

Children's Column.

WILLIE'S SNOWDROPS.

Continued.

So soon as he had gone Nanny wiped the muddy foot-marks from the floor, and when they were no longer there to irritate her, she speedily recovered her temper and was sorry for the hasty words which she had spoken.

"I will be extra kind to the child when he comes home," she thought; but surely Willie was unusually late this afternoon; the church clock had long struck four, and still there was no sign of him. Nanny went to the door and looked down the street.

What could this crowd mean that was coming along in the distance? "Some one took up, maybe," was the first thought that suggested itself to Nanny's mind; but no! for a second glance showed that the tall policeman at the head was carrying a little motionless figure in his arms.

"Some poor bairn run over, I suppose," remarked a motherly neighbour, pausing in the act of fitting the latch-key into her own door to follow the direction of Nanny's gaze. "Lor! Mrs. Martin," she added suddenly, as she turned and caught a glimpse of the white, startled face beside her. "You ain't thinkin' its one of yours, are you?"

"There'll all safe at home but little Will," Nanny faltered. "Oh, Mrs. Fielding, surely it couldn't be him."

Nearer and nearer came the crowd, and amidst the little sea of faces Nanny recognised one—that of the kindly old doctor who had known her all her life. Gravely, pityingly, he stepped forward from the rest, but the news he had meant to break so tenderly has already burst from less cautious lips.

"It's your Willie as they're bringing," eagerly blurted out a little breathless urchin. "He was a runned over in the High-street by one of them big brewer's drays, and he's hurt orful bad, the doctor says."

Yes, so badly, that no earthly skill could do anything for the poor little shattered frame, and very gently the kind doctor strove to tell the distracted mother what at first in her grief and bewilderment, she could not believe—that the bright life was well nigh ended; that at the most, but a few short, painless hours remained for her darling on earth.

Who shall fathom the depths of anguish and remorse in the mother's heart as, kneeling beside the little quiet figure that had been so full of health and activity a short while before, she began dimly to grasp the truth—to realise that never again would she hear the bright tones of the childish voice which had pleaded so eagerly that afternoon for the forgiveness which she had withheld; never once again, it might be, see the drooping lashes unclose over the sunshiny eyes, which she had clouded so often by harsh words of unmerited rebuke. Such a good little lad he had always been, too! never wilfully naughty or disobedient, never so happy as when, by some trifling act of childish service, he fancied he was "helping dear mammy," and was rewarded by an approving word or smile.

And yet how often those bright expectant eyes had caught instead the frown upon the mother's brow; how often the loving little heart had been chilled and saddened by the unkind, hasty words, that all came thronging back now to Nanny's mind, in the quiet hush of the darkening room where she knelt by the bedside of her dying child.

"Willie, Willie, darling! Speak to mother once again," she moaned, and as though in answer to her cry the blue eyes slowly unsealed, fixing themselves upon her face with a half troubled gleam of recognition.

"You ain't coss any more now I've hurted, are you, mammy?" came the faintly whispered words.

"Cross! no, no! my darling."

A long sigh of relief, and then the little weak voice spoke yet once again ere the blue eyes closed for ever in the sleep that knows no waking here.

"Didn't mean to make you any, mammy; they was my own dear pitty fowers, and they was all for you; but I won't never forget to wipe my boots adain; tiss me, mammy, cos it's dettin' all so dark, and I've so welly tired to-night."

"All fade, mammy!" said little Emmie, sorrowfully, as from the corner where they had lain so long neglected she gathered up the withered snowdrops in her tiny pinafore. "They was Willie's fowers, and I wanted to put them in some water to make them pitty adain, but Nellie says its no dood now."

"No good now!" Ah! what a sorrowful echo those words found in Nanny's stricken heart, as between the folded waxen hands of her darling she laid a neighbour's gift, another tiny bunch of the sweet spring flowers pure and fresh as those which little Willie had carried home to her but yesterday. "No good now" to long to make amends for each hasty action and unjust word that lay strewn along the backward track, for the little life which they had blighted and withered like the snowdrops, and the tender childish heart which they had wounded had passed for ever beyond the reach of earthly love or kindness.

But other children were left to her still, and to-day the gentle forbearance and patient love which mark Nanny Martin's ideal motherhood, owe their source to the silent teaching of Willie's withered snowdrops—the last treasured remembrances of her little one in Heaven. K.S.W.

Temperance.

Luck.

"It's just my luck, mother. I might have known I shouldn't get the place, for all it seemed as though I was sure of it. I'm the most unlucky boy in the world, and I always was, ever since I can remember. There's Osmond Gray, he got the place, just as he does everything. He is no better scholar than I am, but he always comes out ahead."

This was said in a tone of mingled impatience and regret, as the speaker, a lad of fourteen summers, looked earnestly at his mother. That she was sadly disappointed her face plainly revealed.

"If Mr. Bemis has taken Osmond Gray into the counting-house instead of you, he has a reason for it. If you fail, as often you complain you do, there is a reason for it," responded Mrs. Crowley. "I have been afraid, for a good while, that you would grow to be a bad man."

"That's the way you always talk, mother. It seems as though you blame me for everything that happens."

"No, I don't, my son; I love you too well for that. I'm afraid I love you too well for your own good."

"No, mother, you know you couldn't do that. Uncle Jack says we belong to an unlucky family. He says he always had bad luck, and I suppose I must expect to have it."

"Your uncle has his own luck, my son. He has been his own enemy. You are not old enough yet to realise it, but he reaps the rewards of his own doings. He is kind-hearted and generous; but he is apt to put off till to-morrow what ought to be done to-day. He is never quite ready to do anything that can be left for another time. Then, he has spent a small fortune for liquor and tobacco, and that is the secret of his luck. You are a good deal like him, but it would break my heart to have you grow up to be such a man as he is."

"Why, mother, I thought you loved Uncle Jack!" exclaimed Ned Crowley.

"I do love him. But I know his faults, and he knows them, too; though he says it's too late for him to change. If you would ask Mr. Bemis why he gave the place in his counting-house to Osmond Gray instead of you, I think he would tell you. I don't know how we can live now, my health is so poor, unless you can earn money somewhere."

Mr. Bemis was surprised at receiving a call from Ned Crowley, and still more surprised when he was respectfully asked the reason for his preference in the selection of an under-clerk. "I know it is a strange question for me to ask," added the boy.

"It is strange; but, as you asked it, I will answer it," was the reply. "Until within a fortnight I intended to give the place to you. I knew you were a good scholar, a handsome writer, and a quick accountant. Then I knew that your mother needed the help of your wages. But I heard someone say you were like your Uncle Jack, and I began to watch you. I saw you drink a glass of beer in the public house at the corner, and one day I saw you puffing a cigar. That was the way your Uncle Jack began, and I didn't dare to trust you."

"Thank you for telling me this, Mr. Bemis." And, despite the tremor in his voice, and the blushes that burned upon his cheeks, the boy did not shrink from the earnest gaze of his companion. "I thought it was my luck. Now I've found out it was my fault, and I'll change my habits. If you will give me any kind of a chance to work I'll do the best I can, and then see where the luck comes."

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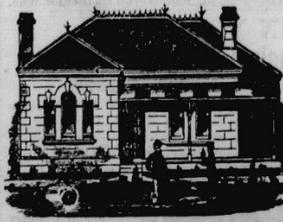
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The Week.

Crime Abolished. Dr. Anderson in the Contemporary Review writes "that organised and systematic crime might be stamped out in a single generation." The chief idea of the doctor is that if criminals were more severely punished, and if incorrigible offenders guilty of serious crimes received a life sentence, it would so act that it would prove a deterrent against the commission of offences. We are of opinion that severity is often a mercy, and is necessary in administering the law against certain classes of the criminal population. Yet we cannot hold the opinion that it will stamp out crime. Unregenerate human nature is against such an assumption. Nothing but the grace of God can work so effectual a change as that contemplated by Dr. Anderson.

