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News and Notes

AN ARTICLE in a recent issue of this journal, entitled "Revision Revised," should have been credited to an English paper. As the name of the paper was not on the clipping we are not now able to give it, but shall gladly do so when informed.

THE MISSIONARY interests at Uganda are not to be left unprotected. The evacuation by the British East Africa Co. will be carried out, but in deference to strongly-expressed public opinion, a commissioner will be sent with a native escort, to report on the state of affairs, and the most efficient method of administering the government.

THE CHRISTMAS Letter Mission makes its appeal for funds. One dollar enables it to send thirty letters with a Christmas card and carry comfort and cheer to many a desolate heart. No less than 30,000 letters were distributed last season. The prisons, penitentiaries, and hospitals receive special attention in this way.

WE REGRET to learn that Bishop Coleman of Delaware has met with a severe affliction in the loss of sight of the left eye. It is hoped that the eye ball may be preserved, so that he will not be disqualified. A severe cold taken on the train resulted in inflammation of the eye, and the consequent loss of sight. There is no danger of the disease affecting the right eye.

PURITANISM in England, in Mr. Gore's opinion, is dead—dead or dying. Broad Churchism has also disappeared. "There was a tendency some twenty years ago to persuade men's consciences that they must take orders in the Church without really believing the substantial articles of the Creed. That attempt on the part of some conspicuous latitudinarian members of the Church had been defeated by the consciences of men."

THE LIVING CHURCH makes grateful acknowledgment of the kind courtesy of many diocesan and parish papers, in commending and calling attention to its recent enlargement and improvement. We are confident that such issues as that of last week will serve to increase the confidence and admiration which our friends have so generally expressed.

AFTER fifty years of service as a bishop, a long life of usefulness is closed by the death of the Most Rev.

William Piercy Austin, Lord Bishop of Guiana and Primate of the West Indies. Recently we gave an account of the celebration of his episcopal jubilee, amid the rejoicings of the community, marred only by the evidences of the primate's failing health. Dr. Austin was born Nov. 7, 1807, was ordained deacon by Bishop Coleridge in 1831, and priest the following year. In 1842 he was consecrated in Westminster Abbey to the see of British Guiana. In 1883 he became primate of the West Indies.

THE LIVING CHURCH has been looking forward with pleasure to another grand, special issue, this week, in which the Daughters of the King should have the place of honor. It is thought best, however, to postpone this important subject until the issue following Christmas. There are so many interests now claiming the attention of publishers and people, that we believe the one named for the next special issue will be far better served if it be presented after the pressure of holiday preparations is over. The postponement will doubtless be a favor to some of the writers who have promised papers for that issue. These should all be ready by Dec. 20th.

The Living Church Quarterly, published by the Young Churchman Co., Milwaukee, in its Advent issue presents a directory of services in 547 parishes in 36 chief cities of the United States. This is timely and will be helpful to tourists during the coming season, when travel will be unparalleled. We have had requests for just such a directory, for the benefit of those visiting the World's Fair and making a tour of our chief cities. We shall hereafter present some of the facts brought to light by the tabulated statement; our object now is to call attention of enquirers to the fact that they can find just the information they need; and to say that THE LIVING CHURCH will not attempt to furnish such a guide, now that it has been so well done by another.

THE COMMISSION for Work among Colored People, about the constitution of which there was such a warm debate in the General Convention, is organized as follows: Elected members: Bishops Dudley, Leonard (Ohio), Paret, Randolph, Weed, Jackson, Kinsolving; Drs. Eccleston, McKim, Newton, Capers, Cheshire, McVicker, Strong; Messrs. Bryan, Davis, King, McCall, Pellew, Lyman, Reinecke—seven from each order, eight being a quorum. All the bishops are *ex-officio* members, but those not elected have no vote. The election is made by the Board of Managers. The new members are the last two bishops, the last four priests, and the last two laymen named above.

THE TRUSTEES of the Clergy Relief Fund, in making their seventh triennial report, show about thirty-five thousand dollars received and expended, and "with pardonable pride" refer to the fact that for over twenty years the fund has been administered without charge for services or expenses, all expenses having been paid by the treasurer, Mr. Wm. Alexander Smith, and the secretary, Mr. Elihu Chauncey. Now that the General Convention has decided that no copyright tax shall be laid upon the revised Prayer Book for the benefit of this fund (a revenue for which the trustees had hoped), the pressing needs of the society must be met by voluntary contributions. It is a blessed privilege to provide for the old soldiers of Church or State. Shall the former be less promptly and generously provided for than the latter?

SOME GEMS of "rarest ray serene" fail to attract the attention they deserve. The handsome memorial of Nashotah Jubilee has had little notice and probably has been read by very few. Yet it is the well-worded record, autobiographical, as it were, of one of the most unique chapters in the history of missions. It ought to be handsomely bound, and should be treasured by every Churchman who has the opportunity to secure a copy. We happen to know that the clergyman who became responsible for the publication of this volume is likely to lose about \$70 unless further sale is effected. The Young Churchman Co., Milwaukee, will fill all orders for 25 cents a copy. This is not an advertisement. It is a deserved tribute.

WE LEARN that the Catholicus of the Armenian Church was deeply moved on hearing of what had been done for members of the Oriental Church in England and America, and decided to ask for similar aid to his own people in Sis Armenia. The Archbishop of Canterbury being already engaged in similar work of importance in Persia, decided to call upon the Bishop of Salisbury to take action in regard to this appeal of the Catholicus. The Bishop, in response, at once sent as his agent, Mr. Robertson, to obtain personally, the needed information. Mr. Robertson in his tour through all the various provinces for which help was asked met with a most kind reception. His visit was extended to Mesopotamia and the Armenian region in Turkey, and he secured a document signed by thirteen bishops giving their full consent to his proposal, and promising a cordial welcome to the Archbishop's missionaries. Plans for the foundation of the work, have already been decided upon, and a blessed advance towards Christian Unity is anticipated from this unlooked-for movement in the Gregorian Church, which movement is largely, if not entirely, the outgrowth of Christian work among those worthy strangers from the Orient, both in England and in our own country, especially in the parish of St. Bartholomew, New York City.

Brief Mention

The issues of the two greatest Bible Societies of the world—one in England and the other in America—up to April 1, 1892, were 183,387,489 copies, and of the other lesser societies, 46,612,511 copies; in all, 230,000,000 copies since the year 1804, the year of the organization of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The total issues of all the Bible societies of the world for the last year amounted to more than 7,000,000.—There are only three newspapers in China, immense as that country is; while Japan has 550.—Mrs. John Ogilvie Roorbach, of Mystic, Conn., has a copy of the Prayer Book printed in the Mohawk language for the Rev. John Ogilvie, assistant minister of Trinity church, New York, in 1769. Only twenty copies were printed. Mrs. Roorbach, it is said, has received an offer of \$4,000 for the book from the British Museum.—A curious circumstance has come to light in connection with the work among the rough men who frequent the reading room of the Galilee Mission of Calvary parish, New York. It is that the poets are much in demand, and that the favorite ones, most commonly called for, are Shakespeare, Tennyson, Longfellow, and Whittier. There is a call also for scientific works, and for magazines and periodicals of the higher class.—Over 700 volumes have been added to the Hobart College library since the beginning of the current academic year.—The Order of the Holy Cross has been incorporated in the State of Maryland, the title is "Order of the Holy Cross of Westminster, Maryland."—A bishop writes: "THE LIVING CHURCH editorials are good and strong."—An old friend, a printer of many years' experience writes: "Permit me to congratulate you on the improved appearance of THE LIVING CHURCH. It is typographically almost perfect. May it long continue to be a living exponent of the true faith."—A good and inexpensive manual for young communicants is published by "The Young Churchman Co.," Milwaukee. In ordering, ask for the "Muscatine Manual."—One of our contemporaries advertises itself to be religious, literary, educational, story, art, scientific, agricultural, financial, insurance, and political paper combined.—A religious periodical has an article on "The Quarantine of Heaven." Another has come out against the bicycle as the great enemy of the proper observance of the Lord's day, worse than the saloon!—A racy letter from a physician, highly commending THE LIVING CHURCH, closes thus: "Yours in the Faith, and opposed to quackery in religion as well as medicine."—The annual report of the Board of Managers on Domestic Missions (in abridged form), is now ready for free distribution and may be had by addressing the Rev. Dr. Langford, 22 Bible House, New York, and asking for leaflet No. 457.

New York City

At St. James' church, the Rev. C. B. Smith, D. D., rector, the 35th choir festival was held on the evening of the 3rd Sunday in Advent, Dec. 11th, on which occasion was rendered Handel's "Samson."

St. Bartholomew's church, which has had for some time a free day dispensary for the treatment of all diseases, has now started a free night dispensary for the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat.

St. Thomas' church, the Rev. Dr. John W. Brown, rector, has a successful working men's club, numbering more than 100 members. It is partly to promote sociability and partly to provide benefits for the members in cases of sickness and death.

At the church of the Beloved Disciple, a course of historical lectures is being delivered on Wednesday nights during Advent, by the Rev. Chas. J. Adams. The topics touch early Christian history, and the Reformation of the Church of England.

A meeting of the Social Purity Society was held on the evening of Monday, Nov. 28th. Addresses on the subject of social purity were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wm. S. Rainsford, and Mr. A. Power, president of the Society for the State Regulation of Vice.

In St. George's church, the Rev. Wm. S. Rainsford, rector, a service of special interest was held on Sunday morning, Dec. 4th, at which time, Bishop Potter formally set apart two deaconesses, Miss Hildegard Von Brockdorf, and Miss Clara Simpson.

At St. Stephen's church, the Rev. Chas. R. Treat, rector, the various societies of the parish have increased in efficiency since the coming of the new rector, and the settlement of the litigation which so long hung over the church. Both the Sunday school and the congregation have steadily grown.

At the last meeting of the Church Club steps were taken looking to the securing of permanent rooms for the meetings. The topic for discussion was "The work of the General Convention." Addresses were made by the Rev. Geo. M. Christian, of Newark, the Rev. Drs. Hoffman and Brown, and Wm. Herbert B. Turner. The club will hold a special meeting, Dec. 29th.

On St. Andrew's Day, the corner-stone was laid of the new building of the Post-Graduate Hospital, an institution the work of which has already been described in these columns. The land and building when completed will reach a cost of \$250,000. There will be accommodation for 200 patients, and instruction will be carried on in advanced courses of practical medicine, open to physicians of the city. The building will be constructed of light brick and Indiana limestone.

As noted recently, the Rev. Isaac H. Tuttle, D.D., delivered his farewell sermon in St. Luke's church, on the first Sunday in Advent. The service was also memorable as being the last held by this parish in its old building. Services will be continued there under the direction of Trinity parish, and in charge of the Rev. J. O. Drumm. The occasion marked the close of the 42 eventful years of Dr. Tuttle's rectorship. Hereafter the parish of St. Luke's worships at its up-town church, which has been building.

St. Agnes' chapel, under the active ministry of the Rev. Edward A. Bradley, D.D., has already enrolled 369 communicants. The new Sunday school numbers 22 teachers and 225 pupils. A branch of St. Andrew's Brotherhood has been undertaken, and a sewing school, the organization of which is still incomplete. A number of new working agencies have been set in operation, including a kindergarten of 30 pupils, a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions, with a Junior Auxiliary; an altar committee; a committee on Hospital and Flower Mission, and an employment committee.

The corporation of Trinity church took formal possession, Dec. 1st, of the old St. Luke's property on Hudson street. Services will be continued there under the charge of the Rev. Philip A. H. Brown, in connection with his pastoral charge of St. John's chapel. It is probable that a new church will be built for the joint use of the two congregations, but not, as has been incorrectly stated, upon the present site of St. John's. The Rev. Mr. Brown took charge of the services on Sunday, Dec. 4th, celebrating the Holy Eucharist and preaching.

On the evening of Monday, Nov. 28th, the 12th annual meeting of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes was held at St. Ann's church. The Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., the general manager, presided. The expenses of the society during the past year were \$6,250, and the cost of maintaining the Gallaudet Home for Deaf Mutes was \$5,888.77. The latter institution has received a gift from Mr. John T. Farish, of \$20,000. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Bishop Potter; vice-presidents, the Rev. Edward H. Krans, LL. D., and Wm. P. P. Dickinson; secretary, Mr. Albert L. Willis; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Jewett.

The 22nd anniversary of the church of St. Mary the Virgin, the Rev. T. McKee Brown, rector, was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 8th, the feast of the Conception B. V. M. There were three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Services will be continued during an octave. The 3rd Sunday in Advent, being within the octave, the music at the high

celebration of the Eucharist included compositions of Loroff, Guilman, and Jenner. The offertory anthem was Spohr's "How lovely are Thy dwellings." At solemn vespers, compositions of Balfe, Prentice, Haydn, Concone, and Harold, were rendered, and the anthem was Adams' *Ave Maria*.

On the Feast of St. Andrew, the 15th anniversary of the consecration of St. Augustine's chapel, Trinity parish, was celebrated. Statistics covering the period from Advent, 1872, to Advent, 1892, are Baptisms, 7,929; confirmed, 1,529; persons married, 1,124; buried, 972; communicants enrolled, 1,796; present number of communicants, 827. When Dr. Kimber was appointed, 20 years ago to take charge of St. Augustine's, there were but 14 communicants on the roll. Services were then held in the upper part of Nos. 262 and 264 Bowery, the second floor being used for the chapel and the floors above for Sunday School and other purposes.

The formal opening of the new parish building of the church of the Beloved Disciple is about to take place, the work of construction being very nearly complete. The edifice rises three stories from a high basement, and the material used is brown stone, giving it a most substantial appearance. The lines are graceful and dignified. In the interior, the arrangements indicate great economy of space. There is a large gymnasium, with offices for the clergy, accommodations for the janitor, and ample rooms for meetings of all sorts, and for the use of guilds and societies. On the roof will be arranged a summer garden for the poor of the neighborhood during the heated season of the year. The lighting is by gas and the heating by hot air pipes. The workmanship throughout is careful and thorough.

At the meeting of the trustees of the cathedral of St. John the Divine, held Dec. 3rd, on the cathedral grounds, a proposition was considered to change the decision of the board made last winter, with reference to the exact spot on which the structure should be raised. This original plan had been to place the axis of the cathedral at 112th st., which would be near the centre of the grounds. The architect had meanwhile requested that the axis be fixed at 111th st. The trustees, with Bishop Potter, carefully examined the grounds, and finally decided not to alter their original decision. The axis will therefore be at 112th st. The contract to make the excavations for the laying of the corner-stone at the date announced, on St. John's Day, next, was awarded to David B. King, and ground will be immediately broken.

The Rev. J. A. Locke, for the last five years an assistant at St. John's chapel, Trinity parish, has resigned his work and sailed for Europe, Dec. 10th. It is his purpose to spend a year or two in study at Oxford, or some other seat of English theology. On Monday, Nov. 21st, at the reception held in the parish building, the Rev. P. A. H. Brown, priest-in-charge of St. John's chapel, spoke of the very cordial relations that had always prevailed between himself, the assistant, and the people, and in the name of the parishioners, presented Mr. Locke with a handsome seal ring and a figure of the Crucifixion in silver and ebony. Mr. Locke, in replying, spoke with much feeling of the kindness and consideration he had experienced everywhere, and thanked both priest and people for the tokens of their regard. Mr. Locke's faithful work will long be remembered by the many friends he leaves behind him.

The managers of St. Luke's Hospital have appointed Mr. Ernest Flagg, architect of the new hospital, and associated with him Mr. Chas. W. Clinton, who was among those originally invited to compete. The plan of Mr. Flagg was not formally approved, and the right to make changes in it was reserved. But it is probable that the general lines of this plan will be adopted. Mr. Flagg's essential principle is a group of pavilions, around a central building used as a chapel, and containing offices of administration. The general style of architecture is French, and a fine dome surmounts the central pile. The hospital will accommodate about 350 patients, as against 224 in the present buildings. Only part of the new work will be undertaken at first. The managers met again on the afternoon of Dec. 3rd, to take additional action on the question of plan alteration and construction.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Columbia College, held Monday, Dec. 5th, it was decided to erect a monument over the grave of the late president of the college, the Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L. A further memorial will also be provided for Dr. Barnard. The trustees named one of the law professorships in honor of the celebrated Chancellor Kent, who was a member of the faculty in 1823, and another in honor of Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, for many years the head of the law department. A new professor was added to the faculty of pure science, and a new lecturership established. The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix presided at this important meeting, and among those present were Bishop Littlejohn, Messrs. Stephen P. Nash, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and President Seth Low, LL. D. All the faculties of the college have submitted their recommendations concerning the buildings to be erected on the new site, and these have been given to the architects to embody in a report.

On Monday, Nov. 28th, a large and influential gathering of people of the city was held in the library building of Colum-

bia College, to consider the interests of Barnard College. Mr. Francis S. Stetson presided. The Rev. Arthur Brooks, D.D., chairman of the board of trustees, traced the progress of Barnard, and stated that the income amounted to \$10,000 from tuition fees and \$5,000 from subscriptions and interest, leaving a deficit of \$10,000 to be met this year, as against one of \$8,000 last year. The gift of \$100,000 from the Fayerweather estate has not yet been paid into the treasury, and cannot be counted upon for some time, even if the present suit against the will fails to break it. The college meanwhile, needs an income of \$20,000, exclusive of tuition fees. A gift of \$100,000 has been made by a person whose name is withheld, for a building, on condition that the college shall acquire suitable land within 1,000 feet of the new site of Columbia College on Morningside Heights. The acquisition of such property would require about \$75,000 additional. Dr. Brooks urged gifts for the temporary support and also for an endowment of at least \$100,000, and added that the latter and proper buildings must be provided by 1894, in order that the charter might become permanent. He was followed by President Seth Low, LL. D., of Columbia, Mrs. Almon Goodwin, and Mr. John H. Choate, who made earnest addresses.

The church of the Epiphany which was formerly down town, became possessed some time ago of the edifice formerly occupied by St. Alban's church. This is interfered with on one side by the closeness of the tracks of the N. Y. Central Railway, and it has for awhile been aided by the wealthier church of St. Bartholomew. Of late, its rector, the Rev. A. A. Butler, resigned to accept a parish in the West. The church of St. John the Baptist has a fine property on Lexington ave., but has long been in a weakened condition, and oppressed by a burden of debt. Before Mr. Butler left the city, he began negotiations looking to a union of the two parishes, and the vestries have just completed an agreement; all that is now needed is the formal sanction of Bishop Potter which will doubtless be accorded and the *pro-forma* consent of the Supreme Court of the State. According to this understanding the building and land of the church of the Epiphany will be offered for sale, and should bring about \$50,000. With these proceeds the mortgages and incumbrances upon the two churches will be paid off. The building of St. John Baptist's will be used as the permanent place of worship of the united congregations, but it will be newly named Epiphany church. In addition to its present church, the parish of the Epiphany owns a large apartment house, the rentals from which will help defray the running expenses of the combined congregations. The Rev. Dr. C. B. Duffie, the present rector of St. John Baptist's, will be the new rector of Epiphany. He is chaplain *emeritus* of Columbia College. The new vestry will be composed of an equal number taken from each of the former vestries. It is thought not improbable that St. Bartholomew's church may lease the present Epiphany church and conduct mission work at that point.

Philadelphia

A good portion of the \$50,000 required to erect the new diocesan house has been secured, and it is expected that the balance will shortly be in hand. Those having charge of the enterprise hope that the building will be completed by July 1, 1893.

The will of Evan Morris, who died in London, Eng., Nov. 2nd, was filed for probate on the 7th inst. After providing for his family, he bequeaths the residue of his estate, amounting to \$173,000, to six local charities, share and share alike, the Episcopal Hospital being one of those specified in the will.

Gaul's "Holy City" was given on the 7th inst. in St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia, by the combined vested choir of men and women from the Holy Comforter and St. James', Kingsessing, under the direction of Mr. Robert Holden, choir-master of St. James', Mr. T. Carl Witmer presiding at the organ.

On Saturday night, 3d inst., the church of the Epiphany was found to be on fire. Fortunately, the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the guild room and the infants' Sunday school room, the church itself being but slightly damaged. The loss has been estimated at \$1,500, and is fully insured. The cause of the accident was a defective flue.

The Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, rector of St. Stephen's church, is preaching a series of sermons on applied Christianity. The first on "Christianity and business," to be followed by "Christianity in relation to the social situation; the administration of charity; education; culture; politics; amusements; and the Church."

The series of evangelistic services which were commenced at St. Andrew's church, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Paddock, rector, on the evening of the 1st Sunday in Advent, give promise of being very successful in awakening a large amount of interest and effecting much spiritual good in that section of the city. The 150 voices of the St. Andrew's choral society and church choir rendered the music.

The church of the Atonement was formerly one of the largest and most flourishing parishes in the city; but through various causes has diminished. Under the lead of the Rev. Dr. I. N. Stanger and the rector *emeritus*, the Rev. Dr. Wat-

son, an earnest effort is being made to re-adjust the services to the new conditions. A vested choir of men and boys and a free evening service are the first things in this new order.

The Rev. William M. Harrison, chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, administered Holy Communion on the 10th inst. to Miss Sarah Wheeler, at her residence, on the occasion of her having completed 102 years of life; and the same Sacrament to her widowed sister, 12 years her junior. Miss Wheeler is of English birth, but came to America in infancy. Being blind and feeble, and on account of her great age, she is unable to attend church services.

The 59th anniversary of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society was held on Sunday evening, 27th ult, in the church of the Epiphany. The annual report stated that there were distributed in 48 dioceses and missionary jurisdictions, 18,838 prayer books and hymnals. The receipts including \$600 on a ground rent, were \$3,552; present balance, \$1,473. The annual sermon before the society was preached by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Langford who has taken an active part in Prayer Book distribution.

The 17th annual service of the Free and Open Church Association was held on Sunday evening, 4th inst, at St. Simon's memorial church, the Rev. Edgar Cope, rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph N. Blanchard. The report states that 77½ per cent of the churches and chapels in the American Church are free, not counting those in the missionary jurisdictions. The weekly offertory, also, as a matter of support, has rapidly grown into favor, and is established in a large number of parishes. The association has a total of 650 members. St. Peter's, Detroit, adopted the free seat system over a year ago, and the assured income has been raised to three times the amount accruing from pew rentals.

