

The Australian Record.

SYDNEY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1891.

CADBURY'S COCOA - ABSOLUTELY PURE - CADBURY'S COCOA

The Week.

Mr. Nield. This hon. member has introduced a bill in the Assembly for the suppression of vice. It is said that no legislation can make a man religious, but the law often deters from the commission of crime, not so much from a moral point of view as the fear of punishment. The state of the community has awakened our legislators to a sense of the evil prevalent among us, and we trust that their efforts to purify society will meet with success.

The Late Hon. Geoffrey Eagar. Another of Australia's sons has gone the way of all flesh, at the advanced age of 73 years. For several years Mr. Eagar took an active part in the legislation of the colony, and was so fluent in speech that even the Treasurer's statement, when delivered by him, was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Eagar was a scholar of the late Mr. Wm. Timothy Cape, headmaster of the Sydney College, now the Grammar School. Mr. Cape himself became a member of Parliament, and nearly all—if not all—the ministers at the time, had been under his tuition. In the Treasury, where the deceased gentleman held office as Under-Secretary for many years, his memory will long be held in affectionate remembrance. Mr. Eagar's first literary effort was in connection with a Church of England newspaper.

Advertising Consultation. Several cases are now before the courts, in which newspaper proprietors are the defendants. The Postmaster-General has stated the amount of harm done by giving publicity through the press to these consultations, and we have on several occasions referred to the subject. If the cases are proved a heavy penalty, we believe, attaches to the offence, and yet the advertisements have appeared from time to time, and the law has been broken with impunity. The attention of the authorities has through public opinion been forced to recognise the evil, and, as a consequence, the prosecutions by the police now under consideration.

Holy Trinity. On the 11th inst. a social gathering of the parishioners was held in the Trinity School-room. The gathering was of no ordinary character, for it was to bid farewell to the Venerable Archdeacon King and the Rev. C. J. King, who were going to Camden for twelve months. Presentations were made to the Archdeacon and Mrs. King; also to Rev. C. J. King, Miss Ethel King, and Mr. Christopher King, by the parishioners, as slight tokens of their appreciation and esteem. During the tenure of his ministry, for nearly 11 years, the Archdeacon and his family have endeared themselves to the congregation, and though their absence will be but temporary, yet it will be felt by those who have learned to love them well.

Pastor Allen. This aged minister of the Baptist Church has passed away at a ripe old age, and has left behind him a record as a fearless exponent of Gospel truth and a champion of Protestant principles. At one time he was prominently before the public in connection with the Orange Society. Lately, however, Pastor Allen led a more retiring life, and a family bereavement told much upon him. He was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Ministers' Union, and was also connected with the Evangelical Alliance. An incident is related by a clergyman of the Church of England, which shows the character of the worthy minister. It happened about two years ago while the two were travelling together. Just before retiring to rest Pastor Allen repeated, even as a little child—

"When the soft dew of kindly sleep,
My wearied eyes gently sleep," etc.,
and immediately upon rising in the morning—
"Abide with me from now till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live," etc.

The Labour Home. The Labour Home, Ultimo, is still in the experimental stage, for its growth depends entirely upon the support accorded by the Church of England as a whole. Mr. Langley's experiment has from the first done good work and undertaken duties which rightly belong to the State, and its usefulness is much curtailed by the want of suitable land. Why cannot the unused Government institution at Rookwood be utilised for the time being? During the past five years £20,000 of State money has lain here unremunerative, and possibly may continue so for another decade. Surely, the land might be tilled by the labour of those who are starving for want of employment?

The General Synod. Next week will be devoted to the meetings of the General Synod, and Churchmen will watch its proceedings with interest, tempered with anxiety. Some difficult questions are likely to crop up, consequently there is all the more need to approach the Throne of Grace by prayer, that an Overruling Providence will guide the deliberations for the furtherance of the true welfare of the Church of England in Australia.

Gambling. It is scarcely logical for the community in Sydney to commence a campaign against gambling during the Randwick spring race carnival. However, the recent expressions of opinion in Parliament serve to show that the tide has begun to set in against the gigantic gambling evil and the day may yet come when Society will deem it vulgar to bet.

Institutions. Is it not passing strange that a Roman Catholic Hospital should be the only institution in a leading British colony subsidised by the Home authorities for the reception of invalid sailors of the navy of Protestant England. Why is such an institution as Prince Alfred Hospital, which for excellency of design and national management is scarcely to be excelled even in Europe, is not availed of for such purposes as the reception of the sailors of Her Majesty's navy?

N. S. W. Parliament. Parliament, notwithstanding the advent of the Labour party, has clung to its old groove of much talk and little work. Perhaps in an age of over-legislation, a Parliament that will do nothing may be regarded as an unconvicted mercy, but N. S. Wales is unfortunately far behind the other colonies in matters of internal administration and social development. That a well-paid governing body exists none can doubt, but where is the governing mind?

Sunday exhibitions. The Council of the Art Society have, we learn with regret, determined to open its exhibition on Sunday afternoons. The fact that no charge is made will doubtless be found to act as an inducement for the attendance of those who would willingly pay on week days, yet are mean enough to save a shilling at the expense of the fourth commandment. The specious excuse that Sunday desecration is necessary for the convenience of the poor who cannot leave work on week days has never yet held good and never will. Sunday exhibitions merely cater for the amusement of the idle and rich.

Brief Notes.

The Most Rev. the Primate preached at St. James' Church, Crofton, on Sunday morning and in the evening at the Cathedral.

The anniversary services in connection with the Wesleyan Church were held at West Maitland on Sunday last.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Union, Bathurst-street, was held on Monday evening.

The Bishop of Newcastle held a confirmation service at Muswellbrook on Sunday 13th inst.

The Y.M.C.A. Art and Science Exhibition has been a great success.

The Bishop of Bathurst preached on Sunday at St. Paul's Church, Nyngan, and held a confirmation service in the evening.

A flower service took place on Sunday in St. Peter's Church, Watson's Bay.

The 20th anniversary of the Cleveland-street Wesleyan Sunday School was commemorated on Sunday last, when special services were conducted in the Church.

The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale ordained Mr. E. H. Webber of Grafton parish to the office of deacon on Sunday the 13th inst. In the afternoon the Bishop confirmed 25 candidates.

It is understood that the Bishop of Exeter, who has left England on a visit to his son in Japan, will return via Australia. Bishop Barry has undertaken to look after the diocese in Dr. Bickersteith's absence.

The annual meeting of St. John's, Darlinghurst, Auxiliary to the Church Society was held on Wednesday last. The Primate presided.

A conference of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers took place at the Chapter House on Thursday evening. The Primate presided.

A special service in connection with the Evangelistic Union was held at St. Philip's last evening. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Langley.

The annual session of the Baptist Union of New South Wales was commenced in the Bathurst-street Church on Tuesday last.

In consequence of a decree lately issued in Russia directed specially against the Stundists, a Puritan sect, thousands of Stundists are joining the Orthodox Greek Church.

The Rev. J. Fordyce, M.A., delivered a lecture to young men yesterday evening in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Subject: The Old Paths.

The horrors of the famine in Russia are daily increasing. The rural clergy are starving. The sufferings of the children are heartrending.

The Goulburn Synod met last Thursday to consider an Amending Cathedral Ordinance.

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., Sept. 20.—11 a.m., Bishop of Riverina; 3.15 p.m., Bishop of Perth; 7 p.m., Bishop of Adelaide.

ANTHEMS.

11 a.m.—"Send out Thy Light and Thy Truth."—Gounod.
3.15 p.m.—"Hallelujah, power and glory."—Beethoven.

PREACHERS DURING THE MONTH—

Tues., " 22.—10.30, Bishop of Tasmania.
Sun., Sept. 27.—Bishop of Brisbane, Bishop of Melbourne, Bishop of Ballarat.

DIOCESAN.

Sun., Sept. 20.—Ashfield, 11 a.m., The Bishop of Melbourne.

" " 20.—Open Air, Domain, 4, Rev. H. Martin, B.A.

" " 20.—Confirmation, St. Thomas', North Shore, 3 p.m., The Primate; St. Thomas', North Shore, 7 p.m., The Primate.

