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My Dear Bishop:

If our brother Churches in every part of the country—especially those blessed with abundant means—could only realize the state of things, as you and I see it and know it, there would be, I am sure, no want of the material resources necessary to carry on the work with all the rapidity of which it is capable.

The Capital of this great nation is necessarily the pivotal point of national religious, as well as political, progress on the Continent. The astute and far-seeing authorities of Rome have seen it, and have established their headquarters at Washington, with a delegated authority that locates an almost dual Vatican in the District of Columbia, and thence conducts its propaganda in every part of the country, and exerts its powerful influence in every direction.

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I do most earnestly hope that our brethren everywhere may be led to understand the very great importance of the work at Washington, and help to the utmost of their abilities to carry it on.

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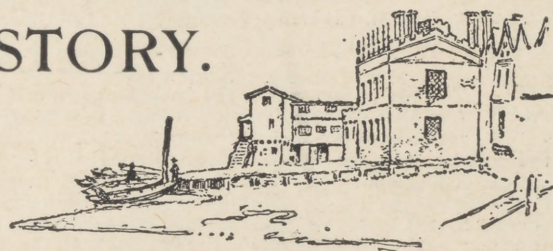
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Notes of the World's Progress

CONGRESS HAS CONVENED AND taken up the task of disposing of much legislation of importance. The Hon. Thomas B. Reed, whose long rule as speaker, made his position desirable or undesirable as the wishes of members were furthered or thwarted, is conspicuous by his absence. It is significant however that the famous rules of the "czar" will govern the Fifty-sixth Congress. His able successor, Congressman Henderson, of Iowa, will consequently wield a great power, provided he be possessed of a personality sufficiently strong to stand against the shafts of opponents. New phases of the colonial question have developed since the last session, and it will be within the province of the present body to determine upon a future policy. As the question of expansion and "imperialism" is likely to be a leading issue in the forthcoming presidential campaign, it will be approached cautiously, and handled with more care than would likely be the case were it divested of political significance.

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THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF COL. G. B. M. Harvey, proprietor of *The North American Review*, to the presidency of the Harper & Bros. corporation, and subsequent steps taken to place the house upon a firm financial foundation, will, it is to be hoped, perpetuate a business name closely interwoven with the literary progress and growth of the country. It had been surmised that the immense strides of cheaper publications were having an effect of cutting, in a measure, into the revenue of the company. With new life and vigor infused, and a change of policies which have been proven unwise, friends throughout the world of books and literature bespeak for the house of Harper a period of greater prosperity. Condolences are due the J. B. Lippincott Company whose valuable plant in Philadelphia was destroyed by fire last week. The actual loss is incalculable, as the disaster is on the eve of the holiday trade, the harvest time of the year for publishers.

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LIEUTENANT MONROE, NOW DOING duty in the Philippines, has in him the making of a great general and a diplomat, as he succeeded in accomplishing by strategy and without casualty that which force could not have accomplished. Lieutenant Monroe, with a force of fifty men, approached Bayombong wherein were gathered 800 armed Filipinos, and entering the place under a flag of truce, asked of the commander the surrender of the garrison, stating that he was the advance guard of an army. The insurgent general promptly capitulated, whereupon Lieutenant Monroe dispatched a messenger to his imaginary army, stating its services would not be needed. The question now is whether his exploit will earn official recognition and promotion. In the report of General Otis, the action does not come under a head similar to that of an admiral who reported: "The fleet under my command," etc.

AN OPPORTUNITY IS AFFORDED the Consumers League to apply its beneficial operations in Missouri and contiguous territory. Girls, to the number of 300, employed by a Kansas City concern engaged in the manufacture of overalls, are on strike, demanding that they be paid more than four cents per pair for making, which is the price allowed by their generous and munificent employers. The girls are cleverly arraying public sentiment on their side, and have secured the influence of the Kansas City church organizations. As the present year is one of unrivaled prosperity, marked by an unprecedented demand for the product of lines of industry in which overalled men are engaged, it would seem that the young women are entitled to full support in their struggle.

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AS A MARK OF RESPECT AND ESTEEM for the memory of Captain Gridley who commanded the flagship "Olympia" in the Manila engagement, the President and Admiral Dewey will assist financially a son of the deceased officer in preparing for an examination for appointment as lieutenant of marines, and every opportunity will be afforded him to achieve the result for which he is striving. It having become known that the widow of Captain Gridley is not in comfortable financial circumstances, Congress will be asked to increase her pension to an amount which will enable her to live in comfort. In these days when large pensions are in so many instances unworthily bestowed, it will be a pleasure for Congress to act in a case where there can be no question as to merits.

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VOLATILE EUROPEANS DO NOT ACCEPT with American composure either the utterances of public men or newspapers. In America such utterances are considered merely the expression of individual opinion, not as indicative of public policy. Recently Mr. Joseph Chamberlain delivered a speech in which he suggested the benefits to be gained by an alliance for the furtherance of American, British, and German interests, and immediately Europe is thrown into a state of fermentation. A few days later Mr. Joseph Choate, our ambassador to the Court of St. James, delivered an address at a Thanksgiving banquet, in which to a certain extent he followed the lead of Mr. Chamberlain, discussing what to his mind constituted sound policy, whereat the European press promptly goes into hysteria, extremists declaring a belief that a secret agreement exists between the three governments in question, a conclusion which is more than ridiculous. Fortunately no harm can arise from these continental outbreaks.

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A GREAT DEAL IS BEING PUBLISHED concerning dissatisfaction said to exist in Cuba over the proposed appointment of a civil governor. If reports are to be believed, the populace is divided into factions, holding sentiments varying from one ex-

treme to the other. Some would forcibly resist an attempt of the United States to institute a civil government, others would recognize such action as a preliminary step towards complete Cuban independence. Still others hold that annexation is the logical and most desirable outcome of the present situation. Until Congress deliberates and decides definitely what plans shall be adopted and put into effect, nothing will be done. At the present time, it is stated officially, the President does not intend to appoint a civil governor, therefore much Cuban dissatisfaction is unnecessary, and argument superfluous.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL CHARLES Emory Smith in his annual report, presents matters for the careful consideration of Congress. The business of the department which is an accurate reflection of the general prosperity of the country, shows a great increase in matter handled, and a corresponding decrease in the annual deficit. Radical reforms are recommended, with a view to making this branch of public service not only self-supporting, but a source of revenue. Had the reforms been in effect during the past fiscal year, it is estimated the net revenue would have exceeded fifteen millions of dollars. The subject to which the attention of Congress is directed, is "Abuses in Second-class Matter," and deals with the wrongs which have grown out of what was designed to be a privilege extended to legitimate newspapers and periodicals. More than one-fourth of the entire weight and volume of matter carried is rated as second-class, when, according to Mr. Smith, it should be rated as third-class. This involved an actual loss to the government of an amount exceeding twelve millions.

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THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY, of Paris, which will be prominently before Congress when the isthmian project is up for discussion, has made public its annual report, and from figures presented, the amount required for completion of the waterway is in excess of that estimated as the cost of construction by the Nicaraguan route. Apparently the report is prepared with a view to undermining the latter project, for comparisons are given of the two plans, and comment as to their feasibility. According to the views of Panama officials, the Nicaraguan route is impracticable, owing to earthquakes, which would have a disastrous effect upon stone and concrete work. The multiplicity of projects and routes proposed may have an effect of creating confusion in the minds of some congressmen, and thereby cause delay, and it is presumed the railroad lobby will not be averse to extending such assistance as may be necessary to conserve the interests of employers. It is a safe assumption however, that until the appropriation for surveys and commissions is exhausted, there will be no definite action.

The News of the Church

The Cathedral of Washington

One hundred years ago, plans for the laying out of "The Federal City," as it was to be called, were much under discussion. At the appointment of General Washington, Major L'Enfant, of the French army, a man of no ordinary ability, assisted in laying out plans for the streets and more prominent buildings. Among other things, he urged the erection of a church for national purposes, such as public prayer and thanksgiving, funeral orations over public men, and other public religious functions. "It will be likewise," he added, "a shelter for such monuments as were voted by the last Continental Congress for those heroes who fell in the cause of liberty, and for such other monuments as may hereafter be decreed by the voice of a grateful nation." Assigned to the use of no particular sect or denomination, this church was to be the cathedral of the nation.

The project was abandoned, and abandoned wisely, for Church and State in America must of necessity be separate, and the purpose of a great national cathedral could not be fulfilled by the ministrations of any distinctively Protestant denomination.

The various Christian bodies, however, have long since recognized that the capital of the country is destined to be the centre of a great national religious influence. Accordingly, the Methodists have established in Washington their "American University," and the Baptists their "Columbian University"; while the Church of Rome has her so-called "Catholic University," and in the other powerful institutions which surround it, all under the direct and supreme charge of a personal ambassador of the Pope, has laid the foundation of what has been well called a "Dual Vatican."

Our own Church is the last in the field. True to its instincts of worship, it aims to establish in the capital, not a university, but a House of Prayer, for all people. Among English-speaking peoples, no book, next to the Bible itself, brings to human hearts such an overwhelming consciousness of the communion of saints, as that Book of Common Prayer which will be used at all the services of this cathedral. Again, all true Protestant and Catholic tendencies find a united and adequate expression in the life of the Anglican Communion. And just as she herself resists, as by a divine instinct, every attempt, whether from the Catholic side or the Protestant side, to limit her comprehensiveness, so a national cathedral of our branch of the Catholic Church will stand in the capital of the whole country, not as a monument of the spirit of sectarianism, but as a witness for Christian unity, with that Anglican basis for the re-union of Christendom inscribed over its doorway: "Holy Scriptures and Apostolic Creed; Holy Sacrament and Apostolic Order."

A year ago a rare opportunity presented itself of securing for a cathedral a site, not only the best adapted for the purpose within the limits of the District of Columbia, but also one which has been strikingly set apart by its peculiar history, for such a use. On this site stands the little church of St. Alban, giving its name to the surrounding property. Free and without debt from its first founding, consecrated by unceasing services for more than fifty years, it has stood like a sentinel guarding the land from secular and worldly uses. Though the cathedral trustees have in hand less than half the price asked for the land, the chance of securing this site for a great national cathedral could not be lost. Under the conviction that the Church at large will sooner or later not only realize the importance of this Church institution, but give it adequate support, the venture of faith was made, the land was bought, and the first cathedral service held upon the site was the unveiling of the Peace Cross in the presence of the President of the United States and the members of our last General Convention. This at once

gave a national character to the cathedral of Washington, and that influence, as all experience proves, is bound to grow. The cathedrals of Europe, which stand with open doors, with daily services of prayer to God, and Eucharistic celebrations each Lord's Day, have ever wielded a mysterious power, increasing with the increment of years and the development of history. It is so in all Christian lands. No other type of building combines so much religious sentiment, national and local, none so warms the heart of the emigrant with the love of home.

The greater the commercial prosperity and the political power of our nation, the greater will be the danger that our heart be lifted up to say: "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me all this wealth"; and correspondingly the greater becomes the need of those broad religious influences which centre in a national cathedral in the capital of the country, lest we forget the Lord our God, "lest we forget."

Daughters of the King

The Bishop of Kansas has received lately \$173 from the Daughters of the King of the diocese, which is placed at his disposal for missions. Each year they raise a certain amount by free-will offerings, which is called the Bishop Thomas Memorial Fund.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania diocesan council was held on Tuesday afternoon, 28th ult., in the parish building of the church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia. In the absence of Mrs. J. B. Falkner, president, Mrs. M. E. Stockton, vice-president, took the chair. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Newlin conducted a brief devotional service. After the roll call, which showed 18 chapters to be represented, some by as many as eight delegates, the treasurer's report was read; balance on hand, \$100 62. Reports were received from several chapters, all of which told of progress. The Rev. Mr. Robinson criticised the prayer of the Order, beginning "O Eternal Father," and there was some discussion over it, Mrs. John Moncure saying that the prayer had been frequently criticised before; but that it had become so familiar and so dear to the 16,000 Daughters of the King that it could not be changed very well now. The election for officers resulted as follows: President and diocesan secretary, Mrs. John Moncure; vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Stockton; recording secretary, Mrs. Joseph Wood; treasurer, Miss C. M. Loveaire. In the evening, services were held in the church, the rector, the Rev. Dr. J. D. Newlin, presided, and the Daughters of the King attended in a body. The report of the diocesan secretary was read, and consisted of a full report of the convention of the Order recently held at Atlanta. Addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Arthur Rogers, F. M. Taitt, and Leverett Bradley.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A service was held in Grace church, Petersburg, S. Va., Nov. 25th, preparatory to an early corporate Communion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in that city. The Rev. O. S. Bunting conducted this service, and was the celebrant.

Meeting in Pittsburgh

An immense gathering in Carnegie Music Hall, on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, took part in the anniversary exercises of the Brotherhood, under the auspices of the Local Assembly of the diocese. The general subject was: "Our responsibility as Christian men in the life of the nation." The Bishop presided. The service began with the Brotherhood Hymn, followed by the recitation of the Apostles' Creed, and prayers by the chaplain, the Rev. H. E. Thompson. The first address was an introductory one, by the Bishop of Pittsburgh. John W. Wood corresponding secretary of the Domestic and

Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, made a strong and pleasing address, on the topic for the evening. The closing address was by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gallor, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee, who spoke with great power and eloquence on "Personal responsibility." In closing, the Bishop said: "Let us try to make our religion a consecration of everything in life. Let men see that the best Christian is the best patriot. Let us hate and despise the blunder of a selfish life. Give labor its due reward. Let us have the Eternal God for our refuge, and underneath us the Everlasting Arms. And let us have an unconquerable patriotism in the fear of God."

Washington Local Council

The regular bi-monthly meeting was held in the Epiphany parish rooms on the evening of Nov. 27th. There were 120 men present, being the largest and most enthusiastic gathering ever held by the council. The president, Mr. Frank M. Evans, was in the chair, and after a short business session, introduced Col. Cecil Clay, the newly elected member of the General Council from this diocese, who made a very happy and telling address, on "What is the matter with the Brotherhood?" The Bishop followed, with a strong appeal for self-sacrifice on the part of Brotherhood men. The next address, by Mr. John W. Wood, aroused much enthusiasm, as it touched upon many points of Brotherhood duty and service. There were also brief speeches by the Rev. Mr. Aspinwall, Rev. Dr. McKim, and others. The singing was one of the inspiring features of the occasion.

Corporate Communion at Hollis, N. Y.

On St. Andrew's Day, at 7:45 A. M., there was a corporate Communion of the Brotherhood chapters of Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, Hollis, and Queens, at St. Gabriel's church, Hollis, the priest-in-charge, the Rev. R. D. Pope, being celebrant, assisted by the Rev. G. Wharton McMullin, of St. Joseph's, Queens. About 30 men made their Communion, and three boys were admitted to the junior chapter of this thriving mission.

Philadelphia Local Assembly

The 12th annual meeting was held on the 29th ult., in the parish house of Holy Trinity church, Mr. Ewing L. Miller presiding. The Rev. L. N. Caley, chaplain of the Brotherhood, offered prayer, and an address of welcome was made by the rector, the Rev. F. W. Tomkins. The report of the executive committee stated that 10 new junior chapters have been chartered. The active roll in the district now numbers 29 chapters, with a membership of 402 boys. Three new senior chapters were chartered in the past year, and eight dormant or dead chapters revived. The present roll shows 76 active chapters in the diocese of Pennsylvania, with 1,018 men, a net increase of three chapters and 17 men; 27 chapters report condition better, as compared with last year; 46, about the same, and three not as good. The nine sectional conferences held 28 meetings, with attendance varying between 20 and 70. The election resulted as follows: President, Ewing L. Miller; vice-president, J. Lee Patton; secretary, F. H. Longshore; treasurer, C. L. S. Tingley; chaplain, the Rev. Robert W. Forsyth; and an executive committee of 14. A resolution was adopted requesting the executive committee to provide, if possible, a corps of men for work among college students. A conference ensued, John E. Baird in the chair. The question, "What does the rule of service mean? Shall it be re-tated?" was discussed by Messrs. J. L. Patton, E. H. Bonsall, G. Harry Davis, the Rev. Messrs. C. L. Fulforth, J. P. Tyler, and others. Discussion of the topic, "The spiritual side of the chapter meeting," was opened by E. H. Bonsall. A resolution of regret was adopted relative to the resignation of John W. Wood as general secretary. At 8 P. M. the anniversary service was held in the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Tomkins. At

7:30 A. M., on St. Andrew's Day, the corporate Communion of the Brotherhood took place in the assembly room of the Church House, Philadelphia, the Rev. L. N. Caley, chaplain, being celebrant.