Chicago

The pledges for the Board of Missions last Sunday were St. Paul's, Kankakee, \$140; St. Stephen's, Chicago, \$194; St. Thomas', Chicago, (colored), \$169; All Saints', Ravenswood, \$100; St. Paul's, Rogers Park, \$155.

The name of the new mission occupying what was formerly St. Clement's church is the church of the Holy Cross, not Holy Name, as given in a recent issue.

The 17th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop McLaren, on Dec. 8th, was made the occasion of a celebration of the Holy Communion and the delivery of a very interesting address by him in the cathedral. A large number of the clergy and laity, including the students of the Western Theological Seminary, were present. In his address the Bishop reviewed the history of the past 17 years, with a brief glance at the condition of the diocese then and now. His consecration occurred but a few years after the great fire of Chicago, when every parish in the city was heavily burdened with debt and the so-called Reformed Episcopal movement was vigorous and aggressive. In the diocese at large, which was co-extensive with the State, there were many moribund parishes, and the severe party strife which had prevailed since the death of Bishop Whitehouse, had weakened the forces and dulled the missionary effort of the whole diocese. The problems of the division of the diocese, the reform of vestries, the future of the Church in Chicago, and the maintenance of the cathedral in a part of the city deserted by the rich and surrounded by the poor, had to be worked out amidst abundant labors that compelled him to be often absent from home. The division of the diocese in 1877 was a great relief and enabled him to concentrate his work in the present diocese. Since that period, \$45,000 has been spent on the cathedral in raising it to grade, and the erection of the magnificent altar and reredos. The building of the clergy house and endowment of the choir are the generous gifts of a devoted layman, while the house of the Sisters of St. Mary represents the generosity of many who are interested in the sustentation of the mission work of the cathedral. The buildings of the Western Theological Seminary and Waterman Hall have fully repaid the vast amount of labor expended in their founding and planning. The provincial system has continued to occupy the mind of the Bishop, and the wisdom of its inception is shown in the report in its favor presented to the last General Convention. The spiritual progress of the diocese is seen in the generous devotion of the clergy to the Bishop, the unity and harmony of the whole diocese, and the rapid development of the spirit of missionary effort as seen in the noble offerings of the parishes for the work of the Board of Missions. The future of the diocese is bright with the promise of greater growth, and the development of the Church's usefulness and influence in moulding the events of the years to come. More intense spiritual life among clergy and laity will be the surest method of obtaining the blessing of God on the work of the Church for the future.

The annual dinner of the Church club was given at the Grand Pacific Hotel on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, to 154 guests; among them were the Bishop of Chicago, Dr. Perry, Bishop of Iowa, Dr. Hale, assistant Bishop of Springfield, and Dr. Harper, president of the Chicago University, Mr. D. B. Lyman, the first president of the club, Dr. Brower, the retiring president, and Mr. Arthur Ryerson, the president for this year. After dinner Dr. Brower addressed the club on the past history of the organization. He gave an excellent resume of its work and the influence it had ex-

erted on the work of the Church in Chicago. Mr. Arthur Ryerson alluded to the formation of the club two years ago, and the fact that its existence had solidified the diocese into a fellowship of interests which were no longer parochial only but diocesan as well. It had become the rallying point for the workers among the laity, and the future would be full of magnificent results if its members would present a bold front of determined effort and a fearless grasp of the possibilities before them. The Rev. Dr. Locke made a very happy toastmaster and introduced each speaker with remarks that were at once bright, felicitous, and humorous.

Bishop McLaren replied to the toast of "The Church in the West." The definition of the term is a somewhat difficult one, but from an eastern standpoint it seems to include all the territory west of the Alleghanies. The debt of the Church in the West to the East is a large one that cannot be expressed in words, but it is not the less fully appreciated, and the activity and growth of the Western Church is the surest sign of its gratitude. Steadfast adherence to positive beliefs with toleration for the opinions of others mark the progress of Church. Fraternal sympathy and the union of capitalist and laborer in the bond of the Faith, the energetic devotion to duty, leaving the phenomenon of division to God's care, these are the watchwords of the earnest western Churchman. On these lines the Catholicity of the Church in the West is already a mighty power for good, and the possibilities of the future are outlined in the accomplishments of the past.

Dr. Harper gave an eloquent statement of the brief but magnificent history of the Chicago University, which already possesses property and endowments to the extent of \$6,000,000.

The Hon. T. B. Bryan gave a brief history of the inception and progress of the World's Fair, and pointed out to the younger men present that the opportunities of 1893 were of the utmost importance and far-reaching in their results. Active vigorous support of the Church and the Church Club would place them in the very vanguard of prosperity for the future.

Bishop Perry replying to the toast, "Our Church and our Country," gave a splendid historical resume of what the mother Church of England did in the early history of the country, that our institutions, laws, manners, customs, and worship have for their foundation not those of lands dominated by Rome, but are English; that the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the early formation of the nation were the work of men, the large majority of whom were members of the Church of England; and that Church and nation alike owe nothing to Columbus, nothing to Spain, nothing to Rome and its religious system, but are essentially the outgrowth of that stronger, better, purer faith of the Anglican Communion and English liberty and freedom.

After the singing of the national anthem and the benediction by Bishop Hale, the guests departed with recollections of a most instructive and pleasant evening.

Diocesan News

Long Island.

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

BROOKLYN.—All Saints' church, the Rev. Geo. Melville Boyd, rector, is pushing forward to completion its new church edifice, already described in these columns.

At St. James' church, the Rev. Geo. F. Breed, rector, the annual service of St. Andrew's Brotherhood was held on the evening of Advent Sunday with choral Evensong. The members partook of the Communion on the morning of St. Andrew's Day. The chapter has lately been re-organized and promises to become a more important factor than ever, in the work of the parish. Mr. W. R. Gilbert has been chosen director, and Mr. Sherman Esselstyn, secretary and treasurer. One new work of this chapter will be the foundation and upbuilding of a club for boys.

At St. Timothy's church, the Rev. W. I. Stecher, minister-in-charge, a series of mission services was held last week. The Ven. Archdeacon Morrison, Ph.D., took active part. This church is making encouraging progress since it occupied its new edifice. Of late a chapter of the Daughters of the King has been organized, and a new society to be known as St. Timothy's Guild.

St. Luke's church, the Rev. Henry C. Swentzel, rector, opened an Industrial School for Girls in the Sunday school building adjoining the church, on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3rd. It is in charge of a committee of the Woman's Guild. There will be several departments, including one for needlework of all grades, another to be known as the kitchen garden, and a third for drawing. There will also be a kindergarten for the smallest children.

On the morning of St. Andrew's Day, a special service was held in the chapel of St. John's Hospital, at which two new Sisters were formally received into the Sisterhood of St. John the Evangelist. The service was one of unusual interest, and was attended by many of the friends of this hard-working order. The office of admission as set forth by Bishop Littlejohn, was exceedingly appropriate, and was ended with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which the Sisterhood partook in a body.

ASTORIA.—At the church of the Redeemer, the Rev. E. D. Cooper, D. D., rector, the vested choir, assisted by the choir of St. James' church, New York, held a musical festival on the evening of St. Andrew's Day.

SETAUKET.—By the will of the late Thomas C. Hodgkins, a number of generous public bequests have been made, and among them one of \$100,000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Milwaukee

Isaac L. Nicholson, D. D., Bishop

KENOSHA.—On Advent Sunday the archdeacon of the diocese commenced a six days' Mission in St. Matthew's parish. The rector had prepared the people to enter into the spirit of the Mission, and the services were attended with increasing interest, even to the end. The missionary certainly has a rare gift for this work, and the people will long remember this profitable visitation. An offering was taken at the last service of \$84.25 for missions in the diocese.

On the following Sunday, 2nd in Advent, the rector entered on the 7th year of his incumbency. During his rectorship there has been steady and substantial growth; 160 had been baptized, 109 confirmed, a number of families added, and the church property increased and improved to the amount of \$9,000. The church is to be decorated the coming summer, and when completed will be worth \$50,000, and be one of the finest church properties in the diocese.

Connecticut

John Williams, S. T. D., LL. T., Bishop

The Bishop visited the parish of Christ church, Stratford, on the evening of the 2nd Sunday, in Advent and administered the rite of Confirmation. The service was read by the rector, the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Chapman.

On Monday, Dec. 5th, the Fairfield County Clerical Association held its monthly meeting at Stratford. Holy Communion was administered at 10:30 A. M. by the rector. After the service a business and literary meeting was held in the chapel. The Rev. R. H. Bowles read a paper on "The State of the Church under the Stuarts," which was followed by a general discussion. The officers of the preceding year were re-elected.

SOUTHINGTON.—The new and beautiful little church of St. Paul's parish, the Rev. J. F. Sexton, rector, was consecrated by the Bishop on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at 11 o'clock. The order of consecration was read by the Rev. S. O. Seymour. The Rev. Messrs. J. H. Watson, W. E. Johnson, a former rector, H. H. Wright, F. D. Buckley, Dr. Horton, and Dr. Gammauck of Aberdeen, Scotland, took part also in the service. The sermon was by the Bishop from Ps. xcvi: 6, 7, 8. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop.

In the afternoon another service was held and addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. S. O. Seymour, J. H. Watson, W. E. Johnson, J. T. Huntington, and Dr. Horton.

The edifice is of Gothic style of architecture and of very pleasing and harmonious proportions. The foundation, part of the walls and steeple base, are of uncut brown stone, and the exterior finish is unstained shingles. Everything about the building is thoroughly done in the best taste, very little paint being used. The interior of the church is tastefully finished and decorated. Ceilings are of southern pine, the floor of the chancel is oak, and all the furniture of red oak. The chancel, which is apsidal in shape, 20 by 22 feet, is decorated in terra cotta and olive, with *fleur de lis* gilded. The chapel is connected with the nave by arches, and can be thrown into the nave, making a room capable of seating 250 people. The room 20 by 22 to be used as a working room by the mission, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King, has been built in the rear of the church. The building was originally designed by the Rev. H. G. Wood, of Beachmont, Mass., but changes and improvements were made by the rector and Mr. A. E. Smith. The entire cost was \$5,000. All the windows of the nave and chancel are of rolled cathedral glass set in geometrical forms and richly jeweled, furnished by Redding, Baird & Co., of Boston. The large west window, representing St. Paul at Athens, was erected to the glory of God in memory of Mary Wilcox Treadway, by her children, Mrs. Austin Bradley, Mrs. Yeckly, and Mr. C. S. Treadway. The altar and reredos were erected as a memorial of the late Rev. Charles de Lancey Allen.

INGLESIDE.—A girl's school connected with All Saints' memorial church is in a flourishing condition. The buildings have been enlarged, many new pupils received, and to-day it numbers some 35 scholars, mostly permanent boarders. The Rev. Mr. Draper is chaplain of the school and one of its instructors.

HARTFORD.—Trinity College has just received a handsome addition to its museum in the shape of a collection of eggs and nests of native birds, presented by Mr. Chas. Christopher Trowbridge, a member of the last senior class. Several valuable additions have lately been made to the library, and the college gymnasium is undergoing improvements. The Rev. Dr. Geo. Williamson Smith, the president, is actively at work extending the influence of the college beyond its local surroundings, with a view to making it more and more an institution in which Churchmen throughout the country may feel practical interest and pride.

Missouri

Daniel S. Tuttle, D.D., Bishop

ST. LOUIS.—On St. Andrew's Day at 10 o'clock, the Bishop consecrated the new church of St. Andrew situated on the corner of Garrison ave. and Glasgow Place. The church is a neat brick structure with open timbered roof. The nave only is erected, 40 feet wide by 65 long, leaving a recess chancel to be added at some later date. Some four years ago a few of the members of the Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, connected with the parish of the Holy Communion, began a Sunday school in a small rented building. Steadily this beginning has grown until now, with the help which came from the sale of the old church of the Advent, a church is built and consecrated. The vestry has extended a call to the Rev. Kenneth M. Deane, sometime assistant minister of the parish of the Holy Communion. Mr. Deane takes full charge at once, and St. Andrew's gives promise in the near future of being one of the substantial parishes of the city.

The new parish of the Redeemer is pushing forward to completion the new church on Pine st., near Garrison, and hopes to hold its first service on Christmas Day.

St. Peter's parish has broken ground for its new church on the corner of Lindell and Cabanne aves. This is to be a handsome stone church with a seating capacity of 750.

Great interest has been taken in a course of sermons on the poets preached by the Rev. Dr. Holland. The main purpose of the course has been to show the power and influence of the Church in the development of the great English poets.

New Jersey

John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop

The Burlington Convocation met in Trinity church, Swedesboro, the Rev. G. W. Watson, D. D., rector, on Tuesday, Nov. 29th. The convocation sermon was delivered by the Rev. Gustavus M. Murray, after which the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, the Bishop being celebrant. In the afternoon full and free discussion was had on ways and means of raising necessary funds for payment of diocesan missionary stipends, each convocation caring for the missionaries within their several limits. An able paper was presented by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, chaplain of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, entitled, "The special duty of clergy and laity, in relation to the diocese and convocation." An invitation to hold the March meeting of the convocation at St. Paul's, Camden, was accepted. A resolution of condolence and sympathy with the Bishop in the serious and continued illness of his wife, was adopted by a rising vote.

The church at Swedesboro, is very ancient, dating back to 1698 A. D., when it was used by the Swedish Lutherans. The church was built and the pastor's salary paid by the Swedish Government. Most of the inhabitants of the town are descendants of the old Swedish settlers, and the old church, still preserved in its pristine plainness, is very dear to the worshippers as a connecting link of the past.

The quarterly meeting of the Convocation of New Brunswick was held at Trinity church, Princeton, on Tuesday, Dec. 6th. At the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop celebrated. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. L. Murphy, from I John iv: 8. At the opening session of the convocation, the Bishop spoke briefly on the importance of the wide distribution of the Revised Prayer Book, and its efficiency as a missionary agency. The rural dean, the Rev. A. S. Baker, D. D., rector of the parish, presided at the afternoon session in the absence of the Bishop. A very interesting essay was presented by the Rev. C. H. Malcom, D. D., entitled, "Science and Christianity." The next meeting of the convocation will be held at St. Paul's, Rahway, the Rev. H. H. Oberly being selected as the preacher. In the evening after full choral Evensong, a missionary meeting was held, and addresses made by the Rev. Messrs. Cobb, Barbour, and Rodman. A marked feature of both the morning and evening services, was the admirable music, so efficiently rendered by the vested choir of the parish, strongly reinforced by 18 men and boys from the choir of St. James' church, New York, under the excellent leadership of Mr. A. S. Baker, organist and choirmaster of the latter church. The solo parts were sung by F. H. Potter, Mus. Doc. Mr. Baker is the son of the rector of the parish, and was formerly organist and choirmaster in Princeton.

CAMDEN.—A twelve-days' Mission held at St. Barnabas' mission church, was brought to a close on Sunday evening, Nov. 20th. A short Vesper service was sung, after which the missionary, the Rev. Mr. Betts, made a short address, speaking from Rom. viii: 1. A few words of warm thanks were said by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Charles M. Hall, who presented the missionary with a crucifix as a little remembrance of the gratitude of the people at St. Barnabas. A solemn *Magnificat* was sung. After the benediction Father Betts gave his blessing to a great number of people. The Sisters of the Order of the Holy Nativity have been doing invaluable work in the parish, and will remain until early in December. Many belonging to the denominations attended the services. The Bishop of the diocese administered the rite of Confirmation to a class of 18 persons in St. Barnabas' mission church, on the Eve of the Festival of St. Andrew, Nov. 29. Prior to the service, one person was confirmed

privately *in extremis*. Thirty-one persons have been confirmed in this mission since Michaelmas.

The improvements on St. Paul's church, Rev. Thos. A. Tidball, D. D., have been completed and the whole indebtedness amounting to over \$30,000, has been liquidated. The parish is in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise; a new parish house has been built. The parish also has erected and supported two mission chapels, St. Paul's and St. James', both of which are under the charge of the Rev. Howard Stoy, assisted by lay readers. The rector has accepted the call to the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

BURLINGTON.—The Bishop has set on foot a movement to establish a Woman's College, as an adjunct to St. Mary's Hall, the Church school for young women. The Burlington college buildings, which adjoin the hall, but have been closed for some time, would be utilized. St. Mary's Hall is the pioneer Church school for girls in America.

FLORENCE.—A branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has been organized in St. Stephen's parish, the Rev. H. L. C. Bradton, rector. Miss Mary Neilson was appointed Branch secretary. Eleven girls signified their intention to become candidates. Mrs. Thomas Roberts, New Jersey president of the G. F. S., was present, and spoke on the origin, rules, and objects of the society.

Pittsburgh

Cortland Whitehead, D. D., Bishop

From the memorial church of Our Father, Foxburg, the Rev. Thos. A. Stevenson, rector, comes the 7th annual report of the Parish Guild, an organization that stands second to none in the diocese for industry and efficiency in the Master's work. This Guild has, during its seven years of existence, raised on an average \$300 a year, and their benefactions embrace every kind of work, from parish out to the diocese, and from the diocese to the Church at large.

The Bishop recently conducted an interesting service in St. Mark's church, at Petersville, and administered the rite of Confirmation to a class of 14 persons. In the evening, at Grace chapel, Bishop Paret preached and confirmed seven persons. Thus was brought to a fitting close the interesting series of services held by the Rev. Kenneth Mackenzie, Jr., missionary in that parish, and so was shown the rich fruits of the earnest efforts of the rector, the Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein, in building up the new church in that community.

HOUTZDALE.—This is a mining town situated in a rather wild region with little or no vegetation. It is not in a very thriving condition as regards temporalities, for the coal mines at this point are nearly worked out. However there is a congregation of faithful people there, well instructed and earnestly desirous of the Church services. On Saturday evening, Nov. 12th, the Bishop visited this mission, (Holy Trinity), and confirmed 12 persons, four in public, and two in private. On Sunday morning, Nov. 13th, the Bishop preached and celebrated Holy Communion.

CLEARFIELD.—Monday evening, Nov. 14th, the Bishop preached and confirmed one, presented by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, rector.

PEALE.—Tuesday, Nov. 15th, the Bishop visited this mission, preached and confirmed four persons. Peale is a coal mining town on top of the Allegheny mountains. The church was built by the late Rev. John Henry Hopkins.

SHARON.—On Friday afternoon, Nov. 18th, the Bishop was present at a children's service at St. John's, the Rev. George W. Williams, rector. The service, full choral, was well rendered by the children under direction of Mr. E. J. Robinson, the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school. In the evening the Bishop preached and confirmed eight persons, presented by the rector.

VERONA.—The Bishop visited St. Thomas' parish on Sunday, Nov. 20th, and confirmed 17, being the first class presented by the new rector, the Rev. Mr. McLure. In the afternoon of the same day the Bishop met a congregation of 100 people in Odd Fellows Hall at Sandy Creek. This is a Sunday school mission among the miners which was established a number of years ago by Mr. J. W. Paul, senior warden of St. Thomas' parish. The mission has been suspended for a few years but is again revived, to the great benefit of the people thereof as the Church is the only religious organization that has ever taken an interest in them.

In the evening of the same day the Bishop visited Trinity mission, Sharpsburg, and confirmed 9 presented by the Rev. A. D. Brown, chaplain, Laymen's Missionary League.

Maryland

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

BALTIMORE.—In the will of Mrs. Anna E. Wade, who died Nov. 19th, are bequeathed to the Church Home and Infirmary on North Broadway, two irredeemable ground rents for \$360 and \$172.50 respectively, and the income of \$5,000 for the purpose of fitting up a room in the institution to be known as the "Anna E. Wade room." The same institution is also bequeathed the balance of the income from \$10,000 after paying an annuity of \$60 to Rachel Charms. The Home of the Friendless, on Druid Hill ave., is bequeathed the income of \$1,000. Emmanuel church receives the income from \$3,000,

to be equally divided among the Dorcas Society, Mothers' Meetings, and the Sunday school connected with the church. The income of \$1,500 is given to the rector (for the time being) of the parish of the Holy Trinity, Carroll Co. Mrs. Wade directs in her will that a memorial window be erected to her memory in Emmanuel church, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

On Saturday, Nov. 26th, the Rev. William B. Bodine, D. D., commenced a Mission at Emmanuel church, Cathedral and Read sts.; continuing until Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, inclusive. The services on week days were: at 8 A. M., Holy Communion; at 4 P. M., an informal service; and at 8 P. M., Evening Prayer, sermon, and after meeting.

A large number of clergy, choristers, and people gathered together at St. Andrew's church on Wednesday, Nov. 31st, to honor the dedication festival of St. Andrew's Day. Evensong was held, with a sermon by the Rev. J. Holwell Geare, of Delaware. Other clergy participating in the service were the rector, the Rev. H. Page Dyer; the assistant rector, the Rev. James Briscoe; the Rev. Messrs. Frederick Gibson, J. Higgins, and Robert H. Paine. In the rector's address, in which he reviewed the year's work at St. Andrew's, it was stated that the debt of the church had been reduced to \$395, the choir room and club room repaired, a boarding home for young women begun in connection with the mission house, and several gifts, including a piano for use by the societies, and a new cross, had been added to the church's equipment.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On Tuesday evening, Nov. 22nd, a special service was held in St. Stephen's church, for the purpose of giving an impetus to the work of the new parish. The church was crowded. The Rev. Mr. Podmore intoned the service, and the surpliced choir of St. Paul's church rendered the musical part. The Rev. Drs. Townsend and Elliot, and the Rev. Mr. Williams made appropriate addresses, and congratulated the rector and people on the prospects of their Church work. The Rev. Stuart Crockett, rector, read a brief sketch of the history of St. Stephen's. After the service, the clergy and choir were entertained by the vestry at the residence of Judge Husted. St. Stephen's church is in a very promising condition. The rector and people are doing all in their power to make the work of the church a success. The church guild is divided into chapters, viz, The Chapter of Industry, The Chapter of St. Mark's Friendly League, The Altar Chapter, St. Stephen's Chapter of the Daughters of the King, and St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

OAKLAND.—It is believed that the troubles which have torn and distracted St. Matthew's parish, growing out of the litigation with the Rev. F. S. Hipkins, formerly rector of the parish, are now over. Bishop Paret recently preached in the parish church, and administered the Holy Communion the same forenoon. A conference between the Bishop and the congregation was held, at which affairs were freely discussed. The Bishop pledged the vestry a sum of money which will enable that body to call a rector, which they will at once proceed to do.