Soap Kitchen. This excellent establishment, which is carried on in Sussex-street by a few Christian ladies connected with the Womens Christian Temperance Union, is doing a good, though unostentatious, work. The objects in view are twofold; to provide a cheap and substantial meal for the poor, and to seize the opportunity of saying a few words about the great cause of Temperance and religion generally. The ladies have attentive listeners, and it is hoped that some good is being done by this agency. As many as 200 visit the establishment during the week, and it may be said that—all if not thankfully, yet respectfully—receive the leaflets and books presented to them.

The Late Mr. J. N. Osley. A public meeting was held lately at the Bowral of the parishioners of St. Jude's Church, in the School-room, to take steps to erect a tablet in the Church to the memory of the late Mr. John Norton Osley. In the absence (through illness) of the Rev. J. W. Debenham (the incumbent), Dr. Morgan presided. The chairman referred to the munificent gift of the deceased gentleman of 40 acres of land, now worth from £4000 to £5000, which was a grand endowment to the parish. Such men, he stated, should not be forgotten; their memory ought to be perpetuated. After some discussion it was decided to appoint a sub-committee, to consider the form the tablet should take. A subscription list was opened, and several amounts were handed in towards the object.

The Primals. The visit of the Primate to Bull was rather a rough experience, so far as the weather was concerned, but there was some compensation in the hearty welcome received from the parishioners and incumbent of St. Augustine's, Bull (the Rev. H. W. Taylor), and the ministers of the various denominations officiating in the district. His Lordship expressed himself gratified at the kind and hospitable welcome accorded him, and at the presence of ministers of other denominations on the occasion of his first visit to the district. This was as it should be among Christians of whatever name, and it would always be his desire to encourage such cordial feeling and intercourse. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

St. Thomas's, Ballmann. The report submitted at the Easter meeting in connection with the above Church, is now printed, and contains a full account of the receipts and expenditure of the agencies at work in the parish. These agencies are numerous and varied, and every sphere of labour is in a prosperous state. The Temperance Society appears to be in a flourishing condition. Twenty-two meetings have been held during the year, the average attendance being about 120. What a contrast this presents to the torpid condition of many branches of the C.E.T.S.

China Inland Mission. The band of missionaries who left here on November last are suffering from the extreme cold experienced in that part of China in which they are located. Nevertheless, they are all in good spirits, and their zeal in the cause is as earnest as ever. They ask for the prayers of Christian people. These, we are assured, will not be denied on behalf of those who are perilling their lives in seeking to bring the heathen to a knowledge of the Saviour.

Accidents on Railways. One of those fierce outbreaks of passion which frequently terminate in murder resulted in a tragedy last week in Sydney, and the papers were filled with details of the occurrence. The same issues briefly recorded the fourth fatal accident which has occurred within the past few weeks at Penrith railway station. The crime was enlarged upon, but the death of a faithful servant in the pursuit of his avocation was scarcely worthy of comment. The life of

a railway man is full of danger, and the frequency with which shunters are crushed to death needs urgent attention on the part of those who manage the railways. Human life should not be sacrificed because of the cost of introducing preventatives.

French colonies. M. Pardon, the Governor of New Caledonia, when recently in Sydney, was interviewed by a representative of the S. M. Herald. In speaking of the New Hebrides, he stated that "under the French the Protestant missionaries would be quite free to continue their labours, for the French Government was absolutely Secular." Would that this were so, for the records of the last years prove that whilst secular at home the policy of the French Government is quite the reverse in her colonies.

The Bishop of Bathurst's Address. The address of the Bishop of Bathurst to the Synod of the Diocese will be read with a good deal of interest. A number of subjects are touched upon, and some information is afforded relative to the deadlock in the appointment of Canon Barlow to the Bishopric of North Queensland.

Speaking to the Point. The Chairman of the banquet given in Melbourne on Tuesday last in honor of "Eight Hours Day" spoke out fearlessly on the Labour agitation question. He condemned the action of a few mischief-making agitators who had been dragging the democracy of Australia through the mire for the last few months. He was not afraid to speak his mind before men, but he knew that if he attempted to do so he would be howled down by what-to-day was called an "intelligent democracy." Those men had been battering on discord and bringing about strife and strikes; and thousands of men were groaning under the tyranny of those who had falsely led them. The working men would no longer follow the rule of those parasites on an institution which the pioneers had raised—parasites who, many of them, lived by their wits, and not by honest industry. He challenged some of those mischievous leaders to prove they ever did an honest day's work.

Cruelty to Children. A useful society exists in our midst for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The vigilance officer is ever ready to investigate any cases of neglect and ill-treatment, whilst the names of children who habitually escape going to school are notified to the Education Department. His Excellency and Lady Jersey have accorded their patronage, and the Governor has consented to preside at the forthcoming annual meeting. Mr. Carruthers having promised to introduce into Parliament a Bill for the better protection of children petitions in its support are now ready for signature.

Church Schools. There are at the present time about half-a-dozen Church of England primary day schools in the Metropolitan area. Parents find that their children get a high moral tone, are well-mannered, and are grounded in religious knowledge. Ought not, therefore, a strong movement be made to sustain the noble effort? A recent grant of £10 to one school has resulted in 40 additional children being accommodated and more money would reap a bountiful harvest. These Church day-schools need the support of all earnest religious persons, and it reflects great discredit on our Church that they are allowed to languish for want of money.

Tavern methods. The drinking customs of Australia have been the frequent subjects of comment, and blame has been cast upon the "Stand-up" bars as conducive to drink prevails. In the United States, however, the exactly opposite method of sitting down at small tables to drink prevails. At Boston this method is required by law, yet a strong agitation has arisen for the repeal of the enactment because it leads to an increased consumption of liquor. The convivial customs of the tavern can best be repressed by a change of public opinion, but the difficulty lies in getting the public to discontinue such habits.

Brief Notes.

On Saturday last the Most Rev. the Primate preached at St. Andrew's, Seven Hills, in the morning, held a confirmation service in the afternoon, and preached at Christ Church, Blacktown, in the evening. The anniversary services in connection with the Pitt-street Congregational Church were held on Sunday last. The Rev. Dr. Ewan of Melbourne preached on Sunday last in the Pitt-street Congregational Church.

Melbourne Age, September 25, says:—"A good idea of the artistic beauty of the Sydney collections can be obtained by an inspection of Mr. J. H. Newman's exhibits. On one of the screens are three autotype enlargements of the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, Archbishop Vaughan, and Bishop Kenyon (of Adelaide). It is not too much to say of the last-named that, as an example of indirect photographic work, it is the finest in the exhibition. The clearness and sharpness of outline, the shading tones and half tones, the method of bringing into relief by means of high lights every line in the face and every feature, indicate the work not only of a photographer, but of an artist who has a painter's appreciation of the subject. Some of the Newman cabinets have rich tints peculiar to no other steller."

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The Rev. Mr. Paton of the New Hebrides has had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on him by the University of Edinburgh.

At the Bourke-street Congregational Church, Surry Hills, a successful ten days mission closed on Sunday night.

The annual gathering of the Evangelical Alliance was held on Monday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The President of the Alliance, Mr. J. H. Goodlet, occupied the chair.

A concert in aid of the Hospital for sick children was given under the patronage of Lady Jersey in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Tuesday evening.

The Synod commenced its sittings at Bathurst on Tuesday last in the schoolroom of All Saints'. The Bishop gave a lengthy and able address.

On Monday evening a welcome tea meeting was given by the members of the Wesleyan Church, West Maitland, to the Rev. J. E. Carruthers, the newly appointed minister.

Large congregations assembled morning and evening at the Congregational Church, West Maitland, the preacher being the Rev. S. G. Fraser, Warden of Camden College.

Prize fighting with or without gloves and the use of tables for gaming purposes have been forbidden by the Adelaide Municipal Council. This does not apply to the suburbs.

The anniversary festival of the Central Methodist Mission was held at the Centenary Hall, York-street, on Thursday evening.

The Bank of New South Wales has sent a final notice to the guarantors of the Church debt at Orange that unless the sum of £3,250 is paid before the close of business to-day a writ will be forthwith issued for its recovery.

In his address to the Synod the Bishop of Bathurst referred to the question of labour and capital. General Booth's scheme, the Lincoln judgment, the text of which will be found in another part of the paper.

A sale of work was opened in the schoolroom of St. Paul's, Redfern, on Wednesday.

Mr. Bell, of Glasgow, has left £70,000 to the Salvation Army.