" " 20.—St. John's, Darlinghurst. Preachers—11 a.m., Bishop of Ballarat; 7 p.m., Bishop of Melbourne.

" " 20.—Annual Sermon Church Society, St. Andrew's Cathedral, 3.15, Bishop of Perth.

" " 20.—St. Thomas', Balmain, 11 a.m., Ven. Archdeacon Langley.

" " 20.—St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo, Ven. Archdeacon Langley, 7 p.m.

" " 20.—St. Luke's, Sussex-street, Bishop of Riverina, 7 p.m.

Tues., " 22.—General Synod.

" " 22.—Service in Cathedral, 11 a.m. Preacher, Bishop of Tasmania.

" " 22.—Meeting of Synod, and Primate's address, Chapter House, 4 p.m.

Sat., " 26.—Complimentary Picnic to Members of General Synod, at Stanwell Park, Illawarra Line.

Sun., " 27.—St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo. Evening—Bishop of Melbourne.

" " 27.—All Souls', Leichhardt, Bishop of Bathurst, 11 a.m.; 3.15, Archdeacon Cooper; 7 p.m., Bishop of Riverina.

" " 27.—St. Thomas', Balmain, Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, 11 a.m.; Bishop of Bathurst, 3.30 p.m.

" " 27.—St. Augustine's, Neutral Bay, Bishop of Bathurst, 7 p.m.

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Poetry.

God's Ways.

God's ways are not like human ways,
He wears such strange disguises;
He tries us by His long delays,
And then our faith surprises.
While we in unbelief deplore,
And wonder at His staying,
He stands already at the door,
To interrupt our praying.

He takes a leader from the Nile,
Where mother-hands have laid him;
Hides him in palaces the while,
Till He has right arrayed him.
He sends him to the desert's hush,
With flocks and herds to wander;
Then meets him in the burning bush,
New mysteries to ponder.

Why should we doubt His care or grace,
As though He had forgotten?
As though time's changes could efface
What love had once begotten?
As though He'd lost us from His thought,
And moved on now without us,
Whose love has always goodness wrought,
And constant been about us?

Children's Column.

JENNY'S GERANIUM;

OR

THE PRIZE FLOWER OF A LONDON COURT

CHAPTER X.

RENT DAY IN CHALLENGER'S COURT.

There's a low-roofed house in a ruinous street;
There fifth and penny lovingly meet,
And the cob-webbed roof, and the rotting wall,
And the rag-stuffed casement, dark and small,
Are unheeded there, among many more—
So wretched the homes of the wretchedly poor!

"Now, it's no use arguing the matter with me. I am not the person to be argued with. I am only Challenger's agent, and if you have anything to say, you must say it to him. I want your money; that's all I want of you. Here you owe a month's rent, and you must pay it; if you can't, I must take proceedings, and out you must go."

Such were the words of little Mr. Wrench, delivered many times with spiteful emphasis, as, book in hand, he went from house to house on Monday morning. The poor people dreaded Monday morning, and with good reason might have called it "Black Monday." Frequently, if a wife had managed to put by the weekly rent, her savage husband would succeed in finding it from her on Sunday, and the Monday came finding him drunk, the wife in despair, and the rent collector pitiless.

Then the court would resound with angry arguments between collector and tenants. "Old Screw" can well well afford to do without his rent," would be the favourite argument employed. "He ought to be ashamed of asking any rent for such a hole as this; look at the flooring all rotting away. Let him come and ask for it himself; we would give him a black draught of the poisoned water we have to drink, and ask him how he liked it."

"Now, it's no use," the collector would reply; "you know you stop here because you have nowhere else to go. I have nothing to do with you but to get your rent, and that I must have, or out you must go."

For two hours and more the collector had been engaged in this kind of argument, amid every kind of noise and confusion, when Jenny, with a beating heart, saw him approach her door. Her father was lying on his bundle of rags, as if in that last sleep from which there was no awaking. What could she say to Mr. Wrench? How could she induce him to wait for the rent? If her blooming geranium would have realised half what they owed, much as she loved it, she would willingly have sold it, and have resigned for ever all the little dreams in which she had indulged of her flower going to the show.

"Well," said the collector, entering, "you know what I want, and I hope you are ready for me. You owe more than two weeks' rent; but though they call me a hard wretch in the court, I don't want to be hard on you, and if you pay two weeks you can stop; if not, I am of course sorry for you, but out you must go," said the little collector, closing with his favourite phrase.

Jenny burst into tears, and pointed to her father.

"Yes, that is what I see in most rooms," said Mr. Wrench; "it is Monday morning, you know, and I don't expect to find people sober."

"Poor father is very ill; he is indeed, sir; he is not drunk," said the child, blushing.

"Has been, I suppose, and this is the result of it. Well, I can't stand here arguing; if you can't pay two weeks, you can't pay three, and out you must go," said Mr. Wrench with a little emphatic jerk.

There was a feeble footstep heard in the passage, and the next moment Blind Maggie groped her way in.

"Good morning, Mrs. Maggie," said the collector; "as you are here, I may as well take your rent."
"I have it ready, thank the Lord," said the widow; "here it is, and here is the book. Jenny, see that he puts the figures down right."

"Thank you, Mrs. Maggie; I never have any trouble with you. I wish all in the court were like you,—I should get through my work a great deal quicker."

"Mr. Wrench," said the widow in a trembling voice, and taking hold of Jenny's hand, "can you not take pity on poor Jenny here? Look at her to-day, with a dying father before her eyes. We shall all have to lie down helplessly like him when our hour comes; and it will be pleasant then to think of any deed of mercy we were permitted to perform towards any sorrowful creature. Have pity on them!"

"Oh, I have plenty of pity myself," said the collector, "if people did but know. It's Challenger, you know, not me, that you have to blame."

"Look here," said the widow, holding out her trembling hand; here is one week's rent for them; it's all I have; I would give you the two if I had them. Accept the widow's mite, Mr. Wrench, and let the poor things alone."

"Oh, Maggie; Maggie!" was all that Jenny could say, as the good widow thus pleaded for her.

"Now, I am about to do a very foolish thing," said the collector, after a pause; "I'm about to do a very foolish thing; but never mind; I won't take your money, Maggie, and I won't take proceedings; but don't say anything about it in the court, I beg of you."

"God bless you, sir," said Jenny, fervently.

"Well, I hope things will mend with you; I will take a smell at that geranium, if you will allow me."

Jenny held up the flower for him; and the collector, saying that it was "something" to smell a flower like that in such a place, went away, followed by the child's grateful thanks. The widow would not allow any thanks on Jenny's part. She said she had simply done her duty, and that Jenny would have done as much for her any day.

"That I would," said Jenny, kissing her colourless cheek; "but I shall never be able to pay you."

"Never is a long day, my child," said the widow.

On that same Monday morning Mat Freeman attended the police-court to answer his bail, as he called it; and, judging by the temperance speeches which he has since delivered, his visit to the court that morning made an indelible impression on his mind. His healthy, stalwart appearance amongst the poor, sodden creatures brought up before the magistrate, attracted the attention of more than one in the court. With feelings of the deepest sorrow he heard case after case, and watched the people who were in charge of the police. There were workmen of his own age, from whose countenances all human compassion and manly feeling had vanished, brought up for beating their wives and children, for fighting and brawling, and in every case drink was the prevailing cause. Women were there with bruised faces, bandaged heads, and other marks of cruelty on them; and here, too, it was the vice of drunkenness which had kindled the rage of those from whose violence they were suffering. There were more boys and girls, Mat saw with a strong shudder, charged with the same vice; and the policeman who had them in charge said that juvenile intemperance, especially on Sunday evenings, was greatly on the increase. Mat heard them "sentenced" one after another, and when John Sandford's name was called, stood up before the magistrate.

"If you please, your worship," he said, "I fear he will be wanted in another court before night."

"What do you mean?" asked the magistrate.

Mat detailed the circumstances under which he had left John Sandford on the preceding night, and then added, solemnly, "At any moment he may have to appear before the judgment-seat of Christ."