CATONSVILLE.—The Rev. Chas. Furnival, who has been assistant rector of St. Timothy's church for the past year, returned to England Nov. 26th. On Sunday, Nov. 13th, he was presented with a handsome purse of gold by Mr. Robert Taylor on behalf of the congregation, as a token of their gratitude for his zealous labors.

ANNAPOLIS.—On Monday, Nov. 21st, the Rev. Chas. J. Curtis was instituted rector of All Hallows' parish, at South River. The Bishop officiated. He also confirmed a class of four persons. Mr. Curtis follows the Rev. John Barrett as rector of All Hallows. The Rev. William Brand preached the sermon. All Hallows' church is one of the oldest churches in this State, the records showing that it was standing as far back as 1692.

Easton

Rev. Wm. Forbes Adams, D. C. L., Bishop

CITY.—The funeral of John Francis Adams, son of Bishop Adams, who died of typhoid fever on Thanksgiving Day, in the 23rd year of his age, took place from Christ church on Saturday morning, Nov. 26th. The Rev. Dr. L. B. Baldwin, of Easton, Rev. Messrs. Albert R. Walker, William Mumford, and F. B. Adkins, son-in-law of Bishop Adams, participated in the funeral services. The interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery. Bishop Adams has lost six children and has six now living.

The 65th session of the Middle Convocation assembled in Trinity cathedral on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. The limits of the convocation are the counties of Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester, the Rev. Theodore P. Barber, D. D., being dean. At the first service addresses were delivered on "The Responsibilities of Sponsors," by the Rev. J. Harry Chesley; "The Age and Preparation for Confirmation," by the Rev. W. Y. Beaven; "First Communion and After-Life," by the Rev. George C. Sutton. The addresses, as well as the dean's words of introduction, were very practical and helpful. At 11 A. M. Wednesday, the Holy Communion was celebrated, Bishop Adams being Celebrant. The Rev. L. B. Baldwin preached an appropriate sermon. At 7:30 P. M. the missionary meeting was held. The Rev. Geo. Sutton made a very spirited address on diocesan missions. The Rev. Joshua Kimber delivered an exhaustive address, in which he eloquently portrayed the brilliant past, the great present needs, and the immense possibilities of the future of foreign mis-

sions. On Thursday the preacher was the Rev. Edward R. Rich. The concluding service was held the same evening. Addresses on the parable of the great supper were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. L. B. Baldwin, James A. Mitchell, Algeron Batte, and Bishop Adams. All the services were hearty, the music good, and the congregation deeply interested in the sermons and addresses.

DENTON.—The Ladies' Guild of Christ church gave a basket supper on Thanksgiving Day at the town hall, the proceeds of which will go to the fund to build a rectory.

New York

Henry C. Potter, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

YONKERS.—St. John's church, which has undergone improvements at a cost of \$6,000, has just been reopened for service. The most noteworthy feature of these improvements has been the laying of a mosaic pavement on each side of the chancel and in the aisles. The offering on Thanksgiving Day, amounted to \$559.43, and was devoted to the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.

TUCKAHOE.—The Bishop made a visitation of St. John's church on the first Sunday in Advent, and confirmed a class of 8 persons, presented by the rector.

NEW WINDSOR.—At the episcopal visitation of St. Thomas' church, just held, Bishop Potter confirmed a class of 4.

NEWBURGH.—Bishop Potter confirmed a class of 23 at St. George's church, and 54 at the church of the Good Shepherd, at the visitation just held.

CALLICOON.—The Bishop visited St. James' church on Friday, Dec. 2nd, and confirmed 12 persons presented by Mr. W. A. Masker, Jr., lay reader in charge.

Louisiana

Davis Sessums, D. D., Bishop

After a rectorship of nearly eight years, the Rev. J. W. Bleker has resigned St. Mary's church, Franklin, and accepted a call to the church of the Holy Cross, Paris, Texas. During his ministry, the parish has been strengthened spiritually and temporally. The vestry reluctantly accepted his resignation, and in a letter to Mr. Bleker expressed their esteem for him and their appreciation of his services.

The Louisiana branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions held their semi-annual meeting on the morning of St. Andrew's Day, at Christ Cathedral, New Orleans, preceded by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which the Dean was Celebrant. The Rev. H. H. Waters delivered an address. Bishop Sessums opened the business meeting with prayer. Mrs. W. G. Coyle, the corresponding secretary, reported that the contributions from the various parishes in the diocese, amounted to \$613.90 in cash, \$316 in value of boxes, a total of \$929.90. A letter from Miss Julia C. Emery, secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, was read, in which some excellent suggestions were made as to the methods of work. Miss M. E. Rountree presented a report of receipts and expenditures since last Easter; there was then a balance on hand of \$163.35, in six months there was contributed \$394.15, making a total of \$557.50. Expenditures for a corresponding time amounted to \$431.15, leaving a balance on hand of \$126.35. Mrs. T. C. Richardson made an interesting report of the triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Bishop closed the meeting with an address on the nobility of missionary work, and attributed much of the interest in the work in missionary fields at home and abroad to the ladies associated in the Woman's Auxiliary.

NEW ORLEANS.—Chapter 333 of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held its annual commemoration of the Feast of St. Andrew in St. Anna's church, on St. Andrew's night, Nov. 30th. There was a 7:30 A. M. celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which the chapter received in a body. At 8 P. M., the public service was held. The church was beautifully decorated. The men of all Brotherhood chapters in the city met the members of chapter 333 at the rectory, where they formed a procession to the church. The Rev. Messrs. A. H. Noll, N. Ayres, S. M. Wiggins, A. R. Price, J. N. Abon, P. Morgan, Q. Ewing, and E. W. Hunter, and the Bishop were also present. The Bishop delivered an able and eloquent address, in which he spoke highly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and urged upon all people the necessity of being practical Christians, of living the Christ-like life, of evidencing the indwelling of Christ by being about the Father's business in bringing others to Christ. At the service, the rector, the Rev. E. W. Hunter, extended an invitation to other men of the parish to join chapter 333, saying, however, that none were desired who would not say the daily prayer and make the weekly effort; he reminded the chapter that Nov. 30th to Dec. 7th, was "self-denial week," and he hoped that their self-denials would realize a sum which he believed would be best employed by being given to the Bishop for work in the diocese.

To the regret of countless friends, the resignation of the Rev. Quincy Ewing, dean of Christ Cathedral, has been offered in consequence of ill health, but the hope of the community is that some means may be devised to cause the dean to reconsider his action, and remain where he is accomplishing so much good.

North Carolina

Theodore B. Lyman, D. D., LL.D., Bishop

The Convocation of Tarboro met Nov. 15th, in Grace church, Weldon, the opening service being under the auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, addressed by Silas McBee, Esq., of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn. The sermon the following day, was by the Rev. Walter J. Smith, of Scotland Neck, the secretary, who at the subsequent business meeting was elected dean, the Rev. W. L. Mellichampe, rector of the parish, being made secretary. Convocations in this diocese embody social features as well as those of missions, consequently, sermons were delivered at all the services by the clergy present; the Rev. E. C. Benedict preaching Wednesday evening, and the Rev. George Hebbard at both services the following day. The preacher on Thursday morning was the Rev. T. A. Waterman, on "The evangelistic mission of the Church," the Rev. Father Benedict delivering the closing sermon of the course, on "Christ as an example." A missionary meeting was held on Wednesday evening after the regular service, and also a meeting for colored people, on Thursday evening, addressed by Archdeacon Walker and the Rev. Mr. Vandebogart, who had been ordered deacon only the previous Sunday. The next meeting was ordered to be held in Rocky Mount.

RALEIGH.—The church of the Good Shepherd has been made the recipient lately of a handsome memorial. It consists of a solid silver Communion set, and is a gift from Mrs. Roma Lyman Niles, of New York City, who gave it as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Lyman, the wife of Bishop Lyman, who was for many years a beloved and devoted member of that church. The set comprises five pieces of beautiful pattern, made from special designs, each piece bearing the monogram, C. G. S., while on the paten and on the flagon are deeply engraved the sacred letters, I. H. S. The flagon bears in addition the following inscription:

In memoriam Anna Margaret Lyman, 1819—1889. Presented by her daughter to the church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, N. C.

Bishop Lyman officiated at the Celebration on All Saints' Day, when the sacred vessels were consecrated and were used by him for the first time in that service.

On the night of Sunday, Nov. 6th, the Rev. J. McK. Pittenger, took a delegation from the choir of the church of the Good Shepherd and went to Carey, a village lying on the western border of Wake County, and held a service there. This was the first time the Church's service was ever rendered in that community. It was largely attended and highly appreciated.

Georgia

Cleland Kinloch Nelson, D. D., Bishop

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Atlanta was called by the Bishop, in Grace chapel, Gainesville, on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. After Evening Prayer, addresses were made on the "Duty and privilege of the clergy in reference to missions," by the Rev. R. S. Barrett; "The response of the laity," by the Bishop; "Children's share in missions," by the Rev. Geo. E. Benedict, and "The prayer element in missions," by the Rev. J. C. Davis. On Wednesday, the subject of the addresses were: "Woman's work for missions," the Bishop; "System in missionary collections," the Rev. C. T. A. Pise; "Best methods in opening new missions," by the Rev. J. B. Craighill. In the afternoon, there was a conference on "Methods in parochial work," Archdeacon Walton; "Business principles in the parish," the Rev. R. W. Anderson. After Evening Prayer, addresses were delivered on "The Church's duty to strangers," by the Rev. T. G. Pond; "The Sunday school a help, not a hindrance," by the Rev. R. M. W. Block, and "Legitimate attractions in the church," by the Rev. T. C. Tupper, D. D.

ATLANTA.—The Rev. Dr. T. C. Tupper, rector of St. Philip's church, has recently begun a mission school among the poorest and most neglected children in the eastern suburbs of the city, where he has now 32 children, mostly boys, of ages ranging from 5 to 14 years. These children are literally deprived of the ways and means of a religious and secular education; and the parents are utterly unable to help them. Dr. Tupper needs means for securing Prayer Books and other Sunday school accessories, which can be sent either to him or to Bishop Nelson, No. 10 Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Atlanta.

Springfield

Geo. Franklin Seymour, S.T.D., LL.D., Bishop
Chas. Reuben Hale, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Cairo

The 15th annual synod was held in St. Paul's pro-cathedral, Tuesday, Dec. 6th. At 7 A. M. the Holy Communion was celebrated, and at 9 A. M. Matins were said. At 10 A. M. the Bishop celebrated the Eucharist. The Rt. Rev. C. R. Hale, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Cairo, and Coadjutor Bishop, delivered the discourse, which included a summary of his acts since his consecration, and was replete with words of counsel and comfort to the clergy and laity in regard to the work of missions and Church extension in the diocese. The service used for the Celebration was the Plain-song *Missa de Angelis*, and it was grandly sung by the choir and clergy in unison, with the skilful direction of the organist of the pro-cathedral, Mr. John D. Lloyd.

The synod was organized for work by the re-election of the Rev. H. W. Cunningham, of Springfield, as secretary; and

Mr. John J. Cossett, of Lincoln, treasurer. The Rev. Chas. J. Shutt, of Mansfield, was chosen assistant secretary. All but two of the clergy at work in the diocese were present. Several interesting reports were read. The secretary of the Board of Missions stated that all missionaries had been paid in full, leaving a balance in the treasury. The afternoon was spent in considering the subject of diocesan missions, and pledges for over \$1,200 were taken. This amount will be increased. At night the missionary meeting of the synod was held in Christ church. Addresses were made by Archdeacon De Rosset, the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Massiah, H. M. Chittenden, and S. T. Brewster.

On the second day Bishop Seymour delivered another of those eloquent addresses for which he is noted, his subject being, "Falsehood as a tendency of the age and how to resist it." His remarks included a luminous and valuable commentary on the rubric at the end of the Confirmation Office: "And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion, until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed." The Bishop showed the binding force of this rubric, as part of our fundamental law, not only upon the members of our own Communion, but also upon all persons whomsoever. He spoke most warmly of the eminent services of Mr. H. H. Candee, and of the general regret that his continued ill-health compelled him to be absent, for the first time, from the meeting of the synod. A resolution in similar terms was afterwards unanimously adopted by the synod by a rising vote. The greater part of the afternoon session was spent in the consideration of the revision of the constitution and canons of the diocese, being the final report of the special committee which has been at work since 1888. A number of important changes were made this year, and it is believed that the diocese now has a Constitution and Digest of Canons, that will compare favorably with those of any other diocese.

The elections resulted in the re-election of the former officers in most cases. The Standing Committee are the Rev. Dr. Dresser, president; Ven. Dr. Taylor, secretary; the Rev. M. M. Goodwin; Messrs. C. E. Hay, Henry Stryker, Jr., and W. J. Allen. The deputies to the provincial synod were re-elected. In the evening the Bishop and Mrs. Seymour gave a most delightful reception to the members of the synod and their friends, at the Bishop's house.

This synod was one of the best, if not the best, that the diocese has ever held. The work of the Church was shown to be progressing hopefully, and there was a feeling of strength and vigor manifest in all that was done. The trustees of the diocese reported a fund of \$10,000 for the endowment of the episcopate, invested and bearing interest, and the finances, always troublesome in a poor diocese, are seen to be in better condition than heretofore.

Central Pennsylvania

M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D., LL.D., Bishop
Nelson S. Rulison, D. D., Asst. Bishop

The archdeaconry of Williamsport convened in St. John's church, Bellefonte, Monday evening, Nov. 21st. Evening Prayer was said, the Rev. W. M. Christman preached. Tuesday morning, Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Rulison, the Rev. C. J. Wood delivering the sermon. The literary exercises in the afternoon consisted of an essay on the Book of Judith, by the Rev. C. T. Coerr; a critique, *Le Probleme de l'Immortalite par E. Petavel Olliff*, by the Rev. Charles J. Wood, and an exegesis by the Rev. Geo. C. Foley on 1 St. Peter i: 18 and 19. The largely attended missionary meeting was addressed by the Ven. Archdeacon Graff, the Rev. Dr. Clerc, the Rev. C. T. Coerr, and the Bishop. Preceding the missionary service, the Bishop confirmed a supplementary class of five adults, presented by the rector, the Rev. Wm. De Lancy Benton. The work of St. John's parish is being pushed forward with a will by the rector, nobly seconded by his wife.

Steps are being taken toward the completion of St. Paul's church, Lock Haven, the Rev. Chas. J. Wood, rector. The new chancel has been erected for some time, but not yet connected with the church. The interior of the church is to be remodelled by removing the rear gallery and bringing the organ down to the east end. The church will have one of the handsomest interiors of any in the diocese, when completed.

Work on the Bishop's house has again partly ceased. The stone for the building is being furnished by Mr. Robert Coleman, of Cornwall. The temporary injunction upon his estate has stopped the quarrying of stone for the present. It is hoped that the delay may be but brief.

In connection with Wadleigh Memorial Chapel, Williamsport, plans have been adopted for the erection of a parish building. The necessary funds are nearly all in hand, and the work will be pushed toward completion as rapidly as possible. The building will be 36 ft. by 62 ft., two stories high, with a thoroughly-equipped gymnasium.

Arrangements have now been made for uniting the missions at Milton, Watsonstown, Montoursville, and Upper Fairfield, which have been without a missionary for nearly one year. Occasional services have been provided by the neighboring clergy and lay preachers. The Sunday schools, except one, have been kept moving, and show won-

derful vitality. The Bishop hopes to be able to provide a missionary in the near future.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM.—The fourth annual choral festival of the church of the Nativity, the Rev. G. H. Sterling, rector, was given on Friday, in the octave of All Saints, Nov. 4, at 7:45 P.M., under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, Charles F. Wilson. "The Daughter of Jairus," by Stainer, was well rendered. The parish choir was assisted by the choir of Christ Cathedral, Reading, Pa., Maurice H. Keller, choirmaster.

Newark

Thomas Alfred Starkey, D. D., Bishop

SOUTH ORANGE.—On St. Andrew's Day, Bishop Starkey laid the corner stone of the new St. Andrew's church. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Anthony Schuyler, and the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Mann, Benjamin Brewster, Wm. Richmond, and the Rev. Dr. Stocking took part in the services.

SOUTH ORANGE.—The newly-enlarged church of the Holy Communion was re-opened on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, by Bishop Starkey. The vested choir was enlarged for the occasion by members from the choir of St. Mark's church, Orange. The rector, the Rev. Benjamin Brewster, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Anthony Schuyler and Henry Y. Satterlee, and the Rev. Messrs. C. S. Abbott, Geo. F. Flichtner, Wm. Richmond, E. E. Butler, J. F. Butterworth, and Alexander Mann.

Mississippi

Hugh Miller Thompson, S.T.D., LL.D., Bishop

VICKSBURG.—The venerable rector of Christ church, the Rev. Dr. Henry Sansom, celebrated, Nov. 27th, the 27th anniversary of his succession to the rectorship of the church, by preaching a sermon devoted to the history of his long connection with the parish. Dr. Sansom is the senior presbyter of the diocese and the sole survivor of all the clergymen stationed in this diocese 27 years ago. He delivered his first sermon in Christ church 40 years ago next Easter, the Rev. Stephen Patterson being then rector of the parish; 13 years later he was installed as rector. The congregation has prospered in all things under his pastoral care.

Massachusetts

Phillips Brooks, D.D., Bishop

BOSTON.—At the last meeting of the Episcopalian Club the topic for discussion was, "Aims and Methods of Church Clubs." The first speaker was the Rev. Dr. Harwood of New Haven. The other speakers were: Hon. H. L. Parker, president of the Church Club of Worcester; George Zabriskie, late president of the Church Club of New York City; Hon. R. Gardner, of Providence; Judge Putnam of Portland; and the Rev. W. B. King of Cambridge.

Mr. Loraine Holloway, Fellow of the College of Organists, London, is the new choir-master of the mission church on Temple st.

During the 14 years that the Rev. Dr. Parks has been rector of Emmanuel church, the number of communicants has increased from 200 to 500, and upward of 200 are connected with the chapel of the Ascension on Washington st. The Sunday school marks a progress from 75 members to 250. The contributions last year were more than \$40,000. It is now proposed to erect a new edifice on the Back Bay.

St. Andrew's Day was observed in St. Andrew's church, Chambers st., when the rector, the Rev. Reuben Kidner, preached. Addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. W. D. Roberts and S. S. Searing.

Theatre services will be resumed in Lent. The Bishop will speak on the evening of the first Sunday in that season.

NEWBURYPORT.—St. Paul's church, at a late meeting of the parishioners, took definite action about the erection of a parish house to accommodate the guilds and societies of this growing parish.

WORCESTER.—St. Matthew's church has paid off the indebtedness upon the rectory, which amounted to \$2,500. The Rev. H. Hague has been rector of this parish for some time, and it is due to his industry and perseverance that this good work has been accomplished.

LENOX.—The new rectory of Trinity church has just been formally opened. Many of the summer cottagers remained longer than usual in order to be present. The Rev. W. M. Grosvenor, the rector, made an address of welcome, replied to by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence, of Stockbridge. Bishop Brooks made a short address congratulating the people upon the completion of this beautiful home for their pastor. The rectory is southeast from the church, and is in Gothic style, to correspond with that sacred building. It is two stories high and built of blue granite. Much of the interior finish is in oak and other hard woods. There are tiled fireplaces, and ample arrangements of parlor, library, and sleeping rooms. The cost, \$25,000, was mainly provided by the summer cottagers, who take much interest in the church.

CAMBRIDGE.—On the 4th anniversary of the completion of the church edifice and of the incorporation of St. Philip's parish, the services consisted of celebration of the Holy Com-

munion at 10:30 A.M. and sermon by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Gushee. The new organ was used for the first time, and the trial was very satisfactory. It is an excellent instrument, built for the church by George M. Hutchins. In addition to the beautiful painting over the altar, the church is to be still further beautified by another painting, a memorial.

SOUTHBOROUGH.—The rector of St. Mark's is making an effort to wipe out the indebtedness of his parish; \$2,000 is promised if \$500 can be raised by Easter; \$300 of the required amount has already been subscribed.

DALTON.—St. Paul's church has called the former pastor of the Methodist place of worship (who has since taken Holy Orders in the Church) to be its rector.

WEST SOMERVILLE.—St. James' church was recently opened after extensive repairs. The chancel has been enlarged and a choir room annexed. These improvements, with the addition of new furnaces and electric lights, cost over \$1,000. The Rev. Edward A. Rand took part in the services, and the lessons were read by Prof. E. S. Drown. The Rev. Dr. Abbott gave a history of the parish and recounted the beginning of his ministry there. Other addresses were made by the Bishop and the Rev. J. W. Suter.

CAMBRIDGE.—Winthrop Hall, the new building for the theological school, will be completed next September; \$60,000 of the needed \$75,000 have been subscribed. It will be built of Brighton stone, with free stone trimmings, and will face the south. The building is 152 ft. in length and about 34 ft in depth, and will contain 12 double and 20 single suites of rooms.

BEACHMONT.—The Rev. H. Gaylord Wood has resigned the charge of St. John's, Winthrop, and will devote his time to St. Paul's. A missionary will soon be appointed to Winthrop, which has recently received an appropriation of \$500 from the diocesan Board of Missions.

FOXBOROUGH.—Wrentham and this place will henceforth be included in one charge, and the Rev. W. J. Tilley, of Amherst, is expected to be the missionary in charge.

Pennsylvania

Ozi W. Whitaker, D.D., Bishop

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER

- 18. A.M.; Calvary, Rockdale; evening, St. Mary's, Ardmore.
- 25. A.M., Grace, Hulmeville.

JANUARY

- 1. A. M., St. James', Hestonville; evening, chapel of the Holy Communion.
- 8. A.M., George W. South memorial church of the Advocate; 3 P.M., All Souls' chapel for the Deaf; evening, L'Emmanuelo Italian mission.

BALA.—On the afternoon of Sunday, 4th inst., Bishop Whitaker visited St. Asaph's church, the Rev. Frederick Burgess, rector, where he preached and administered Confirmation to a class of 8 persons.