A conference was held at the Chapter House on Wednesday afternoon between the members of the C. E. Temperance Society and the Church Home. The Primate presided. Good progress was made in the consideration of the constitution. The meeting was adjourned until 6th May.

Every man takes care that his neighbour shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbour. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun. The vigour of youth and the blush of health are transitory blessings; the pride of rank soon wears; but the joy riches make themselves wings and fly away; but the joy of a Christian, though it walks upon earth, hides its head in heaven. It is the gift of God; and God alone is able to deprive him of it.

Many a person who has said in youth, it will be time enough to think of religion when I am older and so has let an opportunity for confirmation pass neglected by, has died in neglect of duty, and gone to give a sad account to God for his neglect.

Coming Events.

We shall be glad to publish in this column notices of coming services or meetings if the Clergy will kindly forward us particulars.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

Sun., April 26.—11 a.m., the Dean; 3.15, the Venerable Archdeacon Günther, M.A.; 7 p.m., the Precentor. Anthems—Morning, "I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me: He heard my complaint" (Mendelssohn); afternoon, "He watching over Israel, slumbers not or sleeps" (Mendelssohn). Tues., April 28.—Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

DIOCESAN.

Sun., April 26.—Wollongong, the Primate. Tues., April 28.—Special Session of Synod, Chapter House, 4 p.m. Mon., May 11.—Annual Meeting of the Church Society, Y.M.C.A. Rooms. His Excellency the Governor will preside.

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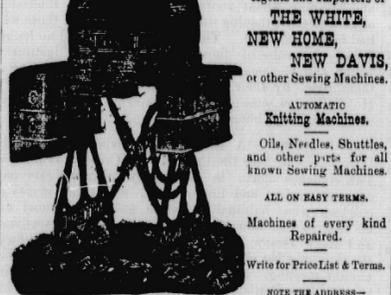
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BATHURST DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The Synod met on Tuesday last, and the Bishop of Bathurst, in the course of an excellent address, referred to matters of special interest to the Diocese, and then spoke as follows on the

CHANGES IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA. Changes, too, have occurred in our portion of the Church of England. The late highly esteemed and valued Primate, Dr. Barry, is now Canon of Windsor, and his successor has been duly consecrated and enthroned.

As I have been so frequently asked to express an opinion in reference to the position of Primate and Metropolitan, and the present mode of election to those offices by members of this diocese, I will briefly state what is the result of my examination on this subject.

LECTION OF PRIMATE AND METROPOLITAN. The Archbishop of Canterbury's judgment in the case of Read and others versus the Bishop of Lincoln has been hailed with very general feelings of satisfaction by large numbers of English Churchmen.

Primate. In the early African Church the senior Bishop was the chief Bishop, his title being Primate scilicet Episcopus. In Smith's "Dictionary of Antiquities," it is stated that Eusebius speaks of a Synod of the Bishops of Pontus, at which the senior Bishop appeared to have presided.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S JUDGMENT. The Archbishop of Canterbury's judgment in the case of Read and others versus the Bishop of Lincoln has been hailed with very general feelings of satisfaction by large numbers of English Churchmen.

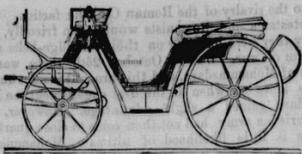
As I have been so frequently asked to express an opinion in reference to the position of Primate and Metropolitan, and the present mode of election to those offices by members of this diocese, I will briefly state what is the result of my examination on this subject.

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N.B.—Date of Polling, Thursday, 14th May.
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28 T. —	—20 to v 27	—20 v 18	Col. 1 to v 21
29 W. —	—20 v 27 to v 21 v 3	—21 v 18	—1 v 21 to c 2 v 8
30 Th. —	—21 v 3	—21 & c 25 v 1	—2 v 8
1 F. —	John 1 v 13	Zachariah 4	—3 to v 18
2 S. 1 Sam. 20	Luke 22 to v 31	1 Sam. 28 v 3	—3 v 18 to c 4 v 7
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The Australian Record.

"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE."
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1891.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

THE Bishop of Bathurst in his opening address to Synod on Tuesday last, urged strongly upon clergy and laity the duty of supporting Sunday-schools, and upon the clergy the advantage they possessed in being able to give religious instruction in the Public schools. The Bishop emphasized the importance by quotations from Mr. SPURGEON, the eminent Non-conformist, and from an example which occurred in his own diocese. Mr. SPURGEON, writing on the School Board in England, says, "The School Board, even with the Bible reading, is not only training up a godless generation, but is reading truly religious schools impossible." He further adds, "One of these days people will wake up to the fact that schools which are not religious are irreligious, and will begin to found schools at any price where the most essential element in education will not be banished." The example given in the Bishop's words as follows:—

An example of this which has occurred in my own diocese bears out these remarks fully. One of my clergy was intending to present to his parishioners, for confirmation, not merely from those resident within reasonable distance of the parish church, but in a remote part he was to drive me to; but which, owing to the badness of the roads, he was seldom able to visit. He got together as many young persons as he could find, but on examination he wrote to me and said that one and all were so utterly ignorant of the simplest facts of religion that it would take him six months of careful teaching before he could conscientiously present them as candidates, and this is by no means an isolated case.