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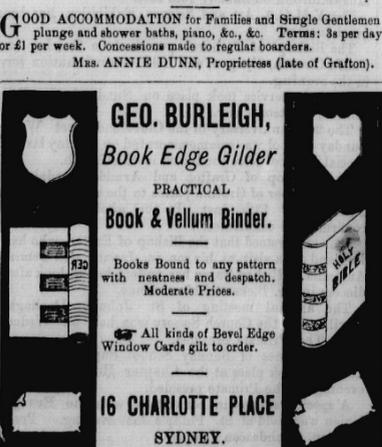
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Jottings from the Bush.

"All in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

I REJOICE to see that, one by one, many of the suggestions which I have put forth in this column are being carried out. My last cause for such rejoicing is the beginning of open-air preaching in the Domain. If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, it is wise for Mahomet to go to the mountain: if the crowds of people whose only chance of a pleasant walk in the fresh air on Sunday afternoons is found in a saunter round the Domain will not through our churches to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is intended to save their souls, then by all means let our Church go to them—not in the person of its lay workers only, or of isolated clergymen, but with all the influence and weight of its highest dignitaries, its best preachers, its finest singers, its most impressive services. It is a real help to the Church when our Primate gives the influence of his own presence and preaching to the first of such efforts; and I trust that it will not be the only time, by many a one, that he will be seen there. I had never had, until a short time ago, an opportunity of being present at the open-air preaching which is, and has long been, carried on every week by some of the most earnest of our city clergymen. The effect upon me was to make its necessity, its importance, and its opportunities more obvious to me than they had ever seemed before. But we want to have the work taken up by the whole Church: partly in order that every clergyman who sees the importance of the work may be able to find helpers who are of like mind with himself; and partly because this Domain work, being undertaken in a place which is the resort not of people from only one part of Sydney, but from the whole, ought to be partaken in by all sections of our Church of England. May God prosper the work of the "Church of England Open-Air Mission."

By-the-by, speaking of the whole Church taking up a matter, I hope that some explanation will be given by the managers of the late Conference, in answer to the criticisms of the *Australian Guardian*. Even if there is no explanation to be given, many of us would rejoice to see an expression of regret that any who would have liked to be there to gain improvement in Spiritual life were kept away through not receiving a formal invitation. I, for one, am grieved that a meeting which was a cause of blessing to so many should have anything unpleasant in its memories.

It is, perhaps, a difficult thing for us to know how to act in connection with the coming of General Booth to our shores. Two things it is very evident that we ought to do, if we are to act in the name of our Lord Jesus. There must be put out of our hearts every atom of feeling of jealousy, and there ought to be put from us every atom of the spirit which says:—"Does this man serve God for nothing?" If we do these two things, we shall, I think, welcome him heartily as a fellow-worker in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our objections to his autocratic rule, our revulsion of feeling at the too frequent irreverence which is seen in the Salvation Army services and writings, our protests against the neglect of the Sacraments commanded by our Master, our uneasy feeling that with all the good which the Army may be doing, there is also mixed a very great deal of harm of which it is the direct producer—all these will remain as before. But we extend our welcome to a man who has been the means of starting and carrying on a movement which has won very many souls to belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and service of Him, and who, as such, ought to be welcomed as a brother in Christ. It is not only when they are lying dangerously ill that we ought to recognise the work of fellow-Christians whose work we do not altogether agree with. For every reason which should make people admire Sarah Bernhardt, there are a hundred why they should welcome the first General of the Salvation Army. His name and that of his spiritually-minded wife will be remembered for many a hundred years on earth (if the world lasts so long), and for ever blessed by many in heaven. If the Salvation Army were to die a sudden death to-morrow it would have taught all our branches of the Universal Church some lessons which they were in danger of forgetting, and which even now they have not learned too well.

COLIN CLOUT.

New Guinea Mission.

A correspondent writing from Cooktown under date of September 3 says:—"News has been received of the arrival of the Anglican Mission Schooner Grace Lynn in New Guinea, after a tempestuous voyage lasting three weeks. The usual time occupied in performing the journey by a schooner is three days. It has been decided by the mission not to re-charter the Grace Lynn, and she will return to Sydney. The Revs. A. A. MacLarren and Copland King, who went over in her, are in good health. The remaining members of the mission party will leave Cooktown in about three weeks by Burns, Philp, and Co's schooner Myrtle, which will also load some 50 tons of stores for the mission station. Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. have been appointed agents for the Anglican Mission. The s.s. Merrie England is expected here from New Guinea in three weeks. Sir Wm. MacGregor will come over in her on his usual visit to Brisbane."—*Herald*.

Our Home Letter.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

At last the great Westminster talking machine has been silenced for the present year. The record of work is good, thanks to the split in the Irish ranks, which not only drew off the Hibernian obstructors, but sorely discouraged their Radical allies. The Church has got its Tithes Bill, but lost the Clergy Discipline Bill. This last failure is a monument of the unreasoning hatred of political non-conformists for the Church, seeing that they refuse to allow a bill to pass whose sole object is to get rid of unworthy ministers. Probably they think, with more or less truth, that a scandalous clerk in a parish is a great stimulus to Non-Conformity; but how much Christianity there is in such action, needs no words of mine to determine. The session leaves the Unionists' party in the House absolutely unshaken, being vastly superior in unity and in organisation, though the bye-elections have been running in favour of the Gladstonians.

Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien, on their release from gaol, have thrown in their lot with the Anti-Parnellites, but Mr Parnell shows no signs of discouragement, and indeed, received such an ovation in Dublin as shows he still retains no mean hold on the minds of the Irish. The chief point of interest in the Irish Kilkenny-out-contest, is the position assumed by the priests. They have seized the opportunity, and hope, by throwing all their influence into the scale against Mr. Parnell, to obtain control of the national party. With this object they have used all their means of persuasion from the Altar to the shillelagh, to induce their parishioners to vote for the Anti-Parnellite candidate. Hitherto they have triumphed, but they are laying the seeds of a deep distrust in the minds of English protestants, who are proud of the politically neutral position all but universal among the clergy of the Church of England.

The case of Bishop Blyth v. the C.M.S., has been argued before the Archbishop. Eight hours sufficed to put him in possession of sufficient material for judgment, which he reserved. His assessors were the Bishops of London, Rochester, Carlisle, and Salisbury. I hear, but as yet without confirmation, that the financial agreement by which the C.M.S. pays the Bishop £300, is terminated—a consummation devoutly to be hoped; and one would think intolerable to Dr. Blyth himself.

The final decision given by the Lords on the S. Paul's rector's case, is only important as confirming what most people understood, the absolute right of veto possessed by the Bishops under the Public Worship Regulation Bill. It is now finally decided that the Bishop can refuse to permit any litigation under that act, even when the offences are plainly and undoubtedly illegal. It has always been a principle of English life, that it is better to allow the discussion of grievances, than to suppress them; this is now reversed. These lengthened proceedings have had no bearing upon the legality or otherwise of the rector's itself, which, under the Bishop's protection, will probably remain in statu quo until some more artistically enlightened generation shall relegate it to the national lumber room.

The new Dean of Worcester who quits a Church in which he has advanced from being a decided Evangelical, to a Churchmanship which prefers the Eastward position, will succeed a very decided but not Ritualistic High Churchman. His Bishop will probably not quarrel with him. His successor, however, will be appointed by one of the most prominent of Low Churchmen, T. D. Alleroff, president of the Pastoral Aid Society, and late of the firm of Dent, Alleroff & Co., the great glove manufacturers. His nominee will be a decided Low Churchman. The new Simeon Trustee is Canon Girdlestone, who replaces Canon Cadman. This body have 100 livings in their gift, many of great importance, and they exercise the utmost care in their selection. One of their rules is, that no one who applies shall be appointed; all of course must be evangelical and protestant to receive their patronage. The Dean of Canterbury, Archdeacon Richardson, Revs. Tate, and H. C. G. Moule are the other trustees.

The French fleet has received a wonderful ovation in St. Petersburg. This "union of hearts" between the Republicans of France and the children of the Tsar, the most autocratic ruler in Europe, is significant of the way in which alliances are formed. Like the union between the Bradlaughites and the dissenting ministers of Northampton, it does not arise from love to one another, but from hatred of some one else. The hatred in this case extends to England, Germany, and Italy, all of whom have reason to fear the caprice and conceit and excitability of the nation, as well as the secrecy and tenacity of the White ambition.