Canada

Diocese of Huron

The Bishop made a Confirmation tour in the county of Grey, in the beginning of November. He arranged to hold a Quiet Day in London, on the 30th, for the clergy of Middlesex, that day being the anniversary of his consecration to the episcopate. A large number of delegates were present at the quarterly deanery meeting of Middlesex, on the 7th. There was a very large attendance at the re-opening service of the church at Highgate, on the last Sunday in October. The building has been much beautified and improved. The new Sunday school house in connection with All Saints' church, Windsor, was opened recently. The new building is a very fine one. A service of prayer is held every day at noon in Memorial church, London, to ask for success to the British army in South Africa. The organ of St. James' church, South London, is to be operated by water power. The 18th anniversary of St. George's church, Owen Sound, was observed on the 22nd Sunday after Trinity with appropriate services. The Ven. Archdeacon Davis, of London, preached both morning and evening to very large congregations. The Rev. Arthur Murphy, Huron diocesan missionary, who has spent the last year in England assisting the Rev. Hay-Aitken in carrying on Mission services, has returned to Canada with his family, and started from Halifax, as soon as he landed, on a tour through the Lower Provinces. Among the last Missions he conducted while in England, was one at the second largest barracks in the country, from which many soldiers have since left for South Africa. His first work on his return was a 15 days' Mission at St. James' church, Lower Cove, Fredericton.

Diocese of Ontario

The plan of rebuilding St. George's church, Kingston, by day labor, is apparently resulting in a very high class of work. No inferior material will be found in the new church. The only parts not done by day labor are some masonry work and the manufacture of the steel used in the structure.

Diocese of Niagara

At the semi-annual meeting of the rural deanery of Wellington, it was arranged that the missionary meetings throughout the diocese should be held on the 2d Sunday in November. Bishop Du Moulin wishes that the clergy of the diocese should use the prayer, "In Time of War and Tumult," during the present war. St. Thomas' church, Hamilton, celebrated the 43d anniversary of the parish, and 27th of the building, by special services, Nov. 5th. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew arranged for a meeting for men on St. Andrew's Day in Christ church cathedral, Hamilton. Bishop Du Moulin was to preach.

Diocese of Ottawa

Bishop Hamilton was present at the deanery conference at Hawkesbury, in October. The subscriptions to the Mission Fund, of which the list is lately closed, show an advance over last year's contributions throughout the diocese. The offerings at the cathedral, Ottawa, on Thanksgiving Day, were devoted to the Children's Hospital.

Diocese of Toronto

St. James' cathedral, Toronto, was filled to overflowing, many standing outside throughout the service, on the occasion of the solemn service for commending to the Almighty Care the Canadian troops who sailed that day, Oct. 31st, for South Africa, to take their share in the defence of the empire. The mayor and corporation of the city were present. The service lasted about 40 minutes. A special hymn was sung, composed for the occasion. The reports read at the council

of the Church Boys' Brigade, at their autumn meeting in the Synod office, Toronto, were very satisfactory. Three ex members of the brigade have gone to South Africa with the Canadian contingent, and more are ready when needed. The 52d anniversary of Holy Trinity church, Toronto, was celebrated recently. The new building of St. Hilda's College, in connection with Trinity University, Toronto, was opened at the annual meeting of convocation, in the end of October. The Rev. Dr. Body, of New York, preached the sermon in the college chapel. At the quarterly meetings of the committees of the diocesan synod, in November, the Widow and Orphans', the Mission, and the Algoma funds were all declared to be in a very bad condition. There are in Toronto, according to the city directory, 34 Anglican churches, though the Synod journal gives the number of 44. Foremost among these is St. James' cathedral which has existed in some shape for nearly 100 years. The present building was begun in 1853.

Chicago

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

On the last Sunday of the Church's year, the offering at St. James' realized over \$1,000 for St. Luke's Hospital.

The sale of programmes of the music used at the recent choir festivals, produced a sum that met the expenses of printing, etc.

Most of the city clergy were invited to act as a reception committee to the Very Rev. C. W. Stubbs, D. D., Dean of Ely, on the occasion of his lecture on "Shakespeare as a religious teacher," Thursday, Dec. 7th.

On the committee of 100 citizens named by the executive of the Civic Federation, "to study the educational system of Chicago, and recommend remedies for defects should any be found," the Rev. T. D. Phillipps has been placed. Thus the clerical as well as the lay element of the Church is represented on this committee which met for organization last Saturday.

The Bishop's Anniversary

Bishop McLaren, the 25th anniversary of whose episcopate occurs Dec. 8th, went to Waterman Hall, Sycamore, on Saturday last, accompanied by Mrs. McLaren, for a week's rest. They will be the guests of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fleetwood. Of the eight consecrators of the Bishop only three are alive: Whipple, of Minnesota, Spalding, of Colorado, and Gillespie, of West Michigan. Bishop McLaren stands 114 in the list of 195, beginning with Seabury, and ending with Gravatt, of West Virginia. Of the 57 bishops consecrated prior to Dec. 8th, 1875, and then living, only 22 are alive to day; while of the seven consecrated in that year, only Bishop Brown, of Fond du Lac, consecrated a week later than the Bishop of Chicago, is dead.

New Rector for Christ Church

The Rev. S. B. Pond, of St. Matthew's church, Norfolk, Conn., has accepted a call to Christ church, Chicago, and will enter upon his duties the first Sunday in January. Mr. Pond is a graduate of Columbia University, and of the General Theological Seminary.

Death of Voluntine C. Turner

On Saturday last there passed away suddenly, at the age of 76, Voluntine C. Turner, for many years a parishioner of St. James. A resident of this city for over half a century, his name is intimately associated with the street railway system of Chicago, which he organized on the North side 40 years ago. His surviving sisters are Mrs. J. S. Rumsey and Mrs. E. J. Whitney, members of St. James, from which church he was buried by the Rev. Dr. Stone and the Rev. T. A. Snively on Tuesday last.

St. Peter's Parish

The Rev. J. S. Stone preached on Sunday evening last, in St. Peter's, the first of a special course of Advent sermons. The other preachers will be the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Richardson, C. P. Anderson, and Charles Scadding. In this parish the local chapter of the Brother-

hood is a very live one, as is evidenced by the considerable attendance of young people at all services. At the annual meeting on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Director, H. T. Young; vice-director, C. B. Roden; secretary, W. Mason; treasurer, Frederick Ludle; member of local assembly, H. H. Thompson. In announcing the annual sale last Sunday morning, the rector, the Rev. F. Du Moulin, notified his people that on no future occasion would any such announcement of a purely secular character be made by him from the chancel, but that the vestibule might be utilized for such notifications.

Church Home for Aged Persons

The annual reception to friends, on the afternoon of Nov. 28th, was well attended. The visitors were so generous in their contributions, both of money and supplies, that ample provision of creature comforts was made for all in the Home on Thanksgiving Day, and for many weeks beyond; indeed, of some necessary articles no further need will cause anxiety during the winter. The congregations of St. Mark's and Transfiguration set examples of generosity which, if contagious, would soon place the Home on a firmer basis of security.

St. Luke's, Western ave., Chicago

An improvement recently made is expected to contribute very materially toward meeting the annual interest on the mortgage debt of the mission property. This is the conversion of the store which adjoins the chapel into a fine hall to be rented for lectures, etc. The ladies are inaugurating it this week by holding in it the annual sale which is so regular a feature of so many of our city parishes just before Christmas.

25th Anniversary of Emmanuel, La Grange

Was fittingly observed on the evening of Dec. 1st. A large congregation assembled at 7:45, the rector, the Rev. Chas. Scadding, saying the shortened Evensong, and the Rev. W. R. Cross, of Hinsdale, reading the lesson. The choir was assisted by 22 members of that of St. Andrew's, Chicago, whose rector, the Rev. W. C. DeWitt, preached the anniversary sermon. The offering for the building fund having been taken, the Rev. Dr. Clinton Locke pronounced the benediction. Before the sermon a congratulatory telegram from the late rector, the Rev. Morton Stone, was read. An adjournment having been made to the capacious parish rooms adjoining, Mr. D. B. Lyman, in a brief address, spoke of the early struggles of the parish, and of the preacher as Emmanuel's first offering to the priestly office, and then introduced Miss Jennings who entertained the large audience in song, prior to the serving of refreshments. The life of this strongest of suburban parishes is a telling exponent of marvellous western growth in Churchly as in secular affairs. The Church has always been first in this community, not simply because first on the ground, but because of the sound financial principles of its leading laity; always ready to feel their missionary responsibility, and alive to the importance of continued advance. The Church was planted in La Grange by five communicants who met regularly for nine months, with lay-reading of the services. The first church was commenced in 1875 from plans by Bishop Whitehouse, almost his last act. On Dec. 14, 1874, the first rector, the Rev. F. M. Luson, who died about 1891, was called, and remained for five years. The first organization comprised D. B. Lyman and J. Kemper Philo (son of a Canadian clergyman), as wardens, with vestrymen W. Charnley, Franklin D. Cossitt (a Chicago pioneer, and present at last Friday night's service), Otis S. Lyman (still living in La Grange), and A. W. Mitchell. The Rev. E. B. Taylor was priest-in-charge for nearly a year. Then came the Rev. William Fisher Lewis, now rector of St. Peter's church, Peekskill, N. Y., who was rector for about three and one-half years. He was succeeded by the Rev. Morton Stone, now rector of St. Thomas, Taunton, Mass., who remained 11 years. The present rector, the Rev. Chas. Scadding, came to the diocese from Toledo nearly four years ago. The

first church, though commenced in 1875, was not roofed till 1878, and then opened uncarpeted, but without debt, having cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The people previously worshiped for two years in the basement. The fine stone rectory was acquired in 1886 at a cost of \$6,800, exclusive of price of the land. The corner-stone of the new church was laid in 1894, and was occupied in Dec., 1895, completely furnished, at a cost of \$40,000, including the addition of a sacristy and a choir-room, making connection with the old church now converted into a very commodious parish house, and the furnishing of a useful gymnasium. The whole plant, one of the most complete in the diocese, and covering half a block, or 10 lots, with a frontage on three streets of 50 ft. each, in all 250 ft. by 270, has an estimated value of \$75,000. All this has been done in a community that boasts no great wealth in its membership, but which has been noted for the hearty co-operation accorded by all to the rector and vestry.

New York

Henry Codman Potter, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

At St. Matthew's church, arrangements are being made for classes for mothers and teachers.

The American Church Missionary Society held its annual meeting at the Church Missions House, Nov. 29th.

A pulpit and rood screen are being erected as memorials at the church of the Beloved Disciple, at a cost of about \$2,000.

The work of Bishop Potter will be taken up and temporarily carried forward by Bishop Talbot, of Central Pennsylvania, after Dec. 10th.

The Church Club and the local assembly of St. Andrew's Brotherhood partook of the Holy Communion in a body at Calvary church, on St. Andrew's Day.

Church of St. Mary the Virgin

The 29th choir anniversary was held Sunday, Nov. 26th. The choir was assisted for the occasion with orchestral instruments.

Service for Hospital Inmates

In addition to ministering to the congregation of the church of the Archangel, now worshipping in the crypt of the cathedral of St. John the Divine, the rector, the Rev. Geo. S. Pratt, is holding Sunday afternoon services at the chapel of St. Elizabeth, for inmates of the General Memorial Hospital.

Confirmations by Bishop Hare

Acting for Bishop Potter, Bishop Hare administered the rite of Confirmation at the church of the Holy Communion, Liberty, Nov. 29th; at the church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, and the church of the Ascension, Rhinecliff, Dec. 1st, and at St. Paul's church, Spring Valley, and St. John's church, New City, Sunday, Dec. 3d.

Consecration of Chapel at Nyack

Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, acting for Bishop Potter, has just consecrated the new edifice of the chapel of the Holy Angels, Nyack, which has been erected as a memorial of the late Isaac Bell, for the use of inmates of the Bell Home, supported by his wife. The structure, which has a seating capacity of 50, is Gothic, and built of Indiana limestone.

Home for Indigent Christian Females

The new building for St. Luke's Home, at 114th st., just dedicated, has provision for 92 inmates, the present number under care being 68. The edifice has a frontage and depth of 100 feet, and rises six stories. It is substantially constructed of neutral-toned brick, with stone trimmings. An enlarged income will be needed to maintain it. The cost of the building has been \$375,000.

St. Simon's, Borough of Richmond

Has taken another step forward, and built a rectory. It adjoins the parish hall, erected 18 months ago, and is close to the church. The triangle of ground upon which three buildings stand is being laid out attractively, making a pleasant sight upon what a few years ago was a

dismal swamp and dumping ground. The rectory is from the design of Mr. Henry Otto, architect, of Stapleton, and is much admired both for its external appearance and internal convenience. The Rev. H. Newman Lawrence, the priest-in-charge, under whose care both the parish hall and the rectory have been erected, assisted by his wife and family, gave a house-warming reception on Nov. 28th, when a large and merry party gathered and exchanged mutual congratulations.

Advent Services

At Trinity church, daily on Advent services for business men began Dec. 4th, the preachers during the week being the Rev. Drs. Geo. R. Van De Water, Geo. M. Christian, Morgan Dix, C. N. Niles, J. N. Steele, and the Rev. Arthur Ritchie. At St. Paul's chapel, Broadway and Fulton st., there are noon-day services for business men, with litany, hymns, and address, on the Fridays in Advent.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan's Generous Gift

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has added \$350,000 to the \$1,000,000 previously given by him to the Society of the Lying-In Hospital, and has also presented the society with two houses adjoining its property in East 18th st., so as to enlarge its site. The new building being erected through his liberality, and already described in the columns of THE LIVING CHURCH, is being pressed toward completion, the pressure of applicants being very great. During the past year the society cared for 2,848 cases at their homes, in addition to those under treatment at the institution. It is remarkable that 2,033 were cases of foreigners. The diet kitchen of the society relieved 681 families. There were 45,340 medical visits made to tenement houses. The cost of maintaining the charity was \$32,447 35.

Pennsylvania

Ozi William Whitaker, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

Dean Stubbs, of Ely cathedral, addressed the students of the collegiate department of the University of Pennsylvania at the chapel service, on Tuesday, 28th ult.

The Advent Offerings

Of the Sunday schools of the diocese will be devoted to Bishop Wells, of Spokane, and to the building fund of the new parish house of the mission of the North-west convocation.

The Theatre Services

Heretofore held in Philadelphia during the winter months, under the direction of the Rev. J. Edgar Johnson, will not be resumed until after the Christmas holidays, when their 19th season will begin. Bishops Doane, Talbot, and McVickar, the Rev. Drs. McConnell, Worcester, and others are among the preachers selected.

The Society of Colonial Wars

At their sixth annual service on Sunday afternoon, 26th ult., at old Christ church, Philadelphia, celebrated the 141st anniversary of the capture of Fort Duquesne by Colonel George Washington. The invited guests included members of 12 patriotic societies, and completely filled the building. The service was under the direction of the rector, the Rev. Dr. C. Ellis Stevens, chaplain-general of the General Society. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins.

Zion Church, Philadelphia

Which has been closed several months for renovation and repairs, was formally re-opened on the 1st Sunday in Advent, and the Rev. Edmund Burk who has accepted the rectorship entered upon his duties. Under the rectorship of the Rev. C. C. Walker, the vestry entered upon extensive preparations for improvements in its interior. The whole building has been re-carpeted, notably the church, which occupies the second story. Finely finished walnut pews have been introduced, and a new set of choir stalls have been arranged in front of the organ. The walls have been richly frescoed and wainscoted in walnut. Eight new stained glass

windows light the body of the church, while, on either side of the chancel fine memorial windows have been erected to the memory of former rectors.

Western New York

Wm. D. Walker, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

The Church Club of Rochester

A large and representative meeting was held at Powers' Hotel on Friday evening, Nov. 24th. Among those present, as guests of the club, were several of our clergy, two of the leading Presbyterian ministers of the city, and others not Churchmen. The speaker of the evening was Mr. John Howe Peyton, army secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The subject of his address was, "Moral and religious conditions and prospects in the Philippines," and it made a great impression on all who heard it. A local paper speaks of it as "able, authoritative, instructive."