This illustration is saddening and especially so, if as the Bishop says, it is by no means an isolated case. It would be difficult in an age like the present to find many advocates of "brute ignorance." Even the "lower classes" are being permitted to learn by those who have "the key of knowledge." "No one stumbles so readily as the blind," says HAME in *Guesses at Truth*; "no one is so easily scandalised as the ignorant, or at least the half-knowing, as those who have just taken a bite at the apple of knowledge, and got a smattering of evil, without an inkling of good." "There is nothing more terrible," says GOREAU, "than ignorance with spurs on." With all the triumphant talk about educational progress, a number of shrewd persons begin to find out that "progress" of a particular sort is not after all a matter of rejoicing, especially if children are growing up ignorant of the simplest facts of religion. It is therefore evident that it is the duty of clergy and laity to use all available means to train children in what we believe to be in the highest degree essential to the future well-being of the country, namely, religious truth. On one occasion when CARLYLE, overhearing a remark to the effect that belief had done immense evil in the world, replied with vehemence almost with fury, "True, belief has done some evil in the world; but it has done all the good that ever was done in it, from the time when MOSES saw the burning bush, and believed it to be God appointing him to deliver his people, down to the last act of belief that you or I executed. Good never came from aught else." It is a very painful fact that in many homes the higher nature of children is rarely touched, and they are treated and educated to be mere money-making machines. In many so-called Christian homes there is very little religious education. The cause of this is not far to seek. It is to be attributed to the low ideal of the Christian life presented by some parents to their children. Children are quick to discern that men often retain God in their written creed, but depose him from the throne of their life. Some professing Christians would be started to find themselves described as atheists; yet their daily life is atheistic. They say they believe in God, and yet in their home life they never mention His name. They are excited to indignation by the blasphemies of atheism; yet they legislate God's book out of educational institutions. They have a God, but no goodness; a creed but no life; they worship God with the lips, but the heart is dumb. There is also the fact to be encountered that other engagements are allowed to absorb the time which should be given to home training. The positive suffering which is caused by the hollow pretence of some of these engagements cannot be gauged. Family life seems in many cases to be imprisoned in a maze of tyrannical traditions, and the cramped mind is never permitted to think with freedom on certain subjects. Then, there is the lack of discipline, which would have appeared as amazing, and probably culpable, to the generation which has passed away. Our streets are thronged after nightfall with girls and boys who should be in bed, with young men and women who should have thrown around them the best and most hallowed influences of home to shelter them from peril and protect them from harm. And worldly amusements are permitted to occupy too large a share of the time and attention of young people; and thus, instead of securing a position of righteousness, of solid defence, of truth and probity, they awake to find that they have pillowed their heads on thorns. The ready way in which the desire for amusement is seduced by parents is depleting the youth of the land. They are being ruined and confectioned, or coddled to death. By the time they are fifteen years of age they have seen everything, and are over-powered with weariness. This should not be so; but it will continue until parents see the reality of the case, realising the real charm of sanctified family life and have brought upon them the most sacred and ennobling impulse which can inspire them in training their children for God. Then what shall be said of those homes in which no religious training is attempted; where there is a famine of love, trust and sympathy; a longing for help and not finding it; hoping and praying for sympathy and care, and the hope dying without an answer. There are scores of young people, the story of whose childhood is a tale of horror, and reads like that of JOHN STUART MILL, whose richer nature was crushed under a barren weight, and who, before he reached manhood, was tired of life. They, like MILL, are taught to disbelieve in God, and thus, denied the common comfort of suffering humanity, and find themselves helpless in the grip of sorrow when it comes upon them. If the work of religious training has to be done effectually it must be done by the Church of CHRIST. The Sunday-school has done noble work in the past; is doing invaluable work now; and every endeavour should be made to make its teaching effective, and use it as God's leverage to do God's work. It strikes us, however, that we need what may be termed supplementary teaching. Just as, apart from the work of the school-room, there is a supplementary education progressing in the case of every youth; and it is this supplementary education which involves the greatest responsibility on the part of parents and teachers, so there is, apart from the Sunday-school, a supplementary religious education needed in the shape of separate services for the young, and in every sermon some thoughts addressed specially to young persons. We need that the older and more experienced Christians should take a deeper interest in Sunday-schools. The relation of the School to the Church seems to be most imperfectly understood. Some regard it as a Church appendage, or a sphere in which young people of both sexes may find amusement in hearing lessons repeated in a parrot-like fashion by those who wish to gain a prize; or, instead, reading a story-book for half-an-hour to some who listen and to others who do not. We do not undervalue the labours of our young teachers, but we want also experienced Christians, whose watchword is "The love of CHRIST constraineth us." That is the motive which can endure to Eternity. MACAULAY, has well reminded us of Lord Bacon's just observation that mere negation has never disturbed the peace of the world. "It furnishes," says he, "no motive for action. It has no missionaries, no crusaders, no martyrs, and we might add, no teachers. Only love, like GOD'S, like CHRIST'S, can persist in unselfish service. Children are growing up with little or no knowledge of their duty to God and their duty to their neighbour. We need, therefore, that neglected neighbourhoods should be visited by young women with a view of gathering the children into our schools. It would be a healthy thing to engage our young teachers some Sunday in this work, if their places could only be filled by others who, at the present time toll in indolence and live an aimless life. "Is there not a 'lounging class,' says PULSFORD, "in the Church as well as in the world, who are dead while they seem to live, and who forget that it is written in the Bible, the authority of which they profess not to question, 'This we commanded you when we were with you, if any man would not work neither should he eat.'" "Children ignorant of the simplest facts of religion." This sentence should ring in the ears of every Christian, and arouse him to devotion and duty. Fathers and mothers should stir up their sons and their daughters, and stimulate them to consecrate themselves to CHRIST, and everyone should seek for the establishment and advancement of the Kingdom of God, so that the life of our youth should be free, fully clothed, putting forth its blossoms and breathing out fragrance. "First the blade, then the ear, afterwards the full corn in the ear."

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MOORE COLLEGE.

WE understand that the Rev. B. A. SCHLICHER, M.A., may be regarded as Principal-elect of Moore College. The reverend gentleman is a native of Victoria, but received his early training in this colony, and consequently at one of the leading grammar schools of Germany. In 1878 he proceeded to Oxford, where he speedily gained an open classical scholarship at the venerable University College, then under the mastership of the present Dean of Westminster. In 1880, he took a second class in classical moderation, and also won the TAYLORIAN University Scholarship for proficiency in the comparative philology of modern languages, being specially complimented on the excellence of his papers by the examiner, Professor MAX MULLER. In Trinity Term 1882, he passed in the Final School of Literæ Humaniores with first-class honours, and in the same year graduated as Bachelor of Arts. Soon afterwards (Hilary Term 1883) he succeeded in winning the HALL and HOBSONIAN Syriac Prize (Peschito). In this examination he was greatly helped by his knowledge of Hebrew, Syriac being a cognate Semitic dialect. Having a strong desire to enter the ministry, he then offered himself as a candidate at the Bishop of London's Trinity Ordination (1883) and came out Gosspeiler among 39 aspirants for Deacon's Orders. His first curacy was with Dr. Billing, of Christ Church, Spitalfields (now Bishop of Bedford). During the three years spent by him in this East End parish, which contains most of the London slums, he saw a great deal of real, hard, well organised work among the poorest of the poor. A year after being ordained Deacon he again passed first (of 37) at the Bishop of London's examination for priests' orders. After leaving Spitalfields, he accepted the curacy of Holy Trinity, Sheerness, where he gained considerable experience of work among respectable artisans, and where he gave much of his time to Sunday School work, and to work among young men. While at Sheerness he devoted most of his leisure to the study of patristic theology, and read the works of most of the original languages. We understand that he has for a long time earnestly desired such a sphere of work as he will have at Moore College. It is hoped that the College may be re-opened about the end of July.

We understand that an appeal by the Primate for contributions towards a guarantee fund of £300 a year for five years is about to be issued, to enable the Trustees to re-open the college without financial difficulty.

Australian Church News.

Diocese of Sydney.

Open Air Missions.—A meeting of members was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., the Rev. R. J. Read in the chair. The progress report showed that the mission has now 74 members, and the work is going on well in 12 parishes. Special testimony was given and sent in on the success of the work from Rev. T. B. Tress, R. Taylor, J. D. Langley, Archdeacon King, P. Jenkyn, R. J. Read Mervyn, Archdall, E. A. Colvin, J. Cooper, of Cobarr, and J. H. Mullens. Besides these, twenty-two letters have been received speaking most kindly and encouragingly on the subject. Several recommendations were made by the Rev. Mervyn Archdall, Rev. J. Cooper, Mr. Abramovich, Mr. Crane, Mr. Costello, Mr. Doulton, and several members from Balmain the parish most strongly represented at the meeting. Had all our parishes the strong band represented by the Balmain contingent, the near future of our Church would be one of rich blessing to the city of Sydney and our diocese. The recommendations of the meeting are to be laid before the executive committee at once.

Auburn.—At the annual vestry meeting, there was a good attendance. The incumbent (Rev. E. A. Colvin), in his report, reviewed the work of the past year. The financial position of the church on the whole was regarded as satisfactory. There was an increase in both the offertory contributions, and the subscriptions to the parochial fund for the year, and the church debt has been reduced by £80. Mr. H. Bennett (Sec.), read an interesting report of the parochial council for 1890. The following elections took place:—Clergyman's warden, Mr. C. Burt; Trustees, warden, Mr. John Carr; People's, Mr. William Ewart; Sidesmen, Captain Murray, Messrs. W. M. Thomas, T. Baker, E. Cante.

Wollongong.—On Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., the Primate was entertained at a tea-meeting in the Odd-fellows' Hall, Bulli, by the parishioners of St. Augustine's, in honour of his first visit to the district. In spite of the inclement weather, the attendance was very large. The incumbent, the Rev. H. W. Taylor, presided, and, at the conclusion of the tea, which was provided by the ladies of the congregation assisted by ladies from other denominations, he expressed the pleasure afforded to those more immediately connected with the Primate, as well as members of other denominations, many of whom were present at the first visit paid by the Bishop to the district. An address of welcome had been prepared, which was read by Mr. H. S. Fry, churchwarden. The Primate expressed the pleasure it afforded him to visit the district. The kind and hospitable welcome accorded to him was very gratifying. As stated in the address, he hoped that he should prove a blessing to all denominations of Christians

throughout the Commonwealth of Australia! he hoped, which was his most earnest desire, that his influence in this great land would be for the furtherance of Christianity under whatever name. He desired to co-operate with people of other denominations. He was exceedingly pleased to see that ministers from other denominations were present on this occasion to welcome him; and it should be always be his desire to encourage such cordial feelings and intercourse. The Revs. Mr. Fraser (Presbyterian) and Mr. Percival (Wesleyan) expressed their pleasure at being present to welcome the Primate. On Thursday the Primate and party, having visited Major Owen's residence at Bellambi, drove into Wollongong, accompanied by the Rev. T. C. Ewing, with whom they sojourned for the night. On Friday morning, accompanied by the Rev. T. C. Ewing, they visited the Rev. Mr. Stack, at Dapto, and thence proceeded as far as Albion Park, returning to Wollongong in the evening. Last night there was a meeting of the Church Society, at which the Primate delivered an address in support of the society, which had done and continued to do, a large amount of good. Unfortunately, during the whole time of the visit the weather was most inclement. It was announced that the Primate will again visit Wollongong on Sunday, the 26th inst., when a Confirmation will be held.