The Keswick convention was no less crowded and interesting than in former years. Among other novelties was a sermon by Bishop Tucker in St. John's Church. Five hundred odd ministers received the Lord's Supper together, and nearly 30000 was given without solicitation for the purposes of the convention and for missions. An *ad fresco* meeting was held on the Lake in boats, that of Bishop Tucker being the centre of attraction, while an ever-widening circle of pleasure craft rocked gently on the clear waters of Derwent. Hymns were sung, and the Bishop spoke on Derwent Water of his work on the mighty Nyanza of Central Africa. Altogether it was a picturesque and inspiring occasion.

General Synod.

The Executive Committee, having received several additional Notices of Motion, have issued the following supplementary business paper for Tuesday, 22nd September, 1891:—

Order of the day.
6. Dean of Sydney:—
That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and submit to this Synod rules for the appointment of assistant bishops, and to define their status. Such committee to report to the Synod during its present session. That the committee consist of the following members, viz.:—The Lord Bishop of Goulburn, the Lord Bishop of Adelaide, the Lord Bishop of Melbourne, the Lord Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, the Lord Bishop of Ballarat, the Venerable Archdeacon Pownall, the Venerable Archdeacon Campbell, the Rev. Canon Handfield, the Rev. Canon Selwyn, the Honorable A. J. Gould, Esq., W. Gregory Walker Esq., A. H. Simpson, Esq.

Motions.
15. Bishop of Adelaide:—
That in the opinion of this Synod it is desirable that a determination be framed in respect to suffragan bishops, in accordance with the conjoined proposed Canon of the Episcopal Church of America.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICA, PROPOSED CANON.
"Of Suffragan Bishops."

"XVIII. (1) It shall be lawful for the convention of any diocese of this church, on the application of the diocesan thereof, to establish, from time to time, within said diocese, a district or districts, not more than two, as suffragan bishoprics; and for each district so established to elect, agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the General Convention, a suffragan bishop who shall bear the title of suffragan bishop, with such local designation as the Diocesan Convention shall see fit to give him, and shall be invested with all the rights and powers, and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a bishop of this church, save as hereinafter excepted.

"(2) Such districts shall not be in any wise severed from the diocese to which they belong, nor shall they constitute independent bishoprics, or be at liberty to organise or hold legislative conventions or councils. They shall be liable to enlargement, diminution, alteration or extinction at the will of the convention of the diocese, acting with the consent of the diocesan; provided always that no such suffragan district shall be extinguished during the incumbency of any suffragan, or altered without his consent.

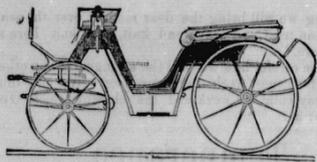
"XIX. (1) Each suffragan shall, within the district for which he may have been elected, perform such episcopal duties, and exercise such episcopal authority, as his diocesan may from time to time assign to him, except by express request of his diocesan. Nor shall any diocesan direct the performance of any ecclesiastical offices, or the exercise of any episcopal jurisdiction, by one suffragan within the district of another, without the consent of the latter; provided that should any suffragan be disabled for the performance of his duties, either physically or judicially, or refuse to perform such duties, or any of them, the diocesan shall have the power to direct their performance by another. And provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as interfering with the right of the diocesan personally to officiate or exercise jurisdiction at his own pleasure within any part of his own diocese.

"(2) Should the diocese become vacant, or its diocesan become disabled, either physically or by judicial sentence, it shall become the duty of the suffragan or suffragans of the diocese, until the consecration or translation to the diocese of another diocesan or assistant bishop, to perform all the episcopal offices which may be required therein, subject, however, to the provisions of Section XXI, of this Canon. And should there be more than one such suffragan, each shall exercise such episcopal jurisdiction, and perform all such episcopal offices within his own district. And should there remain any part of the diocese not thus provided for, it shall be the duty of the suffragan or either of them to perform such additional offices, in the portion of the diocese not thus provided for, as may be requested by the standing committee.

"III. (1) No suffragan shall ever act as consecrator of any bishop, diocesan, or suffragan.
"(2) No suffragan shall ordain any priest or deacon without the request of his diocesan; provided, that during a vacancy in the Diocesan Episcopate, or the continuance of a disability on the part of the diocesan to make such request it shall be sufficient that the request be made in like manner by the standing committee.

"(3) Should any suffragan be guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of his diocesan, upon becoming satisfied of the fact of such violation, to suspend him immediately from the exercise of all his episcopal functions, until such time as he may be tried and a verdict rendered. Should the diocese be vacant, or the diocesan be under such disabilities as may prevent him from taking such action, it shall be the duty of the presiding bishop of the church in the United States to take all such action upon the application of the standing committee of the diocese in which the offence may have been committed.

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The Australian Record.

"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1891.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ONE of the most imposing and important of all the ecclesiastical gatherings which have been held in Australia will meet next week in this city.

Since the last meeting of the General Synod, which began its sittings on October 26, 1886, some changes in important changes have taken place in the BENCH BENCH of Bishops.

The gathering of such a body constituting the General Synod, travelling as they do from the extreme north, to Hobart in the south; from Perth in the west, including every diocese in the heart of this great land, involves much time and bodily fatigue.

Perhaps no better illustration of this can be given than from the proceedings of the first General Synod and the last meeting held in 1886. At both there were very difficult and delicate motions demanding consideration.

difficulties. The eloquent Bishop of BALLARAT, and the reverend Dean of MELBOURNE, with others, delivered weighty and effective speeches. It was felt, as the late PRIMATE said, in his opening address, that the Bishop of BALLARAT's resolution, although in form only applied to the use of the Prayer Book, yet that it really extended to other points in the Church's system, which was better fitted for the pastoral edification than for evangelism, for strengthening what was already won than for aggression, and advance to new positions for the banner of Christ.

In the Session about to be held, questions of equal importance to any considered at previous Synods are to be introduced. Questions which relate to our Synod well being and life as a Church, and to her duty of witness she should bear to God and rightness.

THE First General Synod AND THAT OF 1886. General Synod naturally presented itself. Some of the members thought that no General Synod could have authority, say, over the Diocesan Synod or Assembly of Victoria, seeing that in that Colony Parliament had given the Church an Act which enabled the Bishop to form a Diocesan Assembly, which had absolute authority over the Church in Victoria, therefore, for the General Synod to frame laws or determinations or canons, and enforce obedience would be illegal.

OFFICIAL.

THE PRIMATE desires to notify that, during the Session of the General Synod, his arrangements for interviews at the Registry will be suspended. He will be glad if the clergy and others will allow business not of an urgent character to remain in abeyance until the close of the Synod.

General Synod.

A COMPLIMENTARY picnic to the Illawarra District is to be given to the visitors to the General Synod on Saturday, September 26th. Residents in Sydney desiring to take part in the picnic may procure tickets for that purpose from the Revs. O. Baber, A. W. Pain, Dr. Corlette, H. W. Mort, Messrs. R. Chadwick, J. Kent, J. S. Harrison, or the Secretary.

Australian Church News.

Diocese of Sydney.

Woolahra.—On Thursday evening, a successful concert was given by the juvenile chorists of All Saints', in the schoolroom. The object of the entertainment was to increase the funds of All Saints' cricket club. Great interest was manifested in the affair by the parishioners, the somewhat novel circumstance of the absence of adult performers giving additional zest to the proceedings.

Balmain.—The Cathedral choir paid its annual visit to St. Thomas', on Thursday evening, the 10th inst. Choral service was effectively rendered, the anthem being "As pants the hart for cooling stream" (Spohr). The sermon was preached by the Precursor, the Rev. A. R. Rivers, M.A., who delivered an interesting and practical address, selecting as his text St. James i., 22.