Consecration of Trinity, Rochester

The season of thanksgiving was the time chosen for the consecration of this house of worship. There was ripe corn on the altar, and about the church were arranged the ripened fruit and grain. White altar cloths and white chrysanthemums were used in tribute to the festal character of the day, which was one of thanksgiving and rejoicing for Trinity church. A large representation of the parishioners gathered at 9 A. M. for the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Webbe, of Irvington, N. J., celebrant, the rector, the Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, assisting. The consecration service was at 10:30. The procession was led by the Bishop who was followed by all the clergy of the city, and many from out of town. Mr. H. W. Davis, senior warden, read the request for consecration, and the Bishop laid the keys of the church on the altar, and offered the prayer of consecration. Morning Prayer followed, the music being appropriate and rendered by a special choir. "Unfold, ye portals" was particularly beautiful, in four solo parts, with chorus of 16 voices. The Bishop preached. A luncheon was given in the parish house at 1 o'clock, in compliment to the Bishop and the visiting clergy. The tables were set in the form of a cross, and the decorations were white chrysanthemums. The Bishop presided. There was no formal speech making. Trinity parish is 54 years old, having been organized Oct. 27, 1845. It is the third parish of the city in point of age. During the rectorship of Dr. Whitehouse, of St. Luke's, afterwards the Bishop of Illinois, a mission Sunday school work had been carried on in a stone schoolhouse. Three thousand dollars had been raised, and the lot upon which this schoolhouse stood had been bought. In 1846 the parish sold the lot on Brown st., and bought one on the corner of Frank and Center sts. A brick church was built, at a cost of about \$4,000, the corner-stone being laid on June 14, 1846. The first service was held on Christmas eve of that year. On Feb. 15, 1848, the church was consecrated by Bishop De Lancey. On June 23, 1880, ground was broken for the erection of the present church, and on July 29th the corner-stone was laid by Bishop Coxe. The first service was held in the new church just one year later, July 29, 1881. The cost of the church was \$22,500. On Dec. 5, 1883, ground was broken for the erection of a parish building in the rear of the church, at the cost of \$1,360.

Washington

Henry Yates Satterlee, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

Annual Meeting of the S. H. S. H. S. and C. H.

The 16th annual meeting of the Society for the Home Study of Holy Scripture and Church History, was held at the library, 1316 W. st., N. W., Nov. 23rd. The president, the Bishop of Washington, presided, making a brief address, in which he expressed appreciation of the able manner in which the work is being conducted, but regretted that the upper room of the library could not be used, for lack of funds to put it in

order, and also that there is not more general use both of the courses of study and of the thoroughly equipped reading-room and library of the society. A report of the work of the past year was read by the director, Miss Sarah F. Smiley. Testimonials were awarded to the 45 students who passed the June examination. Of the 11 graduates, nine will receive the Jerusalem Cross as students of Holy Scripture; two, the Triquetra Knot as students of Church history, and one, having completed eight years of study in both courses, the Canterbury Cross. Few of the successful students were present, the work being done chiefly by correspondence, and the students resident in various dioceses.

Iowa

Theodore Nevin Morrison, D.D., Bishop

Christ Church, Waterloo

Nov. 23d the whole parish surprised the rector and Mrs. Madeira, thronging the rectory, and bearing a feast of good things. The evening was spent in games and singing. Before leaving, Mr. Ansel Humphreys, on behalf of the parish, presented to Mrs. Madeira a superb set of silk damask table linen, saying that it was given with the love of the whole parish, and many were the wishes for the long continuance of the present rectorate. The Rev. E. E. Madeira has been rector of this parish for a little over three years, in which time about 80 have been added to the communicant list.

Alabama

Richard Hooker Wilmer, D.D., LL.D., Bishop
H. Melville Jackson, D.D., Bishop-coadjutor

Trinity Church, Mobile

Of the 12 windows which are to add so much to its beauty, six are in place, the last having recently been erected in memory of John Y. Thompson, a former vestryman of the parish, by a legacy given by the late Miss Philpot. They are of the heaviest opalescent glass, set in copper-plated zinc in steel frames, and built to withstand the ravages of both climate and time. All six of the windows were made in Chicago.

Actors' Church Alliance

The Rev. O. P. Fitzsimmons has been appointed chaplain for the Birmingham theatrical district. It is part of the chaplain's duties to get the local managers of theatres to take an interest in the work of the Alliance, and obtain permission to post in the theatres notices containing a list of the churches and services, and stating that any member of a company can be visited, and any sick who may be left in the town will be looked after and cared for.

Nebraska

George Worthington S.T.D., LL.D., Bishop
Arthur L. Williams, Bishop-Coadjutor

St. Andrew's Church, Genoa

The United States government has a large industrial school for the Indians at this place. The average attendance is about 300. A large number of these Indians are baptized members of the Church, coming, as many of them do, from the jurisdiction of Bishop Hare and Bishop Whipple. A number of them have also been confirmed. But until now we have had no Church building at this place, and only irregular services. Last spring the Rev. C. A. Weed, of Columbus, took steps toward the building of a church at this point. Through the liberality of the Bishop and other friends of the Indians, a lot was secured near the Indian school, in a splendid location, and about \$1,200 was secured for a Church building. The contract was let, and work began. The pastor of the Presbyterian body very kindly offered to rent his church to us, at a nominal price, which was gladly accepted. Since the first of last March, the Rev. Thomas Hines, rector of Trinity church, Cedar Rapids, has held service there every two weeks on a week night. The attendance has been good. The number of Indians attending the services has been from 100 to 150, and a few of the white residents of the town have also been present.

On Nov. 16th, the Bishop-coadjutor, in company with the Rev. Messrs. Weed, Marsh, and Tripp, visited Genoa, and administered the rite of Confirmation to 15 persons in the unfinished Church building. Ten of the class were Indians, and five white people. Four of these are connected with the school, two of them being the wife and daughter of the superintendent, and one a white resident of the town. The Bishop's address to the class was very earnest and impressive. After the service Mr. Ross, the superintendent of the government school, and Mrs. Ross, entertained the Bishop and the clergy at their rooms in the school building. Mr. Ross, though not a Churchman, has taken a deep interest in the work and in the building of the church, and has been a great help in many ways. As soon as the church is completed and furnished, an occasional service will be held there on Sunday by the clergyman from Cedar Rapids. The building is paid for, but funds are needed with which to buy furniture.

Central New York

F. D. Huntington, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

The Rev. W. DeL. Wilson succeeds the late Rev. P. N. Meade as dean of the Fourth District.

Arrangements are under way for parochial Missions this winter in the parishes of Zion church, Greene, the Rev. H. E. Hubbard, rector, the Rev. Mr. Lowe, of Canada, missionary; and in St. John's, Oneida, the Rev. John Arthur, rector, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Mockridge, missionary.

Long Island

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

In the church of the Incarnation, Brooklyn, the Rev. John G. Bacchus, rector, an interesting feature at the morning service on Thanksgiving, was the offering by the Sunday school of 25 baskets, representing the number of classes, each containing a dinner for a family unable to provide for itself.

On Thanksgiving night, the Trinity Club and the Girls' Friendly Society of Holy Trinity church, Brooklyn, tendered a joint reception to the people of the parish at the Hall Memorial House; 200 young men and women, members of the organizations, acted as hosts. A musical programme was rendered, prepared under the direction of Mr. Dudley Buck. The rector, the Rev. Dr. McConnell, and the Rev. D. M. Steele made brief remarks. In the club rooms upstairs, a fine collation was served.

A Quiet Day, in preparation for the Advent services announced in these columns last week, was held in Holy Trinity church, on Monday morning, Dec. 4th.

St. Jude's Church, Brooklyn

The Bishop confirmed a class on Dec. 1st, presented by the rector, the Rev. R. B. Snowden. A junior branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is being organized in the parish. The St. Jude's cadets have resumed their weekly drill, and the organizations are all doing good work.

St. Elizabeth's, Babylon, Consecrated

The handsome Gothic chapel recently erected by Mr. August Belmont, at the Nursery Farm at North Babylon, was consecrated by Bishop Littlejohn, Nov. 26th. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. George D. Sparks, of West Islip. The chapel, which has been already described in THE LIVING CHURCH, is located in the rear of the Belmont villa, and occupies a site overlooking the lake. Services will be conducted as regularly as the attendance warrants, by Mr. Sparks. The chapel has a seating capacity of about 100.

Church of the Ascension, Rockville Centre

A parish house, to cost \$3,000, is in course of construction. With other modern accessories, there will be a gymnasium. The church has a plot of ground, 150 by 200 ft., and the new structure will stand at the rear. The Rev. Wm. E. Nies has been in charge eight years, and in that time there has been an important growth.

The amount of \$19,000 has been expended in the acquisition and improvement of the present property, and the life of the parish has similarly advanced.

Massachusetts

William Lawrence, D.D., Bishop

Bishop Lawrence preached before the prisoners at the House of Correction, South Boston, on Thanksgiving Day.

The expenses of the general work of the City Board of Missions from April to November, are \$14,732.23; receipts, \$7,812.03; deficit, \$6,922.22.

St. Andrew's, Edgartown

Since the laying of the corner stone of the new church, on Sept. 7th, the work has advanced rapidly, and now begins to present an attractive appearance. The church, which is of brick, consists of porch, nave, baptistry, chancel, and vestry. The mason work (walls, gables, and chimney) is completed, and the first floor has been laid. The work is done thoroughly and well, under the careful supervision of the Rev. Dr. Gray, priest-in-charge, who has had considerable experience in this way. Arrangements are now being made to put on a neat open-timber roof. The building, when completed, will be an ornament in the town.

The Episcopalian Club

"Religion in the country" was the interesting topic discussed at the dinner Nov. 27th. Bishop Hall, of Vermont, the first speaker, said large portions of the country districts in New England are spiritually destitute. He thought the establishment of fixed mission stations one remedy for this condition of affairs. He did not advise the multiplying of itinerant diocesan missionaries, on account of the expense of the system. Parochial centres of fixed influence, to which people from round about would repair from time to time for religious services, was a good expedient. The Rev. F. Palmer spoke of the ignorance abounding in some parts of the country, and termed it astonishing. Present conditions could only be improved by pastoral work. The pastor must go into the homes of the people and be one of them. He advocated the organized work of laymen. Professor Mills told of his experience in sending circulars to country clergymen, asking for information; some of the replies were most encouraging. To carry religious influences where now there are none, required brains and money.

Los Angeles

Joseph Horsfall Johnson, D.D., Bishop
San Buena Ventura County

Nowhere in the whole domestic missionary field is better work being done than in this county. The Rev. Uriel H. Spencer is dotting the country with mission stations. He has an efficient coadjutor in Mrs. Spencer who accompanies him in his long missionary drives, and acts as organist and choir leader. St. Paul's church, Ventura, is the mother congregation. For a long time, Ventura, with a population of about 2,500, and the county seat, was the only important town; but in the rapid growth of some new places, its relative importance has decreased. Oxnard is a new town which has grown up rapidly in the neighborhood of an immense beet sugar factory—one of the largest in the United States. Hueneme is a shipping port for a very large part of the great agricultural and mineral productions of the county. Somis is a new town on the great Rancho Las Posas, through which the Southern Pacific railway is building a new line, a part of what will be its main overland line between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. In all these places vigorous congregations have been organized, and Mr. Spencer holds service as frequently as possible. His Sunday work begins with Holy Communion at 7 o'clock, Morning Prayer at 11, both at Ventura; then, driving 14 or 20 miles, he has afternoon service at one of the mission stations; and after that he drives back to Ventura for evening service. A good lot has just been given

to the church at Somis by Mr. Thomas Bard, a generous Presbyterian; and the congregation are building a guild hall. Hitherto the services have been held in a school house. A handsome stone font has recently been placed in St. Paul's church, Ventura, a memorial of Mary Bernard Snyder.

South Carolina

Ellison Capers, D.D., Bishop

The Rev. Andrew E. Cornish, of St. John's chapel, Charleston, is endeavoring to arrange a plan whereby the older boys from the Orphanage and the Sheltering Arms, and the mothers of older girls, may learn how to work for themselves. He proposes to rent a farm on James Island, and under the guidance of an experienced farmer, raise vegetables for the Charleston market. To carry out the plan will require about \$1,000. Mr. Cornish's plan has been endorsed by several of the best and most successful planters on James Island, as entirely practicable.

Good Physician Hospital, Columbia

It is feared that this hospital will at last have to be abandoned for lack of means, Archdeacon Joyner having now on hand only sufficient means to support it another month, and also because the railroads coming into Columbia are about to build a large union station so near the hospital that it will be ruined for hospital purposes. It seems a pity that this work, the only thing of the kind for the colored poor in a densely crowded colored district, should die for want of means, when, as compared with the maintenance of hospitals elsewhere, the cost is so comparatively small.

Louisiana

Davis Sessums, D.D., Bishop

For some while St. Nathaniel's church, Melville, has been sadly in need of some pews. These have lately been furnished by generous friends.

Chimes for St. George's Church, New Orleans

They are the gift of Mrs. John A. Morris, and are to be of the same type as form the popular Westminster or "Cambridge Quarters," which in origin are attributed to England.

A Veteran Lay Reader

Mr. Jonas W. Bailey, Sr., the senior warden of St. John's church, Washington, was licensed to read in 1871 by the Rt. Rev. J. T. B. Wilmer, the second Bishop of Louisiana. A missionary priest, the Rev. W. S. Slack, visits Washington as often as he has opportunity, and in the interim Mr. Bailey acts as lay-reader. In this way Sunday services are continuous, and the life of the parish greatly fostered.

Arkansas

Wm. M. Brown, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood and his Parish

The Rev. Charles H. Lockwood, rector of Helena, has declined the archdiaconate of Little Rock, offered him by Bishop Brown. Mr. Lockwood is one of the best-known priests of the diocese, and for years has been president of the Standing Committee. His parochial ties are many, tender, and binding. The wardens and vestry of St. John's, upon hearing of his call to be archdeacon, unanimously passed resolutions stating that "for ten years he had served faithfully and well as a pastor. Finding a parish with about 92 communicants, his success is established by the fact that there are now over 250 communicants, and a church has been built.

While we rejoice in the merited honor conferred upon our rector in thus being tendered such a position, we must, in behalf of the vestry and congregation, respectfully request him not, at this time, to leave our parish, where his services are so much needed, and where his efforts have met with such gratifying results."

On Sunday, the 19th inst., in a brief but feeling talk, Mr. Lockwood told his people that the ties that held him there were too strong to be easily broken, and he could not give up his par-

ish, even for the larger field of missionary work offered him. This decision is very gratifying to the many friends of the rector, not only in his own congregation, but in the community generally.

Pulaski Heights

Bishop Brown spent Sunday, Nov. 12th, at this suburb of Little Rock, and conducted morning and evening service in the new public school building. There was a conference, at which it was decided to organize a Sunday school and provide for occasional services by a clergyman. The first session of the Sunday school was held on the 19th inst., when the Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, rector of Christ church, Little Rock, was present, who afterwards read Evening Prayer and preached. The Bishop's services were the first ever held on the Heights.

Pittsburgh

Cortlandt Whitehead, D.D., Bishop

The Rev. H. E. Gilchrist has resigned the care of the church of the Holy Cross, North East, and hereafter that place will be coupled with, and served by, the missionary in charge of Union City. Waterford will be served by the clergyman at Miles Grove, and Conneautville will be connected with Greenville. The Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, on Dec. 1st, entered upon his duties as priest-in-charge of St. Laurence, Osceola; Holy Trinity, Houtzdale; Good Shepherd, Ashcroft; and Our Saviour, Decatur, with residence at Osceola.

On Friday evening, at the Hotel Schenley, a reception was tendered Bishop Gailor and Mr. and Mrs. Wood, by the Church Club of the diocese, giving them opportunity to meet, in a social way, the Church people of the city.

Georgia

Cleland Kinlock Nelson, D.D., Bishop

The contract is let for a rectory for St. Mark's church, Dalton.