COLLINGDALE.—Bishop Whitaker officially visited Trinity mission church, the Rev. A. Harold Miller, rector, on Friday, 2nd inst., when he confirmed 8 persons and preached.

DOYLESTOWN.—The Rev. J. F. Taunt, rector of St. Paul's church, has felt compelled to take six months' leave of absence kindly voted him by the vestry. During his absence the Rev. A. J. Arnold will officiate.

NORRISTOWN.—On the morning of the 2nd Sunday in Advent, Bishop Whitaker visited St. John's church, the Rev. Isaac Gibson, rector, confirmed a class of 29 persons, preached, and administered Holy Communion.

NEWPORTVILLE.—The new altar and cross for the chapel of the Ascension, under the pastoral care of the Rev. H. B. Bryan, of Christ church, Eddington, has been received, and when the building is removed to its future site, will be placed therein.

WELDON.—The Rev. D. H. Lovejoy, M.D., now in charge of the Episcopal Hospital Mission, Philadelphia, has accepted the rectorship of St. Peter's church, and expected to assume pastoral charge on Sunday, 11th inst. The late incumbent, the Rev. A. A. Rickert, has been compelled to retire through impaired health.

Albany

Wm. Crosswell Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop

SARATOGA SPRINGS.—About one year ago the vestry of Bethesda church set apart the morning chapel of the church, which is on the east side of the chancel, as a memorial of the parents of James A. Moore. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Moore erected a handsome tablet of grayish marble on the south wall of the morning chapel, containing appropriate memorial inscriptions. They also put in the chapel two beautiful stained glass windows which have called forth much praise. The subject of the south window is St. Joseph in an erect posture looking upon the Holy Child Jesus who stands before him with the cross resting on his shoulder, as if already anticipating His sacrifice on Calvary. The east window represents the gospel scene where our Lord is pictured in the house at Bethany in a sitting posture as divine teacher with Mary in contemplative mood at His feet, while Martha is standing close by at a table busy with domestic duties. This picture has special reference to Mr. Moore's

sainted mother. The figures in both windows are very lifelike and the treatment is realistic; the coloring is rich without being excessive.

The front of the morning chapel facing the east transept of the church is adorned with an iron screen of graceful workmanship. The wooden steps formerly used have been replaced by highly polished marble of a light grayish color, variegated with rich veins, giving a dignified appearance to the floor of the chapel, which is tiled with material from Stoke-upon-Trent. The whole is a fitting memorial of Mr. Moore's venerated father and mother who spent their summers for many years in Saratoga and were deeply interested in Bethesda church. The rector, Dr. Joseph Carey, at a recent service spoke of them in tender and fitting words. He had been associated with them specially in the sick chamber and had performed for them the last and solemn rites of the Church. The windows were designed chiefly by Mrs. James A. Moore, who, with her husband, superintended the work from its inception to its completion.

Minnesota

Henry B. Whipple, D. D., LL. D., Bishop

Mahlon N. Gilbert, D. D., Ass't. Bishop

MOORHEAD.—The Rev. H. B. Dean has resigned and accepted the parish at Grand Forks, N. Dakota. The Rev. Geo. H. Mueller of Santa Fe, N. M., will take his place at St. John's about Dec. 1st. The clergy of Minnesota will be very glad to welcome Mr. Mueller back to his old diocesan home.

Ohio

Wm. Andrew Leonard, D. D., Bishop

The Northwestern Convocation of the diocese of Ohio was held at Fremont on Dec. 7th and 8th. There was a satisfactory attendance of the clergy, and the Church people of the town were present in good numbers. The dean of the convocation presided at the business meetings, at which excellent work was accomplished. The Very Rev. Dean Munson, of the Cleveland Convocation, ably preached the opening sermon, the subject of which was "good works." The Rev. Charles S. Aves gave an interesting account of the late General Convention and its work, at the service held on the morning of the 8th. The closing service in the evening was accompanied by two earnest addresses by the Rev. Charles Scadding and the Rev. James G. Lewis, B. D., the former upon the subject of missionary work, and the latter upon the rite of Confirmation.

TOLEDO.—At Trinity church, the Rev. Charles Scadding, rector, the parish organizations are doing an extensive and interesting work. The "Daughters of Trinity," a society of young ladies, has given the order for a handsome memorial pulpit to be placed in the church for Christmas Day. It is to be in memory of Bishop Bedell, and will be made by R. Geissler, of New York. At the last teachers' meeting it was decided to do away with the leaflet system in the Sunday School and adopt the Bishop Doane series. The attendance at the Sunday evening services is steadily increasing. The service consists of shortened Evening Prayer rendered chorally.

FINDLAY.—The rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop in Trinity church on Tuesday, 6th inst. The class of candidates presented by the rector, the Rev. James G. Lewis, B. D., numbered 15 persons, ranging from the age of 12 years to 61. The choral service of the Church preceded the office for Confirmation. The address by the Bishop to the candidates was beautifully simple and direct, and his sermon on the Holy Scriptures was learned and practical. The Bishop prefaced his sermon by commenting most favorably on the work of the rector and the character of the service which had been introduced by him.

Vermont

Wm. Henry A. Bissell, D. D., Bishop

MONTPELIER.—At Christ church, the Rev. A. N. Lewis, rector, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Bissell, D.D., has just made his visitation and confirmed a class of 22 candidates, the largest ever confirmed in the history of the parish.

Southern Ohio

Boyd Vincent, D.D., Bishop

In our recent account of the church of the Nativity, Price Hill, Cincinnati, no mention was made of the stained glass memorial windows, which are among the finest in the city. There are four of these, erected by Mrs. Stephen Gibson, Wm. B. Bassett, David P. Allen, and the children of Mrs. Isabella Morrow respectively. The Gibson window is a representation of the Good Shepherd leading his flock and carrying a young lamb in his arms. The Bassett window shows the visit of the three Marys to the vacant tomb of the Saviour. The Allen window is an ideal picture of the Saviour and His Mother; and the Morrow window is a reproduction of the celebrated picture of Mueller's "Holy Night." This window occupies the space in the east end of the church back of the altar, and is circular, between seven and eight feet in diameter, the figures being 12 or 13 in number, and all life size. The scene is that of the visit of the shepherds to the Infant Saviour the night of the Nativity. The manger, the animals feeding at their stalls, the young man and maiden, St. Joseph, the foster-father, a child of 4 or 5

years, and the refined and beautiful Virgin Mother, are all shown in various attitudes of wonder and adoration.

The four windows on the north, and the four on the south side, as well as the small windows in the two vestibules, are stained glass in handsome designs. The chancel furniture is of oak, the altar and chairs, lectern, credence, and stalls, being exquisitely carved. The pews are likewise of oak. The chancel rail is of oak, supported by six brass pillars, highly ornamented. There is also a hymn board of solid oak in carved Romanesque style, presented by Miss Bessie Allen, as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen. Many other of the articles of furniture and ornamentation are special gifts from individuals, societies in the church, or classes in the Sunday school. The basement of the church is occupied for Sunday school rooms, and has also convenient rooms for entertainments, including kitchen, lavatories, etc.

St. Luke's Free Hospital

1426-1436 INDIANA AVE., CHICAGO

The annual meeting of the corporators of St. Luke's Hospital, was held in the chapel of the hospital, Nov. 10th, 1892, at 3 P. M., with the Rev. Clinton Locke presiding. The Rev. Percival McIntire was named as secretary of the meeting. After prayer, the following Board of Trustees were nominated, and unanimously elected: The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Messrs. N. K. Fairbank, J. W. Doane, Arthur Ryerson, H. E. Sargent, I. K. Hamilton, Chas. W. Brega, H. A. Wheeler, Chas. F. Elmes, Chas. E. Felton, the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Jr., Jos. T. Bowen, the Rev. John Rouse, the Rev. T. N. Morrison, David B. Lyman, William A. Fuller, Dr. John E. Owens, and Geo. M. Pullman.

The report of the Board of Trustees was read, in which announcements were made "that the large apartment building, called the 'Clinton,' on Michigan ave., below 14th st., had been completed, and that the twenty-five flats therein had been rented at good rates, but that the stores still remain unrented. From this, it is expected that an increased income of about \$13,000 net will be added to our annual income; that nearly the whole of our endowment fund has been invested in this building."

The valuation of the land and building is \$250,000. During the year, the Crerar bequest of \$25,000, \$5,000 from L. C. Freer, \$6,000 from the J. K. Fisher estate, \$5,000 from Mr. Henry Keep for the endowment of a bed in memory of his lamented daughter, had been received; notice had been received from the executors of Mr. J. T. Goodwin, of New York, of \$5,000; and that the Board expect soon to receive a \$15,000 bequest from the Palmer estate, and \$4,000 from Mrs. John L. Peck.

The support of new beds has been undertaken by Frazer and Chalmers, Mrs. J. M. W. Jones, Mr. Norman Fay, and Mr. Alfred C. Huston; and the trustees gratefully state that a staunch and unflinching friend of the hospital, Mrs. N. K. Fairbank, collected and paid in this year, \$1,800 for the support of six other beds.

The trustees also state that Mrs. Elizabeth Stickney continues the support of the diet-kitchen, by the contribution of \$600. They commend the cleanliness and condition of the hospital. The trustees recognize, with gratitude, their debt to the Medical Board, for their courteous and never shrinking labors in the hospital. The very best medical and surgical skill in this city is always at the service of the very poorest in it, free of any expense.

The trustees have increased their number to 21, 16 to be chosen from the rectors and members of the Episcopal parishes of this city. Recognizing the goodness of God in enabling them to carry on, for 29 years, this great work, with bright hopes for the future, and with earnest entreaties to their fellow Churchmen and citizens, not to forget this splendid charity, the trustees begin the work of another year.

The resident chaplain, the Rev. William Grant, shows 74 infant Baptisms, 3 adult Baptisms, 3 burials; daily services in the chapel are held, and Holy Communion on Thursdays and festival days, with evening prayers in six wards daily. The nurses of the training school furnish the music at the services.

The report of the treasurer shows receipts of \$264,127.32, and disbursements of \$264,123.94. The valuation of the property of the hospital, unincumbered, is about \$450,000; the receipts for maintenance of hospital work have been \$47,343.79, while the expenses have been \$56,599.39, showing a deficit for the year of \$9,255.60.

Dr. Frank A. Johnson read the report of the work of the Medical Board during the year, showing the splendid work rendered by our attending physicians and surgeons; 5,913 persons were benefited by their care during the year. The patients discharged cured were 8 per cent., improved condition, 17 per cent., unchanged 7 per cent.; 10 per cent. died. Of this number, 39 emergency cases were received in a dying condition, which will reduce the mortality rate to 6 per cent., 8 per cent. of the total number received remaining in the hospital, or 114 patients; 4,409 dispensary cases were attended to; last year 3,715, an increase of 694. The report shows a large increase of typhoid cases, but the results are very gratifying.

The number of hospital days devoted to care of patients—free—19,283; pay cases, or patients who are able to pay,

16,990 days; total number of days, 36,273, an increase of 5,144 days hospital care. The admissions were 1,504, an increase of 332 over last year. The largest number of in-patients benefited in one month was 136, while the smallest number was 100. The hospital has a capacity at present of 152 beds. The average duration of each patient was 24 days; last year, 26½ days. The average cost per diem per patient is \$1.56; last year \$1.78, a saving of 22 cents per diem per patient. Our Church sent us but 226, while the Roman Church sent us 372; 13 other religious denominations sent us 531, while 375 persons were admitted without any religious creed; 921 admissions were American born, while 26 nations sent us 683 patients; 278 persons were without means of support, without a trade or vocation, and 1,226 were in 92 trades, professions, or positions in life.

About 400 applicants were refused admission, either for want of room, or because of the incurable or chronic nature of the disease. Our dispensary often affords temporary relief, and others are directed to such charities that receive this class of unfortunates. A convalescents' home is very much needed, to which convalescent patients could be sent previous to discharge. This would be a noble memorial for some person interested in this charity.

Our emergency work has largely increased; we receive from the police patrol service, nearly all of the accidents occurring on the South Side, for the reason that our location is nearer that division of the city.

Splendid work has been accomplished by our house staff in this branch. About 100 cases of emergency work will show the importance of this branch of service, with a result of 44 coroner's inquests. An ambulance service is much needed for the transfer of patients to the hospital, or to their homes. This is a much-needed requirement for an active-working and well-governed hospital.

We are much in need of a large burial lot in some cemetery near to our hospital, where poor and destitute people may be buried and receive proper Christian burial. Persons who are poor and have no friends to pay for their burial expenses, (and our burial fund is without the means), we are compelled to send to the County Hospital cemetery. These bodies can be disposed of for clinical services in medical colleges.

Geo. B. DRESHER,
Superintendent.

Seabury Divinity School

FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

The trustees of the Bishop Seabury Mission have unanimously elected the Rev. Charles C. Camp, rector of Christ church, Joliet, Ill., professor of New Testament exegesis and literature in the Seabury Divinity School. The faculty is thus strengthened by the addition of a man of unusual scholarly attainments, an enthusiastic and earnest student, a conservative, loyal Churchman, and a man of most lovely Christian character. Mr. Camp is not a stranger in Faribault, as he was instructor in Greek in Shattuck School for two years, a dozen years ago, and was called away to become tutor in Greek at Yale College. The Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, immediately on his return from England, entered upon the duties of the chair of ecclesiastical history, and he is already inciting an increased interest in the studies of his department, and exerting a strong influence for good throughout the school.

At the annual meeting last summer, the trustees voted to discontinue the "preparatory" department. Under the new plan, students desiring to enter who are not prepared for their theological studies, will be given their preparatory training in Shattuck School, if of suitable age, and their collegiate work at the University of Minnesota. Provision is made to assist those in need of help, by means of scholarships, during their preparatory course. It is believed that in this way a more thorough intellectual training will be secured to the candidates for Holy Orders, the standard of the Divinity School will be raised, and all the resources of the institution and the time and energy of the professors will be devoted to the men who are studying theology. The attendance is good, in view of this change. The utmost harmony prevails throughout the institution, and under the wise and energetic management of the warden, the Rev. John H. White, everything gives promise that the school is entering upon a new era of prosperity and growth. Those who have its true interests nearest their hearts, have not been so hopeful for years. The large additions that have been made of late by gifts and bequests to the endowment funds, have greatly strengthened the school and given relief and encouragement to the bishops and trustees. The income arising from the invested funds is not yet sufficient for the proper maintenance of the school, but it is enough, with continued offerings for its support, to give the utmost confidence, under wise financial management, of the permanence of the school. The large endowment already secured must have the effect of drawing to it other gifts and bequests. Its financial management, as evidenced by its remarkable growth and large accumulation of unencumbered property, has been such as to gain confidence for its future. Its trustees are unalterably fixed in their purpose to make it a conservative, loyal institution of the Church, and it is their hope that the venerable Bishop, who has been at its head from the beginning, may see it fully endowed before he is called away from it.

New Music

From Clayton F. Summy, Chicago: *Benedictus qui venit*, and *Agnus Dei*, in F, by S. B. Whitely, really valuable contributions by one of our own composers to the store of Eucharistic music. Mr. Whitely writes with a reverent consideration of the text, and has the strong, well-skilled touch of a master who enters into the dignity of his work. Both are easily sung but require intelligent and conscientious delivery. "The Manger of Bethlehem," words by J. G. Holland, music by C. A. Havens, op. 111. This is in substance a Christmas carol, but constructed for a quartet, or chorus choir, as it is brilliant and highly dramatic in treatment with solos for treble, alto, tenor, and bass, with a quartet passage unaccompanied, and is therefore quite above the reach of the Sunday school. Mr. Havens writes in a popular style, and in the universal observance of Christmas Day as a great religious festival, will doubtless find many admirers.

From Novello, Ewer & Co., New York: "Come unto Me," by L. Henderson Williams, well suited for an offertory, either alto or baritone voice, easy and effective. Four numbers of the Orpheus Series, 245-248, secular, four-part songs or glees for men's voices, bright, musical, and inspiring; good resting practice for men chorists, composed by Hamilton Clarke, Iliffe, and Lohr. A new contribution to "Short Settings of the office for the Holy Communion," including *Benedictus qui venit* and *Agnus Dei* for treble voices, by F. Tozer, an easy and very beautiful setting of the sacred office which must prove very acceptable to devout worshippers. There is ample room for a multiplication of such settings for congregations where treble voices alone are available.

FROM WM. A. POND & Co., New York.

"Ring, Bells, Ring," a Christmas carol. The words by Mrs. F. Burge Griswold, set to music by Dr. E. S. Kimball, are distinctly churchly and seasonable in feeling, cast in true lyrical form, with the old-time carol rhythm, while Dr. Kimball has provided them with a sympathetic and exhilarating setting. Mrs. Griswold will be remembered as a contributor to THE LIVING CHURCH.

New settings by J. McClure Bellows, to the hymns, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "Pleasant are Thy courts above," both in good form, harmonized intelligently, and interesting; but of questionable utility in view of the already widely popular settings of the first hymn, and Dr. Walter B. Gilbert's unquestionably and universally acceptable tune for the second, both in England and at home.

FROM ARTHUR P. SCHMIDT, Boston.

For Christmas, "Hark, the herald angels," for bass solo and chorus, another favorite hymn "concerted" or raised into anthem form, in a picturesque and artistic spirit.

"Break forth into joy," anthem for Christmas, music by Seymour Smith, opens with a chorus *allegro con brio*, decidedly kindling, in the key of C, followed by a charming *intermezzo* duet for two sopranos, "For unto you," *andante*, key of F, and culminating in an allegro chorus, "Glory to God," altogether a telling, devout, and very interesting production.

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night," a pastoral Christmas anthem, for tenor solo and chorus, by Dr. George C. Martin, organist of St. Paul's cathedral, with organ registration, key of F, *andante Pastorale*, an exceedingly tender and reverent interpretation of an old hymn, which preserves its quaint and realistic simplicity, while investing its phrases with exquisite dramatic coloring, both for voice parts and the organ score. The opening idyllic chorus is followed by a tenor or treble recitative, "Fear not, said he," invested with rare grace and spiritual beauty. The recitative follows again in the same key, "Thus spake the seraph," with a splendid modulation into four sharps. This prepares for the chorus of trebles and altos, "Glory to God" which reverts to the original key and reaches a grand and most impressive conclusion, altogether a masterpiece of reverent Christian interpretation.

"Hark, my soul, it is the Lord," anthem for bass solo and quartette, or chorus, Eb, by C. E. B. Price, composed for the choir of St. Andrew's church, Montreal, another anthem transcription of a well-known hymn, after the manner of Canon Woodward's popular "The radiant morn," written in a broad, artistic, and reverently dramatic style, reaching in certain passages, intensity and exceptional elevation; requires careful and artistic delivery, suitable, like Dr. Martin's anthem, only for highly trained choirs.

"Jerusalem the Golden," another anthem treatment of a popular hymn, by William Reed, Bb, in the modern advanced English school, graceful, reverent in feeling, and abounding in poetic treatment; an excellent example of its class.

A *Venite* and *Te Deum* in Eb, with *Jubilate* in Bb, by Conrad Wirtz, written for the choir of St. Mark's church, Brunswick, Ga. The composer whose methods and training are plainly continental and Germanic, has treated his themes, very seriously, with learning, and in the *Te Deum* where he found room for larger evolution, with much dramatic and liturgical impressiveness.

"Sing, sing, music was given," for male chorus and baritone solo, accompanied by piano, organ, (pipe or reed), violin and cello, music by John Hyatt Brewer, a composition of singular wealth of harmonic, melodic, and rhythmic beauty, exceptionally valuable for the choral uses to which it is adapted. Any thoroughly trained men's choir would find it a valuable edition to the repertory.

The Living Church

Chicago, December 17, 1892

Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, Editor

It seems that in our "Advice to Stebbins," which recently appeared in these columns, we were unfortunate in the choice of name. There was no reason why the writer wrote "Stebbins" instead of "Smith," except that the former is more unique. Our attention is now called to the fact that the name occurs in the clergy list, and that some of our readers are offended because the name was used. We extremely regret the coincidence of name, if it has annoyed any one, and beg to assure our readers that it was entirely unintentional. The editor's "Stebbins" is a layman, yet no particular layman. He is a type of "Episcopalian" who knows very little about the Church, and apologizes for her distinctive doctrines and usages. It is not possible that any trait of character or conduct which we ascribed to "Stebbins," could be justly attributed to the Rev. Mr. Stebbins, who will pardon us, we hope, for inadvertently using that name.

Presbyterian Revision

The Presbyterian ministers of Chicago have been engaged in a hot discussion of the proposed revision of the Confession of Faith. It was clearly a stand-up battle between the Calvinists and the anti-Calvinists, and the result was a decided victory to the latter. Dr. Patterson represented the views of those who desired the complete elimination of the "five points" from the formulary. He favored a creed "which should not so constantly put Presbyterianism on the defensive." Another speaker said of the doctrine of preterition that it was "without the slightest foundation in the Scriptures. Every whit of it should be banished. This would not do violence to the Scriptures, but would simply eliminate fatalism. This fanciful doctrine reflects on God and makes infidels of men." Another Chicago pastor confessed himself in rebellion against Calvinism in so far as it was held up as the only excuse for the existence of the Church. He wanted a revision which would enable preachers such as himself to occupy their pulpits without apparently troubled consciences and seeming inconsistencies.

"If the mild changes proposed were adopted," said Dr. Patterson, "the Church would stand still for the next half century." He did not prophesy where it will be standing in 1942.

Dr. Herrick Johnson represented the uncompromising disciples of John Calvin, and wound up his speech with the following: "Wreck Calvinism, the backbone of the Presbyterian Church, the doctrine which in all time has given us character, and I shall be one of many to refuse longer to follow the flag of that Church."

When the vote was taken, Dr. Patterson's view was supported by a vote of 38 to 15. It will interest many to learn where, if the whole body follows the lead of the Chicago presbytery, Dr. Johnson will find that other flag.

The Debate on the Mexican Mission

The Rev. Dr. Hall Harrison had an article in *The Churchman* of Nov. 5th, on the debate at the late General Convention, on the Mexican Mission. The article it may be premised, is that of an ardent partisan who believes in the entire right of the Protestant Episcopal Church to set up altar against altar in Roman Catholic countries for the conversion of their people. He also appears to believe that such a work is expedient if not a matter of obligation; and further, that in this particular instance it is producing satisfactory results.