Darlinghurst.—The annual meeting of the Church Society in connection with St. John's, was held on Wednesday evening in the schoolroom. The Primate occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. A. W. Pain (incumbent of the parish) and S. S. Tovey. The annual report was read and adopted. It showed that the total receipts for the year 1890 had amounted to £604 2s 9d, as against £675 4s 8d for 1889. This falling off was attributed to the loss, through death, of a number of large contributors to the fund and also to the removal of others.

A Weeks' Record.—Sunday, sermons at St. Mary's, Allyn River and Gresford; Monday, social meeting at Greta; Thursday, opening bazaar in aid of paying off the debt on Waratah parsonage; Saturday, to Muswellbrook to spend several days there in various important engagements, including a rural-deacon conference, "a quiet day" for the Clergy of the Deanery, confirmation, a social welcome, proceedings in connection with a new church in the rising township of Aberdeen, and so on. It may not be out of place to mention here that the repairs to Bishopscourt, Morpeth, undertaken at the Bishop's own expense, will cost about £50. It may also interest your readers to know that the Bishop handed back to the trustees of the Episcopal Endowment Fund the first half year's stipend £600, which they had paid over to him. All this is very noble, and as like begets like, must surely arouse some enthusiasm in the clergy and parishes. The question is whether the Diocese ought thus to allow the Bishop to take burdens off its shoulders and put them on to his own.

West Maitland.—We are glad to notice the name of Mr. H. E. Lee, B.A., in the degree list as Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery at the recent presentation of successful students at the University of Edinburgh. Mr. H. E. Lee is the son of Mr. John Lee who has for many years been churchwarden of St. Mary's in the town, and has taken a prominent part in all religious and philanthropic movements.

Watson's Bay.—A flower service took place last Sunday, in St. Peter's. The church was tastefully decorated. Professional hymns were sung by the choristers and Sunday School children, and special hymns were sung during the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. George E. C. Stiles, B.A. After the service the flowers were taken to the Sydney Infirmary, where they were much appreciated by the inmates.

Diocese of Newcastle.

Gresford.—The Bishop arrived at Gresford Parsonage on Saturday, Sep. 5th, on his first visit to this interesting district, formed a few years ago by dividing the parish of Paterson. He preached on Sunday morning at St. Mary's, Allyn River, and in the afternoon at Gresford. The two churches being full in spite of the wet and stormy weather. The offertories, amounting altogether to £5 2s 4d, were devoted to the C.W.O.F. of the Diocese. Many friends have volunteered for the decoration of the churches. A tea-meeting and welcome was held in the School of Arts, Gresford, on Monday, and was numerously attended in spite of the continued rain which had brought the rivers down. The Rev. J. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, and the Rev. W. H. H. Yarrington and Mrs. Yarrington, managed to reach the scene of action, notwithstanding the weather, but the Rev. S. Simm who lives at a greater distance, was entirely prevented. The good parishioners of Gresford had provided a most beautiful and exceptionally elegant tea, in their capital School of Arts, which looked quite ornamental with drapery and flowers. After tea an address of welcome to the Bishop was read by Mr. Joseph Cooper, and then speeches and music made the hours pass quickly by. The present incumbent, the Rev. Geo. Moore, was, before his appointment to Gresford, a clergyman in the Diocese of Sydney. To him and Mrs. Moore, and the kind earnest spirit with which their helpers entered into the affair is owing the great success of the Bishop's visit. The impression made by the Bishop, his sermons, his geniality, his great unselfishness, will prove most strengthening to the cause of the church, and have greatly gladdened the clergyman's heart. The visiting clergy and their wives were hospitably lodged at Trevalyn and Torry-Burn.

Aged and infirm Clergy Superannuation Fund.—The ballot by the members for three clerical trustees has resulted in the election of the Rev. Canon White, the Rev. B. E. Shaw, and the Rev. R. M. Walker.

Central Rural Deanery.—"It has been decided to form a choral union. The main objects are:—(1) To promote the practice and cultivation of church music in the churches joining the Union. (2) To hold an annual festival by the combined choirs in one or more of such churches in succession. The Bishop has consented to undertake the Presidency. It was agreed that members of choirs within the Rural Deanery be eligible for membership; and that the payment of a silver coin should constitute such membership during the year."—(From a circular).

Clerical Society.—The members of this society met on the 9th inst. at Stockton, at the parsonage of the Rev. W. F. James. Ten clergy were present, including the Rev. Hugh Dunlop of the Sydney Diocese. The Scripture subject, the xvii. of St. John, was exhaustively treated with fervour and reverence, by those present. In the afternoon a visit was paid to the church which is a fine and well-built structure. The new parsonage also came in for much commendation. The Clerical Society is looking up since the return from England of its energetic and able secretary, the Rev. S. Simm. At dinner time, Mr. Simm, in a pleasing speech, appropriately conveyed to the newly married host and hostess the best wishes of the members for their long-continued happiness.

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Diocese of Bathurst.

The Bishop of Bathurst reached Nyngan on Saturday last, where he was the guest of the Mayor. He preached on Sunday at St. Paul's, and held a confirmation in the evening.

Diocese of Grafton and Armidale.

Ordination.—On Tuesday, the 8th inst., the Bishop ordained Mr. E. M. Webster as Deacon, and appointed him to the curacy of Grafton.

Diocese of North Queensland.

Ingham.—Rev. J. B. Olive, and a party of nineteen, travelled overland from Ingham to Cardwell, where they gave a most successful entertainment in aid of the new church which was destroyed by a hurricane two years ago, and which has now been re-erected. Rev. J. B. Olive has lately returned to the parish after being absent for some time in England.

Cairns.—Rev. J. B. Gribble has been visiting the blacks on the Lower and Upper Barron. He thinks that there is a great opening for mission work among them.

Townsville.—A meeting of the Diocesan Council was held on Thursday, September 3rd, at the Registry. As Canon Edwards, and Messrs R. Gray and Hon. W. Aplin, M.L.C., the representatives appointed by the Synod, had signified their inability to attend the General Synod, Canon White, M.A., and Messrs W. Villiers Brown, M.L.A., and W. Fairland were appointed in their places, and will with Canon Tucker represent the Diocese. The Rev. J. B. Gribble has arrived from Cairns, and will preach at St. James' Pro-Cathedral in aid of the Bellenden Ker Aboriginal Mission. The Cathedral is making rapid progress, the walls being now some fifteen feet above the ground. Funds are still needed for the roof, floor, and internal fittings.

Normanton.—The church here has just been completed, and was opened for Divine service on Sunday, August 22nd.

Ravenwood.—Canon Edwards preached in his old parish on August 30th. He was welcomed everywhere most heartily by those whose affection he won so thoroughly during his incumbency of Ravenwood.

General Synod, 1891.

The following corrected list contains the names of those who have been appointed by the various dioceses to represent them in the General Synod at the session which is to begin on Tuesday next:—

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143. The betrayer pointed out, Mt. xxvi, 21-25; Mk. xiv, 18-21; Lk. xxii, 21-23; Jn. xiii, 21-35.

144. The Institution, Mt. xxvi, 26-29; Mk. xiv, 22-25; Lk. xxii, 19-20 (1 Cor. xi, 23-25).

145. Flight of the twelve, and fall of Peter predicted, Mt. xxvi, 31-35; Mk. xiv, 27-31; Lk. xxii, 31-38; Jn. xiii, 36-38.

146. Discourses and Prayer of Christ, Jn. xiv, xvii.

147. The Agony in Gethsemane, Mt. xxvi, 30, 36-46; Mk. xiv, 26, 32-42; Lk. xxii, 39-46; Jn. xviii, 1.

148. Apprehension in Gethsemane, Mt. xxvi, 47-56; Mk. xiv, 43-52; Lk. xxii, 47-53; Jn. xviii, 2-11.

149. Christ led to the high priest's house—Fall of Peter, Mt. xxvi, 57-68, 69-75; Mk. xiv, 53-54, 66-72; Lk. xxii, 54-62; Jn. xviii, 12-18, 25-27.