Church Society.—The annual meeting of the Church Society has been fixed to be held in the hall of the Y.M.C.A. on the evening of Monday, the 11th May. His Excellency the Governor will preside on the occasion.

Marrickville.—The fourth annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the Church Society was held at St. Clements on Tuesday evening last (April 21st). The Rev. E. Bellingham (the President), presided. The secretary's report, which we publish in another column, showed an increase of 21 subscribers, and addition in the subscriptions amounting to £12 7s 6d, total amount collected being £37 9s. The Parent Society was represented by the Revs. A. W. Pain, and S. S. Tovey, whose encouraging addresses were much appreciated. The meeting, which was one of the most successful the Auxiliary has ever held, closed with the Benediction.

St. Luke's.—On Friday evening last, thanks to the considerate kindness of the matron and nurses of the Moor-cliffe Hospital, the inmates of that institution were entertained with a concert rendered by members of St. Luke's choir, whose efforts to please were apparently very much appreciated. The selection of songs and duets was such as to suit all tastes. The Rev. H. L. Richards occupied the chair, and the following ladies and gentlemen took part in the concert:—Mrs. Judson, Misses Aubin (2), Davey (2), Fenwick, Nelson, Messrs. Tozer, Sherlock, Paskin, Blackshaw, and W. Aubin. Miss Aubin played the accompaniments throughout. At the close of the concert, a hearty vote of thanks to the performers was proposed by one of the patients, and received with acclamation. The National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening's pleasure to a close at 9.30.

St. Thomas' Balmain.—About 250 of the members of the St. Thomas' Temperance Society met on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the school-hall, when the subject of temperance was brought before the gathering in recitation and in song. The contributors to the evening's pleasure were Misses Alderson, Rutter, Hoels, G. Richards, P. Rutter, M. Eatch and Mr. Eatch, the special feature being the "Cook's opera," in which 15 young people took part under the direction of Mrs. Lovell.

The Junior Clerical Society.—Third Annual Report.—The secretary has to report that during the year ending March, 1891, 19 meetings have been held. The Revs. S. Hinson, W. Frazer, T. Regg, F. Reeve, H. Vidal, W. Rose, H. Woodd, H. Maclean, and C. Smith have joined, and the Revs. A. Bartlett, F. Cadell, and W. Frazer have left the society, the present number of members being 17. During the year portions of the Ep. to Titus and the Ep. to the Hebrews have been studied in the Greek Testament. Papers have been read and discussed on the following subjects:—The Atonement, Brief thoughts on the Intellectual life of to-day, Parochial Government elsewhere, Church Finance, the New Covenant of Jeremiah, Modern Criticism, Inspiration, the University of the Deluge, Influence of Modern Knowledge on Christian Life and Thought, Universal Federation, Confirmation, Miracles, Labour and Capital, Gymnastics of Godliness, Notes on the Creed of Modern Poetry, the Revelation of St. John, Paschal Visitation, and how to improve the Music in our Sunday-schools. On October 13th, an address of welcome was presented to the Primate. In December, it was determined to hold the meetings of the society on the 3rd Monday in each month (instead of fortnightly) with an afternoon sitting. Greek Testament to be read in the morning, a paper to be read and discussed in the afternoon. Papers to be prepared by the members in alphabetical order.

Drummoyno.—A numerously attended meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in the Jersey Hall, Drummoyno, for the purpose of considering the question of a partition of the parish of Five Dock, by the creation of Drummoyno into a new parish, with boundaries the same as the borough separated from Five Dock last year. The meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. Dixon, J.P., included nearly the whole of those usually attending the local church at St. Bede's, and was unanimous in its decision that such partition should be affected if possible, and appointed a committee to carry out the business to its

conclusion. With the exception of two, all present signed a document pledging themselves to assist to the best of their ability in providing the funds required for the new parish if brought into existence.

Bong Bong.—In connection with the Bong Bong Branch of the Ministering Children's League, a movement is on foot to co-operate with the Woollahra branch for giving change of air to Sydney invalids unable to bear the expenses themselves. Four have already spent a month under the auspices of the league at Burrurawang. It is proposed to hold a sale of work annually to raise a change of air fund. The league holds regular meetings monthly. The Rev. Mr. Leech is secretary.

Diocese of Newcastle.

Synod and the Bishop.—It is now understood that the Synod will be summoned for Tuesday, May 12th, and commence with the installation of Bishop-elect. It will be remembered that our late bishop, Bishop Pearson, arrived in Newcastle, on Wednesday, 25th August, 1880. On the following day, August 26th, the Bishop of Sydney, with Bishop Pearson, 25 clergymen of the Diocese, and a large number of laity assembled in Christ Church Cathedral at Newcastle at 11 a.m. Morning prayer was said, and after the third collect, the Bishop of Sydney, acting as Metropolitan, directed that the notarial Act of Consecration should be read, and delivered to Archdeacon Child his mandate for the installation. Subsequently, the Metropolitan, at that time, Bishop Barker, preached during the communion service from Deut. iii. 28, "Charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him." It is hoped that a similar order may be again followed, and that the diocese may be afforded the great pleasure of welcoming the Primate, who is also Metropolitan, to take part in the all important function of his Bishop's installation. It will interest your readers in the Newcastle Diocese to know that our incoming Bishop now signs himself "George H. Newcastle elect." The North Queensland Bishopric difficulty may also now be considered happily settled.

Aged and Infirm Clergy.—The select committee appointed last Session of Synod to bring up a draft ordinance for providing retiring pensions for aged and infirm clergy, has framed a lengthy and elaborate scheme containing a large number of clauses. This will be printed and distributed in time for Synod at the expense of a layman, a member of the committee, and a well wisher to the cause. In the meantime, the Diocesan Council has passed a resolution that the draft ordinance shall be placed on the first day's business paper of next session. The Rev. R. M. Walker has largely assisted in the preparation of the measure.

The Cathedral.—The building committee has not signed the contract for the contemplated work in consequence of being at issue with the architect, and operations are postponed for the present.

Diocese of Goulburn.

Moruya.—It is gratifying to see a goodly number of members of the church assembling in St. John's, Moruya, to attend the annual Easter meeting. The churchwardens appointed were Messrs. John Jeffrey (incumbent's), T. Glover Brown, and D. E. Walter. A parochial council was elected. A new church has been recently erected, a statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the same was read by the secretary of the building committee, Mr. J. E. Walter, from which it appeared that the cost of the church was £1,332, towards which £1,235 had been received. The incumbent then asked for an expression of opinion as to whether the old wooden church should be pulled down or not. The majority were in favour of pulling it down. The meeting was a highly satisfactory one.

Cooma.—An Easter meeting was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom on the 14th inst., and was very well attended. The report for the year was most satisfactory, the increase being much in excess of previous years. After the election of officers, Mr. David Byrie was presented with an address on the occasion of his leaving for England, in recognition of long and valued services. The Rev. F. Bevan was also presented with an Easter offering. Parish matters generally are prosperous.

Bungendore.—The following gentlemen were elected as our wardens until Easter next:—For Bungendore, Messrs. H. W. Lever, N. Parnell, and W. H. Cromie; for Hoskingtown, Messrs. R. Rose, S. Daniel, and Geo. Daniel; Molonglo, Messrs. T. Routledge, Geo. Osborne, and W. Barnett.

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Diocese of Grafton and Armidale.

Inverell.—The Easter meeting of St. Augustine's Church of England was held, at which there was a fair attendance. The Rev. R. K. Ewing occupied the chair. The secretary, (Mr. W. Whittingham) read the report of the Parochial Council. Mr. Ewing moved the adoption of the report. In doing so he said that the status of the church to day was a striking contrast to its conditions, when he was first appointed to the charge, 13 years ago. Then there existed a debt of £1,800, while now the church was practically free from liabilities.