The initial steps have been taken for the building of a church in Douglas, the county seat of Coffee Co., where there is a good nucleus of Church people

The new St. Cyprian's church, Darien, to replace the building destroyed by a cyclone, is progressing nicely. At least \$700 is needed to bring it to completion.

Additions to Atlanta Clergy

The Rev. John H. Simons, formerly of Wilmington, Del., who has been in charge of St. Stephen's church, Savannah, during the summer, has been placed in charge of the colored work in Atlanta, and will conduct the services at St. Paul's church and St. Gabriel's chapel.

The Rev. Francis W. Ambler and the Rev. G. R. Micou, deacons, have been added to the staff of clergy in Atlanta. Mr. Micou will be employed in the city missions, and Mr. Ambler will look after the churches along the Western & Atlantic railroad. These, with the Rev. O. R. Bourne who is spending the winter here, make nine clergy now resident in Atlanta, besides the Bishop.

Church Hall for Girls

Mrs. Dodge, the widow of the late rector of St. Simon's Island, has followed the many benefactions of her noble husband, by opening a Church hall for girls in connection with the well equipped and admirably managed Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville. This plan is in accord with the earnest request made by the Bishop at the convention of 1898.

Vermont

Arthur C. A. Hall, D. D., Bishop

Bishop Hall went, Nov. 17th, on a two weeks' visitation to Maine, where the Church has been left for a time without a diocesan, through the death of the Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely. On Wednesday evenings in Advent, the Bishop will, as in past years, give a series of Scripture expositions at St. Paul's, Burlington, taking this year the beginning of St. Matthew's Gospel.

Virginia

Francis M. Whittle, D. D., LL. D., Bishop
Robert A. Gibson, D. D. Bishop-Coadjutor

Dr. R. B. Teusler, of Richmond, who was recently appointed by the Board of Missions to take charge of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan, will leave for that country about Jan. 1st. He was graduated in 1894 from the Medical College of Virginia, in which he has been a professor since. His wife, who will accompany him, is a sister of Dr. Edmund Lee Woodward who was lately appointed by the Board of Missions as a medical missionary to China.

St. Paul's Church, Richmond

Has recently instituted the holding of regular meetings monthly, for the congregation to get together and discuss the various branches of Church work, and other matters of special interest. They have been found very helpful in causing unity of action and feeling. At the last meeting fully 700 people were present. Brief reports and suggestions were had upon the Sunday school, the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, the Home for Aged Women, the Home for Children, the Woman's Auxiliary, Domestic and Foreign Missions, the choir, and other of the parish organizations. The Sunday school of St. Paul's mission on the canal, and the erection of a new and commodious chapel, in place of the one not long since destroyed by fire, occasioned much discussion and interest. A more eligible lot has been secured, upon which will be begun at once the erection of a new building, at a cost of about \$3,000, of which \$1,000 has been raised.

Monumental Church, Richmond

A similar congregational meeting was held Nov. 24th, in the Sunday school room of the Monumental church. Reports were read from the Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Branch, Daughters of the King, and other parish organizations, and also by the superintendent of the Sunday school and the treasurer of the church. These reports were much in detail, and informed those present of the exact condition of the activities of the church, and were very encouraging. Dr. Powers, of the American Church Missionary Society, read selections from his own writings.

Rappahannock Valley Convocation

The fall meeting was begun Nov. 14th, in St. Peter's church, Oak Grove. The Rev. S. S. Ware was elected treasurer. At 7 p. m. a missionary service was held, with an address by the Rev. Preston Nash on diocesan missions. Nov. 15th, after a devotional service, the Rev. W. D. Smith addressed the convocation on the subject of Dr. Gordon's book, "How Jesus Went to church"; later, Morning Prayer was said, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, after which the Rev. S. S. Ware delivered an address on "Preparing candidates for Confirmation." The subject, "What can be done to crush the tendency towards Sunday desecration," was selected as the essay for the spring meeting, with the Rev. B. T. Turner as essayist. After a business session, the convocation adjourned.

Kansas

Frank Rosebrook Millsbaugh, D.D., Bishop

The parish of St. George, Wakefield, are to build a rectory for their new rector, the Rev. John C. Anderson, who has just come to them from Maryland. They have already half of the amount in hand.

The church building in Eureka is nearly finished, and when complete will be out of debt.

Medora and Burton, two new missions, have been opened up by the Rev. Arthur Chard, rector of Hutchinson. The Bishop makes a visitation there soon.

Church of the Holy Apostles, Ellsworth

Has in hand the first payment and interest for the church building fund. This leaves only \$400 on an exceedingly pretty stone church, built under the direction of Archdeacon Watkins. This is his headquarters, and the Bishop has put him in charge of the work there.

Minnesota

Henry B. Whipple, D.D., LL.D., Bishop
M. N. Gilbert, D.D., LL.D., Bishop-coadjutor

A Missionary Loan Exhibit

Nov. 24th, the clergy and representative women of the various parishes met in Gethsemane parish house, Minneapolis, for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding a Missionary Loan Exhibit, such as was held in Philadelphia about one year ago. After some discussion, it was decided to hold such an exhibit on Jan. 9th, 10th, and 11th, in Gethsemane parish house. The Rev. Dr. Webb, the Rev. George H. Thomas, and Mrs. Hector Baxter were appointed a publicity committee, and a committee of five ladies on management. The various mission fields will be represented, and assignments were made as follows: Philippine booth, St. Andrew's; Minnesota booth, which will illustrate the Indian work, All Saints'; Mexican booth, Gethsemane; Chinese, St. Paul's; Japanese, St. Mark's; Turkish booth, Holy Trinity, and Puerto Rican or Alaskan booth, St. Matthew's. Prior to the opening of the exhibit each evening, a missionary rally will be held, when addresses will be made along the lines of missionary work represented. Church people are taking hold of the work with interest and energy, and its success is assured.

St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis

The Rev. Thomas W. MacLean who has accepted a unanimous call from the vestry, will preach for the first time on the 3d Sunday in Advent, Dec. 17th. Mr. MacLean comes from a field where he was much beloved, to a people known for their loyalty and love for their rectors, and much spiritual good must follow the coming together of such a priest and such a people.

St. Stephen's Mission, St. Paul

The prospect for a new church looks very encouraging. Something like \$900 has been subscribed within the past few months, \$700 of which came from the East. The little band of faithful colored people connected with this mission are making heroic sacrifices for this object.

Springfield

Geo. F. Seymour, S.T.D., LL.D., Bishop
Chas. R. Hale, D.D., Bishop-coadjutor

St. Mary's, E. St. Louis

The ladies have organized a sewing circle in the Woman's Guild, which meets every Wednesday afternoon at the home of one of the members of the circle. Considerable interest has been taken in the plan, and already a large amount of work has been turned out. The ladies have asked their friends to send their sewing, such as children's and infants' outfits, and table linen for hemstitching. They make a reasonable charge for their services, and the proceeds are placed in the treasury of the church. The parish at present has no home, and the members are forced to meet in a hall in the Lovington Building, East St. Louis, for their regular Sunday services. The ladies determined to assist in procuring a new home for the church, and also a guild room, and for this reason organized the sewing circle. The Rev. J. A. Antrim is in charge of this mission.

Western Michigan

George De Normandie Gillespie, D.D., Bishop
Epiphany Church, South Haven

The members tendered the Rev. and Mrs. Woodford P. Law a reception at Literary Hall, soon after their removal from Grand Rapids. The Congregational minister made an address of welcome. The missionary holds a morning service in the village, and rides out to one of the country school houses Sunday afternoon. The warden of the mission, now in the South, sent a cash donation to the ladies at the time of their annual sale and supper, which has been put at interest as the nucleus of a building fund. Chicago Churchmen who spend the summer at South Haven, will be pleased to learn that, for the first time, South Haven now has a resident

minister. The Rev. Mr. Law also holds service in Paw Paw.

Grace Church, Lyons

The Bishop recently opened the new church, assisted in the service by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. Thomas, D.D., and Cyrus Mendenhall. The building, which formerly belonged to the Methodists at Muir, was moved across Grand River to the Church property at Lyons, refitted for our services, and, when about to be opened, was burned. The generous people of Lyons rallied around Dr. Thomas, however, and now have a handsome church. Bishop Gillespie's sermon was a strong plea for reverence in God's holy temple, and for holiness in the individual Christian life.

St. Paul's, Greenville

Under the guidance of the Rev. Thos. Beeson, has been much improved by the placing of stained glass windows and new chancel furniture. Some \$300 has been raised by a very few workers to beautify God's house. New pews are needed, but cannot be purchased at present.

Connecticut

Chauncey B. Brewster, D.D., Bishop

Arrangements have been made and are making for addresses on the general subject of Missions, to be given in Advent and Lent by members of the Board of Managers and others, who will speak in the cities and larger towns of the diocese. The Bishop of Albany, vice-president of the Board, and the Rev. Dr. Abbott, of Cambridge, will begin this course of addresses in Advent.

Southern Virginia

Alfred M. Randolph, D.D., LL.D., Bishop

St. John's church, Petersburg, has paid off its total floating debt amounting to \$1,000.

Emmanuel Church, Staunton

A series of Mission services were begun on Nov. 23d. Each forenoon there were practical talks; in the afternoon, Bible studies; and at the night services, addresses on the Gospels. An address to men only on the subject of personal purity, was made on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26th. The Rev. Dr. Clampett, of Baltimore, was the missionary.

Southern Ohio

Thomas A. Jaggard, D.D., Bishop
Boyd Vincent, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor

Anniversary of Rev. J. W. Atwood

A special service commemorating the 5th anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. J. W. Atwood, of Trinity church, Columbus, was held Nov. 19th. He gave an address showing the advance made during the last five years, after which there was a song service. Among other things, Mr. Atwood said the parish had been founded 82 years, while the church building was erected 30 years ago. During the five years there have been 172 Baptisms, 167 Confirmations, 94 marriages, and 117 burials. For all purposes there have been contributed \$56,667. The church has two prosperous missions and 15 societies.

Children's Hospital, Cincinnati

The donation day exercises were held Nov. 23d, at the church of Our Saviour, instead of at the hospital, as it was feared one of the children had contracted scarlet fever. Bishop Vincent presided, and congratulated all connected with the management of the hospital on the fine showing made during the past year. The finance committee reported that the endowment had grown to \$81,901.38. It is hoped soon to make it \$100,000. The treasurer's report showed: Balance from last year, \$3,345; receipts, \$9,407.20; expenditures, \$9,099.88; balance, \$307.37. The report of the Board of Lady Managers, showed that at the beginning of the year there were 47 patients, and that during the year 211 had been admitted; 199 discharged, of whom 41 were much improved and 142 went forth cured. Action was taken that will soon secure a much-needed elevator for the hospital. The building of a ward for contagious cases, on

the same lot with the hospital, was discussed, and action taken. The offerings in money amounted to \$800.

New Jersey

John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop

Pipe Organ in St. Paul's, Bound Brook

On Nov. 23d a special service was held, and a pipe organ, recently placed in the church, was set apart by the Bishop to the glory and worship of God. There were special anthems by the vested choir, with two solo parts. At the close of the service, several selections were played upon the organ. The church has been enlarged, and is greatly improved by this addition.

North Dakota

Samuel C. Edsall, D.D., Bishop

Bishop Edsall is anxious to secure at once some earnest and capable priests for several vacant fields in this district. The best kind of men, full of zeal tempered by tact, are needed for this Western field. The salaries are not large, but are sure.

Bishop Edsall has sent the "cathedral car" to New Rockford, where a special track has been built, and the car will be used as a church during the coming winter, by the Rev. H. J. Sheridan, the missionary-in-charge. Mr. Sheridan will also hold occasional services in the car at other neighboring points in his field.

Visitations by the Bishop

On Sunday, Nov. 19th, Bishop Edsall visited the missions under the care of the Rev. E. W. Burleson, at Larimore and Northwood, confirming a class of five at the former place. On Monday the Bishop accompanied Mr. Burleson to Mayville, preaching in the evening and addressing the students of the Normal School on Tuesday morning. This was a difficult field, but Mr. Burleson's untiring energy is already accomplishing encouraging results. He has been holding services in the three places every Sunday, which necessitated a bicycle ride of 22 miles. On Nov. 12th Bishop Edsall visited St. John's church, Dickinson, a field now vacated by the resignation of the Rev. J. P. Lytton. The debt on this church was reduced \$50 by offerings at the services on the occasion of the Bishop's visit. On Nov. 14th, the Bishop and Mr. Lytton visited Medora, a place near the western border of the State, where no religious services of any kind are held. They arranged for starting a Sunday school and lay services.

The Episcopal Residence

The Bishop hopes to be able to occupy at an early date the new episcopal residence which has been built in Fargo with the proceeds of the fund turned over to him by Bishop Walker. The house is a commodious and handsome structure in the Colonial style, and has cost \$8,000. The Bishop is in need of further funds, however, to aid in paying for the house, as he has been compelled to make large advances from his private means, in order to provide the district with this much-needed centre for its work.

Park River, Valley City, and Wahpeton

The Rev. C. E. Dobson has begun encouraging work on the Park River branch of the Great Northern Railway. The Baptist place of worship at Park River has been rented, and there Mr. Dobson holds services on three Sundays in every month. On the fourth Sunday he visits Milton, where a large congregation has thus far greeted him. He also holds week-night services at Langdon and Inkster. The Rev. L. G. Moultrie is meeting with excellent success in reviving the life of All Saints' mission, Valley City. A large normal school is located there, and Mr. Moultrie has already won the hearts of the students by his interest in their athletic sports. He has been organizing and coaching their football team, a game in which he is an adept. At Wahpeton the Rev. Henry B. Easworth is holding regular services, and has inaugurated a promising Sunday school. A class of goodly number is awaiting Confirmation.

Editorials and Contributions

IT is announced that Dr. De Costa has sought a haven of rest by giving in his adherence to the Church of Rome. Reports from New York intimate that such a step was no surprise to his friends. It represents, however, a very complete revolution, when the fact is recalled that Dr. De Costa formerly belonged to the old Evangelical or Low Church party, and has never definitely owned himself a High Churchman. For the "Ritualists," who are popularly regarded as next door to Rome, he has always professed a strong dislike. Dr. De Costa has been best known in the past for his literary work, especially in connection with American Church history. His edition of the *Memoirs of Bishop White* has been the standard for many years. Though we regard his recent sweeping attack upon the Church as unjustifiable, applying as it did tests which no working theory of a visible Church could stand in the light of history, nevertheless the secession of a man of such learning and scholarship is a real loss to the Church, and one which we cannot regard as balanced by the accession of quite a different type of scholar at the opposite extreme. It is to be hoped Dr. De Costa will find in his new relations freedom from the difficulties which have troubled him. But if all accounts are true, Higher Criticism has its advocates even in the bosom of Rome. In fact, it originated in that Communion. Every scholar knows that it was Richard Simon, a priest of the Oratory, 1678 to 1689, from whose works the Germans of the 18th century drew the weapons of their critical warfare. So far as we are aware, his works were not condemned, at least when they appeared. It was the French Catholic, Astruc, also, who began the criticism of the Pentateuch. Dr. Briggs has asserted that his work on the Bible which has been received with so much question among ourselves, was warmly endorsed by certain Roman professors.

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Mission Schools in Japan

NOTWITHSTANDING the hopes expressed some weeks ago that the action of the Japanese government in reference to education would not affect the mission schools, it now appears only too evident that it has affected them very seriously, and, as the *Japan Mail* pointed out last summer, such was its intention. By the present regulations, children under ten years of age are not permitted to attend any schools except such as have a government license, and of which the course of study is regulated by law. And now the decree has gone forth that no religious exercises or instruction shall be given in schools holding such license, even though they are private schools and entirely supported by private funds. This inevitably shuts out the mission schools from having anything to do with the training of young children. If such schools retain the State license, they cannot teach the Christian religion, which is the purpose for which they have been founded and supported. If they give up their license, they lose the children. Even in the case of those over ten years of age, such disabilities are imposed as must tend to discourage any but the most devoted converts from sending their children to schools where religion is taught. The whole plan is an ingenious method of stem-

ming the tide of Christian conversions. Though Christianity is not mentioned, it is, nevertheless, the sole object aimed at in these decrees. The non-Christian religions care nothing for schools.