150. False witnesses—Charge of blasphemy, Mt. xxvi, 59-68; Mk. xiv, 55-65; Lk. xxii, 63-71; Jn. xviii, 19-24.

151. Christ delivered to Pilate, Mt. xxvii, 1-2; Mk. xv, 1; Lk. xxiii, 1, Jn. xviii, 28.

152. Despair and death of Judas, Mt. xxvii, 3-10.

153. Accusation before Pilate, Mt. xxvii, 11-14; Mk. xv, 2-5; Lk. xxiii, 2-5; Jn. xviii, 29-38.

154. Efforts before Herod, Lk. xxiii, 6-12.

155. Efforts of Pilate to procure a release, Mt. xxvii, 15-23; Mk. xv, 6-14; Lk. xxiii, 13-16, 18-23; Jn. xviii, 39-40.

156. Barabbas liberated. Jesus scourged and delivered to be crucified, Mt. xxvii, 24-30; Mk. xv, 15-19; Lk. xxiii, 24-25; Jn. xix, 1-6.

157. The way to Golgotha—"Daughters of Jerusalem," Mt. xxvii, 31-34; Mk. xv, 20-23; Lk. xxiii, 26-33; Jn. xix, 16-17.

158. The Crucifixion, Mt. xxvii, 35-38; Mk. xv, 24-27; Lk. xxiii, 33-34, 38; Jn. xix, 18, 24.

159. The Mockery—Mother of Jesus and S. John, Mt. xxvii, 39-44; Mk. xv, 29-32; Lk. xxiii, 35-37, 39-43; Jn. xix, 25-27.

160. Three hours darkness—Death, Mt. xxvii, 45-50; Mk. xv, 31-37; Lk. xxiii, 44-46; Jn. xix, 28-30.

161. Signs following—the centurion—the women of Galilee, Mt. xxvii, 51-56; Mk. xv, 38-41; Lk. xxiii, 45, 47-49.

162. Piercing of the side, Jn. xix 31-37.

163. Burial. Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Mt. xxvii, 57-61; Mk. xv, 42-47; Lk. xxiii, 50-56; Jn. xix, 38-42.

164. Setting of the guard at tomb, Mt. xxvii, 62-66.

165. The women notice removal of stone, Mt. xxviii, 1-4; Mk. xvi, 1-4; Lk. xxiv, 1-3; Jn. xx, 1.

166. Vision of Angels to the women, Mt. xxviii, 5-7; Mk. xvi, 5-7; Lk. xxiv, 4-8.

167. Message of the women to the eleven apostles, Mt. xxviii, 8; Mk. xvi, 8; Lk. xxiv, 9-11; Jn. xx, 2.

168. Visit of Peter and John to the sepulchre Jn. xx, 3-10 (Lk. xxiv, 12).

169. Appearance to Mary Magdalene, Mt. xxviii, 9-10; Mk. xvi, 9-11; Jn. xx, 11-18.

170. Report of the guards to the chief priests, Mt. xxviii, 12-15.

171. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus, Lk. xxiv, 13, 35; Mk. xvi, 12-13.

172. Appearance to disciples, Thomas absent (Jn), Mk. xvi, 14; Lk. xxiv, 36-43; Jn. xx, 19-25.

173. Appearance to disciples, Thomas present, Jn. xx, 26-29.

174. Appearance by the lake of Galilee, Jn. xxi.

175. Appearance on a Mt. in Galilee (Mt.)—the great commission, Mt. xxviii, 16-20; Mk. xvi, 15-18.

176. Ascension from the Mt. of Olives, Mk. xvi, 19-20; Lk. xxiv, 44-53.

177. Conclusion of S. John's Gospel, Jn. xx, 30-31.

From the above list it will be seen that the first three Gospels contain the record of Christ's ministry in Galilee, unbroken by the festival visits to Jerusalem recorded by S. John (cf. 22, 28, 77, 98). According to the arrangement adopted by S. Matthew, discourses (chaps. v-vii), miracles (viii, ix), instructions to disciples (x), and parables (xiii), are grouped together without regard to their chronological sequence. The order given by S. Mark may, with perhaps one exception (cf. 121), be regarded as chronological throughout. S. Luke preserves in the main the same order as S. Mark, but a considerable section (ix, 51-xix, 28) is largely peculiar to his gospel.

Home Notes.

At St. Paul's Cathedral 800 Foresters attended a special service on a Sunday in August last, when the Archbishop of Canterbury preached. The members did not wear the regalia, but the congregation was deemed a remarkable one, since those present represented 700,000 men constituting the bone and sinew of England, and their sustained interest in the sermon gave a deep impressiveness to the scene.

Christ Church, Birmingham, has, for the past twelve months, been placed on the Telephonic Exchange with 24 calls representing 60 subscribers. The sick are thus enabled to hear the sermon; one lady having been bedridden for three years, another had not attended Church for seven years, whilst a dozen watchmen on duty every night in the jewellery districts, have shown their gratitude for the privilege thus afforded, by sending a contribution. The hospitals are now to be connected.

It is understood that the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the Lincoln case is not likely to be delivered before November.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the bishops associated with him, have held an inquiry into the matters at issue between Bishop Bligh, of Jerusalem, and the Church Missionary Society, and time is to be taken to prepare the decision.

The Chairman of the Church Association having called the attention of the Bishop of Rochester to a work on "The Immaculate Conception," by a South London clergyman—Dr. F. G. Lee, the Bishop complains that the Association desires to take out of the hands of the constituted authorities, the duty of enforcing technical points of law.

The Church Missionary Society are contemplating the formation of three new sees in Africa, viz. Uganda, The Niger—if Bishop Crowther should cast in his lot with the native Church—and Lagos. The Rev. R. C. Joynt, of Sheffield, has been asked to accept one of the above.

The Church Discipline Bill has been dropped in the House of Commons. The extreme section of churchmen were opposed to it, because the measure did not recognise a "spiritual" court, whilst certain Welsh Liberatorists were hostile by reason of the fact that a measure framed to rectify a widely-felt abuse, would tend to prolong the life of the National Church.

The Bishop of Chester, who has had a severe attack of influenza, is now convalescent.

The Bishop Elect of Lichfield will be consecrated on September 29th, meanwhile, the Bishop of Shrewsbury has been undertaking episcopal functions in the diocese.

Bishop Philpotts, late of Worcester, has offered to devote £800 per annum out of his retiring allowance of £1000, towards the support of the proposed bishopric of Birmingham.

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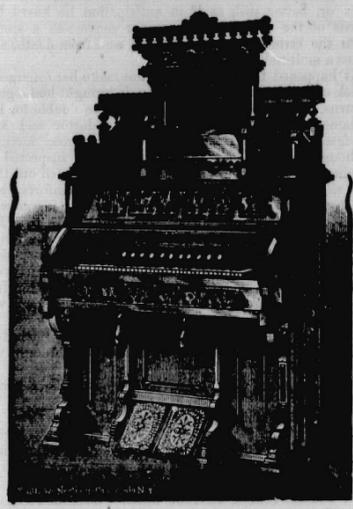
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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

"Well," said the magistrate, "you did a kind thing to a brother workman; you are released from your bail."

"Please your worship," said Mat, encouraged by the kindly tone of the magistrate, "you have been granting summonses this morning."

"You don't look as if you wanted to take out a summons against any one," returned the magistrate, smiling.

"I should like to do so, nevertheless," said Mat. "I would summon all the publicans to appear before your worship this morning to receive their deserts, as I feel sure you would measure them out."

The magistrate, seeing that he had a "character" before him, and not unwilling to vary the dreary monotony of a Monday Morning's sitting—"Black Monday" to him as well as to the poor tenants of Challoner's Court—allowed him to proceed.

"Yes, I would," continued the navy, bringing down his clenched right hand into the open palm of his left with a sounding smack. "I can't have been here the last hour without seeing what is the roof of all the mischief which has come before you, sir 'Tis the public-houses. They make brutes of the men, and poor, frightened, hunted hares of the women and children. Homes might now be bright and happy, but for them. Earnings might go into the savings bank, and a rainy day might be provided for, but for them; and, therefore, your worship, I should like keepers of gin-shops, beer-shops, and public houses in general to appear before you, that you might give them fourteen days, or as much longer as the law will allow you."

"The longer the better, I suppose," said the magistrate, who had been pleased with Mat's earnestness.