We differ with him on all these points, but con-

fine ourselves here to certain particulars in which his account of this important matter seems to need correction. He says that, "The situation is somewhat like that of the American chapels in Paris and Rome, with this difference, that the poor Mexicans have no money, while the Americans in Europe have plenty; all these cases are alike ecclesiastical 'intrusions' or else none are." This is a remarkable statement, remarkable for its utterly misleading character. The situations are not alike. The American chapels abroad were not placed there for proselytizing purposes; the mission in Mexico has that purpose and no other. If the Episcopal churches in Mexico were, like those in Europe, meant to supply the religious needs of our own people sojourning there, it is probable that they would be in no need of support from the Church in this country, for the American residents there have "plenty" of money as well as their brethren on the continent. The fact that the writer contrasts the wealth of Americans in Europe with the poverty of "Mexicans," betrays the fallacious character of his comparison. If the cases were really similar he would have been able to compare Italians or French with Mexicans.

Dr. Harrison asserts that the opposition to the movement in Mexico has all along proceeded from the "ritualists." This is a common method in controversy, but is hardly worthy of a writer of Dr. Harrison's reputation. Many moderate men throughout the Church are, and have been from the first, opposed to the policy which this mission represents. At the Convention of 1886, the strongest opposition came from the late Bishop Harris and Dr. Chas. H. Hall. We have never heard that these gentlemen were "ritualists." The most convincing exposure of the whole movement and its concomitants from its inception, will be found in the numbers of *The Church Review* for 1887, from the pen of Dr. Hall. These articles have never had the attention they deserved. Buried in the pages of a magazine of limited circulation they probably failed to obtain a large audience, and very good care was taken by those who had no mind to attempt an answer, not to draw attention to them, but to go on as if nothing had been said.

It was made known in the public debate in Baltimore, that the Board of Managers has been far from satisfied with this work, and that men of great weight (by no means "ritualists") object most strongly to the idea of the Board committing "the whole Church of this country to a policy to which she has never committed herself in the past." Finally, if this opposition has proceeded from "the extreme left wing," called ritualistic, why has it been so hard to overcome? Why has it required the utmost exertion of some, undeniably among the ablest and most influential of our bishops, to obtain any official countenance for it at all? Why has it been necessary to push the matter almost by main force from point to point? Certainly, it is evident to every careful observer that the resistance to be overcome is wide-spread, deep-seated, and almost invincible.

The assertion is seriously made, and Dr. Harrison is not alone responsible for this, that if the policy represented by this mission is uncatholic, "the American Church has been violating Catholic principles—that is to say her own principles—ever since she sent out Bishop Southgate to Constantinople in 1844, and Drs. Robertson, Hill, and others to Greece." It is a charitable supposition that those who write in this style either know nothing of the character of our missions to the East, or else are unable to discriminate between things which are completely different.

The appointment of Bishop Southgate happened a good many years ago, but he is still alive and we imagine it will be news to him that he occupied himself during the six years of his episcopate in endeavoring to convert members of the Oriental Com-

munion to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. As for the Greek Mission we thought that its purpose and work had been so long and constantly before the Church that it would be impossible to misunderstand or misrepresent it. It was never a proselytizing mission. This was always expressly claimed. It was for this reason it was viewed with suspicion and frequently criticized with much severity by an influential party in the Church. If in spite of all this, it is still asserted that it is of the same character as the Mexican mission, it would be interesting to know how many converts it has made during the whole period of its existence, and how many congregations of Greeks have resulted from its work, to set against the thirty-two which Mr. Gordon reports in Mexico.

A very large number of persons who heard the debate will be far from agreeing with Dr. Harrison in his depreciation of his own bishop—a tone the more surprising on his part in view of the severity of his reflections upon Bishop Paret for presuming to resist the will of bishops older than himself. On the contrary, it will appear to those who carefully read the speeches made during that debate, that the speech of the Bishop of Maryland was the great effort of the occasion. (By the way, we believe he has never been accounted a "ritualist.") To thinking persons, the solid arguments which he presented were in no way met by his opponents. Certainly they were not met by references to his "Bourbon brain." The answers of his principal opponents were rather an endeavor to bear down his opposition by the sheer force of will and the influence of personality. All the weight which seniority and high reputation in the Church can give was thrown into the scale against him. All honor to him that he was not over-awed, but held his own with undaunted pertinacity to the last, and was able, in fact, to introduce an important modification in the action as finally taken. The Board of Missions purports to be a deliberative assembly; the youngest bishop, and indeed the youngest member of it, has equal rights with the oldest. In such an assembly seniority and rank can claim no special privileges as a matter of right.

But the most astonishing portion of the article before us is that in which the writer takes to task the Bishops of Maryland and Springfield as responsible for dragging "this grave question before such a mixed audience, and in a certain sense before the public at large," "a sort of mass-meeting of clergy and laity" in Emmanuel church, and as endeavoring to over-ride "the deliberate judgment of the vast majority of the bishops." The question was not "dragged" there by these two Bishops. This is shown by the account of the proceedings on that occasion which Dr. Harrison himself gives: "After the Rev. Mr. Gordon," he says, "had read his report of his labors and sacrifices, Dr. Satterlee and Dr. Eccleston made strong speeches in favor of the work, respectfully petitioning the Board of Missions to take entire charge of the work in Mexico, under the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop." This, in fact, was the resolution presented by Dr. Satterlee. It was this resolution which brought the whole serious question before the Board. If there was any "dragging", it was done by these gentlemen.

We presume that Dr. Harrison knows as much or as little as we ourselves of the "deliberate judgment of the vast majority of the bishops." The simple fact is, however, that when the two houses, with the members of the Board of Managers, sit together as a Board of Missions, they do not so sit in order to receive the decisions of the House of Bishops, but to deliberate and take action upon subjects brought before them, and it is intolerable that men should be rebuked for opposing in fair debate the resolutions which may be proposed, because they are supposed to be favored by bishops, whether many or few.

Finally, it may be well, without entering upon a

discussion of the merits of the case, to state the question at issue. It will be found to be two-fold, first: shall this Church commit itself to a kind of missions to which heretofore it has not committed itself, namely, missions to Roman Catholic countries for the distinct purpose of converting the people of those countries to the Episcopal Church? Secondly, has the Board of Missions a right to decide a question like this? This Board, as Dr. Hoffman correctly stated in his very clear remarks during the first day of the debate, is a commission of the General Convention created by a canon of the General Convention, to which two things are entrusted: the domestic and foreign missionary work of the Church. But work of the kind now going on in Mexico is clearly not domestic work. Neither is it foreign work "in the sense in which foreign missions have always been understood in this Church from the beginning."

Dr. Hoffman proceeded to say with great force and truth: "The difficulty is that we are gradually drifting into something new, and we are committing the whole Church in the United States. Now I say that the Church in this country has never, through its constituted authorities, had an opportunity to express its opinion on the subject."

The whole object of Bishop Paret was to effect this purpose, to give the General Convention the opportunity of deciding this important question. To an unprejudiced observer this would seem the obvious and straightforward thing to do. Those who opposed this measure can doubtless explain why they objected to the calm and deliberate consideration which such a question would most assuredly undergo in the General Convention, and preferred to push it to a decision in what Dr. Harrison has not inaptly called a "mass-meeting." That Bishop Paret, Dr. Hoffman, and others were not successful in their attempt, was, we believe, owing to the very great difficulty which attended the endeavor to get this, the real question, fully before such an assembly as that. But the constitutional difficulty remains unchanged.

The Editor's Table

The style of newspaper writing which seems most popular at the present time, is the paragraphic; at least, it is so in this country. The English papers still make the two-or-three-column leader the great feature; and in the metropolitan papers the leader is always well thought out, well written, and well worth reading. We doubt if the American tendency to paragraphing is a gain, except in this: that a subject compressed in this way will attract more readers than the formidable article; yet the article, if carefully read, will make lasting impressions, while the paragraph is out of mind when out of sight. But this is an electric age, and people take even their milk condensed!

Paragraphing is like no other writing; it is a style by itself. It is more easy to write "leaders" than paragraphs. Even compositions in verse are less exacting. The point must be reached without circumlocution; rhetorical flourishes are as much out of place as a wreath of orange blossoms on a dynamo; proportion must be observed; judgment, taste, and tact must be exercised; there must be nothing needful omitted, yet there is no place for elucidation or explanation. The paragrapher must search long for his material, and then make the most of it in the least possible space.

We have at hand, an illustration of how easy it is for a paragrapher to be obscure or absurd. A facetious correspondent quotes from a recent issue of THE LIVING CHURCH, the following, referring to the Columbian Exposition: "The building in which the ceremonies were held, is the largest ever constructed *by man with one unbroken interior.*" (italics his), and he goes on cruelly to ask: "Will you kindly give us the name of the man?" We can fancy the complacent smile with which our jocular friend regarded his little joke, and it is really very good.

Delinquent subscribers seem to be the terror of newspaper publishers. In the case of religious papers, the

failure of subscribers to pay for what they have received is amazing. They are, presumably, Christian people, under the law, civil, moral, and Christian, to owe no man anything; yet some of them continue to receive a paper for which they will not pay. An exchange reports that \$340 is due from thirty-nine subscribers—over eight dollars each!

Betting is the pastime of fools, at the best; such betting as was made at election time could be expected only of fools who had been "brayed in a mortar." We have just read of a bet, however, which out-fools all the fools we ever heard of. A man and a woman made a wager as to which could play on the piano the longer time. After seventeen hours of playing (!) the female fool fell off her stool, and the masculine idiot won the bet. He must have been a proud and happy man! What a magnificent performance, to knock a woman down in seventeen hours!

The Church Militant, St. Paul's parish paper, Toledo, has the following, which we are glad to place among the choice things on the Table:

No Church family should be without its Church paper. The family that can afford a daily paper, most certainly can expend the small amount that a Church paper costs. We need to know something of the great growth of the Church and the wonderful movements taking place in the religious world. We hold it a disgrace to be ignorant concerning the affairs of the kingdoms of this world; the Churchman ought to certainly feel a disgrace to confess ignorance of the Kingdom of Christ. The best Church paper published to-day is undoubtedly THE LIVING CHURCH. The rector takes pleasure in commending this excellent periodical, and would be glad to see it in the home of every parishioner.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate, our dignified Methodist contemporary of Chicago, has the following:

It is related of a certain Methodist preacher who, in spite of an irritating pomposity of manner, enjoyed a fair degree of popularity, that, upon the occasion of having forsworn the use of tobacco, he made the announcement to his congregation with the utmost gravity as follows: "My respected hearers will excuse me this morning if they observe that I do not speak with my usual coherency; for I have been trying to abandon the use of tobacco, a filthy practice taught me by my venerable father, who died and went to heaven a great many years ago when he ought to have been in better business."

Letters to the Editor

ACCESSIONS FOR ONE YEAR

To the Editor of The Living Church

Since Advent, 1891, there have been the following conversions to the Church from the ministry of various denominations: Congregationalist, 18; Methodist, 16; Presbyterian, 9; Romanist, 4; Baptist, 4; Lutheran, 3; Reformed Episcopal, 3; Universalist, 2; Reformed, 2. Besides these, there were 15 in Wales, the names of which your correspondent could not obtain. Of this total of 76, thirty-five belong to the Church of England, and 41 belong to the Church in this country. Three returned to the Church of their first love, and one will probably bring his entire congregation with him into our Communion.

A. C.

BISHOP CHASE AND JUBILEE

To the Editor of The Living Church

I desire to notice as at all important, but one sentence in the Rev. D. W. Dresser's long article concerning Jubilee College in THE LIVING CHURCH, July 16th, viz, "Bishop Whitehouse found the school in debt heavily to Bishop Chase's estate."

This is not correct as an item contributing to the "down-fall" of the institution. The whole debt was not for salary or services, for no such charge, in cash, was made, but for sums, from time to time, advanced by Bishop Chase from his and his wife's private property, and that without interest, as the necessities of the work of carrying on the institution required, during ten years.

Only one-third (\$3,428) of this amount was required to be paid, and was paid to his widow, within one year after his decease, and concerning the rest, the conditions of the will were not, or could not, be complied with.

The payment of the one-third was made easy by the receipt in cash during the year, "from sources outside the ordinary income," of more than sufficient to meet that demand.

Three years after the decease of Bishop Chase, the books of the college, as stated in the official report, show a balance of assets over liabilities of \$1,155.36. It is idle, at this late day, to inquire what was the occasion of the decay of Jubilee College. I would rather seek hopeful cause, for the honor of the Church, to believe in its resurrection to life.

DUDLEY CHASE, U. S. A.

Philadelphia, Pa.

CHRISTMAS SERMONS

To the Editor of The Living Church

We sometimes hear the clergy complain of the hardship of writing a sermon for Christmas or Easter Day. The ground generally taken seems to be that the special requirements of Advent and Lent, and especially the solemnities of Holy Week, unfit their minds for the composition of festal sermons.

Now this appears reasonable enough, and the wonder is that these same complainants do not solve the difficulty in the only possible way, viz., *by not writing the sermon.*

A sermon on Christmas or Easter Day is an imposition upon both priest and people. Take the average parish, and what is the state of things on a high feast day?

There have been two or more celebrations of the Holy Communion, beginning at 6:30, besides Matins; now comes the High Celebration at mid-day. The priest has fasted from the day before, and is physically weak, though spiritually strong. The people—most of them—are at their second service. They know something about Christmas or Easter, else they would not be there. They have come to worship the Incarnate, the Risen Lord.

How foolish for the priest to waste his strength and their patience in a harangue on the importance of keeping Christmas, when the crowded church shows that his people understand all that!

When the oratorio of the Messiah is to be given, the conductor does not turn to the expectant thousands and deliver a panegyric upon the beauties of the music they have come to enjoy. Let us learn a lesson from common experience and common sense. There is a time for preaching, but the High Celebration on Christmas or Easter is not that time. Let us preach to our people *before* and *after* the feasts, but on these days of days, give them more of God and less of man; and their gratitude and our relief will show the wisdom of keeping sometimes in mind the distinction between prophesying and sacrificing, the pulpit of man and the altar of the Lord.

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"MODIFIED EPISCOPACY"

To the Editor of The Living Church

The account of the Grindelwald Conference, and the attitude of Mr. Hugh Price Hughes, in regard to the Historic Episcopate, has interested me much, and at the same time given food for considerable thought.

No doubt Mr. Hughes' speech will be considered by many of our sectarian brethren as a model of liberality and Christian charity. But does he fully understand the Lambeth Declaration of 1888?

Mr. Hughes is reported to have said that the question of the episcopacy is the only thing which Nonconformists are asked to accept which they do not already receive. He also speaks of it as a "modified episcopacy."

Now what I want to know is this: do our bishops speak of any "modified episcopacy" in their Declaration?

It seems to the poor judgment of many of the priests of the Church, that quite enough has been given up in the cause of unity, without "modifying" in any way that which makes us a Church. Allow me to quote a few words from Mr. Hughes' speech on this subject:

"Of course we Nonconformists all reject the Apostolic Succession in the sense in which it is believed by some here, and by many more in the Church of England; but then we must not forget that the whole evangelical section of the Church also reject it in that sense. If, then, it is tolerable to our evangelical brethren inside the Church, the difficulty ought not to prove intolerable to us, if placed in a similar position."

Does the Declaration mean to offer the God-given power of the priesthood to men who do not value or believe in it?

Surely we have had lessons enough from the disloyal priests who are already within the Church, without opening our arms to men who openly avow a disbelief in the very principles for which we have so long struggled.

Suppose that these men should accept the Bishops' offer, would they hold the *whole* Catholic faith, in simply accepting the two Creeds? I think not, if I have been instructed rightly.

The Creeds do not speak of the doctrine of original sin, of the presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, of baptismal regeneration, and of many other doctrines which we believe to be part of the Catholic Faith.

Perhaps those of our brethren who were fortunate enough to be present at the General Convention this year, may have had these points explained to them; but I am very sure that there are many of the clergy and laity who would be glad to have more light on the subject.

J. E. C.
Priest.

THE DOCTRINE OF RECONCILIATION

To the Editor of The Living Church

A brief correspondence in your issue of Nov. 19, seems to call for some fuller comment. The Rev. Robert Ritchie, having said that our Lord suffered "to reconcile the Father to us," C. G. H., of Dorchester, Mass., asked: "Is this view sustained by the Church?" In reply, Mr. Ritchie says that the Article itself is sufficient answer to the question, and that "the Scriptural ground of this belief is abundantly stated in Bishop Harold Browne on the Articles, and in Magee on the Atonement."

meat, both recommended by the bishops to students." I am sure that Mr. Ritchie is right in his feeling of the importance of the phrase that he used. Bishop Forbes, indeed, in his "Explanation of the Thirty-nine Articles" (a book recommended by some of the more Catholic-minded bishops to their students as preferable to the work by Bishop Harold Browne) says: "The expression, 'to reconcile the Father to us,' which is not a scriptural one, must be taken *metonymice*, just as we find human emotions, *e. g.*, repentance and change of purpose, frequently in the Old Testament attributed to God. The Scriptural expression is always the other way. The change is on the part of man. 'Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ; 'We pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God; By Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; 'God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.'" One would shrink from even seeming to differ from the learned and saintly Bishop of Brechin, but I quite agree with Mr. Ritchie that the statement of the Article has a force of its own, and is not a mistake for the more Scriptural formula. It is very important, in the face of a feeble and shallow theology, to impress certain fundamental facts upon the minds of the people.

1. That God cannot take pleasure in His creation save as He sees it in His well-beloved Son, apart from Whom "nothing was made that was made," Who is "the first-born of every creature."

2. That God cannot look with favor upon man, made "in His Image"—that is in Christ "who is the Image of the Invisible God"—except as he contemplates him in Christ who is "the first-born among many brethren."

3. That when men, yielding to the deceit of the devil—the spirit of selfishness and sin, of separateness and death—took up a false position of independence of God and resistance to His will, God could not cease to regard him in the light of His own eternal Purpose, whilst, at the same time, God must behold the whole race darkened and weakened by sin, and therefore, incapable of seeing Him or of rendering Him the satisfaction of a loving service.

4. That by becoming Man and dying on the Cross, the Eternal Son redeemed mankind from the power of the devil, and presented humanity in His own person an acceptable offering to His Father, perfectly satisfying the purpose of God in creating man, and reconciling Him so that He can take delight in His world; and every man, if he will, can by faith and repentance, be once more "accepted in the Beloved."

This is, I believe, what Mr. Ritchie means. But it seems to me that it would have been merciful in him to have assured his New England correspondent that his use of the clause from the Article did not imply his submission to any Calvinistic denials, that he begins his teaching not, as most Protestant theology, with the fall of man, but, as the Articles of Religion and all Catholic theology, with "the living and true God manifested in His Word made Flesh." I am sure that Mr. Ritchie does not wish to be understood as denying that the Son expresses the mind of the Father, that He came to this world to accomplish His Father's Will, and not to change it; that the Cross is the result and not the cause of the love of God toward His fallen creatures; that Christ did not substitute Himself for a certain number of persons who would choose to be saved by Him, but identified Himself with the race, and by His death redeemed mankind, so becoming "the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe." Had C. G. H. understood this, I do not think that he would have felt it necessary to put the question of his letter.

In closing, I would say that I trust that Mr. Ritchie will not recommend Bishop Harold Browne as a satisfactory authority on some other not unimportant matters of Catholic faith and practice.

JAMES O. S. HUNTINGTON, O. H. C.

Holy Cross House, Westminster, Md.

St. Clement's Hymn to Christ

BY J. E. C.

O Guide of children,
Leader of the young,
Call us, Thy dear ones
That with simple tongue
Our hearts may overflow with love to Thee
In hymns of praise and holy minstrelse.

O King of holy souls,
The Word divine,
To Thee we offer praise,
For we are Thine.
Oh, lead us, Heavenly Shepherd, lead Thy sheep,
From earth's polluting stains Thy children keep.

Sing, ransomed ones!
Washed in the healing flood;
Sing, souls new-born
Through Jesu's precious blood.
Shout, all ye people, and together raise,
To Christ our King, a joyous song of praise!

Tidioute, Pa.

FROM THE EDITOR OF A CONTEMPORARY:—Allow me to express my unqualified admiration with the make-up of THE LIVING CHURCH. You have just about reached the ideal for which we are striving.

Personal Mention

The Rev. F. S. Hopkins has taken charge of the missions at Tioga and Mansfield, Central Pennsylvania.

The Rev. L. B. Thomas has accepted a call to the missions at Lawrenceville and Antrim, Central Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Wilson Waters, formerly assistant at St. Ann's, Lowell, has accepted the rectorship of All Saints, Chelmsford, Mass.

The Rev. James Simonds, M. A., has removed from Dalhousie, N. B., to Monk's Corner, S. Carolina, and has entered upon the duties of his new parish.

The Rev. Chas. Holland Kidder has resigned the rectorship of Holy Cross parish, Perth Amboy, N. J. His address is now Washington College, Tacoma, Washington.

The Rev. A. A. Brockway, having accepted the rectorship of St. James' church, Syracuse, desires all letters for him to be addressed to 307 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

The Rev. Thomas A. Tidball, D. D., of Camden, N. J., has accepted the call to the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Pa., and will enter upon his duties there about the first of the new year.

The Rev. Llewellyn Caley, assistant minister at Christ church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and formerly of Brixton, England, has accepted the rectorship of the church of the Nativity, Philadelphia, Pa., and will assume pastoral charge thereof, Jan. 1, 1893.

To Correspondents

REV. J. H. T.—We published the "Encyclical" in August, 1888, but the "Lambeth Declaration" was not included. We will get the Resolutions, if we can, and send them to you.

ONE INTERESTED IN MISSIONS.—The full list of the Missionary Council is given in *The Living Church Quarterly*, Advent issue, just out, p. 86, price 25 cents. Address The Young Churchman Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

"COMMUNICANT."—The method of administering, of which you complain, is very common, and where there are many communicants, that or something similar, seems almost a necessity. The latter part of the sentence is said, however, to the communicants, before the priest advances to the altar.