IN some instances an attempt has been made to evade the law by adopting a sort of compromise. Some of the mission schools have undertaken to acquiesce in the government regulations so far as to drop religious training from the curriculum and omit any exercises of a devotional character as a part of the school life, while both are retained as a voluntary matter, and in connection with the house life of the pupils who are in residence as boarders. It is clearly an evasion, for the law appears to be as explicit as it is harsh. It prohibits these religious elements "even outside the regular course of instruction." The mission schools, therefore, which undertake, while holding the government license, to carry on religious instruction as a part of their system, however indirectly or privately, are liable to bring upon themselves at any time the penalties of the law. Moreover, as they hold their license subject to the conditions imposed in it, they lay themselves open to the charge of violating a moral obligation, an accusation sure to be made by such a quick-witted people as the Japanese, and which must be more injurious to the Christian cause than any disabilities which can be inflicted from without.

WE observe that our own school in Tokyo has temporarily had recourse to the expedient above described, and we regret to see that the Board of Managers of our missions, to which the matter was referred at their late meeting, did not see its way to a firm decision. We should think it must be clear that a moral principle is involved. If our schools hold a license from the government, they are pledged to give up religion. But if the schools are to be maintained, religion must be taught in them. Not to carry them on as Christian schools would involve a breach of faith with those who have given the funds to carry them on. There seems to be only two possible courses—either to close the schools altogether, which must imperil the whole mission work; or, surrendering the government license, to struggle on, doing the best work possible under the circumstances, until better times.

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The Situation in England

ECCLESIASTICAL affairs in England do not seem to be in the way of assuming a more peaceful attitude. The air, in fact, seems charged with electricity. The tone of the Archbishop of York, in his recent address to his clergy, was so harsh as to have aroused a great deal of feeling. He was understood to threaten severe measures against any of the clergy who would not obey the Lambeth Opinion. This appears to signify a return to the policy of prosecutions which flourished in the '70's. It is reported that the Bishop of London has already taken steps in this direction, by summoning the vicar of St. Peter's, London Docks, and some others, to answer to charges of disobedience. The parishes affected are some of those working among the poorest and most wretched of the people, and long

noted for the self-denying character of their work. The particulars have not yet come to hand of the meeting of bishops which was to be held at Lambeth recently, but it was expected that the policy of forcible suppression would be urged by some of the most influential of them. The *Church Times* lifts up a warning voice, and declares that if this policy is adopted, the bishops will not find it a short and easy method. The archbishops at their sitting claimed to be ruling only by an appeal to conscience. They explicitly disclaimed the character of a court. In their pastoral character they appealed to the clergy to accept their decision. And on this ground a very large degree of conformity has been secured. But if, leaving the softer arts of counsel and persuasion, they have recourse to compulsion, the situation will be entirely changed. In this case, *The Church Times*, claiming to speak from knowledge, declares that those who have submitted, not because they were convinced that the decision was just, but for the sake of peace, will reconsider their position. If these matters are, after all, to be tried in the courts, then it will be said, "Let us all fare alike."

IT is true *The Church Times* is classed as a "ritualistic" organ, though no one who has followed its course of late years could accuse it of favoring extremes. *The Guardian*, on the other hand, is supposed to be representative of the great mass of High Churchmen as distinguished from "Ritualists." But that paper also takes much the same ground with *The Church Times* on this particular question. The opinion or decision, it says, has been obeyed beyond all expectation, notwithstanding the fact that the grounds on which it rested were widely disputed. "In the great diocese of London, all the clergy but three have obeyed, and in other dioceses the percentage, we believe, is not less." The steady pressure of episcopal counsel would in time diminish still further the number of the disobedient. But if the bishops take up legal proceedings against this minority, it is to be expected that many of those who yielded at first, and, as was generally the case, yielded very reluctantly, will feel that if their brethren whose convictions on the matters in question are the same as their own, have got to face the prospect of suspension or deprivation, they must take their places beside them, and share whatever is in store. This, says, *The Guardian*, will "usher in a long period of strife and confusion in the Church." And for this, it continues, the bishops will be directly responsible.

SAD it is to think of the contrast all this presents to the state of things which seemed to have established itself since the closing days of Archbishop Tait. He had tried the policy of force, and found it useless for any desirable end. It neither brought about peace nor put an end to the practices which he opposed. On the contrary, the movement which they represented grew and prospered. At last, as his life drew to an end, he gave the word, and that policy gave way to another better befitting the Church of God. There was a nearer approach in the way of sympathy and understanding between the bishops and clergy. The bishops began to try the methods of

counsel and persuasion. The old sores were healing. The office of a bishop gained more and more the respect and veneration of the clergy in proportion as its purely spiritual side became more prominent. The effect of this was seen last year when the retrenchment of the additional services which had come into use in many churches was ordered by the bishops. There was very little difficulty. On all hands the clergy hastened to accede to the requirements of their fathers in God. The state of things was full of hope, if only this relation could be maintained.

IT is not necessary to rehearse the steps by which these conditions have been so suddenly changed. That they have changed seems only too certain, and the outlook is far from encouraging. The worst feature of the case is the one-sidedness of the whole business. As *The Guardian* says, there is "an unfortunate disproportion between the violations of ecclesiastical law which are forbidden, and the far graver violations of ecclesiastical law which are condoned, or left untouched. It is this disproportion more than anything else that has led to the soreness and sense of injustice that prevails among the clergy who have obeyed the archbishops' decision." It calls the things singled out for prohibition, "trifles," which it is proposed to treat as "more heinous than things which involve the essentials of faith or morals."

THE whole situation is curiously similar to that of twenty-five years ago, and certain comments of Dean Church, one of the greatest men the Church of England has produced in this century, upon the events of that time, have a striking application to present affairs. He says, for instance, that the mischief is "that while all sorts of liberties are allowed to parties in the Church, which the public opinion of the hour sanctions, a tight screw is put on one unpopular one, and a grotesquely one-sided and stiff conformity to minute legal interpretations of rubrics . . . is preached and paraded as the crucial test of loyalty to the Church and honest obedience to the law." The great dean characterized this as in his opinion, "unjust, unconstitutional, and oppressive," and "certainly exasperating and impolitic." He declares in one of his letters, that while "the Church is threatened by many things, not the least fatal mischief will be the continuance of this system of vexatious and worrying prosecutions and appeals to law."

DEAN CHURCH was accustomed to face facts as he saw them, without flinching. He contemplated the possibility of the Church of England having "to go forth into the wilderness," and even that there might be a serious "break up." Yet his faith never wavered. Even while he was discussing the dangers which were so threatening in his day, he could still write: "Nothing that has happened has shaken, and I do not think that anything of the same sort could shake, my belief in the present English Church. It has defects and anomalies in plenty, but so has every Church that I know of, or that I ever heard of. And there is a vigor in it, a power of recovery, and an increasing value for what is good and true, which I see nowhere else." And again, "The perplexity is great, and yet there is no more glorious Church in Christendom than this in-

consistent English Church, nor one which has shown such wonderful proofs of Christian life."



The Authority of the Scriptures

FROM CONVENTION ADDRESS OF THE
RT. REV. WM. CROSWELL DOANE, D. D., LL. D.

WHAT shall we say of the authority of the Scriptures? The bold rashness of a certain class of students and of critics seems to be bent upon gradually reducing the Bible to the level of many other books, by denying its inspiration, by questioning its age and authenticity, by flinging doubts, yet unsettled, like dragon's teeth, broadcast before the popular mind which has neither time nor ability to solve or settle them; by vulgarizing the very volume itself, until it looks like a county map, with color blotches to distinguish, as though they were defined by absolutely ascertained facts, one author from another in separate paragraphs of the same book. Mr. Moody's protest to a distinguished critic—not one of the absolutely certain kind—is, to say the least of it, suggestive. "Why talk about two Isaiahs," he said, "to people who have not yet found out that there is one!" There is a certain irritation about the dogmatic positiveness of these men who assume, as proven, things that are still *sub judice*, which provokes harsh language in return. On the other hand, it is easy enough to mistake, in ourselves, what really is bad temper, for a righteous zeal. The quiet assurance of composure and calmness is the right attitude of the confident believer, recognizing and accepting, when they are actually proved, facts that may go against our traditions and prejudices; and sure that, through them all, what we lose is only something in which we were mistaken; and that through them all, God's revelation of His will to men stands clear and sure and true.

What is called commonly conservatism, which means cheerful and indolent indifference to study and observation, is an easy virtue. The old Tory farmer who accused the great English Prime Minister of vacillation and inconsistency, saying: "I haven't budged for fifty years," was fairly answered by Mr. Gladstone: "Neither has this gatepost." So also the Athenian love of the last new thing, which makes men radicals and lovers of change, is easy and convenient, because it helps men to drift without effort, and to assume that false mask of intellectuality whose only evidence is denial or doubt. But the position of the true student, believing and studying, needs more courage and more faith. It is the safety of the anchored ship, fast with a strong cable, to a safe anchorage, with room enough to swing and move. As between the dull determination to change nothing, and the keen relish for something new, there is little to choose in the matter of intelligence.

I believe it is true, too, of the great movements of events in the world, of discoveries in science, of results of criticism, that we must carefully distinguish between principles and fundamental truths, and their varying aspects and relations to present conditions. So there is no lowering of the Church's steadfast maintenance of the impregnable and unapproachable finality of the appeal to Holy Scriptures, if we recognize that some adjustment as to age and authorship may have to be made, some substituted translations may change the bearing of certain texts, and some reconciliations may be de-

manded between the apparent statements of Holy Scripture and the apparent discoveries in nature, or in the monuments, or in the variant manuscripts of the written Word. Thank God the Catholic Church is uncommitted to any defined or hard and fast theory of inspiration. We are not held and bound, as Rome and certain other sects are, to the confusion between plenary inspiration and mechanical or verbal inspiration. Only we hold that, as in no other written or spoken utterance in the world, "the Holy Ghost spake by the prophets"; that the Church, as witness and keeper of the Word, gives us the canon of Scripture, in which these prophets or teachers "spake as they were borne along by the Holy Ghost." And so we stand, content and confident, between the dogmatists who deny, and the dogmatists who assert, their own personal views; content and confident, I say, that as in the past, so in the future, the sacred volume will pass unscathed through the searching light and scorching flame of all criticisms and attacks, as the final and sufficient revelation to mankind of God's will, as to the faith of God and the duty of man. "The Holy Ghost spake by the prophets."

We are too apt, it seems to me, to be alarmists; to take it for granted that if certain supposed discoveries of criticism are true, then the whole Bible is untrustworthy and false; from which the fairly logical conclusion forces itself upon the indolent man and takes the place of fair-minded study, that because the Bible is and must be true and trustworthy, therefore the critics must be all and altogether wrong; whereas, there may turn out to be no real contradiction between revelation and discovery, but only between traditional and modern interpretations. The thing to be deprecated is the impatience of unthinking denial or the violence of wholesale denunciation. Philip thought himself perfectly within the bounds of traditional Jewish understanding of the Holy Scripture, when he said: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" And the Pharisees of our Lord's time had reason in their plea: "Search and look, for out of Galilee arises no prophet." And yet the fairer view in fuller light reconciled the discrepancies.

We ought to be more sympathetic with the different temperaments and mental constitutions of men. What is called destructive criticism is more or less dangerous, according to the hands in which it is. A boy's curiosity or an idiot's fury to pull a watch to pieces, spoils the watch; but in the hands of a watch-maker who, having adjusted what was wrong, puts back the pieces wheel by wheel, and screw by screw, the timepiece is benefited by the handling. I plead for the confidence of our convictions, for the maintenance of our principles, for the careful distinction between the fundamental and essential things, and the opinions and theories built on them; above all, for the avoidance of railing accusation; for plain, positive teaching, instead of acrimonious attacks and controversies; for recognition and acknowledgment of the peculiarities of mental make-up, by which faith, which is easy to some men to the very verge of credulity, is difficult to others until they have pursued it along some pathway of discussion and solution, which seems at first to leave, when they have found it, no living substance and no living semblance of the revealed truth.

I cannot look with alarm upon the future and final decision of the leading points of

discussion in our modern study of the Old Testament Scriptures. The great desideratum is patience. The great deficiency is the lack of moderation. The assumptions and assurances of the so-called higher critics who, in spite of yesterday's mistakes, are sure to-day of what some of them will disprove to-morrow, have by the principle of counter irritation begotten an undue positiveness and tenacity on our part, who hold to the old positions. I believe that while we "stand in the old ways," we ought also to "walk in the old paths." That is to say, while maintaining the antiquity and authority of the canon of the oracles of God committed to us, we ought not to sit still in mere dogged determination to deny any variation that may disturb the traditional theory of authorship or age or text or interpretation. This was the trouble with the Jews of our Lord's time, who would not let the roll of prophecy unroll itself into the light of its fulfillment. Surely we have no need to fear.

The complete collapse of that old school in Germany which set itself to destroy the value of the fourth Gospel, the constant contradictions and contentions among the critics themselves, the correction to-day of yesterday's most positive conclusions; and the absolute fact that all the research of the revisers failed to find or to suggest a single change that touched one article of the Christian Faith—surely these facts ought to quiet the alarm and moderate the violence, alike of the critics and of the criticsers of the critics, and fill us with the spirit of "returning and rest," of "quietness and confidence." "Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." If we will read the Scriptures, and preach the Scriptures, and urge and encourage our people to read and study them, not to find mistakes in Moses, or a Jehovistic or an Elohist author of the Pentateuch, or two Isaiahs, or which are the post-exilic Psalms, but to find the patience and the comfort and the hope of the Scriptures, to find the unfolding of God's providence, the manifestation of His love, the revelation of His will, to find Christ in them, we shall be built up, and shall build others up, in our most holy Faith, and so all things will minister to edifying.



Some Common Mistakes

BY THE REV. FRED'K S. JEWELL, D. D.

ELEVENTH. It is a mistake as mischievous as it is common, to take a mere feeling of sorrow for sin for true repentance. Feeling bad about a wrong is by no means either making things right or securing them against the repetition of the wrong. Regret, sorrow, and even contrition, are mere feelings, and are ethically nothing except as they impulsively lead to reparation and right actions. Even as thus impulsive, they are like all feeling, fleeting and uncertain at best, and, more likely than otherwise, shallow and deceptive. Allowed to take the place of true repentance, they gradually cloud the reason and stupify the conscience; veil the guilt of sin, and bemire the soul in condoned impenitence. Real sorrow for sin may be its precursor, its preparative, its participator; but it is not repentance. Repentance is an act. It is a revolt against sin. It is a return to righteousness. It is the beginning of a reformation of the heart and life.

TWELFTH. Again, it is a great mistake, and unfortunately that of some Christian bodies, to make highly excited feelings a basis for conversion, and to take the noisy utterances of such feelings as evidences of real piety. Conversion, as the holy transformation of the heart and life, and true piety as its pure, deep, and steadfast result, are far from being a natural and consistent product or concomitant of any ethical or religious spasm. If there is anything in human character or conduct which requires the most intelligent, well-considered, and calmly determined action of the mind and heart, it is the undertaking of the "godly, righteous, and sober life." Of any such rational, righteous, and holy resolution and action, these emotional outbursts are, for the time being, absolutely prohibitory. Cultivated and relied upon, they are only productive of self-deception, instability, and religious impatience and demoralization. No religion is either rational or revealed which is not ethically, as well as spiritually, sound and consistent. But a religion of dominant emotion is necessarily unethical. True morality rests upon, prospers under, and is rightly tested by, principles, purposes, and persistent conduct alone. So far, then, as the promotion of true religion is concerned, violent excitements and effusive emotions are the mere crackling of thorns under a pot.



Personal Mention

The Rev. Jas. A. Brown has accepted the rectorship of Emmanuel church, Hastings, Mich.

The Rev. Forest H. Blunt has accepted the rectorship of St. Philip's church, Crampton, R. I.

The Rev. John E. Bryan has accepted the rectorship of St. Andrew's church, Cripple Creek, Col.

The Rev. A. W. Cornell has accepted the rectorship of Grace church, Linden, N. J., and entered upon his duties.

The Rev. Marcus H. Carroll has resigned the position of assistant at Emmanuel church, Anacostia, D. C., to accept the charge of St. Paul's church, Lancaster, N. H., and enters upon his duties on Dec. 1st.

The Rev. James Ferrier, of Michigan, has accepted the call to Trinity, Arkansas City, Kan.