Diocese of Bathurst.

Coonabarabran.—The Easter vestry meeting was held in Christ Church on Friday evening, the 4th inst. There was moderate attendance, the Rev. J. Young, the Incumbent occupying the chair. Mr. Young appointed Mr. John Neate, Senr., as Minister's warden, and Mr. E. May-Steeers was chosen as People's warden, and Mr. J. White as Trustee's warden. Messrs. Primrose, Nicholson, and German were appointed to act as sidesmen. After some business of minor importance, the meeting dispersed.

Orange.—At the annual Church of England Easter meeting, the Rev. Mr. Dunstan, incumbent in the chair, a statement was submitted from which it appeared that the debt on the church was about £3,900. The chairman stated that church matters were progressive during the last year, and in support of his statement quoted figures. Some of the guarantors who followed, said the incumbent should take into consideration the debt on the church, and some of them asserted that the financial statement showed that they were in a worse position by £72 than last year, one gentleman asserting that the number of pewholders had decreased to 46. The incumbent questioned this, and stated that the guarantors had not devised any practical scheme to get rid of the debt. He was willing to work hand in hand with them to assist them out of their difficulties, but as the guarantors who held meetings thought it fit to ignore him by not inviting him to preside; he should not preside at their meetings in future, and perhaps this would be all the better, as they would then be more free to act. In reply to the incumbent's statement, it was mentioned in the way of a rebuttal that the guarantors alone during the past year contributed more than one eighth of the whole income to the church. An acrimonious debate followed between two or three of the guarantors and the incumbent, and all the guarantors present denied the statements made that they were opposed or unwilling to work with the incumbent. To show the success of his ministrations, the incumbent mentioned that there was an increase in the offertory this year as compared with last year, and from the comparative sums paid to these funds in other parishes about the same size as Orange, Dubbo being instanced as one, he said they had reason to congratulate themselves. Some of the guarantors asserted that the increase of the offertory and stipend was a proof that the parishioners sympathised with the guarantors in their difficulty. The statement was adopted. The Bank of New South Wales has sent a final notice to the guarantors of the Church of England debt, that unless the sum of £3250 is paid before the close of business on Saturday, a writ will be issued forthwith for the recovery.—S. M. Herald.

Blayney.—The foundation-stone of an extension of the present church has been laid with Religious Masonic services by the Bishop of Bathurst. In laying the foundation-stone, his lordship in a well chosen and brief speech said: "The laying of a foundation-stone was a sure sign of the growth and activity of the church. But when they had the pleasure of laying the foundation-stone of an extension of that church, it was a specially cheering and encouraging sign. Therefore he must congratulate the people of Blayney on the fact that they were progressing materially. He considered the people of Blayney had done remarkably well; and devoutly hoped they would do still better. His lordship then instanced one or two neighbourhoods where the growth of the church had been phenomenal; but had by no means surpassed Blayney. Then referring for a few moments to his connection with Freemasonry, his lordship alluded to several important occasions on which he as a member of the order, had taken part in the dedication of churches; particularly Truro (Cornwall) England; when his R. H. the Prince of Wales took part in the ceremony; Adelaide in South Australia and several other places. He said it was generally supposed and spoken of as an objection to the clergy being associated or mixed up with Freemasonry, that Freemasonry didn't believe in a Deity, or of Christ. So far from that being the fact, the very first thing noticeable in any of the Masonic lodges, was a copy of Holy Writ, which was always kept on the lodge table. The whole teaching and object of Freemasonry was to elevate and improve mankind, and therefore he was proud to be numbered a member of that distinguished order. Instances of religious disbelief had been quoted against individual members of the Masonic body, but he begged to remind his hearers that the same remark applied to members of other orders. The amount laid upon the foundation-stone was £101 and the proceeds of an entertainment afterwards held, was £30.

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Diocese of Brisbane.

Trinity Church, Brisbane.—The annual meeting was held in the schoolroom, on Tuesday, April 14th. The chair was occupied by the Rector, the Rev. J. Spooner, and there were about 60 parishioners present. The churchwarden's report showed that the income for the year had been about £740, and the expenditure a little over £800. Two special items had helped to swell the expenditure, viz., house rent for six months, while the new rectory was being built; and the employment of a parish missionary for the past six months. The chief features in the material work of the parish had been the erection of the new residence for the clergyman, and the creation of a loan of £1000, on advantageous terms, by means of which a debt of £300, which had been owing on the old parsonage for over thirty years, had been liquidated; the debt of £200 on the church had been removed, while the balance enabled the erection of the much needed new Sunday-school to be proceeded with immediately. Arrangements had also been made for the annual reduction and extinction of the new loan without interfering with the ordinary current funds of the church. On the whole, the report was considered highly satisfactory.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. CLEMENTS' (MARRICKVILLE) AUXILIARY TO THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

In presenting the subscribers of the above Auxiliary with the Secretary's fourth Annual Report, it is necessary to explain that owing to the Secretary's serious illness in November last, the Annual Meeting, which was to have been held in that month, had to be postponed, and for various reasons no earlier date than the present could be found. "It is a matter of great thankfulness that the Auxiliary is able to record a substantial addition in the number of subscribers, and a continued and increasing interest in the work and welfare of the Society. "The Auxiliary was started on the 31st August, 1886; and at its first Annual Meeting, held in October of the following year, the roll of the subscribers numbered 12. With the exception of the second year of its existence, a growing and marked increase has been shown in the Auxiliary, and last year the number of the subscribers reached 49, and the subscriptions amounted to £37 9s; during the past year 21 new subscribers have been added and 4 have discontinued (3 of that number having left the parish), making the total roll for the year 49, as against £31 of the previous year. The amounts given above are exclusive of church offertories. "The parent Society has recognised the successful work performed by the Auxiliary by not making the customary reduction in the annual grant to this parish; and the Auxiliary is regarded by them as one of the Society's most loyal auxiliaries—a reputation which the Auxiliary would do well to maintain. "Since the last Annual Meeting one member of the Committee (working) has resigned his position, and his place has not been filled. "The Committee have held two meetings, at the first of which it was unanimously resolved, in view of the great deficiency of £800 in the Society's funds, and in response to a circular letter received from the secretaries, to endeavour to raise an additional £10 during that year; and at the second meeting it was resolved to hold a drawing-room meeting to give effect to that resolution passed at its previous meeting. "The drawing-room meeting was held on the 27th day of September, 1890, at 'Walmer,' by the kind invitation and liberality of Mrs. Addams (to whom the best thanks of the Auxiliary are due), and was attended by a very large number of subscribers and friends. The Revs. J. D. Langley and S. S. Tovey represented the parent Society, and delivered stirring addresses. The Incumbent and the Rev. F. W. Addams also spoke. The meeting resulted in several new subscribers, and by the end of the year, not £10, but £12 7s 6d additional funds were raised. "Miss Cornish kindly consented to become a lady collector, and there is still need of an additional lady collector. "The lady collectors—Mrs. F. W. Addams, Miss Hull, and Miss Cornish—are to be warmly commended for their work during the past year; and the success of the Auxiliary is largely attributable to their efforts. "The aim of the Auxiliary has always been to carry on its work unostentatiously and without interference to the parochial funds of the church, its great desire being to work with the Church and for the Church; and so far it has well succeeded in its endeavours. "In conclusion, we ask, in that Missionary spirit in which we are trying to follow our Divine Master, that sustained interest may still be taken in our work and increased support given, and that, bearing in mind the great help given to this parish since its formation—freely ye have received, freely give—we may, by our renewed efforts, prove ourselves worthy labourers in the vineyard of the Master, and that we may help forward, not only our own parish, but the work of the Church in the diocese, and thus carry out the precept of St. Paul—'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.'

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The Present Condition of Church Patronage a Dissuasive to Ministerial Study and Efficiency.

By a Pessimistic Parson.

If the weekly lucubrations of Colin Clout do no other good, they at any rate provoke thought upon many subjects which would otherwise be ignored; and, personally, I have to thank him for his remarks on clerical study.

