of the sin of those who look upon falsehood and wrong with indifference. On Easter Day, the attendance at both early and late Celebrations was large and encouraging. The choir of 36 voices rendered very finely Mietzke's *Te Deum* in B flat and Cruikshank's Communion service in D. St. Mark's Day, the name day of the parish, occurring this year on Low Sunday, was observed in an especial manner with early and late Celebrations, special music, and an historical sermon by the rector. The parish was organized in 1869. During the 28 years since there have been 394 persons baptized and 303 confirmed. The growth has been apparently slow, but the indications point toward better things in the future.

North Carolina

Jos. Blount Cheshire, Jr., D.D., Bishop

The annual convention met in the church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, May 12th, the Bishop in the chair. The Rev. Dr. Marshall was elected president of the convention, and the Rev. Julian E. Ingle secretary. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Jas. B. Avirett, and the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion.

Mr. Chas. E. Johnson was re-elected treasurer of the diocese. A board of trustees, to have charge of all matters concerning the Church school for boys now being conducted at Salisbury, was elected.

The report of the managers of the Thompson Orphanage was submitted, showing increased contributions during the past year, and improvements in the dormitories.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand from the various funds in his charge, of \$5,160.23, also securities amounting to \$13,810 for the permanent Episcopal Fund, and \$1,000 for the education of children of deceased clergymen. The report of the trustees of the diocese showed securities in their hands amounting to \$18,512.51.

By unanimous vote the diocese relinquished all claim to the whole property and fund known as the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School in favor of the jurisdiction of Asheville, on the ground that it was given for purely local purposes.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, diocesan treasurer, the missionary jurisdiction of Asheville was asked to help this diocese pay the Bishop's salary, as it received almost one-half of his labors, so much needed in this diocese.

In spite of vigorous opposition from some of the members of the convention, the proposed amendment to the constitution allowing clergymen membership in the convention after six months' canonical residence in the diocese (instead of twelve, as at present) passed its final ratification.

An amendment was also passed changing the time for holding parish elections from Monday after Easter to Monday after the 1st Sunday in Advent; although stoutly opposed by some. (By the constitutional requirement this last does not become law till ratified by the succeeding convention.)

A proposed amendment allowing adult women to vote in parish elections, failed to pass, though lacking only a few votes.

The Committee on Provincial Organization appointed at last convention reported a plan and constitution for the Province of North Carolina; but action was postponed to the next convention.

The convention approved of the action of the trustees of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, in purchasing for \$50,000 the site and buildings so long used for this historical school, but heretofore leased from private parties. The convention also voted to turn over to the trustees of St. Mary's the Mary Ruffin Smith Fund and the

fund for the education of children of deceased clergymen, upon condition that the school establish one free scholarship for every \$3,000 received from these funds; the nomination to these scholarships to be in the hands of the Bishop of the diocese, and the scholarship given in return for the \$3,000 from the Fund for the Education of Children of Deceased Clergymen always to be given to the daughter of a deceased clergyman. The trustees of the school also reported that hereafter the price for everything except the usual extras would be only \$200 a year. On Wednesday from 5-8 P. M., the convention visited St. Mary's, by invitation of the rector, Dr. Smedes, and after Evening Prayer, said by the Bishop and Dr. Smedes in the chapel of the school, the members were escorted through the buildings and art galleries, served with refreshments, and entertained with calisthenic and musical exercises by the school. The Bishop who has devoted his time for the past two months to raising funds for St. Mary's, reported good prospects for securing the \$100,000 needed to pay for the school and furnish a small endowment.

The Bishop's address showed 268 Confirmations during the year, three churches consecrated and two deacons advanced to the priesthood. There are at present four candidates for Priests' Orders, one for Deacons' Orders, and four postulants.

The Standing Committee elected are as follows: The Rev. M. M. Marshall, D.D., Benjamin S. Bronson, and Bennett Smedes, D.D.; Messrs. P. E. Hines, M.D., and Richard H. Battle, LL.D.

The same Executive Missionary Committee was elected as last year, except that Mr. Thos. Battle, of Rocky Mount, was elected instead of Judge Connor who found it impossible to serve.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, and Daughters of the King, held their annual conventions in Raleigh during the meeting of the diocesan convention. Many excellent addresses were made, especially by the Bishop, Dr. Lamb, of New Jersey, and the Rev. J. M. Horner; and along with the report of much good work accomplished there was promise of still more in the near future.

At the close of the diocesan convention the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Carolinas assembled in its 2nd annual convention in Christ church, Raleigh. Many subjects of interest were on the programme; some good speakers had been secured, and the convention was of unusual interest.

The diocesan convention meets next time in the church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, May 13, 1898.

Ohio

Wm. Andrew Leonard, D.D., Bishop

On May 9th, there were confirmed 130 in Norwalk, 15 in Fremont, and six in Monroeville. In Toledo in Lent there were 109 confirmed in all the churches, 40 in Trinity, 21 in St. Mark's, 19 in St. John's, 11 in Grace, 12 in Calvary, and six in St. Andrew's. The latter two missions are growing, as is St. Luke's—all tended by the Rev. T. S. Barkdull. Grace church has lately entertained the King's Daughters in its new parish house. The Church women of Toledo are very active and prominent in this organization. This parish has just rented its seats after years of the free system. The number of supporters is thus increased by 13, and the assets enlarged. St. Paul's, East Toledo, the Rev. Harold Morse, has made a like change, with prospect of increased support. Mr. Morse has resigned his position as the assistant of Trinity and will confine his work to St. Paul's. His health has been injured by the double work, which he has carried on with ability and efficiency.

Michigan

Thomas F. Davies, D.D., LL. D., Bishop

On the 4th Sunday after Easter, Bishop Davies confirmed a class of 13, in Trinity church, Detroit, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. H. Baldwin.

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Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, Editor and Proprietor.

THE Rev. Dr. Barrows, the distinguished president of the Parliament of Religions, has returned to Chicago, after his visit to India, whither he went to deliver the Haskell lectures. Dr. Barrows is represented by an interviewer as expressing surprise at discovering in India and Japan (which he visited on his return voyage) that some of the delegates to the Parliament representing Hinduism and Buddhism had reported, on returning to their native land, that their respective religions had triumphed at the World's Fair, and that Americans were all but ready to turn from Christianity to the religion of the Hindus and Buddhists. The Rev. Doctor must surely have been of a very confiding disposition if he expected perfect veracity and good faith from the troop of wily Orientals who drew the applause of the admiring crowd by their graceful gestures and plausible speech. It seems to have been a further shock to him to discover by practical experience the real character of Hinduism as it exists on its native heath. Probably not even the superstitions of the African savages are more utterly revolting and degrading. Even the explanations of the Pundits were not reassuring. The Doctor is, no doubt, fully aware how far these explanations are a modern afterthought. That the attempt is made to explain the rights of the sacred inclosures is only another proof of the indirect influence of Christianity upon the Indian mind. It is one of the greatest proofs of the force of Christianity that so many thoughtful minds in India should be making the attempt to appropriate to their own religions its ethical characteristics.

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Unnecessary Apprehensions

SOME of the newspapers have come across a "mare's nest" in connection with the Lambeth Conference. They tell us that there is a growing tendency on the part of that assembly "to make the primates and metropolitans of this country in a measure dependent upon the dictation of the see of Canterbury," and that this movement is arousing determined and bitter opposition in the American bishops. Such statements have the usual amount of truth, beginning with the allusion to "primates and metropolitans" as existing in the American Church.

The Lambeth Conference is a purely voluntary affair. It is unknown to the law of the Church of England, or of the American Church. Its discussions and resolutions have no more legal force than those of a Church Congress. Their value is altogether moral. Undoubtedly the results arrived at in such an assembly, consisting as it does of men of the highest eminence for office and character, will always be received with respect. But not one of them can have the slightest legal value or binding force. Before any suggestion from that source can obtain the force of law in the American Church, for example, it must follow the usual course of legislation. Nothing of the kind can become binding upon us, except through the voluntary action of the General Convention engrafting it in a regular way upon the constitution or embodying it in the canons of this Church.

As to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the bishops of this Church are not in any way dependent upon him, and it is a moral impossibility that they should ever even desire any such subjection, and still more impossible that General Convention would ever consent to it. To state the case is to show its absurdity. Further than this, so long as the Church of England and its bishops remain in their present alliance with the State, an alliance which necessarily limits their liberty of action and partly moulds their methods and their policy, the Church in the United States, and some at least of the colonial Churches, have a greater amount of independence. It is wildly improbable that such Churches will sacrifice any part of their liberties by submitting to become dependent upon a Church or a see which is not itself independent. As to the matter of appeals to the Archbishop of Canterbury, it is so far from being a practical question among us, that we have not yet any courts of appeals, either diocesan or provincial, as connected with our home Constitution, and it would be a strange way to begin by instituting a foreign bishop as such a court.