The Rev. S. E. Hanger, in charge of Trinity mission, Monroe, Wis., has accepted a call as rector of St. John's church, Mason City, Iowa.

The Rev. Henry P. Horton has resigned the curacy of St. Andrew's church, Ann Arbor, Mich., and accepted the rectorship of St. John's church, Moorehead, Minn.

The address of the Rev. Frederick Hall is changed from Niles, Mich., to Dryden, Mich.

The Rev. John F. von Herrlich has accepted the call to St. Paul's, Kansas City, Kas. He also takes charge of St. Alban's, Argentine, where a pretty little church is building.

The Rev. John Tilton Marley has accepted the curacy of Calvary church, Germantown, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Roger Hanson Peters has been appointed by Bishop Francis, dean of Grace cathedral. His address is changed from New Albany, to 1501 Central avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Rev. R. W. Rhames has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church, Newport, to accept the archidiaconate of Fort Smith, Ark. Mr. Rhames will enter on his new work Jan. 1st.

The Rev. F. Welham has accepted the charge of St. Paul's church, St. Joseph, Mich.

The Rev. Edmund A. Wasson, Ph. D., has resigned the rectorship of the church of the Incarnation, Great Falls, Mont., to accept that of St. Stephen's church, Newark, N. J.

The Rev. Robert R. Windby, of Wilmington, N. C., has become an assistant minister of St. Simeon's memorial church, Philadelphia.

Official

The annual meeting of the Association for Promoting the Interests of Church Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries will be held at 240 West 81st st., New York city, on Monday, Dec. 11th, at 11 A. M. The annual service of the association will be held in All Angels'

church, West End ave. and 81st st., New York city, on Dec. 10th, at 11 A. M. The preacher will be the Rev. David H. Greer, D. D.

S. DE LANCEY TOWNSEND, Secretary.

Married

LEWIS—MALLORY—At St. John's church, Bridgeport, Conn., on Thursday, Nov. 23d, at 6:30 P. M., by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Lewis, Robert Edwards Lewis, son of the rector, and grandson of the late Rev. Dr. W. H. Lewis, of Holy Trinity church, Brooklyn, to Maude Wynan Mallory, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Mallory and the late Major Mallory, and granddaughter of the late Hon. George Mallory.

Died

CLARKE—Entered into life eternal, on St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30, 1899, at his home, 112 Comstock ave., Syracuse, N. Y., the Rev. Joseph Morison Clarke, S. T. D., chaplain to the Bishop of Central New York, aged 72 years. He leaves a wife, one son, the Rev. H. M. Clarke, Ph. D., and four daughters.

"We also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear."

COWMAN—On the Sunday before Advent, Nov. 26th, 1899, at the residence of his brother-in-law, the Rev. George G. Carter, S. T. D., Hudson, N. Y., Edward Donaldson Cowman, Esq., of New York city, son of the late Augustus T. Cowman, Esq., of Hyde Park, in the 53rd year of his age.

A faithful and wise steward. Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

HYDE—Entered into rest, on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1899, at Trinity rectory, Warsaw, N. Y., the Rev. M. Cleveland Hyde.

MANN—At East Orange, N. J., on Nov. 25, 1899, Donald Cameron, son of the Rev. Alexander and Nellie G. K. Mann, aged 17 days. Funeral private. Interment at Watkins, N. Y.

OWEN—Entered into the rest of Paradise, on Nov. 19th, 1899, at her home near Lake Providence, La., Mrs. Eliza Rootes Owen, widow of the late Jacob Owen. "In the communion of the Catholic Church, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope."

PRICE—At Waverly, Baltimore, Md., early Sunday morning, Nov. 26th, John Sanderson Price, aged 70 years. He was the son of Joseph Tatnall Price, and the husband of Mary Emory. He was a devout communicant of St. John's church. May he rest in peace.

Appeals

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Church and Parish

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The Editor's Table

Kalendar, December, 1899

3. 1st Sunday in Advent.	Violet.
10. 2d Sunday in Advent.	Violet.
17. 3d Sunday in Advent.	Violet.
20. EMBER DAY.	Violet. (Red at Evensong.)
21. ST. THOMAS, Apostle.	Red.
22. EMBER DAY.	Violet.
23. EMBER DAY.	Violet.
24. 4th Sunday in Advent.	Violet. (White at Evensong.)
25. CHRISTMAS DAY.	White.
26. ST. STEPHEN, Martyr.	Red.
27. ST. JOHN, Evangelist.	White.
28. THE INNOCENTS.	Violet.
31. Sunday after Christmas.	White.

A Rhyme of "Christian Science"

BY HERBERT M. CLARKE, PH. D.

Dear Christian Science people,
You are a funny folk;
The funniest things you tell us,
And swear they are no joke.

A discovery you've made
Astounding all creation;
Diseases don't exist,
They are just imagination!

Oh what good news you bring,
How much it ought to please us,
That neither ache nor pain
Can any longer tease us!

And yet it's very queer,
And this in you I'm blaming,
That, when there's no disease,
To heal disease you're claiming.

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Pen-and-Ink-lings

OUR attention is called to the following very remarkable quotation in Dr. Donald's article in *Church Militant* for November: "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no Jacob." It is manifestly a printer's error, but in quoting the words of Christ, such a blunder is inexcusable.

A COMPOSITE photograph of all the greatest Madonnas painted by the old masters during 300 years, has just been made by Joseph Gray Kitchell, of Indianapolis, after many months' work. The face is marvelously beautiful—perhaps the highest type idealized by man, combining, as it does, all that is supreme in the conceptions of such painters as Raphael, Murillo, etc. As a scientific contribution to art the result is also significant. The first copy has been ordered for the Congressional Library.

MR. THOMAS KANE, in *The Interior*, takes the stand that any work given merely for the sake of paying wages speedily destroys the manhood of those who accept it. He cites by way of illustration the case of a company of iron miners who were suddenly thrown out of employment and given temporary relief by the city of Chicago in return for cleaning the streets. He says:

The effect upon the men was a lesson in sociology never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Most of them were Scandinavians, strong of limb, blue-eyed, clean, manly-looking men; honesty was plainly written all over their open countenances. Day after day on the street cars and sidewalks, I passed through the long line of men at their work. I do not think I ever saw one of them look up or speak to a fellow-worker. Shame and a sense of degradation were

clearly visible on every face. "Ashamed of the character of their work?" No, it was not that. "Dissatisfied with their wages?" Not that either. Their reason for shame was that they were doing exactly what our socialistic friends are urging that the State shall undertake as a solution of the labor problem. They were advertising to the world their poverty and personal helplessness by accepting work which they knew was given for the sake of paying wages. True, it was work that needed to be done, but that did not take away the sting and disgrace; it never will. Those men did not remain in Chicago. They went where work is always to be had—to the country. Until they found it doubtless many of them often had to ask for something to eat, and a place to sleep, but private acceptance of food and shelter entails no such loss of self respect and manhood as public employment given for the purpose of paying wages.

WE quote further:

No man can retain his manhood while proclaiming to the world by his employment that he is imbecile; that though possessed of health and strength, he can not take care of himself; that he can not sell the fruits of the labor of his hands or brain in the open market for enough to make a living. The character of the work furnished for the purpose of paying wages would not make a particle of difference. No matter what it is, if the employment is given for the purpose of paying wages, the brand of disgrace will very soon rest both upon the work and the worker. Men may disgrace work and render particular kinds odious; work, *per se*, if honest and useful, never disgraces men.

MANDELL CREIGHTON, the Bishop of London, has a horror of lending his favorite books, says a London correspondent. The Bishop is a charming wit as well as a great scholar. A fellow-clergyman once visited the Bishop and took a fancy to an old edition of Shakespeare. He borrowed the volume, and did not think to return it for several months. Finally he returned it with a letter saying: "My Dear Bishop:—I have great joy in returning the volume you loaned me." The Bishop answered: "My Dear Brother:—All the joy is mine."

AT the village of Dunmow, England, recently, the ancient custom was observed of presenting a fitch of bacon to each married couple who can swear that "for twelve months and a day they have not repented in thought or any way" of their married state. Several couples were able to pass the ordeal which was strictly enforced. There was a jury of six maids and six bachelors, a judge in scarlet robe and full-bottomed wig, and counsel, both for the couples and for the donors of the bacon. The trial took place in a large tent, and after a searching inquiry as to the verity of their matrimonial harmony, the bacon was awarded to a man and wife "of a marked disparity of age." The rarity of the phenomenon thus celebrated was supposed to be enhanced by the disparity of age.

LADY BROOME in her "Colonial Memories," gives the following amusing instance of the regard for dress and fashion prevalent among West Indian negroes: "I once offered a comely young black housemaid leave of absence to go to her brother's marriage, but she declined, on the score of

expense. Now I had seen this girl a week or two before very smartly dressed for friend's wedding, so I said: 'But surely you have still got that beautiful hat and frock you wore at Melanie's marriage the other day?' Aurelia gave me a shocked glance as she answered: 'Oh, lady, me can't wear *that!*' 'Why not?' I asked. 'All peoples very much offended if I wear same dress to their wedding, must be quite new every things!'" Regard for Mrs. Grundy's opinion seems to be as powerful with these West Indians as in the centres of fashionable society.

IN a brochure issued by the committee on education of the Georgia State Federation of Women's Clubs, it is recommended earnestly to teachers that they should make humor a part of their temperaments, and encourage it in their pupils. This does not mean flippancy and frivolity, but the sense of humor that keeps the spirit cheerful. It is pointed out that the capacity to be merry needs development and training, like any other capacity. The cultivation of humor, says *The N. Y. Evening Post*, is certainly to be endorsed. It is a gift that may be used every day and all day. It laughs at poverty; it lightens care and worry, and best of all, it presupposes cheerfulness and serenity of temper. To learn to laugh and to see the funny side of things is one of the best of helps towards wholesome and enjoyable living.

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He devoted to the cause,
And though slowly came the dollars,
Still he labored without pause,
Till one day they came and told him,
As he kicked against the pricks,
That they'd raised his offered stipend
From four hundred up to six.

Then the good man sank exhausted,
As he feebly made reply:
'Don't, I pray you, men and brethren,
Thus my patience overtry;
For to glean the four you've promised
Hath so warped my vital store,
That 'twould kill me if you taxed me
To collect two hundred more.'

—Boston Courier.

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Boston Correspondence

NEARLY every Christian denomination in Boston is now reconciled to a liturgical form of worship. By this I mean they have not really adopted it, but they take occasion to praise it, and the old policy of criticising it has been abandoned. At the late Universalist convention in this city, a sermon was preached urging that body to adopt a uniform liturgy and order of public worship. The system of a Church year was also urged. This is all very pleasant, and in contrast to a former disposition which prevailed a hundred years ago, of putting a person into prison for using a liturgical form of worship.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale has been delivering lectures in the Lowell Institute course

which have clearly set forth the early voyages and settlements about New England. His listeners were much pleased to hear from him a quotation taken from an entry in an old note of the treasurer of an English king, which reads: "To him who found the New World, £10." But no one knows who earned this reward, and it is still open for claimants.

The curate of a certain Episcopal church in Boston was recently married in a Congregational church, by a Congregational pastor. He has broken the record, and is the first Church clergyman for over a hundred and fifty years who has this distinction.

The Monday clericus is becoming an interesting forum. The discussions this year have been largely secular, but Dr. Abbott's address on his journeys around the world was not merely the observations of a well-disciplined traveler who knows what to see, and how to see it, but was an address which the American Churchman should hear and ponder over. Dr. Edward Abbott is the "Rollo" of his father's famous books, and certainly what he said on Nov. 6th, at the Monday meeting of the clergy, is deserving of wider popularity. One may expect to hear queer things at these gatherings, as after a paper is read every listener has three minutes to assent to it or play battledore or shuttle-cock with the opinions expressed. One ardent thinker made the remark that the State founded the Church!

Summer street has now become a strong business centre for the retail trade. This change must carry back the old Bostonian to the time when Trinity church occupied the upper corner of Hawley and Summer streets. It was a very imposing structure, a basilica of undressed granite. Bishop Eastburn was the rector for some time, and bishop of the diocese as well, and for a neighbor had Captain W. V. Hutchins whose three-story brick mansion adjoined the church. The monument of this worthy man is still on the common, with this inscription (Pope's): "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

In speaking of Bishop Eastburn, one cannot forbear quoting his love for the Church, "which in some degree," says Bishop Clark, "was attributable to its having been imported from England." He was born there, and to the end of his days always drank Her Majesty's health on the recurrence of the Queen's birthday. The early home of Bishop Brooks was not far away from this locality, being on Rowe street, now called Chauncey street. All this neighborhood has changed, and the rattle of traffic over "Church Green" and by the home of Daniel Webster, bears a strange contrast to what was seen fifty years ago.

The return of the Rev. Dr. Frisby to the church of the Advent, after an absence of a year, was an occasion of happiness and renewed interest in the work of this large and flourishing parish. There is no church more true to the teachings of the early Christian doctrine than this parish, not only in its methods of divine worship, but also in its Gospel sermons. Its quiet, regular work, and its unselfish manifestations of interest in weaker parishes striving to emphasize the same teachings in other localities, are no inferior witnesses of its deserved popularity.

The Rev. Dr. Donald made an admirable address at the annual gathering of the Woman's Auxiliary in Trinity church. He

made a sensible criticism of the methods pursued by not a few mission boards which take great delight in parading, every month, a column of statistics, believing that to be the best way to make a fair show in the flesh. Besides defending missions from the careless remarks of business men, he showed wherein these were not failures in any sense of the term, and altogether made an original and helpful address upon a well-worn topic.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in this city enjoys good activity under the leadership of Mr. Robert H. Gardiner who is alive to all the opportunities that this organization should have. Lately, through his advice and co-operation, an attempt has been made to increase the spiritual side of the work, which so far has been successful. In one quarter of the city, meetings for men are held every Sunday afternoon in several churches. Mr. Hugh Mulholland, formerly of the Church Army, has shown adaptability in making such gatherings profitable and successful. He is a good organizer, and a consecrated man in every way. But, if one may venture an opinion, the Brotherhood at times shows a secular aspect in many of its projects. This is unavoidable, but with its secular aspect comes its social distinctions and absence of true brotherhood. The Boston local council, so admirably conducted, loses more than it gains in being held regularly in certain parishes without extending its usefulness by meeting in localities where the presence of the council would do much good. This is the opinion of many of its members, and as it is an easy matter to correct, it is hoped that arrangements of this kind may soon be made.

BOSTONIAN

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Handwriting of Great Men

THINKING of hand writing as I handled these sermons of Newman, I could not but remark how very beautiful that of the greatest writers usually is. Generally it is small, but not always. At Trinity College, Cambridge, they have the original of Milton's *Lycidas*; it is like copperplate, small, and the

letters perfectly formed. Walter Scott's, as I have already said, was like Newman's; and another hand which I know very well is like these; namely, that of the late J. R. Green, but it is a little larger. Dean Church wrote the same kind of delicate, beautiful calligraphy. Macaulay's was a loose, untidy hand; Kingsley's was something like it, but rather better. Deans Milman and Stanley *could* write very well, but they didn't. Milman's was almost microscopic in its smallness—at least, in all the specimens I have seen; I believe, in earlier years, he wrote very beautifully. Stanley's was illegible till you got used to it. Thackeray's writing was also very small, and also very pretty and easy to read. Few men wrote a more beautiful hand than Dickens in the ordinary way, but in his late years he took to insert and scratch out to such an extent as must have driven printers half mad. The visitor to South Kensington Museum will be struck with the contrast between the MSS. of his earlier works, like "Martin Chuzzlewit" and his latest, "Edwin Drood." I do not remember to have seen any of Gibbon's "copy," but his biographer states that he used to walk about his room making up his sentences, and when he had done so, he sat down and wrote them, so that there were very few corrections. Dr. Johnson's is a very clear and fine hand. The present and three preceding Archbishops of Canterbury are all to be noted for excellent handwriting. Archbishop Sumner's was wretchedly niggling and difficult to read. The late Bishop Jackson's was worse. I never found any so difficult to read as that. The present Bishop's is very good, and what may be designated as scholarly. It is a good deal like Dean Church's. When Lord Palmerston became Home Secretary in the Aberdeen Government of 1852, he characteristically began his work by addressing a letter to school inspectors, urging them to impress upon teachers that there was of late years a terrible falling-off in the way of handwriting, and the need of reform. Palmerston's own hand was very neat and good. Gladstone's and Sir Robert Peel's were both good and not unlike.—*Peter Lombard in Church Times.*

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Book Reviews and Notices

Life of the Rev. James de Koven, D.D., Sometime Warden of Racine College. By William C. Pope, M. A. New York: James Pott & Co. 1899. Pp. 102.