Colin, sitting comfortably ensconced in the study of the mansion his people have placed at his disposal, rejoicing in the receipt of a stipend more than sufficient to supply all reasonable wants, expatiates on the necessity and advisability of clergymen devoting themselves to study than for the most part they do.

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conceit for a man to be conscious that he can lift a 56lb weight, or to realise that, having spent a tolerably long life-time in reading, he has acquired a certain amount of useful information.

What hope have we of escape from our present position? "Trust in God," some one will say. So we do, my worthy friend. We trust in God to keep us warm, through the mediumship of clothes. We trust in God to pay our butcher's bills through the mediumship of our banker's accounts.

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Temperance.

The Political Policy of Temperance Societies.

A well attended meeting of members of executives of Temperance societies in the colony was held on the afternoon of 17th inst., at the Temperance-hall Pitt-street.

The Rev. F. B. Boyce explained the object of the meeting and stated that the central committee of the Local Option League had convened it that the present position of the local option question might be considered and future action as to the Government bill decided upon.

The Rev. T. B. Tress proposed and Mr. J. Rosney seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm:—"That this meeting convened by the N.S.W. Local Option League, and consisting of accredited representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union N.S.W. Alliance, Sons of Temperance, Church of England Temperance Society, Wesleyan Temperance Society, Congregational Total Abstinence Society, Band of Hope Union, Blue Ribbon Army and Sydney City Mission desires to express its earnest conviction that the wisest and best policy for the Temperance party is to continue the advocacy of full local option (without compensation), and to use energetic means to cause the principle to be made law."

The Rev. T. Kench moved and Mr. Alex. Gow, J.P., seconded:—"That the bill presented to Parliament during the last Session by Sir Henry Parkes, with the amendments agreed at the last general conference of temperance representatives, be adopted and agreed to by this meeting and the parliamentary local option party be urged to combine and to use their influence to secure its re-introduction and passage in the coming session."

There was considerable discussion as to the bill, and the opinion was expressed that it deserved strong support. The amendments that seemed to be chiefly needed, it was thought were those which cause all licenses—and not publicans' only—to be included in the prohibitory clause, and that that clause should be allowed to be carried on a simple majority vote and not by a two-thirds one.

mistake and contrary to the democratic spirit to limit the powers of the people and prevent them voting for a reduction of the number of publichouses and against new licenses where they were not willing to have prohibition, especially as either of those votes could be carried by a simple majority.

The Rev. R. Bavin proposed and Pastor Allen seconded—"That copies of the resolutions, and suggested amendments, be sent to the Premier, and the secretary of the local option party in Parliament." Carried unanimously.

Rev. T. Kench moved and Rev. J. S. Anstey seconded, "That the resolutions be embodied in a petition signed by the Chairman and presented to Parliament." Carried unanimously.

The meeting was hearty and unanimous in believing that every effort should be made in having the Government measure passed into law, and that while the amendments were very desirable, and every effort should be made to secure them, nothing was to be done to imperil the bill.—"Telegraph."

Home Notes

THE Manchester Guardian hears that the Bishop of Manchester has declined to be one of the select preachers at Oxford on the ground that he must give his time to the work of his diocese.

BISHOP BARRY re-opened in March last the church of St. Stephen's, Southwark.

GENERAL BOOTH, who arrived in London from Paris on Monday night, is somewhat fatigued as a result of his continental tour, with which, however, he is exceedingly pleased. He is especially gratified with the reception which he received from all classes in Scandinavia.

THE new Bishop of Rochester is taking with him Mr. Arthur Sheppard as his private secretary. Mr. Sheppard was formerly chief reporter of the Windsor and Eton Express, and a superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-schools of London.

THE necessary demolition of old buildings in Westminster to prepare the way for the Church House was to be commenced on Lady Day, March 25th, and the foundation-stone of the new structure will be laid in June at an imposing function.

ACCORDING to a London correspondent, the Lincoln judgment is causing serious division amongst the members of the English Church Union. The Archbishop's disclaimer of the doctrinal significance of ritual is strongly resented; while those clergymen who a few months ago protested against the right of Dr. Benson to try the case and have now complied with the judgment are censured for their strange inconsistency.

DR. J. H. BAKER's appointment to the Deanery of Wells adds interest to the meeting of Old Rugbeians which the Bishop of London has called for March 10th, at the College Hall, Westminster, to consider the Rugby institutes and settlements at Birmingham and Nottingham.

A HERO—An interesting ceremony took place a few days since at the Shoreditch Town Hall, when Dr. Roderick Macdonald, M.P., Coroner for North-East London, publicly presented Mr. Robert Marsh, a butcher, of 406, Kingsland-road, Haggerston, with the "Quiver Heroes' Medal," for gallant and heroic conduct in rescuing three children from a burning house on January 10th last.

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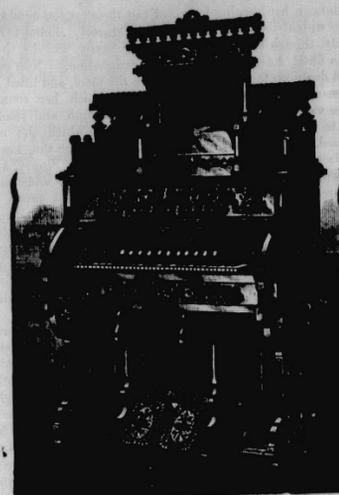
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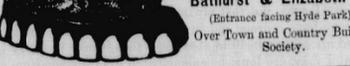
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Another martyr was Juan Sanchez. Entrapped in the Low Countries by the emissaries of the Inquisition, he was brought a prisoner to Valladolid, and condemned to the stake.

Numbers bore testimony to "the truth as it is in Jesus" by dying fearlessly like De Seso. At the same time, eight females of irreproachable character, some of them of high rank, were burned alive among them Maria Gomez, who so nearly betrayed the Protestants during a sudden fit of insanity.

CHAPTER IX.

FREEDOM.

We must turn once more to the unhappy Leonor de Cisneros. She was seated on a rough bench in her dungeon beneath the halls of the Inquisition.

The gleam fell on her marble countenance, pale as that of one who has ceased to breathe. Her once rich hair, now glistening like snow, hung over her shoulders, while her figure was draped in the dark robe she was doomed to wear.



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"Dona Leonor," I come to bid you farewell. The words you spoke to me during my last visits to you sunk deep down in my heart. The glorious truths you explained root and branch, and have since by God's grace been abundantly watered.

"Oh, believe me, Don Francisco, when I say it, I have nothing to pardon," replied Dona Leonor. "I rejoice to hear of your determination. Alas! I fear you would not benefit our unhappy countrymen by remaining among them.

"Dona Leonor, your wishes shall be law to me," answered Don Francisco. "I shall see you no more on earth. Even should I be successful in escaping from this unhappy country, I believe I shall never again return to it; and even if I did, I should not be permitted to see you."

"I thank our Heavenly Father that you have resolved on this step," answered Leonor, "and pray that you may be more successful than were my beloved Heresuelo and myself. Oh, that I had not believed the falsehoods that were told me before that dreadful day when I last met him on earth!

Don Francisco stepped forward and raised the manacled hand of the speaker to his lips. Then, casting one more glance of respect and sorrow at that still lovely countenance before him, he hastened from the cell, drawing his hat over his brow to conceal his agitation; then wrapping his cloak around him, he took his way through the narrow passages which led to the vaults, guided by one of the familiars of the Inquisition, till he reached the door of an apartment, at which his guide stopped and knocked.

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The Week.

Canon Barlow. It is a matter of extreme satisfaction to learn that the difficulty over the North Queensland bishopric is at an end. The wise counsels that have prevailed have succeeded in avoiding a contest between the Diocesan Synod and the bench of Bishops, that could have resulted in no possible good to the Church.

Religious Instruction. We are well aware that the instruction given in our Public Schools must have been productive of good, independently of individual instances of spiritual benefit, to those brought under its influence. It is, nevertheless, gratifying to be able to record the opinion of one on the subject, whose remarks are worthy of notice, inasmuch as he is, and has been for many years, an old and respected Sunday school teacher.

Lay Readers' Association. The work of this organisation steadily continues. During the past year 478 services were conducted, making in all 7200 since its formation.