The Lambeth Conference, we may rest assured, so far as the American Church is concerned, will continue to be what it has been hitherto. It has no legal power, and we see no way in which it can acquire any. It will continue to discuss matters of common interest, and to set forth encyclical letters, but it can frame no canons and issue no decrees. There are many things in which it is advisable that bishops of Churches in communion with each other should arrive at a common understanding. Such subjects supply topics of discussion, and the meetings themselves tend to develop the consciousness of unity among the widely scattered branches of the Anglican Communion, and to exhibit that unity before the world. Beyond this the Conference cannot move.

There are two subsidiary or incidental ways in which these assemblies, held once in ten years, are likely to be distinctly advantageous to the Church as a whole or in part. In the first place, in view of the present aggressive attitude of the Roman Church, and its uncompromising hostility to Anglicanism, it cannot but aid much in setting the Anglican Communion in its rightful position before the world, when the spectacle is presented of the bishops of many independent Churches in every part of the earth meeting together in the unity of a common Faith and apostolic order, and the pursuit of common ends. It proves beyond contradiction that the ancient constitution of the Catholic Church, which this Church maintains, is sufficient for all necessary purposes, and that the Catholic Faith, the Catholic worship, and the Catholic order can be preserved and perpetuated without the aid of a despotic central power. Thus the assemblage of many Catholic bishops on equal terms in free conference, untrammelled by the State or by the control of any ecclesiastical supremacy, is a spectacle which is certain to impress the whole world, and to make men understand in time the nature of true Catholicity.

On the other hand, this Conference is calculated to be of increasing benefit to the Church of England itself. The relation of Church and State is of such an intimate character that it is extremely difficult for the average English mind to distinguish be-

tween them, or to conceive of what is meant by "a free Church in a free State." Instances of this are continually cropping out, and sometimes in high places. The Church of England is regarded as having a peculiar legitimacy as a consequence of its union with the State, and sometimes the free Episcopal Churches of Scotland, Ireland, and the United States, and even of the English colonies, are classed with Non-conformists. Yet the time is surely coming when the Church of England will cease to have its present association with the State. It is no unimportant part of the mission of the Lambeth Conference to teach the English people, by way of an object lesson, that the Episcopal character and the notes of the Catholic Church are in no way dependent upon any connection with the State. Thus this assembly becomes a valuable element in the gradual course of training by which the Mother Church is being prepared for the exigencies of a coming period.

Our friends may be assured that while Churchman look forward with interest to the meeting at Lambeth in July, they feel no manner of alarm or anxiety. The circumstances of the case exclude the possibility of any apprehension of radical or startling measures, or of any measures calculated to compromise in any degree the independence of the Catholic body in America, "known in law as the Protestant Episcopal Church."

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Business Morality and Its Prospects

THE revelations recently made through the labors of the grand jury of Cook county have been of a character to produce a feeling of doubt and suspicion in the public mind as to the trustworthiness of great business institutions in which people have hitherto been accustomed to repose implicit faith. The investigations of this jury were occasioned by some of the startling bank failures of the last few months, with their disastrous results to so many individuals and smaller firms. Since the evidence seems to show that some of the largest financial institutions, with which the interests of individuals and firms in and out of Chicago were closely bound up, have been for years managed in a perfectly unscrupulous manner, leading, finally, to disastrous wreck, it is natural that people should view the situation with dismay.

Notwithstanding all the safeguards which can be devised, the business of any community must at the bottom rest upon a basis of trust in the integrity of certain individuals. There is an unwritten code of honor back of all checks and balances, without which business must come to a standstill. The names of well-known men, esteemed as men of character in the community, constituting the boards of directors and managers of important banks and other institutions, are felt by people generally to be a greater security than the provisions made by law for the inspection of banking or other business. This accounts for the fact that private concerns, not properly covered by the laws, often receive a remarkable degree of public confidence, due evidently to the estimation in which the men or, more often, the man, at the head of affairs, has come to be held. The majority of people are unacquainted with the intricacies of finance and are obliged to take the word of some one whom

they believe to be trustworthy. The revelations now made have been shocking and disheartening.

Nevertheless, such an investigation as has been effected, with the probability that it will lead to the exemplary punishment of some of the chief offenders, is not without its good results. The foreman of the jury, in the sensible address which he made at the close of the session, spoke of some of these results. In the first place, he said he had no doubt that the twenty-three men composing the jury had learned a lesson of undeviating adherence to truth and honesty which would be of value to themselves and to their children. Further than this, the testimony which had brought to light the fact that employes were often tempted by those over them, and made dishonest through fear of losing their positions, was calculated to deter many a hesitating young man when he saw that to yield was to take the first step on the road to disgrace and ruin. Again, it does something to reassure the public mind when it is seen that the chief offenders are not allowed to escape. The grand jury in the present case seems to have been composed of men of an unusually high stamp. No consideration of standing, wealth, or influential connection was allowed to come in the way of impartial and searching investigation.

In the very interesting and important report of this jury, certain defects in the present laws are pointed out, and it is to be expected that one result of these distressing exposures will be an amendment in legislation relating to banking and other business, such as may better protect the community against dishonesty. While the necessity of such legislation appears in several directions, it applies particularly to the case of private banks. It appears that such banks may, under present conditions, be established and receive deposits without any inspection or supervision whatever by the State. Upon this point the report of the grand jury is particularly emphatic.

Of these various good results calculated to ensue from the work of the grand jury, we attach most importance to the possible moral reformation which it is hoped may follow. It is probable, and much to be desired, that the lesson of these exposures will be taken to heart not only by employes, in supplying a motive against yielding to temptation, but by the financiers who manage trusts and direct the policy and methods of banks and other corporations. An officer of the National Bank of Illinois, during this investigation, excused the violation by that bank of a most important law, on the plea of necessity, bluntly asserting that necessity in banking is above all law. That utterly unprincipled statement would be serious indeed, if it could be supposed to be generally accepted among men engaged in the banking business. But it is more likely to serve as a warning and to hasten the day, which the foreman of the jury hopes for, when no bank officer will hesitate to define before a grand jury, "strict banking morals."

Our readers will perceive that we have thus far treated this subject only in its superficial aspects. The only moral motive which appears in the general comments upon these matters, is the danger that dishonesty and lawlessness will be discovered. It is the fear of detection and disgrace. It is the fear of being dishonored in the eyes of men and of receiving just punishment at their hands. No doubt this is wholesome as

far as it goes, but it is fatally inadequate. In the last analysis it makes fear of detection the main factor in the promotion of honesty, rather than the sinfulness of sin. The fear of man is present, but no fear of God. Manifestly, even in the view of common-sense, the motive is inadequate. There are only too many who are able to look back to crime successfully hidden, from which they have suffered no earthly detriment and from which they have every reason to feel confident that they never will suffer any. Others there are constantly coming upon the scene, who refuse to accept the warning of past exposures and just retribution, because they believe that they have skill enough to escape detection. What has happened to others will not happen to them. And sometimes they are justified in this conviction.

A lesson of the kind which the business community has just been taught will no doubt have its effect for a time, but this is necessarily superficial and transient. A deeper motive must be supplied than any which springs simply from the fear of detection or of disgrace in the eyes of men. The old motive upon which Christianity insisted, was the sense of responsibility to God and the fear of the judgment to come. Even yet we believe there lies at the bottom of the minds of men a half-owned conviction that somewhere and somehow the secrets of their hearts and lives will be revealed and that they will inevitably have to render an account before a tribunal from which there is no escape and from which nothing can be hid. But for a generation past, the whole trend of education in this country has been to ignore this radical motive, to leave out of sight the truth of God, and to narrow the sphere of responsibility to this earthly scene. Some popular forms of religion have pandered to this purely pagan view of things and, by banishing the dread of divine judgment, have done what they could to destroy the strongest motive to righteousness that has ever influenced the mass of men. The fear of man has been substituted for the fear of God. Until this is reversed, we cannot indulge in any sanguine hopes for a genuine and earnest morality in the business world any more than in private life.

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Very Short Sermons

BY CLINTON LOCKE

XII.

St. Luke xxiv: 52. "They returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

THIS was on the afternoon of Ascension Day, and the "they" are the disciples returning from Bethany. Does it not seem curious that they were able to rejoice at that time? How could they feel like rejoicing when their Lord and Master was snatched away from their sight, and they were left alone? How can we make a festival and not a fast out of Ascension and its octave when it seems to mark the greatest disaster the Church could possibly experience—the departure of its visible Head? Let us think about that, for there must be reasons why we can rejoice over the Ascension, and why it is better that Jesus Christ should have passed into the heavens.