It was on March 19, 1879, that the Church was thrilled by the announcement of the sudden death of Dr. de Koven, warden of Racine College. He died at his post. He put aside many temptations which came to him from sympathizing friends, in the shape of brilliant offers of place and dignity in other fields of usefulness in the Church. For twenty years he has lain in his quiet grave beside the walls of Racine College chapel, with silence resting upon himself and his brilliant and splendid life. At last that silence has been broken by this memoir, written by an earnest friend. It is not for us to criticize the work of such a friend, but one closes the thin volume with a feeling of disappointment that the genius of de Koven has not had a more proportionate setting than here given. For de Koven in his life-time filled the whole horizon of the American Church. He gave life and motion to the dogma of theoretical High Churchmen. His vision of the Catholic Church was so vivid that he inspired other souls with a consciousness of what he himself saw.

In all the energy of his youth and the restrained force of gentlemanly training and inherited culture, he ventured into the then almost wilderness of Wisconsin. Around him were men vastly beyond him in learning and scholarship, men of the type of Dr. Adams, of Nashotah, of Hugh Miller Thompson, and others; but they were as children in all that pertains to the art of catching souls, especially of the young, when compared to de Koven. To this company of scholarly ecclesiastics, we must add the laity of the West, men to whom this youthful newcomer must have seemed but a sentimental dreamer.

In these surroundings de Koven's whole clerical life was spent, and it was one of many battles which brought him into conflict with giants. Surely there was ample room for pen portraits of all the actors during this memorable epoch of American Church history. Some of the best men the Church has yet seen, and some of the most important movements for the Church, such as the see system, the cathedral development, the provincial idea, liturgical advance, and the practical realization of the visibility of the Church, had in Wisconsin their inception, their bold development, and their apology.

But in the clash of conflict there were many and cruel blows and heart burnings; and feelings which smoldered long like hidden fires, burst forth from their concealment when de Koven was made a shining mark by his election to the episcopate of Illinois. All this story ought to have been dramatically told, and the actors therein drawn out in line.

The whole life of de Koven was a tragedy, with a fate begotten of early jealousy and struggles, which followed him through his whole life, not daring to strike while he lavished his fortune on Racine, and while his work for the education of youth was such a praise in the land; but which struck, indeed like fate, when, in the helplessness of his lofty silence as a bishop-elect, he could but wait and endure. But in his grave at the Racine he loved he has conquered; and some day possibly the story in all its fullness will be told for the enlightenment of generations to come. Meanwhile, we are thankful for this brief memoir by a friend of one who should never be forgotten by the American Church, James de Koven, warden of Racine, whose very name brings tears now to the eyes of those who knew him twenty years ago.

John Selden and His Table Talk. By Robert Waters. New York: Eaton & Mains. Price, \$1.

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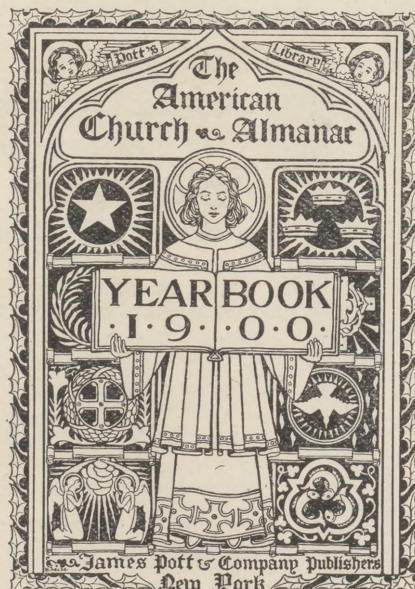
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Laos Folk-Lore of Farther India. By Katherine Neville Fleeson. New York, Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price, 75c.

To everything to which, in the kingdom of youth, the name "fairy tale" may be applied, there is a fascination, both for the inhabitants of the kingdom, and for many whom time has driven beyond its barriers. This little book of folk-lore will, therefore, be welcomed, especially as it claims for itself, in addition to the intrinsic merit of the tales, the charm of complete novelty. The Laos country is a part of the kingdom of Siam, and its literature is as yet unwritten, save for a few scattered manuscripts. Until the translator collected the stories of this volume, they had been only orally preserved in the provinces of the Laos country, just as they had been handed down from generations of ancestors. The translator who, as a missionary, has lived intimately among the Laos people for years, has given us the tales just as they are told to day around the camp-fires and in the primitive houses. The book is interestingly illustrated from photographs taken by Dr. Briggs.

Pioneering in the San Juan. By the Rev. George M. Darley, D.D. Chicago, New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price, \$1.50.

The Rev. Mr. Darley's brief preface states that his book is "an attempt to state in simple words the reminiscences of work performed by a Presbyterian missionary in Southwestern Colorado during the great San Juan excitement, with the sincere desire to awaken a deeper interest in home missions. 'Content to fill a little place, if God be glorified.'" After reading, we are driven to doubt whether the quotation be well chosen, for to us the book appears to do service rather as the screen of a stereopticon, whereon the author shows, by the aid of strong light and powerful lenses, many magnified pictures of the doings of the Rev. Dr. Darley. The title of the book is misleading, particularly as many of the chapters are simply sermons delivered by Mr. Darley at various points in the West.

The Boys of Scrooby. By Ruth Hall. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

Had the author used her abundant material for the production of two or three books, instead of endeavoring to condense it to fit within the covers of a single volume, the result would have been more satisfactory to us. In introducing so many scenes and so many different sets of characters, Miss Hall has failed to do herself justice. The characters are well drawn, and the scenes interestingly depicted, but the jumping from the Old World to the New, from Virginia to Massachusetts, in the effort to keep pace with the tale, is confusing to the reader. It would require a Dickens to run the stage for such a story. In spite of this fault, there is

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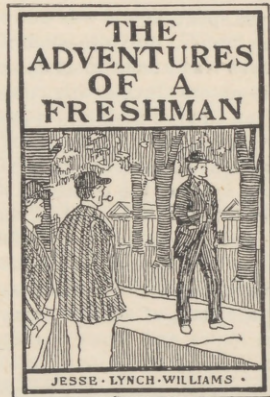
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Young Robin Hood. By G. Manville Fenn. Illustrated by Victor Venner. London: Ernest Nister; New York: E. P. Dutton & Co.

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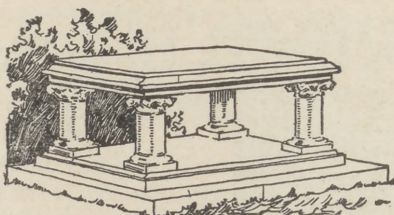
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The article of most general interest in *The Architectural Record*, for the current quarter, is "The New York Capitol Building," a good description of which is given by Cuyler Reynolds. Very few have an idea of the solidity and beauty of this great edifice. "Some Designs," by Charles P. H. Gilbert, are given, showing admirable treatment of city houses. A partiality for projecting windows, which we cannot altogether commend, seems to pervade his work. "Stone in American Architecture" is a paper which builders as well as architects should read. In fact, any body who has the responsibility of building houses should study *The Architectural Record*. A paper on "Electric Lighting in the Albany Capitol," gives several full-page illustrations of artistic effects in this line. Even the advertisements are helpful reading to those who are interested in building houses.

The cover of the December *Century* is suggestive of the approaching Christmas season. Five tints of yellow and red are harmoniously blended in the printing, the lettering being in black. The opening poem, "The Old Master," is decorated by Edward Edwards, and illustrated by Louis Loeb, in a frontispiece, printed in tints. "The Christmas Dancers," a poem embodying a Saxon legend, is accompanied by several full-page pictures in color. The holiday spirit breathes as well in Jacob A. Riis' story of New York's East Side, "The Kid Hangs up His Stocking"; Dr. Weir Mitchell's poem, "King Christmas and Master New Year"; the reproduction of Alden Weir's, "A Christmas Tree," and Thomas A. Janvier's, "A Provincial Christmas Postscript." In this number Sir Walter Besant begins a series of papers on life in East London. Attention will be attracted to Marian Warner Wildman's poem, "A Hill Prayer," by its decorative designs by Maxfield Parish, and the editorial note that it won the first prize in the Century College Competition this year. Henryk Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis," contributes a prose-poem, "The Judgment of Peter and Paul on Olympus."

Of *St. Nicholas*, "The Children Danced Around It" is the frontispiece, and the title refers, of course, to a Christmas tree—one that was used afterwards as the mast of a ship, a bear's cave, and all sorts of things that grown folks would never have thought a Christmas tree fit for. Then there is "The Doll that Santa Claus Bought," "Erme's Christmas Doll," and "Christmas on the Home Station"—a naval story. Marie von Vorst admits us to the home and studio of the "painter in ordinary to children," the extraordinarily clever and successful French artist, Boutet de Monvel. Many of M. de Monvel's pictures of children are reproduced. In "The Lost Colony" we see the first of a series of colonial story-and-travel sketches by Elbridge S. Brooks. Short stories, verses, and pictures crowd each other in the teeming pages of this magazine, which has been enlarged by eight pages, and will not be diminished in size during the coming year.

With the December number, *Harper's Magazine* begins its hundredth volume, and enters upon the last six months of its fiftieth year. This Christmas number, by-the-way, ought to be remembered for a long time, if for only one thing; that, is Mark Twain's short story, "The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg." The majority of readers will probably consider this the best tale Mark Twain has ever written. The series of "Darky Devil Tales," by Virginia Frazer Boyle, which is to run during the coming year, if we can judge from the first of the series,

"Dark er de Moon," will take a distinctive place in darky folk lore. The series will be illustrated in A. B. Frost's weirdest manner. The chief feature of the hundredth volume will doubtless be Mrs. Humphry Ward's novel, "Eleanor," which will begin in the January number and run through twelve months. It is said that it is, in the main, purely a love-story. The scene is laid in an old Italian villa on the Campagna, and the interest centres in the love of an American girl and an English woman for the same man.

Opinions of the Press

The Church Standard

A BROKEN IDOL.—"Well," said Abraham Lincoln, after wading through a prosy and ponderous pamphlet, "for the people who like that kind of reading, that's just the kind of reading they would like." Such a comment might be made on Lord Rosebery's speech on the Cromwell statue. There are people who think it wise, statesmanlike, and broad for a government to indorse all that has been done to effect its destruction. For instance, a government with a Church, a monarchy, and a Parliament, may praise a rebel who overturned the Church, killed the sovereign, and substituted military for Parliamentary control. Lord Beaconsfield silenced a flippant dean who inveighed against dogmas by saying: "No dogmas, no deans." There would have been no premiers and peerages had Cromwellism become a fixture. It is a very cheap form of clap-trap that flatters agitators by flattering the greatest and most dangerous agitator England ever knew. Cromwell had good traits, no doubt; but his life work may be summed up in two statements—he destroyed the old Constitution of his country, and substituted military despotism in its place. Lord Rosebery would find it no easy task to produce one element of constitutional freedom which his idol did not seek to destroy.

The Churchman

A LONG PASTORATE.—The resignation of Dr. Storrs from the pastorate that he has held with honor for fifty-three years, deserves commemoration. His service is almost unequalled in its length and sustained dignity in modern religious life. Dr. Storrs has been a leading and restraining spirit, not alone in the Congregational body, but in all Evangelical Churches, and he was perhaps the most finished pulpit orator of his day. He is of a family of ministers. His great-grandfather had been a Revolutionary chaplain, his grandfather a pastor for thirty-three years, his father for sixty-three, in less strenuous days than those that are now closing for the son. Dr. Storrs went from college to the law, which he studied with Rufus Choate; but he soon turned to theology, was graduated at Andover in 1845, and in the next year assumed his first and only charge, the church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn. For years identified with a religious journal, he has been always an active publicist, and conspicuous in all movements toward higher municipal and national life. He has done his work manfully, and we trust he may live yet many years to enjoy the "honor, love, obedience, troops of friends" that he has so richly merited.

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The Household

The Passing of Gray Rabbit

GRAY RABBIT was the oldest rabbit in the warren, and he had just waked up in the long, cool grass of the meadow, where he had been lying with his ears shut up and laid along his back, and his nose between his fore paws. It was too hot to go regularly to bed—one of those days, as he said, "when the bedclothes looked as if they had been kicking about all night, and the pillow hasn't had a wink of sleep." So he was going to "lie out" where he was in the meadow. He had already scratched his head on both sides very carefully and sleepily, and had stretched himself out so long to yawn that he looked like a rabbit skin, and he was just wondering whether he should go and have a light breakfast of carrot tops in the garden close by, or stay and pick out the young clover growing amongst the hay, when a strange thing happened. Gray Rabbit heard a whirring noise at the bottom of the paddock. And it did not stop, but went on, whirr-rr-rr-rr. Dragon-flies overhead? Oh, no, for there were men's voices talking to horses. And the noise grew fainter and fainter, and just as Gray Rabbit felt sure it was gone altogether, it grew louder and louder and louder, and came closer and closer and closer. And he squatted down as flat as he could, and kept his ears quiet, and the thing that whirred came past him.

He heard a man talking to horses quite plainly, but he saw nothing. Then the noise died away in the distance again, and Gray Rabbit scratched his head thoughtfully, wondered over the thing that had happened, and was just going to nibble off a tuft of young clover, when—whirr-rr-rr—he heard the thing coming again. And again the sound grew fainter, and again it grew louder, and came closer and closer and passed. And Gray Rabbit saw the top of a man go by; he was high up in the air and moved slowly past, whirring all the time. This was even more wonderful. Gray Rabbit had never, all the number of times he had peered out from among tall grass at men passing by, on foot, on horses, and in carts, seen anything like this man who sat in the air and whirred as he went along. Never!

Just then Madam Pheasant came by with her head bent low. "Chuck! Chuck!" she said nervously, and ten gawky young pheasants, with all their heads down, followed at her tail.

"Whither away so fast?" said Gray Rabbit jauntily, as a man of the world who had seen things in his time, "is the sky falling?"

"Chuck! Chuck!" said the pheasant in an agitated, hurried way, and the last of the ten gawky youngsters disappeared from his view.

"Always was a silly old mollycoddle," said Gray Rabbit, taking a mouthful of grass just to assure himself that he was not getting nervous. "I wonder what she's in such a fright about?"

But he sat where he was. Experience had taught him in all previous dangers, that sitting still until compelled to run was always the safest thing to do. And he heard the noise rising and falling far away, and then it came closer and grew louder, and the man in the air went by again. And this time Gray Rabbit thought he saw the top of a horse in front of the man.

But the thing went away again just as before, and his spirits, as before, began to revive, and the larks came running through the grass past him.

"Whither away," said he quite bravely, "is the sky falling?"

But the larks said nothing; they ran a little further, chirping, so it seemed, very sadly, and then flew up into the sky, and Gray Rabbit saw them flying round and round, but neither of them was singing.

"That's odd," thought he, "for the larks have a nest full of young ones near the edge of the meadow."

And whirr-rr-rr came the thing again, and a young rabbit, nearly out of its wits with fright, came creeping along. And Gray Rabbit felt quite glad of the company, even of so small a bunny. So he said, "Stop, stop, where are you going? What are you frightened at?" And the little one who had great respect for the oldest inhabitant, stopped.

"Listen," it whispered. Whirr-rr-rr came the thing.

"Oh!" said the old one, "that's nothing. I've heard it ever so often this morning, and though it comes it always goes away again. There's a man—" and he suddenly stopped. For this time he could see quite plainly there was a man sitting on something, and driving two horses, who nodded their heads at every step. And Gray Rabbit could see that their manes and tails were long, and looked as if they had been bleached by sun and rain. He saw too, that as the man passed, the hay between himself and the man grew much thinner; indeed, he could see now right across the meadow to the hedge. He heard, too, another sound that he had not heard before, a whispering, lisp-ing sound in the grass that went by with the man.