"Yes, sir. I can't see why, sir," he went on, as if the most perplexing problem were knitting his brain into knots, "I can't see why these poor creatures should have the fourteen days, and the publicans get nothing except comfort and luxury."

The colloquy between him and the friendly magistrate here ended. Will the day ever dawn when Mat's reasoning shall be calmly looked at? In other crimes, not only the principals are dealt with by the law, but those who are accessory to their commission. In respect to drunkenness, however, a publican may sell that which is the provoking cause of almost every crime dealt with by the law, and, yet no one thinks, as Mat said, of summoning him. He is a "respectable" man, can drive his brougham or dog-cart, and have his snug suburban residence; but the man whom he has helped to inebriate may roll in the gutter, or be locked up, or get fourteen days' hard labour. There are many besides Mat Freeman who would be glad to take out summonses against these "old offenders."

CHAPTER XI.

COMING TO HIMSELF.

And love of the unsightly face, To its old magic true, Shed coloured floods of softened light To please the father's vision. She read and sang to win his ear, And often would he bless The voice that seemed the lingering sprite Of her dead loveliness.

For several days it was uncertain whether John Sandford would live or die. Dr. Adam, whom Mat had called in to his assistance, was unremitting in his attentions, watching the case with the benevolent interest which he brought with him to every drunkard's sick-bed he visited. He was one of those medical men who strongly set his face, under all circumstances, against alcoholic stimulation. He listened with a smile of incredulity to all that his brethren had to say about drink being necessary. Amongst his rich patients he would doubtless have been more popular if he had blandly recommended a glass of old sherry now and then, or a little, of course only a little, brandy and soda-water or bitter beer, for weak stomachs. He had lost several patients by his unswerving integrity; but, in more than one instance, he had been recalled, when, notwithstanding the use of alcohol, those who had declined his further attendance grew worse instead of better.

Dr. Adam was not long in perceiving, from the conversation of Mat, and from the refinement of the child's ways and tastes, that John Sandford had once seen better days. With great delicacy, as the unappreciated, unkind recovered some mental balance, he adapted his conversation, even the tones of his voice, to the condition, not of a poor imbruted creature, but of one who had formerly sympathized with better things. Sandford had not been thus addressed for weeks and months; never, indeed, since his wife died. He had been content to be a drunken workman, incapable of any intellectual or religious effort. He now found himself thinking of what he was before drink had woven its galling net around him. Old thoughts and feelings came crowding back upon his mind, and he cried with grief and shame over the wreck and ruin he had become.

Dr. Adam allowed these thoughts to work and have their full influence, watching his patient as conscientiously and tenderly as if he were to receive a hundred guinea fee; or, better still, as if in anticipation he heard the words of the Master, "Whosoever converteth a sinner from the error of his way, saves a soul from death, and hides a multitude of sins."

It happened that Jenny could not make her ornaments quick enough. Day after day Maggie brought home good returns, and in some instances people gave double for her ornaments what Maggie asked. The doctor and Mat professed to have nothing to do with this good fortune, although in latter days they were strongly suspected of having had the principal hand in it. It thus fell out that the sick man was enabled to have a few comforts; and when the next "Black Monday" came round, it was with a smile of hope that Jenny was enabled to pay Mr. Wrench one week's rent. Mrs. Peters was a daily visitor of the sick man, saying as usual at the end of every visit, "Let us read a chapter together." Mat looked in every evening, and he and the doctor conversed together in a manner that was as interesting to the sick man as it was to Jenny.

"Jenny," said Mat one evening with glee, "what do you think? You remember Jen Banks, who brought you home that night?"

"Oh, yes, very well! he never goes by without giving me a nod."

"Well, I do believe," said Mat firmly, "that there are better days even for Challoner's Court. Jen has signed the pledge, and I have given him one of grandmother's pets," cried the navy, with a cheerful laugh which he immediately subdued. "Yes," he went on, "I do think that God has blessed what few words I have said; at any rate, Jen met me last night, and after some hesitation, came out with a mighty resolution that he would give up drinking. He said he should never in his life forget bringing you and the flower home," said the navy, lowering his voice. "So I have given him one; and now there are two of grandmother's pets in Challoner's Court."

All this time—and it was now more than nine days since he had been brought home insensible from the "Grapes"—John Sandford had remained without alcoholic stimulant. Dr. Adam had explained to him that if he valued his life, he must submit implicitly to his orders. He was too weak and ill to resist, even if he had desired to do so, but, to his daughter's exceeding joy, he offered no opposition. On the contrary, his mind was racked with remorse in recollection of the evils which his passion for drink had brought upon him. He might have continued unfortunate in business, he thought, but he need not have darkened this misfortune by the effects of his intemperance, he need not have embittered his wife's last days, he need not have wounded his only child as he had done. He thought of the night his wife died, and she had gone away from the world happy in the conviction that he would become a changed man. In the world of spirits, did they know what went on in this dim spot, earth, in which they once lived? And did she know that he had been faithless to his word? Had she seen all that he had been in his own sad history since her death, all that he had been in the way of neglect and unkindness to poor Jenny? As these thoughts recurred to him many times, he covered his face, and tears, to which he had long been a stranger, flowed down his cheeks. Then his thoughts became sadder still when he remembered how, in his mad career of passion and intemperance, he had forgotten God. Once he had read his Bible, loved the Sabbath, enjoyed prayer. What a dark yawning gulf there was between what he had been and what he was! Drink had made that fearful chasm; and as he thought of its height and depth and darkness, despair—dark and chilling—took full possession of his soul.

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The Week.

General Balmaceda. The chief author of the Civil War in Chili has destroyed himself by his own hand. Balmaceda was a despot, and ruled by terror. Swift defeat scattered his forces and distrustful of those around him he experienced himself the same fears and error with which he ruled. The people of South America have for centuries been kept in ignorance by their religion so that every step towards liberty has been won by blood. The traditions that bound Balmaceda's rule are those of the dark Middle Ages, but the Reformation that overturned them in our England was extinguished with terrible cruelty in the Latin countries of Europe. Spain and her erstwhile colonies still bear the incubus of those evil days. It is only slowly that the gloom rolls away.

A Motley Crowd. Lately, the approach to the Redfern railway station was blocked by a number of race-going people—all betraying anxiety as to the coming event. Noticeable among the crowd were two members of the Hebrew race intent upon business, and separate from others of the sporting community discussing eagerly items of interest to themselves. There also might be observed a man on crutches, an elderly man with white hair, and a number of youths from 14 to 16 years of age who, by their conversation seemed as well up in sporting phrases as their seniors. Several nationalities might be detected, but all appeared in unison with respect to the gambling mania. It was a sad sight, and one calculated to make good men grieve.

The Primate's Address. After the preliminary business of the General Synod was over, the Primate rose from his chair, and was greeted with acclamation by Bishops, Clergy, and laity. It was an imposing spectacle, and one to be remembered, as his Lordship stood, with manuscript in hand, surrounded by His Right Rev. Brothers the Bishops, to deliver his first address to the General Synod of the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania. Having prefaced his remarks with a generous allusion to the ability and learning of his predecessor, his Lordship proceeded to deal with matters of general Church interest, and the important measures to be brought before the Synod. Throughout there was marked attention and frequent applause, and when the exhaustive, intellectual, and practical address was brought to a close the expressions of approval were hearty and long, in which the Bishops unanimously joined. The Bishop of Goulburn moved a vote of thanks to the Primate for his valuable address, with a request that the same be printed, which was promptly seconded by the Bishop of Ballarat, and carried by acclamation.

General Booth. General Booth is now amongst us. A man is known by his work and the great organisation initiated and controlled by Mr. Booth testifies to extraordinary personal capacity. Napoleon attributed his success to every soldier in the army of France being a little Napoleon, and in like manner every Salvationist is a little Booth. Great enthusiasm pervades the whole body, and an undoubted influence for social good is the result. Sir Henry Parkes, with the instinct of a statesman, recognises the power of the army, and in taking the chair at the great meeting of welcome does worldly honor to the movement. If every Christian had but a like enthusiasm for his Master, what a power for good would permeate the world.