And first—the departure of our Lord enables us to form a great deal grander and nobler idea of Him than if He had remained here on earth. We can test that by our own experience with great men. I remember,

when a boy, being greatly influenced by the works of a well-known American author, and I formed a very high and noble ideal of the personal appearance of the man himself. It happened before many years that I was invited to meet this man. I went with all the glow of youthful enthusiasm, ready to worship my hero, and never shall I forget the shock when his little dapper figure met my eyes, and I listened to the utter commonplaceness of his conversation. It cured me forever of a wish to reduce ideals to a common measure. I have my picture gallery of the imagination, where, in glowing colors, shine forth my Tennyson, my Shakespeare, my Victor Hugo; but I would not thank anybody to cut out the canvas and put the living beings themselves within the frame. Now, with reverence, apply this same thought to our Lord Christ. Think you we would gain, if we saw Him as His first followers saw Him, jostled in the street by every passing peasant, mocked at and insulted by the scum of the populace, meanly clad, meanly surrounded, and subject to the infirmities of this weak flesh? We thank Him that He underwent all this for us, and we fall down and worship Him for all this measureless condescension; but we think of Him as crowned and sceptred and glorified, a King and Redeemer, and that is far better than if He were here with us as a man. Now, it is an ideal portrait of Him we paint; the Abyssinian after his type of beauty, the Chinese after his, and we who think our taste supreme, after ours; but to all, He is the same gracious and all powerful Redeemer.

This is reason enough to make us rejoice in the Ascension, but there are others. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am ye may be also." Now, we could part joyfully from our dearest friend, if we knew his going away was soon to bring us great happiness and him again with it; and so we can rejoice over Christ's going. I cannot explain what He is doing, for eye hath not seen the places He prepares; but I am sure that He is arranging a future home for me, which will be everything that I could wish for, or hope for, or dream about, and that where He is I will be, and that enables me and all other Christians to burst into joyful songs and glorias at the thought of our dear Redeemer passing within the heavenly gates.

But our Lord Himself gives us the greatest reason for rejoicing over His Ascension, when He says: "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." Now, I do not understand this. It is not explained to us why the coming of the Spirit depended on the going of the Son. Fathers do not always tell their children their reasons for certain things; neither does God. We only know it had to be, and we know, also, that the coming of the Comforter is the blessedest gift we could have, for the Comforter is the guiding, sustaining, directing, consoling Spirit of God, and human souls without that are like ships without rudders and chariots without charioteers. So we can truly rejoice on Ascension Day, especially since His return is so sure.

I visited once a beautiful palace. White and pure rose its marble walls; not a fallen leaf on the greensward; everywhere beautiful order and ceaseless care. And within, all things were bright and beautiful; fresh flowers in every room, and in the dining

room the table all laid. I said, "You expect the king, then, to-day?" "Oh, no," said the guide; "he has not been here for years, but we are ordered to have these things always ready, so that if he should fancy to come there would be no confusion." What a symbol of our own state! Our King will come; when, we know not, but He has told us to have things ever ready, so that whenever He does come all will be in order. Look then to the palace of your hearts. God built it, God furnished it, and you are to keep it sweet and clean and in order, so that when He comes you may rejoice at His coming.

Letters to the Editor

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENTS

To the Editor of *The Living Church*:

I am glad to see you taking up the subject of entertainments for the support of the Church. It is time that a halt was called and some line drawn beyond which it is inconsistent for Christian people to go for such objects. You may well say that "doubt arises whether those who ought to control such things have any sense of reverence left, or feel that religion has anything to do with modesty or self-restraint." You might add—any realization of the absolute Christian duty of self-sacrifice in building up the kingdom of our Lord.

What relation has the solemn renunciation of "the world, the flesh, and the devil" to raffles, and gambling at Church fairs, dances in public halls, comic theatrical exhibitions, negro minstrel performances, and the like? Are they consistent with the religious obligations of Christian people? There are many social pleasures that are not out of harmony with our duties as members of Christ, and that bring brethren of the Church into pleasant relations, and help stimulate Christian interest in each other, and also an interest in the parish work. But every class of entertainments that tends to deaden a sense of reverence for, or leaves out of mind the ever-present sacred person of the Great Head of the Church, is injurious to the cause for which entertainments are given.

That which pleases our Divine Master most, and has His promise of success, must govern our realization of what is proper to do. This is the great question to be answered in deciding how far we may go in our efforts to build up His kingdom upon earth. His own great self-sacrifice, and that of His apostles and martyrs, give us a standard for judging what is most pleasing in His sight. The days of martyrdom may not return, since we now know the great principle which should govern the minds of His followers, but the spirit of self-sacrifice is the foundation upon which His Church is to be built, and has His approval and sure promise of reward. B.

Providence, R. I.

From *The Providence Journal*, one of the ablest and foremost of New England papers:—"THE LIVING CHURCH, the weekly journal published in Chicago, has recently appeared in a most becoming new garb—one that adds greatly to the pleasure of its readers. Of the several Church papers in the United States, this is one of the very best, and it ought to have a wider circulation among Episcopalians here in the East. While its Churchmanship is loyal and aggressive, it does not run to extremes, and its editorial articles and book reviews are exceptionally able and timely."

Personal Mention

The Rev. Floyd Appleton has returned to duties at Plainfield, N. J., restored in health.

The Rev. Walter E. Bentley, rector of Christ church, Deposit, N. Y., has been elected vicar of St. Mark's parish, New York, the Rev. Dr. Rylance, rector, and entered upon his duties St. Mark's Day. Address St. Mark's chapel, 10th st. and avenue A.

The Bishop of Colorado will sail for England June 18th.

The Bishop of Iowa sails for England on the Cunard steamship "Lucania," June 5th.

The Rev. D. R. Judd has taken temporary charge of St. Mark's church, Tarrytown, N. Y., during the absence of the rector.

The Rev. J. N. Lewis, rector of Grace church, Honesdale, C. Pa., has accepted a call to become the dean of Christ cathedral, Lexington, Ky.

The Bishop of Oregon has returned to his work in renewed health, after rest in Southern California.

The Rev. Edwin G. Richardson sailed for Naples on the steamship "Kaiser Wilhelm II.," May 8th, to be gone four months.

The Rev. Johannes Rockstroh has been appointed rector of Holy Trinity church, Danville, Ills., and Grace church, Paris, Ills., and will enter upon his duties June 1st. Address Holy Trinity Church House, Danville, Ills.

The address of the Bishop of Springfield (Dr. Seymour), until October, will be care of Mr. B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England. All communications on diocesan business are to be addressed until his return to the Ven. Dr. F. W. Taylor, Springfield, Ill.

The Rev. Morton Stone expects to sail June 9th, for a summer abroad. His address will be in care of J. S. Morgan & Co., London. St. Thomas' church, Taunton, Mass., in the meantime, will be in charge of the Rev. Charles N. Morris.

The Rev. Thomas Semmes has accepted the rectorship of St. Andrew's church, Richmond, Va.

The Rev. Hobart B. Whitney has become rector of St. John's church, Essex, Essex Co., N. Y. Please address accordingly, for general correspondence or Church music.

The Rev. S. H. Watkins has sailed for Europe to be present at the Queen's Jubilee, and subsequently travel on the continent.

To Correspondents

U. S.—It is best to make the invocation of the Holy Trinity before the sermon, without turning to the altar. It is a ceremony which calls for no demonstration or display.

N. C.—There is a difference of opinion on the subject of your inquiry, but it is evident that the Burial Office in its implications contemplates only baptized persons, and cannot be used for others without incongruity. A service in connection with other cases can only properly be of the nature of prayers and devotions with the family. We do not feel prepared to propose a form of service. Some of the readings and prayers in the Clergyman's *Vade-Mecum* will afford appropriate material.

Ordinations

In Christ church, New Haven, Conn., May 1st, Bishop Niles, acting for Bishop Williams, advanced to the priesthood the Rev. Thomas H. Yardley. Mr. Yardley has been assistant at Christ church for about a year, and by his earnest and efficient labors has won the regard of the rector and congregation.

On Tuesday, May 6th, Mr. J. C. Ingersoll, formerly a Methodist Episcopal minister, was ordered deacon in St. Mark's church, Creighton, Neb., by Bishop Worthington. The Rev. I. P. Johnson presented the candidate, and preached the sermon.

On Sunday, May 16, in St. Barnabas' church, Omaha, the Rev. Geo. Benson Hewetson, B. S., of Norfolk, and J. Chas. Gardner, of Tecumseh, were advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Worthington. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Williams, rector, and the candidates were presented by the Rev. Canon Whitmarsh.