A. S. M.—Send to the secretary of your convocation, the Rev. F. S. Moore, Rock Springs, for a copy of the Canons. In some (perhaps all) missionary jurisdictions, the bishop has the sole appointing power. A deacon may baptize, and preach if he be licensed thereto, but has not inherent in his office, rectorial authority. The Office of Institution is not often used, and the rights of a rector do not at all depend upon it.

ENQUIRER.—We cannot give the whole history. He failed to keep his promises to the commission which secured his ordination without the consent of the House of Bishops. He resigned his jurisdiction. It is said that he is now in Mexico. He is subject to the discipline of the House of Bishops, if they choose to exercise it and there should be any need of it.

Ordinations

At the church of the Advent, Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, the Rev. Thomas P. Jacob was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Dudley; the service, which was choral, being rendered by the vested choir of men and boys. The Rev. M. M. Benton was the preacher, the Rev. Chas. E. Craik, the presenter. The newly-ordained priest is now rector of the Advent parish, having been in charge of the same during his diaconate.

On St. Andrew's Day, at Grace church, Cuero, Texas, Bishop Johnson, of Western Texas, advanced to the priesthood the Rev. Hudson Stuck, of Sewanee. The ordination sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Hutcheson, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. W. R. Richardson, both of San Antonio. On the following day the newly ordained priest was formally instituted as rector of the parish.

At St. Michael's church, Brattleboro, Vt., the Rev. Wm. H. Collins, rector, on St. Andrew's Day, the Bishop ordained Mr. Allan D. Brown to the diaconate. The candidate was presented by the rector, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Sanford, of Bellows Falls. The Rev. Messrs. Goddard and Ockford also assisted in the services. The Rev. Mr. Brown will officiate in Christ church, Guilford, in connection with the rector of St. Michael's, Brattleboro.

Ordered deacon in Christ church cathedral, New Orleans, La., by Bishop Davis Sessums, D. D., Kenneth Sylvan Guthrie, M. A., of Sewanee, Tenn., on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1892. Dean Ewing preached the sermon on "The Origin and Duties of the Ministry." The Rev. J. W. Moore presented the candidate. The Rev. K. S. Guthrie is a native of Scotland, and is thoroughly conversant with several different tongues, speaking English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and Dutch, and reading Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Sanscrit with ease. He will be associated with the Bishop at the Cathedral, to be sent out on missionary duty through the diocese under the direction of the Bishop.

Wednesday morning, Nov. 30, in St. John's church, Bellefonte, Central Pennsylvania, Bishop Rulison advanced to the priesthood the Rev. M. W. Christman, assistant rector of Christ church, Williamsport. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Charles Morrison. The Bishop was Celebrant, and the Rev. Messrs. Chas. J. Wood, Geo. C. Foley, W. H. Graff, and Dr. F. J. Clerc also took part in the service. Eight priests united with the Bishop in the laying on of hands.

Notices

Notices of Deaths free. Marriage Notices one dollar. Obituary Notices, Resolutions, Appeals, and similar matter, three cents a word, prepaid.

Died

JOHNSON.—In Rolla, Mo., on Friday, Nov. 11, 1892, after a severe illness, Rev. Wm. Johnson, aged 81 years, 7 months, and 1 day.

Acknowledgements

THE Rev. Percy G. Robinson, rector of the church of the Ascension, Ontonagon, Mich., thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts, in answer to his recent appeal for \$200 to finish the new rectory; and is in great hope that other kind friends will soon respond, and thereby enable us to complete our much-needed new home, before the very cold weather sets in: "Anonymous," Niles, Michigan, \$3.00; "C. P. G.," Hagerstown, Md., and "A Friend," Flint, Mich., \$1.00 each. Total, \$5.00!

Appeals

MISSIONARY HORSES NEEDED

A missionary who since Trinity, 1890, has, in pursuance of his ordinary duties, driven over at least 5,000 miles of road, in all weathers, and if permitted, is willing and glad to do quite as much in that way in the next two years and a half, is badly fixed for want of horses. His team were old and more or less broken down when he entered on this work, and the best of the two having unfortunately taken distemper, has had to be killed. In order to continue his work and keep appointments, he is indebted to the kindness of a friend who loans him a horse to work with the pretty well used-up survivor.

Two hundred dollars would secure a serviceable team with which this man could carry on his work through the coming winter with safety.

Whoever may be willing to help will please send their contributions to

CHARLES B. FOSBROKE,
Kenyon, Goodhue Co., Minn.

He will make due acknowledgement through the columns of this paper.

This is a true statement of the case. No appeal for help could be more worthy. I fully indorse this appeal.

[Signed] M. N. GILBERT,
Asst. Bishop of Minnesota.

ORPHANAGE OF THE HOLY CHILD, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The financial agent of the Orphanage of the Holy Child appeals for gifts of money, provisions, and clothing for the Orphanage of the Holy Child, the charitable institution of the Province of Illinois. It is the standing resolution of the Provincial Synod that the Christmas offering throughout the three dioceses of the Province, be requested to be devoted to the support of the orphanage. The treasurer's report at the last Provincial Synod showed that the balance of cash in hand was not sufficient to pay the expenses for December. May we hope for generous Christmas offerings? Please send remittances to the Rev. J. M. C. PULTON, D. D., Treasurer, Jacksonville, Ill., and ship boxes to the housemother, orphanage of the Holy Child, 220 East Adams st., Springfield, Ill.

FREDERICK W. TAYLOR,
Financial agent.

GENERAL CLERGY RELIEF

(Legal Title—Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and of Aged, Infirm, and Disabled Clergymen.)

This fund extends relief to disabled clergymen and to the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in all dioceses and missionary jurisdictions of the United States.

This fund should not be forgotten in the making of wills. Contributions may be sent to WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH, Treasurer, 70 Broadway, New York.

THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS

Legal Title (for use in making wills): *The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A.*

Domestic missions in eighteen missionary jurisdictions and thirty-five dioceses, including missions to Indians and colored people.

Foreign missions in China, Japan, Africa, Greece, and Haiti. Salaries of twenty bishops; stipends of 1200 missionaries, besides support of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, require many gifts, large and small. Do not forget these workers and these charities. \$600,000 are asked for this year, relying upon the generous offerings of men, women, and children in all parts of the Church. Heroic giving to support heroic work is a privilege and honor as is the calling to forsake home and go forth to hardship and peril.

Remittances should be sent to MR. GEORGE BLISS, Treasurer, 22 Bible House, New York. Communications to the REV. WM. S. LANGFORD, D. D., General Secretary.

Church and Parish

WANTED.—A priest as assistant in a suburban parish of Chicago. Salary \$800. Address, stating age, experience, etc. "REV. ALPHA BETA," care of THE LIVING CHURCH.

PRIEST, single, under 40, good Churchman, extempore preacher desires work in or near Chicago or other city. Address, SLARKIE, care LIVING CHURCH.

PRIEST—Good Churchman, young, musical, M. A. Durham, about to resign present charge, seeks work as rector or assistant minister. Address W. P. W., care 1st National Bank, Iron Mountain, Mich.

FOR SALE.—White dossal and wings. The dossal is 11 ft., 9 in. long and 6 ft. 5 in. wide, made of satin sheeting, has three angels outlined in gold thread, set in frame of blue velvet and solid gold embroidery. The wings are 9 ft. long and 4 ft. wide, made of the same material, with border of cloth of gold 12 inches deep. Both were made by the Sisters of St. Margaret, Boston, are in perfect condition and sold because cannot be used in new church of the Messiah. Price of both, \$150. For further particulars, address, MISS BRAF, church of the Messiah, St. Stephen st., Boston, Mass.

OUR subscribers will confer a favor by notifying us whenever their paper does not arrive promptly. With their co-operation we shall endeavor to remedy any error which may exist in this respect.

Choir and Study

Christmas-tide is at hand and already premonitory signals of a world-wide joy fill the air and stir all hearts. For the earth is the Lord's and all that are therein, and all nations lie under the brightness of the Day Spring from on high and together hail the coming King, even the Prince of Peace, who is the Lord our righteousness. Once the privileged festival of Holy Church and her children, it has now interpenetrated the social life of all the people, touching the pulses of the common life, of the just and the unjust, of the highest and lowliest, of rich and poor, of wise men and rulers, of the destitute, vagrant, and miserable. So there shall be Christmas joy and greetings, in the market-places, on land and sea, in hospitals and infirmaries and prisons; and something of its omnipresent brightness shall fall even upon the publican and the sinner. This is the Divine order in terrestrial providence, for the sun-light and sun-life are a common heritage, and there are no favorites and no monopolists in the kingdom of nature, nor in the kingdom of grace. All this is because the kingdom of God has drawn so near the common life, shaping laws, customs, institutions, literatures, and cultures, more and more after heavenly patterns, and breathing into them the breath of a divine life.

Not that all men yet behold the coming King, and recognize His presence. For again and yet again He has come unto His own, and His own have received Him not; and there are blind eyes yet and dull ears that neither see nor comprehend the great glory of His coming, the Son of Mary and the eternal Son of God. Yet we may truthfully say that "the world itself keeps Christmas Day," in a large and widening jubilee of rejoicing, hardly knowing why, it may be, but responding to the all-embracing sympathies of the great and growing Christian world of believers. We cannot and would not confuse the clearly defined boundaries of the secular world-life, and of the Church and its supernatural life. But they are nearer each other than they ever before have been; and the Church is entering more deeply and lovingly into the humanities and sympathies of the outlying world-life, enlightening, comforting, and healing; while the world itself is learning the wisdom while touched with the life of the spiritual kingdom.

So there is a Christmas music and a Christmas symbolism, that is at once secular and ecclesiastical, or worldly and religious. The glee, madrigal, and carol answer this quality of relation, touching sometimes the half-sensual mirth of frolic and "laughter holding both his sides," and now uplifted in tune and accord with the Bethlehem shepherds and the midnight canticles of the angels. But there is neither room nor place for any such confusion in the Lord's house.

And here comes place and occasion for a plea. If ever the music of our liturgic worship should be sacred in its inspiration, it is at Christmas time. Then the faithful are nearer the ineffable verities of the Incarnation, than at any other time in the liturgic year; and the awful sanctities and mysteries of the Word become man, dominate all thoughts and feelings. It is far and long, at best, from our purest, highest songs to the *Gloria in Excelsis* of the heavenly hosts. It is very easy and very natural to lose thought of all this. And so our canticles and sacred hymns become diluted and enfeebled too often with thinly-disguised merriment, and jingling, roistering carols, all aglow with frolic and earthly cheer, may be interpolated, and sometimes are, between the raptest anthems of the Holy Eucharistic worship, so hard is it to keep the due liturgic sanctities free from unhallowed intrusions. The musical liturgies of Christmas-tide are imperiled more and more from this invasion of half-secular merriment. Who does not or may not recall in this connection the challenge song, "Hark, the herald angels sing," for so many years set to Mozart's irreverent and even fantastic *Kyrie*. Scores of reputable "carols," sung freely in Sunday Schools, and sometimes interpolated even in Matins before Holy Communion, are little, if at all, removed above the level of the glee and madrigal. There is call and reason for a better and purer usage.

The students of old English rural life and its parasitic environment of social and ecclesiastical usages,

has learned of the "glee-men," and "waits," and "carollers," with their bumpers of "home-brewed," and wassail, and "brimming bowls," and boisterous frolic, and would not welcome the behaviour and spirit of such a questionable revelry. The upper and supernatural side of the great Feast had passed out of the popular consciousness, and too much of this half-besotted conception of Christmas prevails to this day in most "Catholic" countries in the old world, as well as in England and Ireland where the sanctities of this most holy season are well-nigh overwhelmed in roistering merriment.

Besides this reflux of an unwholesome tradition, we have been naturally enough betrayed into a profusion and prodigality of festal display in the churches, which, in many regions, have been so heavily embowered and be-wreathed that acoustic and tonal resonance were sacrificed and the burst of choral song fell stifled and smothered. Too often sanctuaries and altars have been nearly buried out of sight so that hardly space remained for officiating clergy. Fortunately, in our greater cities, sounder usages have prevailed of late years.

Yet in these very cities, do we not recognize a continuance of this perverted feeling in the tedious and extravagant multiplication of choral accessories? Is there not urgent need for reserve and consideration in this respect? If ever the people should find the heavenly refreshments of a supreme Eucharistic devotion, it is at the great Christ-mass of the Incarnation. There is no room nor want for anything else. A perfect service, reverently sung, with its ancient anthems and "spiritual songs," is enough, and all supplemental expedients can only interrupt and disturb the perfect Feast. Yet the service calendars for Christmas Day are full often sacred concerts that, like heavenly Sabbaths, have no end. As if the *Messe Solennelle* were not enough, we must review again most, or all, the Christmas numbers of Handel's "Messiah," or long, dulcet episodes from Spohr, or interminable anthems, and cantatas, and motets, each lovely and excellent after its kind, and in its own place; but at the Matins and principal Celebration of Christmas Day, at best, a fatiguing, distracting impertinence,

We are all beset, more or less, with this unfortunate distemper of Americans toward excessive bigness and preposterous magnitudes, which has infected our musical committees and choir-masters with this Brobdnagian propensity to strain and over-load the musical services of our great Festivals, as at Christmas and Easter. Let us call a halt and for a moment consult the best, long-established, and well-matured usages of the Mother Church. Such extravagances are almost unheard-of in cathedrals, and representative choirs and churches. Among the ritual congregations, we find a complete and perfectly developed Festival Mass, or musical Communion, without supplemental numbers. The Introit, Offertorium, and post-Communion, are enough. There is no unusual stir or display in the cathedrals. Nowhere is there surfeit, or a merely artistic filling-up of musical decorations. We recognize the place, comfort, and even preciousness of the prevailing social and secular festivities, but at the church porch we would enter and find rest and refreshment in the splendor and majesty of the divine liturgy alone, where "men of good will," spirits of just men made perfect, and all the heavenly host, pay homage with one heart and song to the Incarnate Lord,

American Christianity is without Hagiology, and its calendars have no saints' days, save such as crossed the ocean with our fore-fathers. Only "Fast Day" and "Thanksgiving" come down to us from the Puritans, and the former long ago lost its significance or lapsed into the Good Friday of the ancient liturgies. As for "Thanksgiving" the sole remnant of the "established Church" of New England that once served the double purpose of political and ecclesiastical supremacy, its days seem to be numbered, notwithstanding the annual proclamation of the national and state executive. It has found its Nemesis in the inter-collegiate game of foot-ball if we may trust the signs of the times, and the latest conclusions of the journalists. Yale and Princeton have pre-empted the metropolis, and taken possession of the city for the brief holiday outing. Many prudent and popular pastors who are used to crowded con-

gregations for Sundays have grown weary of deserted churches on "base-ball day." Some have compromised on a meeting or sermon at half-past nine on Thanksgiving Day, and not a few shut up their churches altogether. Others content themselves with an early Celebration, thus surrendering the day to the fielders. More than 60,000 crowded the stands at the racing grounds, spending the long hours of the protracted game exposed to biting winds, while thousands of emptied flasks littered the adjacent high-ways and by-ways. College men over-ran the principal up-town streets, avenues, and hotels and places of amusement, holding high carnival. The police were over-busied, while heavy drinking and unmanly carousings made night hideous in many quarters, reputable and disreputable. There was the usual garnishing of bruises, sprains, and flesh wounds in the field game, while earnest, thoughtful people set down the occasion as a melancholy degeneration in manners and morals.

In a recent number of *The American Architect and Builder*, we find the report of a committee of the conservation of public architecture, signed, and probably written by Richard M. Upjohn, chairman. It argues against the threatened demolition of certain buildings occupied for national uses, and urges the American Institute of Architects to strive for their protection and preservation. It is a comfort to learn from such a distinguished source that we have any public edifices worthy of consideration, on purely æsthetic grounds. Doubtless not a few structures, civic and domestic, are to be found dating from the colonial period, in the seaboard states and cities, that merit preservation. This holds good in Virginia and Massachusetts, as well as in New York. "One of the most notable of these constructions, and one which enjoys the advantage of a prominent location, is the present Treasury Building in Wall Street, New York. Its dimensions are 80 by 180, its interior is three stories high, including the basement. The main room, which is a rotunda, is in one story, the full height of the building, and its ceiling is domed over in masonry. The whole building is built of white marble, a magnificent work in Grecian Doric. Not only are the floors and ceilings of masonry, but the roof besides is entirely of marble, supported on the groined arches, and the dome of the rotunda is of masonry vaulted construction. The interior is also principally of marble and the whole building is invulnerable as to fire, and enduring as the ages. The fronts are exact repetitions of the Parthenon at Athens, without its sculpture. Is not such an example of design and construction worthy to be conserved? The Custom House is on the same street, and also in danger of being removed. It is built of Quincy granite, the perfection of material and workmanship, in the Ionic order, with a beautiful colonnade of monolithic columns, thirty-three feet in height. Let it also be spared and its porticos adorned with sculpture."

Magazine Reviews

The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine for December recognizes the festive atmosphere of the season in its tastefully embellished cover, constructed afresh in white, olive-green and gold, on the mirthful, holiday side of it, leaving the "Christmas" for a larger expression within, where we find the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation reflected in some five compositions, all of them modern, four of them explicitly exemplifying the *fin de siècle* art of contemporary realism which translates the story of Bethlehem and its Manger, with an almost abrupt and irreverent frankness, into the ideas and customs of any living people in any land. There is a very artistic and impressive "Madonna and Child," by Dagnon-Bouveret, all modern and Parisian, saving the threaded aureole and the beaming radiance from the head of the half-hidden babe. This is unquestionably an exquisite, and even masterly design, and apart from its tremendous anachronism, lovely and impressive. A second—a Spanish or French peasant, Mother and Child—poses as Madonna, seated under a rude cottage window, under conflicting light and shadow, without a suggestion of supernaturalism. Then there is a plain artisan's wife nursing her babe as she sits on a pile of lumber amid the shavings in a carpenter shop of to-day, and seen anywhere else, no one would think of a possible St. Joseph in the old workroom in the background, this realism ignoring and shutting out any suggestion of mysticism or spiritual significance. Another full-page composition is "The Virgin Enthroned," by Albert H. Thayer, after the manner of the Umbrian painters—a sweet, motherly group, quite within the social limitations of any cultured household, bare of symbolic and supernatural suggestion. And last and best and loveliest of all, an "Annunciation," by a young woman

artist, Miss Macomber, in which the inspiration of the great Catholic art breathes afresh with living and unworldly beauty. In a literary way the number is richly stored, and offers many strong, helpful papers with its more popular miscellany.

The Cosmopolitan, save in a single poem which is a very troubled dream, gives no token of the season, unless we interpret its double-paged frontispiece—the first, a fearful parable of the old-world life and history, advancing through carnage and death; and the second in the spirit of Ary Scheffer's *Christus Remunerator*, by Anton Dietrich, assuredly a tremendous juxtaposition. The miscellany is happily varied as usual, the picturesque and realistic largely predominating. George Stewart contributes a valuable paper on Lord Tennyson, generously illustrated. Murat Halstead writes nervously on "The Varieties of Journalism," and Mr. Howells proceeds in his "Traveller from Altruria," in part third, in his own subjective, half-soliloquizing manner.

The Atlantic Monthly, in a lavish mood of editorial catering, gives its readers a *menu* of royal dainties and good things galore, until we are almost ready with our *jam satis est*. We will miss the pictures less than ever, since *The Atlantic* treats its readers like adults who have outgrown the need and appetite that lust for amusement, and are content with literature pure and simple. After the "Don Orsino" of Mr. Crawford, trailing along for many months, follows a most charming seven-fold series of papers which may be read again and again with undiminished satisfaction. Mr. J. W. Stillman, in "A few of Lowell's letters," gives us more of the great poet and literateur than is easily found elsewhere, with not a little of Mr. Stillman, and yet not too much, for it is a genial conjunction, and we make a facile bridge athwart the faithful reminiscences of the artist to that remote, inaccessible, but wonderfully human and loving heart of the poet who passes with most of us as an ascetic if not something of a cynic. Such disclosures as this supply the best and truest contents of biography. There is an inexhaustible flow of local and dialectic humor and characterization in "The Withrow Water Right, II," by Margaret Collier Graham, while Agnes Repplier discourses on "Wit and Humor" with a sharpness of analysis and a lavish garnishing of epigrams, that summon into thought Fuller, Leigh Hunt, and Emerson himself. She interviews and reviews Hunt, Lamb, Dickens, and the rest with intuitive, ready insight, and largely enriches her well-worked subject.

Some Holiday Books

With the first snow-fall the gift books begin to make their appearance, and the publishers prepare to meet the holiday trade. Calendars, of course, are first in order. Frederick A. Stokes & Co. have issued two of notable beauty, both illustrated by Maud Humphrey, *fac-similes* of her water-color paintings, the one entitled "The Fairy Calendar," the other "Kalendar of Beautie." They are dainty in appearance, tied with ribbon, and suitable for hanging in "my lady's chamber." Price, \$1.50 each. The same publishers offer to the public a charming book entitled "Maud Humphrey's Book of Fairy Tales." This book includes some of the aquarelles above mentioned, and many very pretty designs illustrating the tales so dear to children. This is really a very charming book. Price, \$2.50.

Messrs. F. A. Stokes & Co. also issue gift books for older people, "Poems by Dobson, Locker, and Præd," illustrated by the favorite artist, Maud Humphrey, and including the aquarelles from the "Kalendar of Beautie," and other choice bits of work. Paper, binding, and finish, are of the first quality throughout. Price, \$3.00.

In white and gold, the same publishers offer "Rings and Love-knots," by Samuel Minturn Peck. The title, surely, is taking, though not very clearly *apropos*. The versification is excellent; the sentiment is often exquisite, but sometimes trifling. Why should such a muse stoop to sing of "A Sea-side Flirtation"?

A culmination of excellence in book-making seems to have been reached by the publishers above-named, in the lilac, white, and gold bound edition of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems, with numerous new illustrations.

Another book, which we think the children will be glad to see, is "Short Stories about Animals," by Gertrude Sellon, illustrated in colors and black and white, by W. Weekes, published by Cassell Company. This is an old favorite, having appeared originally in 1875, under another name. The color illustrations are very fine, and all the drawings are interesting. Every page is illustrated. The stories are such as children cry for. Price, \$2.50.