The Labour Home. We gladly recognise the words of the S. M. Herald in favour of the Labour Home. Mr. Langley and his committee have laboured on. The difficulties that have met them from the start have always been heavy. Every effort has been made without avail to get suitable land for a Farm Colony through private negotiations, and at last the Government has been appealed to by a deputation, and responsive help may, we trust, result.

The Aborigines. The Aborigines Protection Association do good work, on undenominational lines. Favourable reports are received from Warangoda, Brewarrina and Cumerungoo Mission Stations, where farming is carried on. At the latter, over 108 acres are under cultivation, whilst at Brewarrina the sheep number 3,000. Distinctly evangelistic surroundings influence the aborigines and raised them in the scale of civilisation to the astonishment of Darwinite theorists.

Woman's Suffrage. Woman's suffrage appears to be a new political talisman and a league, hailing from Sydney, to accomplish that ideal, possesses a monthly journal of its own. From it we gather that in order to

stimulate enthusiasm in the cause, prizes of books are offered for examinations in politics. Amongst these books we notice Ibsen's Prose Dramas. Women who vote should be at least pure minded, but that cannot be if their reading comprises Ibsen's. We protest against the degrading prose of Ibsen.

The Strike of Laundresses. The difficulties of accepting an arbitration in disputes between masters and employees has been instanced in the strike of the laundresses employed by Mr. Skinner at Pyrmont. The right of men to join Trades Unions is admitted, but women have yet to win their way. The employer found reason to dismiss a girl who had been associated in the laundry with the Union agitation. Thereupon, her fellows went out on strike, because they regarded her as a victim to an antipathy to Unionism. Arbitration was resorted to, and with the result that her discharge was regarded as not justified. The master, however, persists in his right not to employ one whom he objects to, and strife is continued. What is wanted in the relations between master and servant is tact and Christian kindness.

Leoprosy. The Echo says:—"Miss Marsden, who has been visiting the lepers in Siberia, with the permission and assistance of the Russian Government, says that there is a herb growing there that is regarded as a specific for this terrible malady, when of the kind caused by eating a small fish from the lakes. Miss Marsden is descended from the late Rev. Samuel Marsden.

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., Sept. 20.—11 a.m., Bishop of Brisbane; 3.15 p.m., Bishop of Melbourne; 7 p.m., Bishop of Ballarat.

ANTHEMS.

11 a.m.—"The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of His work displays the firmament. The day that is coming speaks it to the day. The night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, Never unperceived, ever understood." —Haydn.

3.15 p.m.—"Rejoice ye choirs everlasting, sing praises to your King, praise the Lord of Heaven, O praise the King of Glory; sing praises to the Lord. Sing all ye heavenly host of angels, O praise your glorious King. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame—the Lord in battle mighty. Of hosts He is the Lord of might and of power, the King of Glory is the King of Saints." —Gounod.

DIOCESAN.

Sat., Sept. 26.—Complimentary Picnic to Members of General Synod, at Stanwell Park, Illawarra Line.

Sun., " 27.—St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo. Evening—Bishop of Melbourne.

" " 27.—All Souls', Leichhardt, Bishop of Bathurst. 11 a.m.; 3.15, Archdeacon Cooper; 7 p.m., Bishop of Riverina.

" " 27.—St. Thomas', Balmain. Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, 11 a.m.; Bishop of Bathurst, 3.30 p.m.; 7 p.m., Ven. Archdeacon Campbell.

" " 27.—St. Augustine's, Neutral Bay, Bishop of Bathurst, 7 p.m.

Tues. " 29.—Garden Party at Government House, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

The children's delights are ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS. Every mother should get them.—ADVT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due for the ensuing year. We would thank our friends to make note of this.

MONSIEUR ED. PERIER, Professor of French, has adapted to his union the "Mastery System," as the most expeditious mode of gaining colloquial French, with a correct pronunciation. Bright and easy method. 13 DARLINGHURST ROAD.

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Brief Notes.

The Most Rev. the Primate held a confirmation service at St. Thomas', North Shore at 3 p.m. on Sunday last and preached in the evening.

The Bishop of Melbourne preached at St. John's Church, Ashfield, on Sunday morning and at St. John's, Darlinghurst, in the evening.

The Bishop of Riverina preached at the Cathedral on Sunday morning and at St. Luke's, Sussex-street, in the evening.

The annual sermon of the Church Society was preached at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Perth.

The Ven. Archdeacon Langley preached at St. Thomas', Balmain, on Sunday morning and at St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo, in the evening.

Divine service was held in the Cathedral on Tuesday morning. The Bishop of Tasmania was the preacher.

The Rev. H. Martin conducted an open air service in the Domain on Sunday afternoon.

The Quinquennial Session of the General Synod of Australia and Tasmania met on Tuesday last, the Primate presiding.

The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale delivered a lecture in connection with the English Church Union of New South Wales, entitled, "Is the Church of England going Rome-ward." Canon Kemmis, Vice-president of the E.C.U. presided.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was commenced on Sunday afternoon at the Canterbury Hall, York-street.

The Bishop of Bathurst on Sunday last dedicated the newly-erected tower of St. John's Church, Wellington, and held a confirmation service in the afternoon.

On Monday evening the congregation of St. Saviour's Church, Redfern, held a tea-meeting to bid farewell to the Rev. A. G. Stoddart. Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart were recipients of very handsome presents from numerous donors.

A garden party, on the occasion of the assembling of the General Synod was held at Greenknowe, Macleay-street, the Primate's residence, on Thursday last.

A sacred concert was held in St. Michael's Church, Botany-street, on Tuesday evening.

Hospital Sunday was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Newcastle on Sunday last, over 6,000 being present. The Minister for Instruction addressed the meeting.

A meeting to bid farewell to the young ladies, Miss Goode of Adelaide, Miss Hailey of Melbourne and Miss Crouch of Hobart, who leave to-day or Monday next to enter the mission field in India and China, was held in the Pitt-street Congregational Church on Tuesday night.

A new field of labour has been taken up by the clergy of Parramatta. Divine service is now held every Sunday afternoon at Holroyd in the Borough of Prospect and Sherwood. Service was commenced by Archdeacon Gunther and has been continued by the Rev. H. Tate.

A complimentary picnic to the members of the General Synod will be given to day at Stanwell Park, Illawarra Line.

The 36th anniversary of the Bourke-street Congregational Sunday School was celebrated on Tuesday evening.

Bishop Magee's will has been proved under £22,000 gross value, and £18,600 net. The whole of his property is left to his wife for life, and after her death to her children.

Dr. Kim's *Garden in the Rock*, receives high commendation from Sir Austin Layard, the Assyrian explorer, as a hand book of very great service to all Biblical students, by reason of the admirable way in which the monuments of Assyria have been availed of.

The Church Missionary Society's report for the past year is most interesting reading, and records the progress of evangelistic work throughout the world.

During alterations in the choir of Peterborough Cathedral, the vault containing the coffin of Queen Katharine has been discovered.

As compared with French harbours there is but little working of cargoes on Sundays in Italian ports. The Orient and British-India boats, by reason of the mail contracts, appear to be the chief offenders.

Roman Catholicism is said to be on the decline in England, Liverpool being the only diocese showing an increase, and then not in proportion to the increase of population. The fact was stated before an influential R. C. Conference at Wigan, in August last.

Repairing steeples is a dangerous occupation. At Sheffield recently, a steeple-jack met his death through the vane snapping off close to the steeple. The unfortunate man fell on to the roadway from a height of 130 feet.

MASSAGE.

Mr. J. G. WARR, Certificated Masseur, 243 Elizabeth-street. 9 to 6. Evenings by appointment. Medical Referrals. Patients Visited. Massage is highly beneficial for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Constipation, Indigestion, Flatulence, Liver Complaint, Weak Circulation of Blood, Asthma, Bronchitis, the early stages of Consumption, General Debility, for removing the effects of Fever and Age and the weakness which follows La Grippe, Pains in the Stiff Joints, Spinal Complaints, &c. Delicate Persons who have no Chronic Disease, but who suffer from General Weakness and all other ailments, would be greatly benefited by a course of Massage.

J. HUBERT NEWMAN Photographer.

At Melbourne, Sept. 26, 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 Kennion (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 closeness 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 atelier."