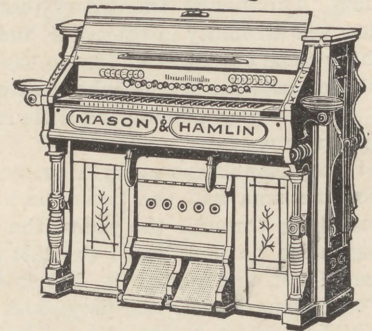
"There" said he to the small bunny, "I told you it would go away. All you have to do is to lie quite quiet and do nothing, and things will go away—most of them."

And the small bunny thanked him gratefully, and seeing Gray Rabbit scratch his ear with a hind foot—just to show that he did not allow miraculous occurrences to make any difference in his ordinary conduct took heart of grace and scratched its ear, too.

So there they sate, the little rabbit in the shadow of its reverend relative, just behind the big one, and listened to the rising and falling of the sound in the ups and downs of the sloping meadow. And listening, they became aware that it was again coming up to them, and the whirr-rr grew louder and louder and louder. The small rabbit could not, for the life of it, help sitting up just a little and looking at the thing as it came along.

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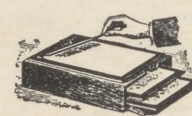
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whisked their tails, and, strange to say, the hay, as the horses passed, bowed down and lay flat. The bunny could see that the meadow was all empty in front of it, and still the thing came on, never changing the tone of its voice, and the horses bobbed at every step. It was very solemn, the little rabbit thought, and very exciting.

And Gray Rabbit saw everything, too, but besides the man and the horses he heard, coming along through the grass, the same hissing noise he had heard the last time. He could not understand it, but it was a very suspicious sound, and perplexed him. So he laid his ears flat along either side of his head, and got his feet well up under him, so as to be ready to make his famous jump at the first sign of danger. And the hissing noise came nearer and nearer and nearer. How thin the grass was getting! how—Something touched his fur! And the little bunny saw its great-grandfire make a motion as of jumping, when *blip!*

Gray Rabbit's head went off all by itself! And the hay bowed down and lay flat, covering up its body.

And a great fear, out of all proportion to the size of its little person, seized upon the bunny, and it fled. What had happened to Gray Rabbit it never knew, for before next hay time it died from a sudden attack of Bang-Bang, and so it never had another chance of seeing a hay-making machine.—*The Contemporary Review.*

Adopting Children

THERE is at least one woman in New York to-day who does not believe in heredity. She believes that human nature does not depend so much for its development upon antecedents as upon surroundings; that mankind holds the secret of its destiny in its own hands. She draws her optimistic conclusions from long and careful observation of some 5,000 children, all of whom, to use the Napoleonic phrase, have been their own ancestors. They all had ancestors at one time, in most cases drunkards, thieves, or murderers, but very few of them—to be specific, only ten per cent.—show any indication of that early disadvantage. Ninety per cent. are educated, refined, law-abiding, and prosperous. The larger number have children of their own who, in spite of all modern theories of heredity, show no resemblance to the grandmothers and grandfathers now in Potter's field. To come to the point at once, these 5,000 men and women belong to that peculiar class known as adopted children; and the woman who watches their career with such a benevolent eye, has spent the better part of her life as matron of a public institution that makes the adoption of children its special care.

"No," she says, "I suppose the average New Yorker has no adequate notion of the great number of children adopted in this city every day—of the antecedents of these poor, homeless waifs, of the homes into which they fall, and of their subsequent careers. And yet it forms one of the most useful and hopeful chapters in the contemporary history of this great city. In ninety cases out of one-hundred, I am willing to take the child of the most abandoned parents, and, providing I can have the guidance of his childhood and youth, am perfectly willing to assume all the responsibility for his career.

"There is a large number of people who agree with me, as is proved by the fact that

thousands of children of these homes of vice are adopted by progressive and cultured people every year. It is a great revelation, the readiness with which these men and women take into their homes the little degenerates, adopt them legally as their own daughters and sons, and show them every attention and care.

"One of these cases comes to mind now—that of one of the most famous American statesmen of the past thirty years. He was childless himself, and it was to supply this void that he applied to us. I shall never forget the afternoon that Mr. — and his wife appeared at the home to select the child they were to make their own. They intended to take only one child; but just as an experiment, I showed them a pair of twin-girls that a few days before had been rescued from the slums. My visitors were so delighted with them that they decided to adopt the little girls forthwith. They were not permitted to do this in ignorance, but were carefully informed of the babies' pedigree, that their father and mother were both besotted in sin and crime, and that there was hardly any evil tendency known to science that were not a part of their inheritance. This made no difference to my guests, however; they had faith in themselves, and in the two dainty little creatures before them, and did not waver.

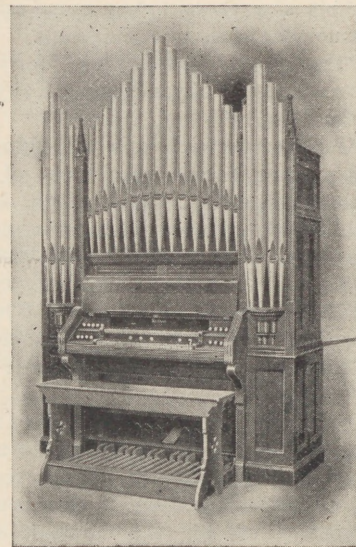
"They have never had any reason to repent their act. In a year or two one of the little girls died, but her sister grew up to be a credit to her distinguished foster-parents. The affection in which she was held is shown by the reply I received to my request for the annual report of the child's progress, a few years after she left the home, which all these foster-parents are obliged to make. 'We do not like to make the report,' Mr. — wrote. 'In every sense of the word the child is our own. These annual reports are only unpleasant reminders of the fact that she is not our own flesh and blood; and we do not wish to be reminded of that.' Inasmuch as Mr. — was then the leading member of a President's cabinet, and one of the foremost statesmen of the time, we acceded to

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Children's Hour

Virginia's Air Castle

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CHAPTER VI.

SUNDAY passed without Virginia again approaching the subject of Dick Hardy, and when Madge tried to lead her to talk of her brother, she grew suddenly reserved, and almost petulant.

"Never mind what I said, Madge," she said, pushing back her hair from her forehead with a quick, impatient gesture. "It cannot be helped now, and I ought not to have told you."

And Madge nodded, and said nothing, but she did a lot of thinking, and Mr. Hardy caught a pair of brown eyes watching him questioningly several times during the day, and wondered what their owner was thinking of so seriously.

After school on Monday the Sisterhood girls gathered in full force in the nest to hear Eleanor's idea. There had been an election of officers held at the beginning of the new year, and Virginia became president by a unanimous vote, with Madge as secretary, and Mollie as treasurer. Perhaps it was this official combination which was in a measure accountable for the close companionship of the trio since the election. Mollie declared that it was her duties alone that called her to the big house on the bluff so frequently, but Dave and Art. held a different opinion, and said: "Cookies and chocolate, and her ladyship's smiles."

There was very little formal business to this Monday meeting; in fact, there never was very much to any of the S. D. S. assemblies. Jerry said that the girls did not know as much about parliamentary law as the Excelsior skeleton did, but Eleanor would always reply, after all, they managed to reach the result as quickly and satisfactorily as any dignified function presided over by Arthur in all his majesty.

"Just call the roll, Madge, and skip the minutes," ordered the president briefly, when all were ready to listen. "We want to hear what Nell has to say."

Madge complied, and when she had finished, the girls turned expectantly to Eleanor. Some way she had seemed from the very first to be the backbone of the Sisterhood. It was her firm, frank advice and never failing practical common-sense which had kept the spirit of contention and restless irresolution out of the club, and many a time when Mollie and Evelyn had plunged into an argument, a quiet word from her had warded off the shadow of a quarrel.

Although she was only seventeen, she seemed older, because of her way of taking herself and the world so seriously. She was not at all like easy-going, indolent Jerry, and he would often say to the boys:

"Wish I was a born regulator like Nell. She just sits and digs up ideas for bait, and then goes fishing with them."

This time, to judge from the happy earnest look on her face, as she prepared to unfold her latest scheme, the idea was a particularly good one.

"It's about our summer work," she began. "What Bobbie said about the orphan asylum made me think of it first. You know how every year the boys go off and camp out during vacation time, and most of us go down

for a few weeks at the cottages on the lake shore. Now wouldn't it be splendid if we could arrange it in some way to have a little summer home for poor children and waifs. There are steamers running all summer from here to Chicago, and Mr. Stanley would help us. I think that it would be a great work if we only had two or three a week to look after, and that would be something really worth doing."

"But what could the boys do, Nell?" asked little Alice Jardine.

"Why, I thought that they could help look after the boy waifs, and see that they had a good time, teach them to fish and swim, and all that kind of thing, while we looked after the girls. We would want tents or something right down there among the ravines and bluffs on the lake shore."

There was a moment's silence, and then Virginia's soft, slow voice asked:

"How would Bonnie Castle do?"

"Virgine, you don't mean it!" exclaimed Eleanor, and Mollie nearly tumbled off her perch on top of the bookcase, in her excitement of the announcement of such an offer.

"Of course I do," replied Virginia, laughingly. "You know mamma is going East this summer, and papa and I will be all alone, and he never cares to stay down at the cottage. I know he will give it to me, and then we could carry out the whole plan, and the children could have a jolly time down there."

"Well, I should say they would," gasped Mollie, finding her tongue at last. "It's immense, Nell! Just think of having a lot of poor little crazy tads to scrub clean, and let roll round in the sand, and give them a whiff of real woods. Maybe some of them never saw ravines or fished, or were even clean all at once. Talk about mission work!"

"Yes, exactly; talk about a lot of girls without a bit of experience starting in to civilize a lot of little heathens," and Evelyn's tone was quite grieved over the sudden startling responsibility which threatened the Sisterhood. "Even if we could have Bonnie Castle, how could we look after everything? There you would have to feed them, and attend to their coming over by boat, and go to Chicago to hunt them up, and then maybe get some Italians, or—or even Chinese, who might bring some disease over, and we'd all be down with it. I don't think it's safe."

"Oh, fiddlesticks and shoe strings," exclaimed Mollie. "We can put you into a

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glass case, Evelyn, and set you on the piano stool, and let you do your share that way. 'Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast.' That's what Art. says when I get angry, and then he sings 'Down on the Suwanee River.' How would that do for you?"

"Evelyn could do that if she would," said Eleanor quickly. "And it would help out wonderfully, because children are so fond of music, and I know we could have the little old organ in our back parlor. Mother was saying the other day that it was no good now that the piano is there."

Evelyn's delicate face had flushed at Mollie's words with their little sting of good-natured ridicule, but it cleared up in an instant when Eleanor spoke. If there was one special thing that she loved it was music, and all the girls knew no one in the club could play like Evelyn when she could be coaxed to do so.

"I would like to do that," she said, contentedly, and Mollie smiled broadly, and announced that she would accompany her on the banjo, which was the only thing she could play, and that was Dave's."

"Laying all teasing and fun aside," Virginia began, "we can do that, girls, and we must get to work at it right away. It is the last of February, and we want to talk to Mr. Stanley, and hear what the boys think of it, and whether they will help. And I will speak to papa to-night after dinner. Listen."

The front door shut downstairs, and some one passed through the lower hall, whistling softly.

"It's Tony, home from the bank," Madge said, and she called, "Tony, come on up here a minute!"

Tony obeyed, but when he saw all the girls, his face flushed the same way that Madge's did sometimes, and he stood in the doorway with a comical look in his brown eyes, and his dimples deepening into a smile.

"We want you to tell the boys that we've settled everything, and they are to all go to our house to-morrow, and hear about it," Mollie said hastily. "Tell Dave and Art. I said so."

"And Madge and Nell and Mollie can tell them all about it," Virginia added.

Tony delivered the message faithfully, when he met the boys going skating later.

"That's always the way with girls," Jerry said, reflectively. "They ask you to join in something, and then they go off and fix it all up among themselves, and when it is all cooked, they come and tell you to eat it, and you haven't had a single finger in the pie. If it's an orphan asylum—"

"We'll say bless you, my children, and run," finished Bobbie.

(To be continued.)

Only A Beetle

BY SYBIL DAWSON

"JACK! What are you doing?" cried Aunt Dorothy, one morning as she looked out of the dining-room and saw her little nephew stamping hard on the sidewalk.

"Oh, nothing, Aunt! I was just squashing a horrid old beetle."

"Come here, Jack, and sit on this bench with me; tell me, if you were to make a very pretty kite, would you like me to take a pair of scissors and destroy it?" asked Aunt Dorothy.

"Why, no! What a funny question!" And Jack laughed aloud.

"But, Jack, do you suppose that God likes to see a little boy wilfully destroying a little beetle that He took pains to make?"

Jack looked slightly confused. "It was only a beetle, Aunt. Of course, I wouldn't hurt a cat or a dog or any nice animal."

"But Jack, dear, don't you know that God has a use for all His creatures, even beetles?"

"Why, what use are beetles, Aunt?"

"Well, Jack, beetles are nature's scavengers. You know what a scavenger is, don't you?"

Jack nodded, but said: "I don't see how a beetle could empty an ash-barrel!"

"They don't empty barrels, Jack; but wherever they find a dead animal, a little birdie, or a field-mouse, they begin digging with their flat heads, using them as shovels, all round the little bird. Then they throw the earth up around him, and when he is in a sufficiently deep grave, the beetles climb out, and shove the earth back on top of him, and that is the way beetles are useful; for you know well enough, Jack, that a dead animal is neither pleasant to see, or wholesome to smell."

"Aunt, I'm awfully sorry I killed that beetle, and I'm going to watch and see if I can't see them at work."

"That's right, dear! You see that God has work for every one to do—even a beetle, a horrid old beetle!"

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BANK clearings for the country at large still show gains over last year. In fact comparisons with New York show the general productive and distributive business of the country, has gained more in the past year than the business at speculative centres. There are very few complaints. Retailers grumble somewhat about the effects of unseasonable mildness upon the demand for certain classes of goods, but as a rule, business in every line continues satisfactory. In woolen and cotton trades demand is active, and prices firm, and tending up. In iron the demand still presses upon available supplies, and manufactures are contracting well into the next year. The French and Russian governments are in the market for large orders for railway equipment, and it seems more than likely that a fair proportion will be placed in this country. Transportation reports show that although the eastward movement of agricultural products is not large, yet the railway earnings as a whole are up to the capacity of the roads. The holiday trade promises to be the largest on record. In wheat and corn the downward tendency in price continues. In wheat European markets are fully as weak as our own, and no improvement in demand is therefore in sight. In corn an abundance of fall pasturage every where, has not only lessened the actual immediate demand, but has also created a sentimental feeling in favor of lower prices. The money situation continues to be the factor of principal interest, and the one toward which the public attention is directed. The offer of the Secretary of the Treasury to buy twenty-five millions of gold bonds was accepted, to the extent of eighteen millions. The funds thus realized have placed the New York banks in a technically better financial position, but money still remains at about 6 per cent. in Wall street, and it is not clear just what is going to make it easier. The Treasury has extended its offer to buy the balance of seven millions of bonds to Dec. 23d, but stiff rates for money prevailing throughout the country, very much easier rates in New York are hardly probable. The Bank of England increased its discount rate to 6 per cent. the past week, and strict rates for money in London are reactively advanced. In Berlin also the rate is 6 per cent., and in Paris from 3 1/2 per cent. upwards. While the financial situation does not appear alarming, yet it is critical to some degree at least. Just what this ultimate effect of the necessarily large falling off in the South African contribution to the world's gold supply may be, it would be difficult to foretell, but if long continued it would seem that eventually it must prove to be important. The currency bill prepared for and adopted by the Caucus Committee of Republican Congressman, has been made public. It provides primarily for the gold standard, "That the standard unit of value should be as now, the dollar, and shall consist of 25-8 grains of gold, ninetenths pure," etc. It provides also for maintaining the "parity" between the government issues of silver and gold; for issue by the National Banks of notes up to the par value of bonds deposited. It abolishes the present tax on circulation, and in place of it substitutes a tax of 1-10 of 1 per cent. on its capital surplus and undivided profits. It also provides against the "endless chain" for withdrawing gold from the Treasury, by directing that notes so redeemed in gold shall only be re-issued for gold. It also provides for the chartering of National Banks in towns of less than 2,000 population. So far it is most criticised because it does not provide some better plan for expanding the currency to meet just such expansion in general business, as at the moment exists.

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