While on the subject of books for children, we may mention "Sunday Reading for the Young," from E. and J. B. Young & Co., the old but ever new favorite of the fireside circle. The volume for 1893 contains upwards of two hundred and fifty illustrations, including a very handsome cover and colored frontispiece. An invigorating and wholesome tone pervades all the contents.

Messrs. Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. have remembered the very little ones, and provided a supply of delights in "Prince Dimple on his Travels," by Mrs. George A. Paull.

It is a pretty book with pretty pictures, just the thing for mamma to read to the "wee tots."

For the children who can read and think, Messrs. J. P. Lippincott & Co. publish "Bimbi," by "Ouida," illustrated by Edmund H. Garrett. It comprises nine stories, and is handsomely bound.

Messrs. E. P. Dutton and Co. have two daintily bound volumes for young people, illustrated: "To Nuremberg and Back, a Girl's Holiday," by Amy Neally, a simple narrative of a pleasant tour; and "Dan, a Story for Boys," by Mary D. Brine. The books are artistic typographically, but the pictures of the latter are scarcely worthy of their frame.

In this year of Columbian celebration, "Chicago and the World's Fair" ought to be one of the most popular gift books of the season. The sumptuous volume, edited by Julian Ralph and published by Harper & Brothers, gives a sketch of the growth and characteristics of the city, and explains the genesis and development of the gigantic scheme of the great exposition. The book is rich in illustrations of the work at the Fair, in its various stages of construction. In the preface the author calls attention to the fact that the publications of Harper & Brothers took the lead, in the East, in supporting the government in its choice of Chicago for this great enterprise.

Artists and publishers have this year united in a task which must needs give delight to those who, like Emerson, when they see a new book, read an old one. Even if at heart, they prefer the old copy with the plainer dress of the modest first venture in which they learned to love it, they will feel a delight in beholding the old favorite in comelier holiday attire, honored as they well know it deserves to be. And now it is easy to tell "what to get for Christmas," for the loved ones of a younger generation. Happily these holiday editions, beautiful as they are, are none too good for human fingers' daily use. Indeed, they may be chosen, as was the wedding gown of Mrs. Primrose, for qualities that will wear well.

We have already mentioned the noble edition of Warner's "In the Levant," from the Riverside Press, that prolific source of so many dainty delights to the book lover. And here is the "Lady of the Lake"—a favorite of still earlier days, and he who has kept "in his heart the dews of youth," still loves his Waverly. And now, perchance, he opens this lovely volume at the well-remembered couplet:

The stag at eve had drunk his fill,
Where danced the moon on Monan's rill

and the old delight in the old-time vision is not less real because of the artist's embodiment of that sylvan scene that meets his eye on the opposite page. To the Frederick A. Stokes Company, of New York, as publishers, and to Joseph M. Gleeson as designer, the lovers of Sir Walter are indebted for this worthy presentation of his fair Ellen of Loch Katrine.

"Prue and I! I believe I do not want to look at it," exclaims a conservative young woman to whom we have just been expressing our delight in Harper & Brothers' latest edition of that best beloved and most read of all the works of the lamented Curtis. And she confides to us that she has been "brought up on 'Prue and I,'" and shrinks from seeing those dear faces through other eyes. We shall get her, however, to take a peep at the first page, where, facing each other in an old-fashioned locket, are two miniatures that Prue's children might have cherished. And now grown willing to turn the leaves, she will find that a love as reverent as her own for the sweet classic has guided the artist's pencil, and we doubt not that she will end, as we did, by coveting the volume for a Christmas gift.

A Millbrook Romance, and other tales. By A. L. Donaldson. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 155. Price, 75c.

There are seven stories of varying length in this tasteful volume, all well done, and the briefest of them, "A Reverie," is a veritable little idyl in prose.

The Boys of Mirthfield Academy. Edited by Laurence H. Francis. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Illuminated covers. Price, \$1.25.

To all who enjoy reading of English school life this book will be welcome. It deals with the trials and tribulations of a new boy at school, his sports and pastimes, and is illustrated with numerous original drawings.

The Ivory Gate. A novel. By Walter Besant. New York: Harper & Bros. Price, \$1.20.

The author of "The Ivory Gate" reminds one often of Dickens; there is much of the same graphic description of scenes and characters. The reader's interest is well sustained, though the plot is at times unnatural and improbable.

Up and Down the House. By Anna Warner. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. Cloth. Pp. 232.

A little book of home life, chiefly for women; a book to teach, with the tender helpfulness of a sister, other women to be as wise, as useful, as blessed as that perfect woman whom King Lemuel describes—she whose price was far above rubies.

The Cross Roads, or a Choice in Life. A Story for Young Women and Older Girls. By Charlotte M. Yonge. Illustrated by J. F. Weedon. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Price \$1.25.

It is not to be expected that all the works of such a prolific writer should be equal in merit. This may be of interest to "working girls" into whose lives and loves the author strives to enter. The book is handsomely bound,

Dorothy Darling. By Mrs. George Paull. New York: James Pott & Co.

A beautiful Christmas present for a child of six or seven years old. Dorothy is a charming little child, who acts just as children of the real world do, not as the usual children of fiction, and the lessons of her story are excellent ones for children of her age.

Joan and Jerry. By Mrs. O'Reilly, author of "Sussex Stories," Hurst-Leigh Dene, etc. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 264. Price, \$1.00.

A little story very nicely told, with one or two affecting passages in it that are not overwrought, and it will hold the interest of the younger boys and girls for whom it is evidently intended. Mrs. O'Reilly understands how to write simply without "writing down" for little people.

Captain January. By Laura E. Richards, the daughter of Julia Ward Howe. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Illustrated. Price, \$1.25.

Of this charming idyl of New England coast life, over 13 editions have been sold in this country. In response to demands for an illustrated edition, the publishers have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Frank T. Merrill to portray the characters so vividly described by the author.

Three Vassar Girls in the Holy Land. By Elizabeth W. Champney. Illustrated. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Illuminated covers. Price, \$1.50.

The volume which yearly takes our friends, the Vassar Girls, on their summer travelling tour, this year embodies an interesting story, interwoven with bits of Eastern life, historic incidents, and accounts of travel from Egypt and the mouth of the Nile through Palestine to Jerusalem.

Joshua Wray. A novel. By Hans Stevenson Beattie. New York: United States Book Co. Price, \$1.25.

A study in the philosophy of humanitarianism as applied to the lives of a libertine and his victims. Questions are propounded which are not always satisfactorily answered. But the story is apparently intended to arouse interest in crime and its results and punishment. And so far it will prove a success.

Elle's Visit to Cloudland and the Moon. By Frances Vescelesius and E. J. Austen. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Price \$1.25.

This fairy story first appeared in the *St. Nicholas* magazine, and attracted widespread attention. It is now for the first time published as a book, with all the original and dainty illustrations, nearly 100 in number, which appeared in the magazine. This volume will be a welcome visitor to many a little one on Christmas day. It is a large quarto, bound in cloth, with a unique and appropriate design on the cover.

Tales of Ancient Troy, and the Adventures of Ulysses. Edited by Walter Montgomery. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Illuminated board covers. Price, \$1.25.

A valuable book, entertaining and instructive. The stories of the ten years' siege of Troy, by the Greeks, and the wanderings of Ulysses and his companions returning homeward after the Trojan war, the subjects of Homer's great poems, "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," are here told in simple sketches, assisted by graphic illustrations.

The Boy Travelers in Central Europe. Adventures of two youths in a journey through France, Switzerland, and Austria, with excursions among the Alps of Switzerland and the Tyrol. By Thomas W. Knox. Illustrated. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price, \$3.00.

This work follows the *Boy Traveller* series previously published. The author takes his boys over routes with which he is for the most part personally familiar. Valuable geographical and historical knowledge is imparted in an interesting way to the young reader. This work should meet with as favorable a reception as those which have preceded it.

A Book of Cheerful Cats and other Animated Animals. By J. G. Francis. New York: Century Co. Price, \$1.00.

This is a book of nonsense verse and funny pictures from *St. Nicholas* and other periodicals. Cats and kittens are the principal characters depicted, and the pranks they play on each other, and occasionally on little boys and girls, will furnish much amusement to young and old. The book is strongly bound and has an illuminated cover.

Zenobia. By Wm. Ware. Boston: Estes & Lauriat. Price, \$2.50.

This standard work gives us the history of Palmyra, and the life and reign of its great queen, Zenobia, in the form of a romance. It is not only historically accurate, but also intensely interesting. The book is embellished with half-tone illustrations from photographs recently taken in Palmyra. The cover is decorated with a fac-simile of a cameo, representing the Queen Zenobia.

France in the Nineteenth Century, 1830-1890. By Elizabeth Womeley Latimer. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price, \$2.50.

Mrs. Latimer's new book is an important contribution to modern historical literature, covering, as it does, that field of French history which dates from the later scenes in Napoleon's life to the fall of Boulanger. The vivid, picturesque style of the author renders it as fascinating as a novel to those who do not usually care for historical narrative; while to students the work is of value for its evidences of careful scholarship and wide research.

A Wonder Book for Boys and Girls, By Nathaniel Hawthorne; with 60 designs by Walter Crane. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$3.00.

A reprint of stories of the ancients that delighted us in our childhood. Hawthorne's name is sufficient guarantee for the interest the reader will find in such myths as the "Gorgon's Head," "The three golden apples," etc., while the artist's skill and the printer's and binder's workmanship is most excellent. Gorgeous in coloring and bold in design, the illustrations alone are a study. The book is just the one for a Christmas or New Year's gift for boys and girls.

Alaska or Alaska in Descriptive and Legendary Poems. By Prof. Bushrod W. James. Philadelphia: Porter and Coates. Cloth, pp. 368.

This work on "Alaska Legends" is the first one of its style yet published which deals exclusively with the legends, ethnology, customs, and scenery of Alaska. The descriptions of scenery are taken from the author's note book, which was his constant companion while travelling in the territory. The illustrations lend a great charm to the book which is beautifully bound in cloth, with gilded edges.

Marse Chan. A Tale of Old Virginia. By Thomas Nelson Page. Illustrated by W. T. Smedley. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.50.

An old friend in a new and handsome dress. Any one who has read the story will be delighted to have it in this form, while to our readers who are not familiar with this most touching and pathetic story, we commend this edition. The printing, paper, binding, and especially the illustrations, place this booklet among the finest of Scribner's Sons productions.

Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning. By Anne Thackeray Ritchie. Illustrated. New York: Harper Bros. Price, \$2.00.

A most charming book to possess and peruse. Unlike most biographies which are stilted and stiff, it touches the inner lives of its subjects, gives us glimpses of their sayings and doings which because they are simply records are all the more charming. The printer's art aided most exquisitely by the skill of the engraver, has produced a volume that is an admirable setting for the gems that shine undimmed through the writer's description. Lovers of these verses will revel in this charming collection of records.

Peloubet's Select Notes. By the Rev. Dr. F. N. and M. A. Peloubet. Illustrated. Boston: W. A. Wilde & Co.; Chicago: James W. Bell & Co. Pp. 340. Cloth, 12mo. Price, \$1.25.

This commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1893 is not prepared by a Churchman, but it contains exhaustive quotations, excellent suggestions to teachers, and helpful anecdotes. The library references are a great convenience to the busy worker who desires to study in detail from original sources, of the times, places, personages, and the secular, as well as the sacred history of the events and peoples mentioned in the lessons. It has authentic colored maps and appropriate original illustrations.

French Art, Classic and Contemporary Painting and Sculpture. By W. C. Brownell. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.25.

Mr. Brownell's ability and understanding of French life, in all its phases, are already known to many through his essay in comparative criticism, "French Traits." This later work appeals to a more limited audience, those who are sufficiently familiar with contemporary French art to be especially interested in the subject, and to those who possess a knowledge of the technique of painting. To them these critically appreciative essays of a connoisseur will be of interest and value.

Little Arthur's History of Rome. From the Golden Age to Constantine. By Hezekiah Butterworth. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. Price, \$1.25.

This story of the golden age of Rome and of the Roman Republic and Empire sustains Mr. Butterworth's reputation as a leader of the young. On his pages, quaint and beautiful legends—legends which did duty as history to the Roman people themselves—appear as "helpful lessons of honor and character"; and the evolutions of history are followed in a way to give both wise instruction and bright entertainment. Over one hundred full-page cuts and vignettes worthily illustrate the book, and will aid the youthful imagination to make history live.

The Little Marine and the Japanese Lily; or The Land of the Rising Sun. A Book for Boys. By Florence Marryat, author of "Sybil's Friend," etc., etc. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 317. Price, \$1.25.

No one need hesitate to give household welcome to this book for boys, for it is all that such a book should be, healthful, bright, and in all respects purely conceived. And the story is not mere fiction in the main. The naval and military details, we are told, were copied from the diary of an officer of the English Royal Marines, written on the spot and during the progress of the Simons-seki War (1864). The romance and fanciful conclusion which Miss Marryat draws from this are very prettily done. There are many fine descriptive scenes in it, and some good illustrations.

Spanish Cities, with Glimpses of Gibraltar and Tangier. By Charles Augustus Stoddard. Illustrated. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.50.

"Nothing is done in a hurry in Spain." Perhaps that is why this saunter through "Spanish cities" is full of restful charm, though unaccompanied by "the odor of garlic and strong tobacco," which is said to be inseparable from the journey. It is a pleasant surprise to those who dread the luggage difficulties in foreign travel, to learn that in spite of the belief that Spain is a retrograde country, this part of the express business is managed even better than in the United States. Extensive travel in many lands, trained powers of observation, together with a full and accurate knowledge of the rich past of Spain, render the writer's account of the journey interesting and valuable. Eighteen illustrations, attractive binding, excellent type, and wide margins, make this a desirable holiday book.

Tales from Ten Poets. By Harrison S. Morris. In three books. With portraits. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Price, \$3.00.

"So determined are we," says Mr. Andrew Lang, "not to read tales in verse, that prose renderings even of the epics, nay, even of the Attic dramas, have come more or less in

vogue." It is doubtless true that this is an age in which readers are impatient of poetry. Poetry is admired but not read. Shall we then regard such works as these "Tales from Ten Poets" as an attempt to lead public taste still further from poetry? The author—we may call him such, for these are more than the "prose re-productions" of the student in rhetoric—the author hopes that the reader who loves a story for its own sake may, seeing the durable foundations that lie beneath the great achievements of poetic art in our own country and our own tongue, be led into a desire to know the poems themselves. So mote it be.

The Praise of Paris. By Theodore Childs. Illustrated. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price, \$2.50.

"Good Americans when they die go to Paris" is a witty but unorthodox expression for the fascination that still attends the Emperor Julian's "dear town of Lutetia." In Theodore Childs' "Praise of Paris," the reader finds that the city by the Seine is not altogether the abode of vain delights, that it is still what Charles V. declared it to be, "a world in itself"—a world containing much of good in the lives of its people and in the working of its institutions, as well as splendid in its exterior. From the perusal of these pages, one rises with a better opinion of the "volatile Frenchman," as we Anglo-Saxons are fond of calling him—the Frenchman who has made, if he has sometimes sadly mis-used, the city the world has united to praise.

In the Levant. By Charles Dudley Warner. Illustrated with Photogravures. Volumes I and II. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$5.

"In the Levant" needs no introduction to the reading public. It has two sets of admirers and readers; those who travel to the Orient, and those who do not; the first set hold it as indispensable to their outfit, as is "The Marble Faun" to those who visit Rome; the second may be interested to know of the exquisite edition of the book that the publishers have provided for fireside travellers. Type, paper, photogravures—all of the best; while the face of the genial author, in a new portrait, is the welcome frontispiece. In a preface to the new edition, the author reminds his readers that while the book was written seventeen years ago—"a considerable portion of an individual life, or, indeed, of an American republic"—that "in the East it is scarcely the space between a sleeping and a waking." And so, in this record of a pilgrimage to the Orient, he has found no need of change to bring to date. "The Sultan has been murdered, the Sultan has been deposed as imbecile;" but the Sultan still sits in his seraglio, and Oriental life holds on its way, little changed, though there are Turkish iron-clads in the Golden Horn, and better hotels in—Jerusalem.

Scenes from the Life of Christ, Pictured in Holy Word and Sacred Art. Edited by Jessica Cone. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1892. Price, \$3.50.

Daintily bound in white and gold, and printed on heavy calendered paper, we doubt if, among the many Christmas books, one can find a prettier one than this. It was a happy idea of Miss Cone to illustrate the life of Christ by these phototypes of famous paintings, and the idea is well carried out. All one's old favorites are here, taken from Raphael, Michael Angelo, Guido, Rubens, Ary Scheffer, Dolci, etc., and also many beautiful illustrations after modern painters, such as Plockhorst, Bodenhausen, Bougureau, Dore, Hoffman, etc. Each picture is faced by a page of letter-press surrounded by a thirteenth century illuminated border, enclosing usually a text of Holy Scripture. Excellent pictures are also given of holy places, such as Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jordan, Capernaum, Tiberias, Jerusalem, and Gethsemane. There are no less than sixty-five illustrations in this exquisite book. We wish there had been sixty-six, so as to include as a proper finale to the volume the scene of our Lord's Ascension, thus completing His sacred life on earth. We congratulate the Knickerbocker Press on the fine execution of this beautiful specimen of the art of book-making.

To England and Back. A Winter Vacation. By Canon Knowles. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.00.

Here is another beautiful book which was written for and first published by THE LIVING CHURCH. We hardly realized how good the letters about "A Winter Vacation" were, until our enterprising Chicago publishers gave them a worthy setting between dainty covers, with a summary of contents which is surprisingly rich. Many expressions of appreciation came to us, during the publication of the letters, and it was evident that our readers were more than pleased. We hope they will show their appreciation of the author's work and of the publisher's taste by buying the book. For a Christmas gift, costing only a dollar, we know of nothing that is likely to be so pleasing and appropriate for our Church people. In our concern for the success of the book as a business venture, we must not forget the courtesy and duty of the reviewer, to the author. His portrait, in profile, is appropriately chosen, as a frontispiece, and many will be glad to have the book for that, even if they do not care to read it. Few, however, will be content to close the book after a look at the strong, intellectual, sympathetic, and serious face, which looks over to the title page, as if it would say: The papers which follow are the product of ripe experience, wide observation, and mature judgment. Canon Knowles has borne the title for a quarter of a century, or more, and he was the first to bear the title in our Communion in this country. He is especially qualified by education, experience, and temper-

ament to "write up" English and American Church matters. With the enthusiasm and sympathy of truth, he combines the seriousness of learning and experience. This book ought to be immensely popular in England as well as among our own people.

A Short History of the English People. By J. R. Green, M. A. Illustrated edition. Edited by Mrs. J. R. Green and Miss Kate Norgate. Vol. I. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price, \$5.00.

It was a favorite idea of Mr. Green's that English history might happily be illustrated "by pictures which should tell us how men and things appeared to the lookers-on of their own day." His own "Short History", with its pen pictures of what make up the life of a people, is peculiarly adapted to such treatment, a book whose pages overflow with the abounding fulness and variety of English life. The first volume, ending with the days of Chaucer and Wyclif, shows in its illustrations how contemporary observers aimed to represent what they saw; and so the rough wood-cut of the ballad is drawn upon, as well as the exquisite illumination of the missal; signs from the tavern and shop, as well as the artistic work of the goldsmith and ironsmith. Scattered through the volume are reproductions in colors of wall paintings and illustrations from famous manuscripts. That the editing of the edition is largely the work of the author's wife, must add to its interest, and the reader will make a great mistake who does not begin at the beginning, and in the perusal of the introduction which bears the signature of Alice S. Green, read between the lines the story of wifely appreciation of a husband's life work.

Tales from the Dramatists. By Charles Morris. In four volumes. With portraits. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Price, \$4.00.

The writer of these tales has put into story form some of the best known plays of the English dramatists—best known at least by name. Ben Jonson is represented by "Every Man is His Humor"; Beaumont and Fletcher by "Philaster"; but the elder drama, little adapted to the modern standard of taste and morals, has been but little drawn upon; Shakespeare not at all, as Charles and Mary Lamb's work in that direction has left nothing to be done. But the setales are not designed especially for juvenile readers; the writer even hopes that those who have enjoyed the plays upon the stage will find pleasure in pursuing these narrative reproductions. Perhaps so. We should, however, think it more probable that his interested readers would come from the class to whom these dramas are known only by name, and who are curious to know what is behind such familiar titles as "Still waters run deep," "A new way to pay old debts," "The honeymoon," "The beaux strategem." And these readers will conclude that it is the glamour of the drama that has made the fame of these plays, for they will not find it in the tangled web of intrigue that is the usual plot.

Eleusis and Lesser Poems. By William Rufus Perkins. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. 1892. Pp. 219.

Eleusis is divided into four cantos, each with its group of twenty or more stanzas. The theme is, in substance, "the old, old story" of every richly-furnished life that has grappled in full seriousness with the inevitable mysteries of existence. Cast in the material and structural form of Tennyson's great elegiac, *In Memoriam*, it unfortunately invites comparative consideration. Besides, there are idiomatic tokens of an earnest Tennysonian culture. But even in such a relation, there are found many groups and stanzas that realize a high ideal of beauty. The versification is generally melodious, treated with fine determination, and is a flexible servant of the poet's errand. The cantos gracefully explain themselves, and there is a clearly discernible thread of relationship and congruity. Mr. Perkins is a melodist in verse-making, and exhibits at times, as in "A Legend of the Hartz," a somewhat perplexing *pot-pourri* of metrical forms, not always a prudent idiosyncrasy unless under an assured and well-skilled hand. He has certainly attained his best results in "Eleusis", where not a few of the groups seem likely to find their way to a long-lived remembrance.

A SERIES of five Christmas stories by E. A. B. S., prettily gotten up by Thos. Whittaker, will be found very acceptable as Christmas gifts to Sunday school scholars and others.

THE SILVER CROSS CALENDAR issued by the Central Council of the order of the King's Daughters is issued in the form of an ancient missal, printed in gold, silver, blue, red, and black, upon imported parchment paper, with such beauty of design and delicacy of workmanship as makes it not unlike the illuminated missals of mediæval days. The fifteen parchment leaves are suspended by a silken cord from an ebonized bar. The last page contains a Church calendar for the entire year. Price, 50 cents, by mail, securely boxed, 55 cents. New York, 158 West 23rd st., I. C. Davis, business manager.