On the 4th Sunday after Easter, in Trinity church, Detroit, Mich., Bishop Davies advanced to the priesthood the Rev. Walter Hughson, the Rev. John Orson Miller, and the Rev. Henry P. Horton. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Prall, and the candidates were presented by the Rev. Ralph H. Baldwin, recently chaplain to Bishop Potter, of New York, but now rector of St. John's church, Saginaw. Mr. Hughson is in charge of the congregation of Trinity church, Detroit; Mr. Horton is assistant to the rector of St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor, and Mr. Miller will continue his work at St. John's church, East Tawas.

The Bishop of Chicago conferred Holy Orders upon three candidates on Thursday morning, May 20th, in the chapel of the Western Theological Seminary. The Rev. A. W. Doran, presented by the Rev. F. J. Hall, was advanced to the priesthood; and Dr. M. E. Fawcett, and Mr. J. M. Ericsson, presented by the Rev. Dr. Gold, were ordained deacons. The service was very impressive, the choir of St. Ann's mission assisting in the music. A large number of clergy and friends of the candidates were present. The Litany was sung by the Rev. Dr. Rushton, and the *Veni Creator* by the Rev. Mr. Keator. The Rev. Father Larabee and the Rev. F. J. Hall united in the laying on of

hands for the priesthood. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Dr. Gold, and the Gospel by the Rev. Mr. Ericsson. Bishop McLaren delivered a strong address on "Theology and the Christian Ministry."

Official

THE annual retreat at Kemper Hall for associates and ladies will begin with Vespers, Tuesday, June 22nd, closing with Celebration, Saturday, June 26th, the Rev. Father Huntington, O.H.C., conductor.

ALL communications and documents intended for the secretary of the council of the diocese of South Carolina, will please be forwarded to the Rev. James G. Glass, Summerville, S. C.

THE Bishop of Ohio requests that in the future diocesan journals, pamphlets, and other literature intended for the archives of the diocese, shall not be sent to him but to the registrar, the Rev. John D. Skilton, Chapter Room, Trinity Cathedral House, Euclid ave. and Perry st., Cleveland, Ohio.

ASSOCIATE ALUMNI, GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The annual meeting of the Associate Alumni, G. T. S., will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 1897, at 10:30 A. M., in Sherred Hall, Chelsea Sq., New York City.

JOHN KELLER, Secretary.

THE NASHOTAH COMMENCEMENT

The annual Commencement Exercises of Nashotah House will be held on Thursday, June 3rd, at 10:30 A. M. The Commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Sweet, of Rock Island, Ill., class of '64, and will be commemorative of the life and work of the late Dr. Adams. This will be also the 50th anniversary of the first class at Nashotah to finish a full course in theology. The faculty hope there will be a large number of the alumni present, and again renew the special invitation lately sent out. Train leaves Milwaukee, St. Paul depot, 7:45 A. M. Luncheon served at one o'clock.

BERKELEY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Forty-first annual meeting of the Alumni Association Tuesday, June 1, 1897. The annual service, in St. Luke's chapel at 7:30 P. M.; sermon by the Rev. W. M. Grosvenor, of the class of 1888. The offertory will be for the Fraternal Fund of the association. The usual social gathering will take place after the service. Wednesday, June 2nd, Morning Prayer in St. Luke's chapel at 8:30 A. M., business meeting at 9 o'clock; annual ordination of the Divinity School in the church of the Holy Trinity at 11 A. M.; sermon by the Rev. F. W. Harriman, '76; the Bishop gives his reception to the alumni and other visitors at 4 o'clock. Evening Prayer in St. Luke's chapel at 7 o'clock.

J. H. BARBOUR, Secretary.

Middletown, Conn., May 15, 1897.

Died

HAUN.—Entered into rest, in Little Falls, N. Y., on the evening of May 14, 1897, Mary Grinnell Haun, daughter of the late John Grinnell, of Manlius, and widow of Abram Haun, M. D., aged 73 years and five months.

"He giveth his beloved sleep."

LOCKE.—Entered into life eternal, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. N. Rust, near Alexandria, Va., on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 12th, 1897, the Rev. Thomas E. Locke, the oldest presbyter of the diocese of Virginia.

Appeals

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CLERGYMAN, spending summer between New York and Boston, desires duty near one of them for any part of time. References unquestionable. Address M, office of THE LIVING CHURCH.

The Editor's Table

Kalendar, May, 1897

1. SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.	Red
2. 2nd Sunday after Easter.	White.
9. 3rd Sunday after Easter.	White.
16. 4th Sunday after Easter.	White.
23. 5th Sunday after Easter.	White.
24. ROGATION DAY.	Violet.
25. ROGATION DAY.	Violet.
26. ROGATION DAY.	Violet. White at Evensong.
27. ASCENSION DAY.	White.
30. Sunday after Ascension.	White.

Ascension Hymn

BY MARY ANN THOMSON

Glory to Thee, O Christ, our Victor King!
 Ascended far above the starry height,
 Where angels veil the face with outspread wing,—
 Throned with the Father in supernal light.

Glory to Thee, Redeemer, throned above!
 Yet with us alway, to the end of time;
 To us, Thy ransomed flock, in wondrous love,
 Giving Thyself in mysteries sublime.

Thou art the Ladder Jacob saw of old,
 Set up on earth for sinful mortals' sake;
 Reaching to heaven, where angel hosts behold
 The Son of Man supreme dominion take.

As on the Ladder, meeting Jacob's gaze,
 Ascended and descended angels bright,
 Through Thee they upward bear our prayer and praise;
 Through Thee return with gifts from realms of light.

Of two bright angels did Thy servants learn,
 When from their sight had passed the Form most dear,
 That as they saw Thee go Thou wilt return—
 The Son of Man—Thou wilt in clouds draw near.

Through eighteen centuries of strife and hope,
 The Bride has watched and waited for that day;
 Strong in Thy might with all her foes to cope,
 Seeing by faith the kingdom far away.

So may we watch with her, O Christ our King,
 That when Thou shalt appear and time shall end,
 We may with her the song of triumph sing,
 And to that kingdom in Thy train ascend.
Philadelphia, Ascensiontide, 1897.

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THE Rev. E. M. Rodman, rector of Grace church, Plainfield, N. J., was born in the city of New York in 1830, graduated from Columbia College in 1850, received his theological education at Virginia Seminary, was ordained deacon by Bishop Mead in 1854, and advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Johns in 1855. He has held his present rectorate for twenty-six years, has seen the congregation grow from a small band of faithful folk until it now stands one of the strongest in the city and in the diocese. A year or two ago it had the honor of being placed in the list of one hundred of the largest contributors to the missionary work of the Church. During his incumbency the Rev. Mr. Rodman has baptized 78 adults and 372 infants, total, 450; presented 340 persons for Confirmation; solemnized 162 marriages, and officiated at 480 funerals. The receipts of the parish for all purposes for 26 years have been \$242,000. Grace church was opened for divine service on Easter Day, 1892. It is built of Stockton granite, with trimmings of brown stone, 152 feet long by 72 feet wide, style of early Gothic, with an imposing tower at the nave entrance; its seating capacity is 709 persons.

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An Apostle of the Wilderness

BY THE REV. THEO. I. HOLCOMBE, B.D.

XIV.

THE INDIAN MISSION—CONTINUED

THE year 1854, which was the second of the mission, proved, financially, a very trying one to the faith and courage of Dr.

Breck. The associate mission at St. Paul was still on his hands, with many of its obligations to be met; the church at Stillwater was to be got ready for consecration on the occasion of the approaching visit of Bishop Kemper, beside the completion of the church and buildings at Gull Lake; and in addition to all this, there were the current expenses of the mission, which then consisted of a family of 14 adults and some 20 Indian children. All this meant a very large outlay of money. Then, too, we can imagine that this new enterprise had already, in the first flush of interest, overtaxed the liberality of his friends. It was certainly to be expected that there would be a temporary lull in remittances from sheer exhaustion, and this seems to have been realized in 1854. Almost any other man would have sunk under the burden in dismay, but if any so thinks of Dr. Breck, he is mistaken in the man and his make-up, and just as much so in the character of the men and women who sustained his enterprises by their gifts. This year, also, was marked by troubles in connection with the property at St. Paul, the control of which Dr. Breck had transferred to other hands—a mistake he afterwards regretted, when it was too late for repentance. On the other hand, this year of clouds had its silver lining, in the good success of the mission, and especially in the first installment of \$1,000 paid by the general government as a contribution to help on the education of its Indian wards. It was this offer of the government, and others following, that encouraged Dr. Breck to attempt in the near future the opening of other missions and schools at still more distant points.