Women's Christian Temperance Union. On Thursday evening the W.C.T.U. gave a cake and coffee supper in their new Soup and Coffee Rooms, 79 Liverpool-street. The walls were adorned with appropriate text-cards, pictures and flowers. About 40 men responded to the invitation, and no sooner were the doors open at 8 p.m. than the room was comfortably filled.

Opium. The churches can scarcely realise the deadly influence of the opium vice, else, ere this, a great opposition would have arisen throughout Australia against the introduction of the noxious drug. As it now is, the Chinese in our midst use opium freely, whilst Europeans are becoming more and more addicted to its pernicious influence.

The Labour Bureau. A resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting held in the Chapter House on Friday week to proceed at once with the Labour Bureau and scheme for relief of distress, associated with the name of the Rev. J. D. Langley. This is as it should be. There are £350 available, and when once a start is made, the new departure will gather strength as it grows.

Dowries or Economy. The other day an article appeared in a contemporary discussing the question whether men would marry more readily provided the girls had dowries. In France the custom is for parents to economise in order to provide their daughters with an 'endowment' yet the men do not marry with avidity. What is better than a dowry is the habit of economy and self-restraint against the inordinate pursuits of pleasure.

The Labour Strife. The difficulty with the shearers in Queensland still continues, and the bitterness of spirit between the masters and the men appears to increase. The conflict is one that imperils the liberty of a man to sell his own labour. Freedom of contract is at stake, and much depends upon the issues of the struggle.

So far the Government has acted with a certain amount of vigour, and the conviction of the ringleaders for conspiracy strikes a blow at those who excite the passions of the mob.

Evil mingled with the good. The printing press pours forth its good and evil literature. The cheap publications of the Religious Tract Society have for years added their quota as an influence for good in the world. The series of "Penny Books for the People," amongst which are included the best of good sound religious stories, now exceed in circulation seven million copies. The R.T.S. sows the wheat and does not what Prince Bismarck terms—a "reptile-pest" sow the tares.

Westman Mission. The annual meeting of the Central Mission of the Wesleyan Church in Sydney was held last week. The attendance was large, and sympathy with the Rev. W. G. Taylor's Evangelistic work unbounded. The Rev. W. G. Taylor's Evangelistic work during the past year that the funds contributed have exceeded £2,200. There appears to be thorough confidence established between pastor and people, and what was a short time ago regarded as a venture of faith has now become the pride of the Methodist body.

The Rights of Wives. The Court of Appeal (England) recently gave judgment in the case of a Mr. Jackson, who kidnapped his wife and locked her up in his own house. In the opinion of the Lord Chancellor, the contention that had been put forward on the part of the husband as to the rights over his wife which the common law of England gave him was absolutely untenable. In his view a husband had neither the right to beat nor to imprison his wife, and had no right to use violence towards her, except in such very exceptional circumstances as her attempting to throw herself out of the window or try to descend the stairs for the purpose of eloping so as to stain her husband's honour. The return to the writ, therefore, was unsatisfactory, and the lady must be restored to her full liberty. He moreover said that if, after the authoritative declaration of the law by the Court, the husband made any effort to carry out the right which he supposed existed in him it would be a gross contempt.

Coming Events.

We shall be glad to publish in this column notices of coming services or meetings if the Clergy will kindly forward us particulars.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL. Sun., May 3.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and mid-day. Preachers, 11 a.m., The Primate; 3.15 p.m., Canon Sharp; 7 p.m., The Precentor. Offertories for the Cathedral Sunday-schools. Wed., May 6.—7.30 p.m., The Precentor. Subject for May—"The times of John Huss."

DIOCESAN. Mon., May 4.—Church Society Monthly Meeting, Chapter House, 4 p.m. Mon., May 4.—O.M.S. Annual Meeting, Chapter House, 8 p.m., The Primate. Sun., May 10.—St. Andrew's, Summer Hill, 11 a.m. Preacher—The Primate. Mon., May 11.—Annual Meeting of the Church Society, Y.M.C.A. Rooms. His Excellency Lord Jersey, Chairman. Tues., May 12.—Lecture by the Primate, Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Brief Notes.

On Saturday last a confirmation service was held by the Most Rev. the Primate at St. Michael's Church, Woolloomong, in the morning, at Dapto in the afternoon, and in the evening his Lordship preached at St. Michael's Church.

On Tuesday last a special session of the Synod met at the Chapter House to consider an ordinance for making provision for parochial government and for the management of Church property.

A concert in aid of the Croydon Congregational Church was given in the Ashfield Hall on Monday night. General Booth proposes to erect a Salvation Army Temple in London out of the £70,000 bequeathed to the Army by the late Mrs. Bell of Glasgow.

The Rev. F. M. Dalrymple, who has been transferred from the curacy at St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, to the incumbency of Holy Trinity Church, Macdonaldtown, was presented upon vacating the curacy with a handsome silver pocket communion service.

Bishop Selwyn is reported to be improving in health. On Tuesday evening the Presbytery of Sydney met in Chalmers Church to ordain and induct the Rev. J. Milne. Bishop Stanton left Townsville for Newcastle on Monday last. In the course of his sermon on Sunday night he referred to the expected early consecration of Canon Barlow as the Bishop of North Queensland.

The election of Canon Barlow to the Bishopric of North Queensland has been confirmed under the hand and seal of the Primate.

A grand welcome was given in the Centenary Hall last night to the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse.

At the last meeting to consider the Rev. J. Langley's scheme, it was decided to commence the work.

A meeting of those interested in the Melanesian Mission, was held in the Chapter House on Thursday morning. The Rev. Charles Bryce addressed the meeting, giving an account of the work done on.

Rest and Change.

[By HISTORICALS.]

ABOUT ten o'clock last Saturday night a young man, a member of a Bible class, called at my home to see me. His first words were: "I have had news to tell you—one of your boys has been drowned." At first, thought turned to my own immediate circle, but when he mentioned the name, Fred. Bradley, then I knew it was one of the young men of my Bible class, but with it came the thought, Are they not all my boys, my spiritual children in Christ Jesus? Yes, as such may they ever be considered, and concerning them may the account be rendered up with joy and not with grief. I found the parents, on visiting them, prostrate with sorrow at the suddenness of the blow which had bereft them of a loving and obedient son, the light of their home, the joy of their hearts. At midday he had left them, bright and happy, with all the exuberance of young manhood, and in a few short hours was brought back, but it was only the tenement of the poor body, for the life had taken its flight to Him who gave it. Thank God for the precious testimony I heard of Fred. in his own home. Thank God for the witness I am able to record of his exemplary and Christian conduct; the bitterness of death has been taken away, the sting of it removed. It was a touching scene on Sunday afternoon, when fifteen young men, assembled in class, all were deeply affected, and the spirit of God was present in power to heal and to save. The usual lesson could not be carried on, all the talk was of "Fred," who was greatly beloved, and sobs and weeping told how great was their affection for him. It was truly an awakening time, and several decided that from henceforth they would serve the Lord. The class, with others, met on Tuesday morning to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of their friend and brother. The coffin was borne by four of the number to All Saints' Church, Petersham (nearly all present carrying a wreath of flowers), where the funeral procession was met by the Rev. C. Haber and the Rev. F. W. Reeve, the curate. After reading the service, an earnest address, appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by the incumbent; then the mournful cortege proceeded by train to Rockwood, where the last rites were performed; at the close those present joined in the hymn, "On the resurrection morning." The flowers—the bright, beautiful flowers—tokens of love and affection, placed on the grave, will soon wither and decay, and no more spring up into life, the body of him left in "The Garden of Sleep" will turn into dust, but to rise again into newness of life when He shall come "who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body."

Shortly before his death, "Fred," who was under the doctor's advice, said to his mother, "I wish the doctor would order rest and change." Oh, brother, rest and change have come sooner than they were anticipated; rest, eternal rest, from weakness and pain, from sin and sorrow; change, undying change, such as thy brightest visions never anticipated, for thou shalt "see the King in His beauty, and behold the land afar off" to mortal gaze. The lesson to be learned from this sudden bereavement is that of preparation. "Prepare to meet thy God;" for the message may be to us. "Surely I come quickly." When it does come may we able joyfully to say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

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