THE new Art Studies and the Christmas cards and New Year's calendars just received from Messrs. Prang & Co., are varied and beautiful enough to suit all tastes. Especially worthy of mention are "The Young Commodore," by Ida Waugh, a winsome little fellow who captures our hearts at once; "The Last Rose of Summer," by Mrs. Virginia Janus, and "Pines in Winter," a landscape in water color by Louis K. Harlow. The two studies, "Owls playing Whist," and "Pussies nursing Tiddledy Winks", are very pretty pictures for the nursery walls, and will be a constant delight to the little folks.

The Household

PRIZE STORY

"Lead, Kindly Light"

BY S. ELGAR BENET

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CHAPTER XVI

Eleanor carried back with her into the hospital wards a little of the bright home happiness in which she had been living for the past week. In a few months her apprenticeship would be ended, and she be free to make such arrangements for the future as should please her.

It was characteristic of some subtle change in her mental constitution that she did not distress herself needlessly in the consideration of various plans, or more particularly in the ultimate result of various plans.

The weather was bitterly cold for December; ponds and streams were frozen over, to the delight of those who skated, and a heavy fall of snow covered the earth far as eye could see, reminding Eleanor of the winters in Brentford where the snow lay on the ground almost from December to March, and longer upon the mountains.

"A regular old-fashioned winter," said elderly men, passing each other on the street, their coat-collars turned up above their ears, "reminds me of the winters we used to have when I was a boy; snow deep enough by January to cover the fence posts, and hard enough to sled over. This is only an accident, though, the climate is changing."

There was much distress among the poor, and many appeals for aid. The wards held numbers of patients suffering from frost-bitten hands and feet. They were sent as a rule from oyster schooners dredging in the bay. Cases of pneumonia, too, were common, and as contagious diseases also were admitted at the Good Samaritan, a small ward was nearly filled with diphtheria patients, mostly neglected children.

Never in Miss Scott's long experience had the nurses under her been so constantly employed. Their hours for sleep were shortened and the usual two hours' recreation revoked. Occasionally they met for a few hours' well-earned rest, but though they were indefatigable, they could not satisfy the demands made upon them.

Miss Scott never seemed to need rest. The younger women declared she was beyond such a purely physical requirement as sleep. In her fresh white frock and dainty cap she was here, there, and everywhere, at all hours of the day and night. The tired young nurse, making heroic efforts to keep her eyes open by the bedside of some sufferer, in the long watches of the night, saw her come noiselessly down the ward, her step as elastic, her eyes as clear, as if she had slept her usual eight hours, instead of taking a nap of a few minutes whenever opportunity afforded.

"Oh, Eleanor!" cried a young nurse, excitedly, running into the parlor one afternoon, where those who were off duty rested themselves for a few moments by rolling bandages before the fire, "have you seen the man who was brought in yesterday morning, Number Eleven in the west ward?"

"No; that is not my ward, you know, and I have had no occasion to go over."

"Why?" cried the others in chorus. It must be something more important than usual to excite this breathless comment.

"They say he came from New York, had hidden himself in a freight car, and was brought here too sick to give any further account of himself."

"Yes?"

"Well, small-pox is epidemic in New York, and—"

She stopped, and began to strain her hands together nervously.

"Do you mean to say," cried a pale girl, dropping her roll of cloth, and growing paler as she spoke, "that there is danger of small-pox here? You cannot mean it, Margaret!"

"Yes; Dr. Ashley has just left, and Miss Scott told me herself, that he had pronounced Number Eleven's case small-pox in the most malignant form."

She sat down on the floor by Eleanor's chair and hid her face in her lap. Her shoulders shook as if with ague, her hands were cold and damp with fear.

No one spoke for a while; three of the girls threw their work aside and sat looking helplessly from one to

another, a speechless horror on their faces. At last one of them rose; when she spoke, fright had rendered her voice unrecognizable.

"This is the only thing in the world," she said, "in the shape of a disease, that I am afraid of, and my feeling is more than fear, it is horror. I shall not stay—I cannot. I must leave this place to-night."

"Where can you go?"

"I do not know. Out in the snow seems a haven of rest and security compared to this."

She left the room, and as the door closed upon her, some one asked: "Who is to have charge of Number Eleven, I wonder?"

Margaret burst into passionate sobbing, then she raised her head and cried despairingly: "I am, and oh, what shall I do, what shall I do!"

"Aren't you afraid, Eleanor?" questioned the pale girl under her breath.

"I do not think I am."

"Do you know anything about the disease?"

"Nothing at all, except that it is very loathsome."

"I am horribly afraid," the girl continued; "ever since I can remember, a dread of small-pox has haunted me like a ghost. When I was about seventeen years old it scourged the town where we lived. I slept neither night nor day; the disease took the form of a revolting specter, and lurked in dim corners. I could see it wherever I looked. I have never been free from the impression, and I never shall be free from it, but I shall not go away."

"Nor I," affirmed another.

"I owe it to my mother," said a third, "not to expose myself to unnecessary danger. When she consented to let me come here, she never thought of small-pox, nor did I."

"But you should have done so," rejoined the pale girl, stoutly, "you might have known that a nurse in training cannot select her own cases, must do as she is bidden, no matter what she may do afterwards."

"I don't care," said the other, sullenly, "I think Kate is the only sensible one among us, and I shall follow her example. It doesn't seem to me there's so much difference between wishing oneself away with all one's might and going."

One by one they left the room, until Eleanor and Margaret were left alone before the fire, the latter crying softly, and shivering now and then with nervous dread.

"Don't, dear," said Eleanor, smoothing her hair, "you will wear yourself out, and then how can you hope to get through the night?"

"Oh, Eleanor," cried the girl, raising her tear-stained, frightened face, "please do not think meanly of me. I would not go away for the world, and I would not put any one else in my place if I could; only I feel myself perfectly useless. I am terrified at the idea of the small-pox, and have always been so, but when I think of going up into the west ward, my strength deserts me, I cannot stand, and yet, I would go if I could. You believe me, do you not?"

"Indeed I do. We all know how faithful you have been through these hard months, how you have not spared yourself in the slightest degree."

"I have tried to do my best—oh, I have!" Margaret said again and again, as if seeking the approval of her conscience to comfort her in the present defection.

"What time do you go on duty?"

"At seven. Miss Scott told me to get all the rest I could until then."

"And you have not rested at all; it is four now, that is the clock striking. Lie here until the tea bell rings; no one will disturb you, because the girls are all engaged. I must go, but will try to look in again before seven."

She made the girl lie down, put a cushion under her head, covered her warmly, and left her, going directly to the head nurse's room.

Miss Scott was within; her cold, level tones called "Come" at once in answer to Eleanor's tap for admission.

"Anything wrong?" she asked.

"I think not."

"You know, of course, that I am very busy, and that there is no time for unnecessary conversation." Even as she spoke, she went on with her work, checking off names in her note book. "Excuse me for a moment and I will hear what you have to say."

Eleanor looked up at the sky through the top of the long window. It had an odd orange color tinged with gray; hard blue clouds hung motionless upon it; the

edge of a snowy roof caught the metallic gleam of the sunset, and some ice on the branch of a tree reflected it in a sharp narrow line.

Her eye wandered round the room. In its exquisite neatness, it was exactly the same as when she first saw it two years ago. Even the tall azalea, rich red against the semi-transparent whiteness of the window curtain, was in bloom.

"Now," said Miss Scott, interrupting her investigations somewhat sharply, "I will hear what you have to say."

"I wished to speak to you about Number Eleven in the west ward."

"Well?"

"Margaret tells me that it is a case of small-pox."

"Yes. Two more have been sent in since I saw her. The city is full of it. Dr. Ashley says there is not the slightest doubt that it will be epidemic here as in New York, if this weather continues. Margaret goes on duty in the west ward at seven."

"I came to ask you, Miss Scott, to permit me to exchange with her."

This was very brave, as well as a very dangerous thing to do. Miss Scott, strict disciplinarian that she was, allowed no interference with her arrangements, she tolerated no suggestions, in her special province, from the physicians themselves. It was well for her, as head nurse, that she made few mistakes. She looked at her subordinate with no change of expression in her clear, brown eyes.

"I have within the last half hour received two resignations, presumably hastened by the discovery that small-pox patients are to be admitted here. Margaret is afraid and has been complaining to you."

"Yes, she is afraid, horribly afraid, but she has not been complaining. She does not know I am here; on the contrary, she is determined to obey your orders, but she will be of no use to the sick man."

"And you are not afraid?"

"Not at all. You have told me that Margaret is an excellent nurse in fevers; she might take my place to-night and I hers. You have only to see her to satisfy yourself that Number Eleven will suffer if left to her care."

This was the only argument that would have the slightest weight with Miss Scott. The welfare of the humblest patient within those wards claimed and received at her hands the highest consideration.

"I will trust you," she said, "because I believe the good of these wretched sufferers is beginning to be your highest aim. You may take Margaret's place, but I will tell her. Be in the ward at seven; I shall be there, also; it will be better for you to receive a few special instructions. You may go."

Eleanor went away with Miss Scott's few rare words of praise repeating themselves in her ears. It was something to be desired, approval from this woman from whom approval came but seldom.

Miss Scott found Margaret in a troubled sleep where Eleanor had left her. She laid her hand on her shoulder and shook her gently.

"Oh, is it time?" she cried, terror-stricken.

"It is nearly seven."

"I did not hear the bell. I was so tired, I must have overslept myself, but I am rested now."

"I have changed my arrangements for to-night. You are to go to the private ward on the second floor. Some one will be sent to Number Eleven. Go down to the dining room and have some tea at once."

The frightened expression began to disappear from her face.

"Who has gone to Number Eleven?" she asked.

"That doesn't signify to you," said Miss Scott, calmly, as she left the room.

The weeks that followed were like a horrible dream to many of the people of the scourged city, for the dread disease ravaged it with a violence never before known. The weather day after day continued cold and clear, exquisitely clear, with a deep blue sky and high white clouds sailing swiftly over. At night, the stars shone with marvellous brilliance, thousands and thousands, more in number than the mind could grasp.

Places of entertainment and public schools were closed, but walking through the frosty streets after dark, one might see in many localities, lights streaming from the windows, and graceful forms moving to measured strains of dance music.

Through dreadful nights, and days scarcely less dreadful, Eleanor worked. The wards overflowed with pa-

tients. Accommodations for them had been arranged wherever space allowed.

Despite the fact that temporary hospitals for the treatment of the disease had been erected, the hospital of the Good Samaritan bore its share of the burden.

Those boyish students seemed a trifle subdued. Many of them worked very hard, shirking no duty, and making light of their labors. The young gentleman with the long nose and beautiful eyes grew thin. His nose seemed to grow longer and longer, and his eyes hawk-like in their keen expression. Eleanor met him twenty times in the twenty-four hours, so much in earnest that he did not remember her identity. He was as devoted to the good of his patients as Miss Scott herself. One day as he stood with Eleanor by the bed-side of a convalescent, he said very suddenly, as if he had just recognized her:

"I am afraid I was very impertinent to you once."

"Yes," she answered, "you were; but it doesn't matter now, it has been so long ago, and I was rude to you."

"Not half so rude as I deserved."

He hesitated before he spoke again:

"I would like to tell you, if you will permit me, that I am very glad to have known you."

"Thank you. I should like to know your name, now."

He laughed as he remembered a former occasion and the name attributed to him. The gravity of Eleanor's pale face was broken by a smile.

"My name is Charles Harth," he said, "at your service, and my home is in South Carolina."

Some one called at the far end of the ward. He held out his hand; she gave him hers heartily. Then they went about their work again, but with the warm feeling at their hearts awakened by generous impulses.

"It is something to know a girl like that," thought Harth.

"For all his boyish nonsense, he has worked like a hero," thought Eleanor.

Little by little the hard winter wore itself away. Warm suns shone in March; the snow disappeared, and the subtle odors of moist earth and early bursting buds filled the air. Crocusses shone like golden stars from the borders of the squares, and birds began to sing in the sunshine.

At the hospital of the Good Samaritan, the tired band of nurses were regaining strength and falling into their old routine. They had done faithful work; even strict Miss Scott expressed herself satisfied in a speech, half formal, which she made one day at the close of a lecture.

"Know," she said, in conclusion, "that life holds nothing nobler than a faithful obedience to duty, not selected by ourselves because of some fancied adaptability or inviting surroundings, but laid upon us by a combination of circumstances greater than any personal control, inexplicable as the course of life itself. It is not for us to choose what we will or what we will not do; our vocation, and that of every honest soul, is to obey."

Very soon the class would be graduated and sent out into the world to try, at least, to alleviate its pain by skilled and intelligent treatment. Mrs. Doane was to assume the care of a large hospital in the West; Annie was going to a school of medicine, and Margaret to take charge of a consumptive who had travelled from one end of the country to the other in search of health. Some one had mentioned to her a spot in the interior of Africa, and thither, with feverish anxiety, she was eager to make her way. There she was sure she would be well again; the wasted

tissues be restored, and glad, strong life throbb through her veins, and Margaret was to go to that new, strange world with her.

"Where are you going?" she asked of her friend.

Eleanor, with no shadow of distrust or doubt in her eyes, answered:

"I do not know; wherever I am needed, I hope."

(To be continued.)

The Children's Hour

Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupations,
That is known as the Children's Hour.
—Longfellow.

Pussy's Quarters

BY ELSIE WHITE GAYNOR

I want you to guess me a secret,
So please use each wise little head,
Of course it will seem very simple
To guess where our puss has her bed.

I fear though, you never will guess it.
Her bed-room 's just four feet by two.
For her it is really quite roomy,
Though 'twould scarce do for me or for you.

Her bed is like those on the steam-ships,
A berth fastened up to the wall;
Her bedding, I might call luxurious,
For she uses my furs and best shawl.

And perhaps, after all, I'd best tell you;
For I'd never have guessed it myself
If I'd not gone one morn to the closet
And found her—asleep on the shelf!

A Message

The sunlight slanted in through the deep, high window, touched Karl's curly head as he bent over his work, and lost itself in the dusty shadows of a far corner. Elsie, busy also at the long table, turned a wistful gaze often toward the source from whence that golden light came. Through the window she could catch a glimpse of the pleasant valley road and the hills beyond, and she longed to be out in the open air. She was tired of wooden toys, of the smell of the glue pots and the sound of her father's hatchet. The whole village seemed nothing but a workshop for toys. Even little Fritz, as soon as his chubby hand could grasp the pieces, was put to work.

"If the other children in the world were like me, they would find far more pleasure in being out-of-doors than in having any of these things," she said discontentedly, "and we might save ourselves the trouble of making them."

"Then, if all others were like you, my Elsie, we should lack bread," answered her mother, reprovingly.

That was true, and Elsie was silenced, but she said to herself that the need for work did not make the doing of it any more agreeable, and she was tired of it all the same. By and by the mother put aside her work and set about preparing the simple supper. Then the father left his, and went out to look after that one family treasure, the cow. Elsie fastened a last wooden musket in the hands of a very stiff soldier, and with a sigh of relief, turned to see if Karl was not ready for a run up the mountain path.

"In a minute," Karl answered. "Come and see what I am doing."

He was writing on a scrap of paper—Karl had a knack for rhyming—and Elsie, bending over him, read:

Dear child, to whom this toy shall go,
My thought for thee thou wilt not know
Till in some hour, perhaps of pain,
An accident shall make it plain,
And show thee, in thy broken toy,
A message from the carver boy,
Who in his home so far away,
Made what has helped thee in thy play.

Karl laughed as Elsie repeated the last line, then adding his name and address, he folded it and tucked into a queer little figure on the table, glued on a head, and laid it away.

However stupid Elsie considered the other toys, that one was at once invested with interest. She planned so many adventures for it while they were taking their evening walk, that Karl found his little note had at least served one good purpose—that of rousing his sister from her dullness.

"But we may never hear from it again," he cautiously reminded her. "The toy may be thrown away or burned up at last, and nobody ever see the message."

"Oh, I'm sure they will!" said Elsie, confidently. "I think we shall hear from it."

And she was right. It was after long months had passed away; the snow had fallen on the mountain sides and melted away again, when one evening there reached the village a letter for Karl, a letter with an American post-mark.

"DEAR FRIEND KARL:—Don't you want to know what became of that nice little jingling letter of yours? My mamma says she is sure you will like to hear. I am a little American girl, and I have a dear little brother Teddy, who can't run about and play as I do, because he is lame. So we are always looking for things to amuse Teddy. And when I saw in a store one day, that funny manikin that you made, I bought it right away with my own pennies. Teddy laughed and laughed at its queer face, and liked it best of all his playthings. But the other day it fell off the table and broke all in pieces, and how Teddy did cry! We couldn't tell him that we would buy another just like it, because we never saw another just like it; but while we were looking to see if it could be mended, we found your note. Isn't it nice that my mamma can read German? That is how we know what you wrote, and she is going to turn my letter into German, too, to send back to you. You ought to have seen Teddy's eyes shine! and mamma's always shine, too, when his do. Well, we hunted you up on the map, so we know just where you live, and then mamma read us something in a book that tells all about the toy makers of your country. We hope you will write to us again so we can know more about you. We are going to put our pictures in this letter—Teddy's and mine. And mamma says she will send you a little package that she hopes will give you some pleasure in return for the pleasure you have given us.

Your little friend, DAISY.

Two sweet child faces looked out from a photograph, and the package proved to be books, over which book-loving Karl and Elsie were nearly wild with delight.

"If all our toy making could be so nice as that!" Elsie often said afterward. "That wasn't just work, it had a meaning to it."

"But I've been thinking," said Karl—it was always Karl who thought—"that we can put into all our work a meaning that the good God will see, if we do it the best we can, for His sake. It will be a message to Him."

"Why, that," answered Elsie, after a moment's pause, "is just our last Sunday's verse: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.'"

"And that, my Elsie, takes the drudgery out of all work," said the mother.—*Kate W. Hamilton in The Lutheran World.*

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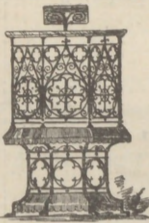
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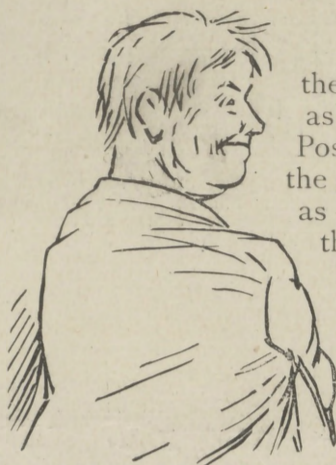
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Suggestions For Christmas Presents

CHARMING flower baskets for a bed-room stand may be made of green, yellow, or red china silk, fashioned like the crown of a hat, the silk shirred over a wire, with a full puff finishing the edge. The wire handle is rolled with ribbon, finished with an exquisite bow. A china or glass bowl is placed inside, filled with nasturtiums or autumn leaves.

BIRCH bark can be employed to make many pretty souvenirs, and for this reason one is glad that the removal of the silvery outer bark does not injure the tree. A boat or canoe about eight inches long may be cut out of a piece of bark, the two halves being sewed with stitches of bright silk. As it will not stand upon the sharp edge, prepare a rest for it by taking a flat piece of bark set with the rough side up. In this cut a groove to rest the boat in, and glue it fast. A tiny inkstand may be placed in the boat or on the bark standard in front, the boat in either case being designed to hold pens.

A TASTEFUL HANDKERCHIEF CASE.—Cut two squares of heavy cardboard rather longer than a folded mouchoir. Cover two of these with Nile-green satin, under which a heavily-scented layer of cotton wadding has been placed, and two with heavy white linen on which you have embroidered sweet peas, clover, or carnations (or any flower that suggests sweet odors), without foliage. When the tops and linings are overcast take them to a shoemaker and have him punch a row of holes across the backs, through which run a Nile-green lacing ribbon. Pass a wider ribbon around the whole and tie.

IN spite of the fact that they are not considered the mode, women will persist in wanting pin-cushions. The stuffed cushions sold all ready for covering are almost too hard for convenient use. Although they are very pretty when covered and trimmed, there is more satisfaction in making a soft, rather flat cushion, and stuffing it with wool wadding and covering it in some pretty way. Very dressy ones—if that word can properly be applied to the article—are surrounded by an upright and a falling frill of lace two inches wide. Over the centre is laid a small, richly embroidered doily, the four ends being fastened down tightly over the frills, which are made to show very prominently between the doily points. A flat, square cushion can be covered similarly with the corners of the doily coming over the centres of the straight sides, and the laced edges of the cushion that come between overlaid with loops of satin ribbon.—*Harper's Bazar.*

NAPKIN rings are made by rolling pieces of birch bark twice the width of the usual rings into the right-sized cylinders, sewing them in place, and tying them around with one broad or two narrow ribbons. Some shades of light green will contrast well, but any color may be chosen. A small piece cut in the shape of a triangle or an oblong, with pieces overhanded along the edges, making it into a shallow receptacle, will serve for a pin-tray. Lay inside a very thin silken pad or lining, and tie the corners with bows to match. A similar plan is used in the construction of a larger oblong for a comb and brush tray. Tack a little odd-shaped piece of the bark on a thin board cut to match, so it will not curl up out of shape, ornament it with a little bunch of grasses, and you have a back on which to fasten a small thermometer. Suspend it with a silver cord.

In a linen shop may sometimes be found a stock of tumbler or butter-plate mats, each one of which is a pansy, or other flower, solidly worked in white silk. Procure a square of Brussels net of the proper size for a table centre, and upon it arrange the mats to make a border, leaving an inch and a half of space between them. They are then applied neatly with invisible stitches. From one flower to another all the way around, mark two five-pointed scallops, one between the top of the flowers pointing inward, the other turned toward the outside and carrying on the edge formed by the flowers. These scallops should be heavily run with cotton and worked with white silk. The oval portions of net enclosed by the reversed scallops give a very novel effect to the border, and no one would imagine that the flowers were not embroidered upon the material.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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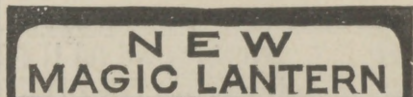
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