It is interesting to observe how, in the history of Dr. Breck and in the founding of successive enterprises at Nashotah, St. Paul, Gull Lake, Faribault, and St. Augustin, Cal., the contributions to the new did not materially affect the support of those which preceded them. It was greatly feared by Drs. Adams and Cole—and even the Bishop himself was not without serious apprehension—that in leaving Nashotah for St. Paul Dr. Breck would be followed in sympathy by all his friends in the East, greatly to the injury, if not to the actual destruction, of the income on which Nashotah depended for very existence. Dr. Breck, however, seemed to have no such apprehension. He always believed that Nashotah was needed for the education of young men for the ministry, and that God would sustain it for his own uses. He was just as confident that Minnesota required its own institutions of learning, and that Nashotah could not furnish the men necessary at an early day to occupy the towns and cities that were to spring up in a night, as it were, all over the great North-west. His firm belief was that if men would give themselves to the work—not counting the cost—God would raise up friends to sustain them. And so it really seemed to be in all his varied experiences. For each new venture of faith new friends were created who, in their enthusiasm, almost dared him to ask more than they were willing to supply. They were indeed a noble army of strong men and noble women, and even children, who stood shoulder to shoulder with the great missionary from the days of early Nashotah until he sank exhausted with his "labors more abundant" on the Pacific coast.

Dr. Breck excelled not only in possessing the courage of his convictions, but in his

power to enkindle the souls of others with a devotion similar to his own. Of this power, I think he was always conscious. As in this year of trial he stood in the presence of an empty larder, so often in times past he had faced similar conditions undismayed. Even when there was discoverable only a little flour in the bottom of the barrel with which to feed his large and dependent family, there was no outward sign of worry or anxiety. At that time two mails a week reached Fort Ripley, and these were brought to the mission by the fleet Indian runner, Gegabish, and the letters he brought that very day were white-winged messengers of peace and relief to the strong soul who could both work and wait with equal serenity; for, like the great Apostle, he might truly say: "In all things I have learned both to be filled and to be hungry; both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things through Him that strengtheneth me."

It was sometime in 1853 that Dr. Breck revisited Nashotah. With the opening of the Indian country to the north and west of St. Columba, he saw there would be urgent need of more workmen. Thus far Nashotah had not furnished a single man to assist him, and the East held out no hope of any recruits for the frontier. Indeed, his old-time patron and friend, Dr. Muhlenberg, urged him to abandon the field and return to New York, where, on the "East Side," perhaps, he might find a congenial corner of the vineyard for work. As well cage the eagle and clip his wings as make such an incongruous suggestion to our great missionary. The visit to Nashotah was a brief but happy one for Dr. Breck, as he received a right royal welcome from his former associates and parishioners, for it had already been demonstrated that his new enterprises had worked no harm to the mother mission, but rather declared her importance as a school of the prophets. If Dr. Breck's visit was for the purpose of securing helpers for his Indian work, it seemed a failure; but if we count a single conversion as sometimes of more value than a thousand, then perhaps he accomplished more than he realized at the time. In 1854, the Rev. Mr. Peake, who had just received Priests' Orders, with Bishop Kemper's advice, became Nashotah's first and only contribution to the mission fields of Minnesota. Mr. Peake was a man of loyal spirit, both to Church and country, and when Dr. Breck required a successor at St. Columba that he might be free to advance his missionary outposts, he found in Mr. Peake the "man of his right hand," "the providential man" "raised up, indeed, for such a time as this."

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Book Notices

Leo XIII at the Bar of History. A Discussion of the Papal Plan for Christian Unity. By Randolph Harrison McKim, D.D. Washington: Gibson Brothers. Price, \$1.

Shortly after the publication of the famous Encyclical of the Pope, Dr. McKim published an open letter in reply thereto, which was printed in a local paper. This has now been incorporated into book form, together with several chapters by way of comment and substantiation of statements made. In the most courteous way the Holy Father is summoned to stand before the bar of history and to justify the claims of his Encyclical. There are nineteen short chapters, including the full text of the Pope's letter. The work is admirably done and in the most excellent temper. It demonstrates once more these two things at least: that the American Church can, on the shortest notice, produce the full and

complete answer to any attack upon its position, and that no one can follow the Pope's guiding without blindly ignoring the whole story of the Christian ages.

Champions of Christianity. By Silas Farmer. New York: Eaton & Mains. Price, 60c.

The author has selected two names from every department and walk in life of those who have won places high up "on fame's eternal bede roll," and found them all to have been humble followers of the Crucified. Not only have they been this, but they have put themselves on record as champions of Christianity. We have thus the very words of statesmen, physicians, surgeons, artists, lawyers, scientists, naturalists, etc. The list includes some seventy names of the most eminent of all times. Short biographies of each are given, and the author rightly concludes his unique book with the words, "When such men champion Christianity, we may well conclude that all who oppose it lead a forlorn hope and essay an impossible task."

Phroso; A Romance. By Anthony Hope. Profusely Illustrated by Henry B. Wechsler. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co. Price, \$1.75.

This is another case of "Maid of Athens, ere we part, give, O, give me back my heart!" That is to say, it is a combination, as leading elements of the romance, of the English lord and the Greek maiden. There is also a Turkish pasha, the villain of the piece, and the story is laid in "Ruritania." As a result of these cosmopolitan conditions, there is enough of incident and adventure to afford material for half a dozen stories. "Phroso" was announced, in advance, as "the most fascinating tale of adventure since 'The Prisoner of Zenda.'" Though odious, comparisons are sometimes inevitable. The beautiful Lady Euphrosyne does suggest Flavia in Mr. Hope's former novel, and, like her, is an attractive and delightful heroine of fiction.

In This Present World. By George Hodges, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 223. Price, \$1.

The general trend of this series of sermons is well indicated by the title, "In this present world." They are practical directions in the way of right living and thinking, remarkably plain and terse in style, and can be read to much profit.

Sister Jane, Her Friends and Acquaintances. A Narrative of Certain Events and Episodes. Transcribed from the papers of the late William Wornum by Joel Chandler Harris. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

"A quiet place, and the quietest spot in that quiet place!" That is where the events of Mr. Harris' new story take place. The plot seems hazy and inconsequent, at times. The reader is not unlikely, upon a mental review of the book, to discover that he does not recall exactly the sequence of events nor the inter-relation of the characters. Bits of character sketching, here and there, are enjoyable and uncommonly good. No work of fiction could well bear less resemblance to "Uncle Remus" and his associates, so the latter's admirers may insist upon remembrance and—disappointment.

Farthest North. Being the Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship "Fram," 1893-96, and of a Fifteen Months' Journey by Dr. Nansen and Lieut. Johansen. By Dr. Fridtjof Nansen. With an Appendix by Otto Sverdrup, captain of "The Fram." About 120 Full-page and Numerous Text Illustrations; 16 Colored Plates in *fac-simile* from Dr. Nansen's Own Sketches, Etched Portrait, Photogravures, and Four Maps. In two volumes. New York: Harper & Bros. Price, \$10.

This is a notable work, both for its contents and its "make-up." Of all the heroic efforts to penetrate the mysteries of the frozen North, none exceed in interest and value to the world the recent expedition led by Dr. Nansen, and none have been so worthily and speedily brought before the public in book form. Gen. Greely, in a recent review, gives Nansen credit for "extraordinary courage, skill, and endurance." And it is credit well deserved. He established, against the judgment of all Arctic explorers,

the fact of the drift to the Polar Sea, and the possibility of building a ship to withstand or surmount the ice. So carefully and skillfully was the expedition organized that, aside from Nansen's desperate expedition with one companion, leaving the ship, the entire company were in comfort and good health all the time. In this, as in many other ways, Nansen displayed a high order of ability. He showed himself not to be a foolhardy adventurer, but a fine administrator, a brave, strong, capable man. The magnitude of his performance can be realized only by a reading of his fascinating book. Within three years he made an advance of 200 miles towards the Pole beyond previous explorations, while for nearly three hundred years only 150 miles of northing had been made. His sledge expedition, almost alone, into the dark and dreadful wilderness of ice, facing death in a thousand forms and enduring indescribable hardships, is one of the grandest achievements on record. The happy coincidence of talent as writer and artist has enabled Dr. Nansen to present an unrivalled record of his great expedition, and to make a book which will be known and read all over the world in many languages.

One Man Who was Content; "Mary"; The Lustigs; Corinna's Fiammetta. By Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer. New York: The Century Company Price \$1.

The first story of this quartette is distinctly philosophical. The "man who was content" knew a life of sorrow, loss, toil, and achievement. He mourned not the inevitableness of the past, nor the invisibility of the future, believing their respective justification and protection the best elements of human life. The second story is of a beautiful little old lady devotedly attached to an evil-natured parrot, for the pathetic reason that the latter was "the only person in all the world who called her 'Mary'!" "The Lustigs" is not merry reading, in spite of the suggestive name; and "Corinna's Fiammetta" is also a tragic story of low life. All four deal with the probable, if not the actual.

Hero Tales from Sacred Story. By Louis Albert Banks, D.D. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Price, \$1.50.

The title of this book is somewhat misleading, for the "tales" are a series of sermons upon several noted characters of Holy Scripture. They are written in Dr. Banks' well-known style, filled with striking metaphor and story, and are fresh and interesting. An added feature of the volume is a selection of half-tones, excellently done, of nineteen celebrated paintings, chosen for their aptness in illustrating the text.

Death—and Afterwards. By Sir Edwin Arnold, M.A., K.C.I.E. With a supplement, re-printed by authority. From the fourteenth English edition. New York: New Amsterdam Book Co. Cloth. Price, 60 cents.

A delightful book, full of the radiance of the poet, and gleaming with those brilliant arguments from analogy which are the joy of the imaginative and the despair of the logician. It voices the universal moan of thinking man for a continuous existence of some kind after death. To quote its many striking passages would be to transcribe the greater part of the book and forestall the pleasure of the reader. The effect of Oriental mysticism is quite apparent, and after reading it, one is inclined to ask: "Why does not this man at once accept the historic fact that Jesus of Nazareth brought life and immortality to light?"

Early Prayer Books of America. By the Rev. John Wright, D.D. St. Paul, Minn. Printed privately.

This book is curious and interesting. The author has gathered a considerable amount of information relating to early Prayer Books, with specimens of their contents. He has included not only Roman Catholic and Episcopal books, but sundry forms set forth by various denominations of greater or less importance. Church of England and American Episcopal Prayer Books in various Indian languages are given a place. It may surprise some persons to know

that Presbyterian books of public worship have been published at various times, one of which appears to be still in use in a congregation at Rochester, N. Y. There are interesting chapters on "Curious Things Found in Prayer Books," and on "Engravings in Early Prayer Books." The volume is well printed, and is illustrated throughout with *fac-similes* of title-pages and curious engravings. The appendices contain a list of manuscript Prayer Books and a voluminous bibliography of Prayer Books and portions thereof, published in Mexico, Canada, and the United States prior to the year 1861. To this is added a list of Prayer Books printed in England of special interest to Americans. The book has a use for students of the Prayer Book, but will be especially valuable to collectors.

Books Received

Under this head will be announced all books received up to the week of publication. Further notice will be given of such books as the editor may select to review.

JAMES POTT & Co.

Sermons. By William Tatlock, D.D.

Sermons Preached in His Diocese. By the late Rt. Rev. W. B. W. Howe, D.D., Bishop of South Carolina.

MAYFLOWER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Floral Park, N. Y.

Lost Lineage. By Carrie Goldsmith Childs.

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY

The Old Testament under Fire. By A. J. F. Behrends, D.D., S.T.D. \$1.

THE YOUNG CHURCHMAN COMPANY

Way and Wherefore. By the Rev. H. Wilson, M.A.

SKEFFINGTON & SON, London

Everlasting Punishment. By John Robert Nelson.

LEE & SHEPARD

Captain Molly. By Mary A. Denison. \$1.

FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY

The Mutable Many. By Robert Barr. \$1.50.

D. APPLETON & Co.

General Grant. By James Grant Wilson. \$1.50. (Great Commander Series.)

HARPER & BROS.

The Missionary Sheriff. By Octave Thanet. Illustrated.

Flowers of Field, Hill, and Swamp. By Caroline A. Creevey. Illustrated.

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

Athletic Sports. By D. A. Sargent, M.D., H. J. Whigham, Robert D. Wrenn, F. G. Hubert, Jr., Marguerite Merington, J. West Roosevelt, M.D., Duffield Osborne, Edward S. Martin. Illustrated. \$1.50.

Mountain Climbing. By Edward L. Wilson, Edwin Lord Weeks, A. F. Jaccaci, Mark Brickell Kerr, William Williams, H. P. B. Lynch, Sir W. Martin Conway. Illustrated. \$1.50.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

The Burglar Who Moved Paradise. By Herbert D. Ward. \$1.25.

THOMAS WHITTAKER

The Half-Caste: An Old Governess' Tale. \$1.

Pamphlets Received

Such pamphlets as seem to be of general interest and permanent value will be noted under this head as received. No further notice is to be expected.

The Church Army. By Montague Chamberlain.

Report of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Years of the New York Sabbath Committee.

An Address to the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Lothlingland, Diocese of Norwich. By the Rev. George Venables, S.C.L.

Fourth Annual Report of the House of the Annunciation for Crippled and Incurable Children, New York.

Reports of the Laymen's Missionary League, Diocese of Western New York.

The Abridged Catalogue of Trinity University, Toronto.

Atheism and Arithmetic. By H. L. Hastings.

Chart of Paul's Journeys. By C. E. Arnold, A.M.

The Holy Catholic Church: Where and What Is It? By the Rev. Edmund Guilbert.

The Saturday Half-Holiday. By the Rev. James Yeames.

Year Book of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America.

Sixth Annual Report of the Church Periodical Club.

Music Received

NOVELLO, EWER & Co.

Te Deum Laudamus. By A. Herbert Brewer.

The Morning Service. By A. Davidson Arnott.

"Blessed Be the Man." By Cuthbert Harris.

The Household

The Nurse's Tale: A Lesson of Faith

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BY ELLINOR DALE RUNCIE

THE invalid was lying back on her pillows, feeling that the monotony of convalescence was growing unbearable, when the nurse entered with the daily cup of egg-nog. The nurse, a matronly woman, with the softest of footsteps and wonderfully still gray eyes, sat down by the bedside and smiled contentedly upon her patient.

"Dear nurse!" said the invalid affectionately, patting the hand that proffered the cup; "there is something different about you to-day. You give one a religious feeling somehow."

"Five years ago to-day," replied the nurse, softly, "something very beautiful and very blessed happened to me."

The invalid looked up, with eyes bright with sympathy and interest.

"Would you care to hear the story?" went on the nurse.

"Oh, a thousand times, yes!" exclaimed her patient with eagerness.

The story the invalid heard that day dwelt in her mind and heart a score of years after nurse and patient had parted, to meet no more. From her lips I received it, and will now relate it, in my own words, reader, to you:

The little room wherein Agnes Barton sat holding her youngest child was becoming enshrouded in the gray of a winter's twilight, and the languishing blaze in the fireplace was insufficient to reclaim from the deepening shadow the dim forms of mother and daughter nestling together in the low rocking-chair. At last the young woman gave an irrepressible shiver, and setting her little six-year-old upon the hearth-rug, amidst the child's drowsy reproaches, she fed the fire a handful of coals from a scantily supplied scuttle.

At this moment a door opened, and a childish voice called through the dusk, "Mamma, has papa come?"

"No, Nettie. I can't think what's been keeping him all day long."

"Well, mamma, shall I make some biscuit? There's an awful little bit of flour left."

"This is papa's money day," answered her mother, cheerfully; "we'll get more flour to-morrow. Meanwhile, Nettie, save what's left until morning, and make some milk-toast now with the scraps in the bread-box. Put on very little milk and plenty of hot water." Then she added, "Where is Cherry?"

"Studying her reader. I've been hearing her while I get supper."

"I'm a-going to make Cherry read me 'bout how Go-to-back-sea throws rocks," said the tot on the hearth-rug, referring to her favorite selection in the Fourth Reader, a brief but vivid description of Ecuador's famous volcano; and the youthful scientist frisked out of the room.

Left alone, the mother paced the floor nervously for a minute or two; then she stood by the window and peered out into the rather unfrequented lane upon which the house stood, and which was dignified by one lamp. Finally, the young woman turned abruptly and went into the little front hall.

Taking a cape from the hat-rack, she threw it over her head and shoulders, opened the street door, and hurried out to her front gate. Here she stood long in the biting air, gazing up and down the road. She saw the carriage of Mr. Semester, the millionaire, turn into his drive a block away; but after that the road remained undisturbed by man or beast, though she waited and watched until her children's voices summoned her to the evening meal.

"Why, where can papa be? Why didn't he come to dinner? Why doesn't he come now?" they cried tumultuously, as their mother entered alone.

"He must be busy—very busy," she answered dully, while a heavy weight of fear settled down upon her heart. The children devoured the hot-watered toast, like the healthy little savages that they were. The mother drank a cup of tea and ate nothing.

The evening passed in waiting. At length the children were sent to bed, and then the mother, wrapping herself in a shawl, commenced a weary vigil before the dying embers in the grate; a vigil that lasted until four o'clock in the morning. Then, shivering and hopeless, the poor woman crept to bed.

The sun had barely risen when Agnes Barton, with a passing glance at her sleeping children, descended the stairs and took a deliberate survey of the contents of coal-bin, kitchen cupboard, and bread-box. A dismal emptiness met her eyes at every turn. It was usually this way at the end of the month, but the father's salary appeared in the nick of time to set the Barton boat of housekeeping afloat again. He should have returned yesterday with the precious bills, for yesterday had been pay-day; as it was, not a cent of money remained in the family purse.

When the children were summoned to breakfast, which was eaten in the kitchen to save fuel, they were frightened at their mother's pale face and stony manner.

They renewed their inquiries about their father. She could not answer them, except to say, "Perhaps he'll come at dinner time."

It was Saturday, and she kept the children with her all morning in the kitchen.

A blizzard had swooped upon the town during the night, and a swirl of wind-blown snowflakes crowded the space between earth and sky. They resembled the thoughts that

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in stormy confusion fought one another in the mother's brain as she sat motionless all morning long, while her children romped about her unheeded.

When dinner time came, she gave them the last morsels of food to be scraped together, heaped upon the fire the last bucketful of coal, then she sat down and gazed upon her children with a look which they, happily, did not see, for it was a look of wildness.

She had reached a fixed conclusion in regard to her husband's disappearance.

He had deserted her!

For months the shiftless, selfish man had been growing more and more restless under his wife's reproachful gaze. Every day found him fretting more angrily beneath his double burden of husband and father. That he was most unworthy and most incompetent to bear that burden, he did not admit. Many times threatened with dismissal by his employer, his poor salary was barely sufficient to provide for his family, and it was their sole support. Feeling himself unloved and borne with only for the children's sake, he became daily more embittered toward his wife until—this was the end!

Agnes Barton thought of it with horror. The one weak barrier between her little ones and absolute want had disappeared, and she, miserable woman, was powerless to

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(To be continued.)

Gerard Mercator

GERARD MERCATOR, whose real name was Kremer, which, according to the fashion of the day, he translated into Latin, was born in 1512 at a small town in Flanders, where his parents, who were Germans, were staying for a time. He was educated at a school of Christian Brothers at Herzogenbusch, and there laid the foundation of that piety for which he was afterward so distinguished. Later he studied at the University of Louvain, and after obtaining his bachelor's degree he left that institution and taught mathematics in the schools. Soon after his marriage, at the age of twenty-four, he turned his attention to practical mechanical works; he learned how to engrave maps, and as the fruit of his Biblical labors he published in 1537 a map of Palestine.

As the Gothic characters, then always used in printing, were unsuited to maps, Mercator adopted the Latin characters, which since then have been generally used in all maps. His mechanical labors, too, found a favorable reception, and fine globes, as well as other works of art, which he constructed for the Regent Granvella, as well as for the Emperor Charles V., proved his extraordinary talent in this department.

In a letter which Mercator wrote to the Bishop of Arras in 1546, he explained the variations of the magnetic needle, which Columbus had observed in 1492, but which had never before been clearly understood. It was Mercator, too, who laid the foundations of the theory of the magnetism of the earth, and calculated the situation of the magnetic pole, the fixed position of which he considered of great importance.

In 1559, he left Louvain and settled at Duisburg, in Germany, where most of his great works were undertaken. The first of these was his large map of Europe, which gained him fame as the first geographer of his day. For three years he was teacher of mathematics in the University of Duisburg, and his renown continued to spread. When in 1564 the Duke of Lorraine wished his country surveyed, and a map of it drawn, he sent for the celebrated Duisburg geographer.

Mercator was a most versatile man; he was an astronomer, a chronologian, a writer of history and theology, a draughtsman of maps, an engraver on copper, a mechanic, and a mathematician. But he considered all these branches of knowledge only as foundation-stones for his "Cosmography," which was to be a complete history of the heavens, the earth, and the human race, but of which only one portion—the Chronology—appeared.

Mercator's publication of his map of the world in 1569 was an era in the history of geography and navigation. In the letter-press, which was published with his map, Mercator explained the principles on which it was drawn, with a view to spread out the globe as if it were in reality a flat surface, so that the position of all the different points should not only be correct according to lati-

tude and longitude, but also as regarded their relative positions, and that the shape of the various countries should be as similar to those on the globe as it was possible to make them.

To effect this, he gradually enlarged the distance between the degrees of latitude as they approached the poles, diminishing them as they neared the equator.

Mercator continued to work on bravely. Everything which he did bore the stamp of genius. For a quarter of a century he labored in the production of a collection of maps of all the countries in the world, but he did not live to see it completed.

He died in 1594, at the age of eighty-two, and was buried in the church of St. Saviour, at Duisburg. His son, Romoldus, completed the collection of maps, and published it in 1504, under the title of "Atlas." This was the title which his father had chosen for his work, and it has ever since been universally applied to books of maps.—*Youths' Companion*.

THE *Outlook* has called attention to the unselfish life of a royal oculist, Duke Charles Theodore, of Bavaria, a brother of the Empress of Austria. It also mentions that his wife, the Duchess Maria Josepha, and her daughter, Marie Gabrielle, devote the greater part of their time to the care of the three eye hospitals of the duke, one of which is at Munich, one at Meran, and the third at Tegernsee. In most of his operations the duke is assisted by his wife and daughter, the latter being thoroughly skilled and trained nurses. They enter perfectly into the spirit of the duke's philanthropic work, and are adored by the patients. The costume of the ladies when nursing is a simple black dress with collar, cuffs, and big apron of blue and white striped linen. These royal people rise early, and every morning at seven o'clock the three may be found at the bedside of a patient. The duke has already more than three thousand successful cataract operations to his credit. It is by such Christly labors that injustice in social distinctions may be lessened, and the world brought a long way nearer the millennium.

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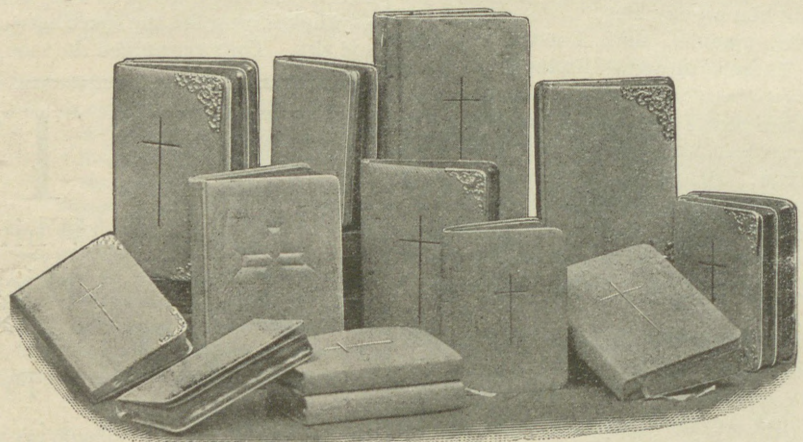
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BY HAL OWEN

IT was Decoration Day; a beautiful, peaceful May Day. Bert and Nat had watched with great interest the procession pass, with its martial music, waving flags, and bushels of flowers. They had been sitting on a fence, just on the edge of the little town, where they had had a full view of the parade. As it now passed out of sight up the winding road to the cemetery, Bert said, with a sigh that expressed all his longing feelings:

"I wish there might be another war! Wouldn't I just fight, though?"

"Whew! Wouldn't we, though! Just pitch into them, and cut them down like asparagus!" replied Nat, taking an unusually large whittle off his stick with his new knife.

"Yes," he continued, "we'd take prisoners, and run ahead and be awful brave, and—and—oh—everything!"

"We would make some daring ride and warn the people the enemy were coming, like Paul Revere; or we would spy out the land, and make some daring moves in the dark! We would—oh, we would make general heroes of ourselves!" blustered Bert.

"That's what we would do, and then folks would have a procession for us, and speeches, and a big drum, and"—

"And flags; lots of flags!" continued Bert, enthusiastically. "And flowers to decorate us, and carriages, and big plumes on the horses!"

"But, Bert, we'd have to be dead before folks would decorate us!"

"Eh—w-h-a-t! That's so. Hm—I forgot that; no fun at all. I say, let's stay alive."

"Yes; let's! Anyway, Decoration Day's splendid, and I always feel as though I wanted to do something splendid to match."

"That's so; but what is there to do these dull times? Just nothing at all."

"Sometimes people get decorated when

they are alive—now, if a big flood came, we could get a boat and take people out of the second or third story windows, and save children, and—and treasure-boxes; and, oh! we could make a grand thing of it; then the mayor would probably give us a medal—say, that would be a decoration worth having!" and Nat glowed with real pride at the thought of his own glory.

"You are right; it would!" said Bert. "We might get a decoration some other way, too—by stopping a run-away horse, or by climbing up a ladder in a big fire, or by painting a fine picture."

"Yes; or by building a bridge across the lake, or by inventing some wonderful new machine, or—anyway, Decoration Day is good for us: it makes us want to do grand things; first place, it's a holiday, and that's good. What are you going to do now that the procession is over?"

"Well, I think I just ought to have some fun, and I believe I will. Mother told me to come right home to carry out the week's ashes—I skipped them last Saturday."

"So did I; I got a talking-to for it, too. Seems as though Aunt Ann was just 'set' on having ashes sifted the whole enduring time! She won't have anything to do or to talk about when the furnace fire is out."

"Yes, she will; that is, my folks will; they will begin on gardening, weeding, grass-cutting, and all that fuss. I was told

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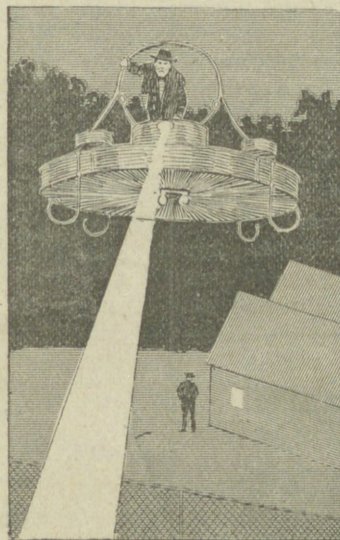
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to put up the screen doors to-day, but I do not mean to take my holiday for anything of that kind”!

“Nor I; it's pretty mean work. It makes me tired to hear so much said about it. Now, I want to do something worth while, and I am going to. I mean to find some great deed and cover myself with glory.”

“Come on, Bert; let's share the glory”! and Nat swelled up like a big toad as the two strutted off to perform some worthy deed.

As they turned the corner, they came upon two little fellows busy playing soldiers, fighting with long sticks for swords; they watched them for a few moments, thereby giving the fight fresh zeal. The sticks flew about furiously, and one little boy received a severe blow on the cheek, at the same time that the other fell and struck his shoulder a blow that almost disabled him.

Bert and Nat laughed heartily, or rather, heartlessly, and passed on without giving a word of comfort or aid to the wounded parties.

Again they laughed in unfair amusement as, a few moments later, they watched a poor, frightened, little girl with a red dress running across a lot in terror, chased by a long-necked, angry old goose who was hissing behind her like a steam engine.

“Hard to tell which is the bigger goose of those two,” said Bert; “and there is another big goose coming up the street, Miss Stiggins; she is lugging a basket as heavy as she can carry; probably duds for some poor folks; of course, she does heaps of good, but, my! she gives herself such heaps of trouble doing it.”

“That reminds me, she asked me if I wouldn't bring over my cart to help her this morning; she's going to give all the old soldiers a special grand lunch. Well, it's too late now. I forgot all about it, and I can't help it now. Let's go down this street, so as not to meet her.”

“All right. Let's go down to the lake to play ‘duck-on-the-rock’; there's Jim Daly and Archie Bowe; they'll go, too.”

So the party was made up and wandered on. When they reached the park along the lake shore, they noticed a queer-looking old fellow sitting on a bench there sunning himself.

“Probably some tramp; let's tell him to move on,” said Bert.

“I wish we had a snapper to put down behind him to make him jump,” suggested Nat. “Hullo”! he continued, “there's Mike's fishing boat on the sand. Let's go out for a cruise.”

“No; let it alone; he is coming down himself in a few minutes,” said Archie.

“All the more fun; he'll stand on the shore and holler and stamp around for us to come in. It's just rich to see him. Probably you

are too afraid of your store-clothes, Mr. Archie; you had better go and sit with Mr. Tramp on the bench.”

With these kind remarks the boys put the boat off, leaving Archie sitting on the sand.

Mike soon appeared on the scene, and, naturally, was very angry to find his morning's business upset by the mischievous boys. He had delayed starting by stopping to see the procession, but he had forgotten the boys were not safely busy at school.

“Nothing worse in the world than an idle boy; they ought to be kept at work some way or other”! he fumed.

Catching sight of the man on the bench, he looked at him curiously, then made a dash for him, and shook his hand as though he would shake his whole arm off.

The old man rose and returned the greeting with equal warmth, and then the two sat down and talked and talked, appearing to forget everything about them.

The boys did not care to stay out in the boat long; neither did they care to come ashore while Mike was at hand to catch them. Finally they were so hungry they could stand it no longer; they felt they must reach home, so they cautiously approached, and thought they were landing without Mike's noticing them: when, all at once, he sprang up and, beckoning like a windmill, called to them all to come to him. Seeing that he looked pretty good-natured, they ventured to respond. As they stood in a row before the two men, Mike said:

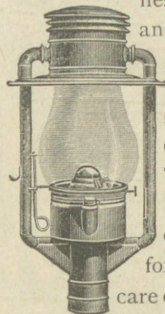
“I want to present yez to my best old soldier friend, Harry O'Landers. We marched, camped, starved, ate, fought, bled, and all but died together; and here he is to-day. Give him the salute, boys”!

Somewhat awkwardly the boys gave the salute as well as they knew how. Finding themselves face to face with two old soldiers whom they had looked upon as “common” men, was a trifle embarrassing. They did not know just what to say, but Mike was at no loss; he went on:

“These are brave boys, trying, doubtless, to find great things to do to get glory. I am going to tell them of the greatest, grandest thing you ever did—just you keep hushed

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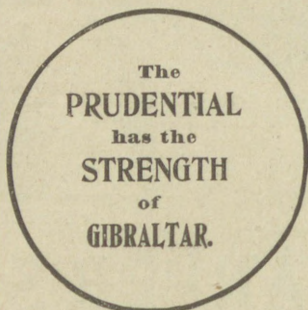
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yourself," as the old man tried to get in a word. "It'll do them good to hear the likes of what a great deed is, and it'll do me good to tell it. 'Twas an awful hot day, boys, that we had been marching since early morning; we had got to march all day. We had very little to eat, less to drink; I was just burning up with fever; and what do you suppose this fellow did all day? He went without his water to give it to me! Yes, sir, he did; that's what he did! And if he hadn't a done it, I should never have lived to tell of it. That bit of water, stale and scanty, was life to me; without it, I should have fainted by the way, and been left where I fell, as was a many another poor fellow." Mike actually brushed his brawny hand across his eyes, and the boys looked very sober.

Then Archie said: "Let us boys do some thing for you and your friend, Mike."

"Certainly; do all you can for him, and that will be doing for me," answered Mike. "We are going to have a fine lunch together with all the other comrades down to Central Hall. The ladies, bless them, are working it for us. Come, Harry!"

As the old man rose to go with Mike, he turned to the boys, saying:

"'Twas only a very little thing, boys; but little things make great deeds, as little bricks make great walls. See to it how many bricks you can lay in a day, if you want to do something that will last and be worth glory."

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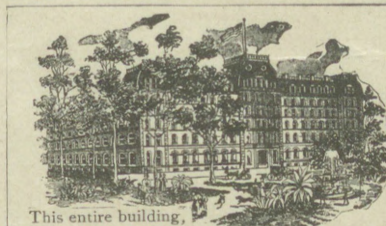
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To clean white silk laces, soak in skimmed milk over night, souse in warm soapsuds, carefully rinse, then pull out and pin down while damp. Laces can be whitened by standing in soapsuds in the sun. They should never be rubbed, but soused up and down and very gently squeezed between the hands until they are only damp, not dry. Black lace may be cleaned with borax water. Use a teaspoonfull of borax to a pint of warm water. It is the drying of black lace near a fire that is apt to turn it rusty. Gold and silver laces may be cleaned with stale bread crumbs mixed with powder blue. For a half loaf of bread, take one-fourth of a pound of the powder blue. Sprinkle thickly over the lace and let it stand some time. Brush off and rub lightly with a piece of velvet.—*Table Talk.*

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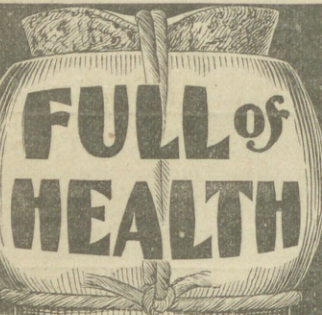
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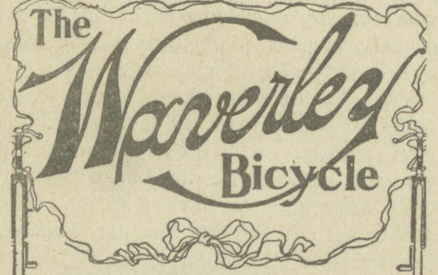
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