

whole subject were a joke. And it is rarely ever that they have heard any sane and kindly counsel upon the sweet privileges and holy obligations of home building and parenthood. On every hand, in this and other ways, they are educated to think lightly and superficially, and even sceptically, of the whole question of marriage. The jokes in the funny papers, the tremendous amount of ridicule and fun-poking at marriage and divorce in the vaudeville and on the stage, and the constant teasing from childhood upwards, in school and at home—all tend to break down a sense of the moral and sacred equations involved." The "Herald" is right. This is a matter of such supreme importance as to deserve large and enthusiastic attention at the hands of the Church (especially at the time of confirmation) and of parents everywhere.—"The Living Church."

The late Canon Benham recorded that he heard a parish clerk give out on Easter Day in a country village: "Last Friday was Good Friday, but we forgot it, so next will be."—"Church Chronicle," South Africa.

"The pipe of a religious denomination is at best a puny instrument, and an orchestra of all the denominations which claim to be a 'Federation of the Churches' only provides a hopeless alternative for unanimity.

For the meeting of the Standing Committee of General Synod.

FOR THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all good, grant Thy help to the Committees and Officers of the New Zealand Board of Missions, that they may rightfully discern the needs of the hour and boldly enter into the opportunities of the new day. Give to them a clearer insight into the meaning and demands of the missionary task, patience and steadfastness in the discharge of the work committed to them, and courage to attempt great things for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE DESTITUTE.

O Lord Jesus Christ? Who when on earth had not where to lay Thine Head have mercy upon those who are in poverty and distress. Be Thou their Comforter; minister to their bodily necessities; supply their wants while they dwell on earth; and bring them to that eternal kingdom, where there are no tears neither sorrow or crying; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Denominational Christianity has had its day; it was the pride of the 19th century, but it is the opprobrium of the 20th; discredited by its uglier offspring—Undenominationalism."

The Superfluous Woman.—"Births.—On 15th December, at — Crescent, Cardiff, to Mr and Mrs —, a daughter. For sale by auction."—"Welsh Paper."

History Paper.—1. Six events in the reign of Henry VIII.

- (1) He married Katherine of Arragon.
- (2) He soon got tired of her.
- (3) He wanted to get rid of her.
- (4) He wanted a divorce.
- (5) He got a divorce for her.
- (6) I don't know.

Maker and High Priest

I ask Thee not my joys to multiply—
Only to make me worthier of the least.—E. B. Browning.

All service ranks the same with God:
If now, as formerly he trod
Paradise, His presence fills
Our earth, each only as God wills
Can work—God's puppets, best and
worst,
Are we; there is no last nor first.

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.—Bunyan.

Under the shadow of the Cross the spirits rest in Paradise.—Davidson.

Likeness to Christ is what brings the living and departed nearest to one another.

Jesus was concerned to make the world less hard, but still more concerned to make people who could master a hard world.—F. G. Peabody.

The only chance this world has of becoming a righteous world is by the contagion of the Christian men in it.—Drummond.

Love and service in turn bring the revelation of the Lord.—Mark Guy Pearse.

Infinite love joined to infinite skill shall pilot the way through every strait and temptation.—J. Alexander.

Piety is the genius of the entire matter; but piety when it fronts sin has got to become grit.—C. H. Parkhurst, D.D.

The following paragraph appears in "Laudate" under the heading of "Notes from the Abbey:—"The Benedictine community of Pershore Abbey, Worcestershire, had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Kempthorne, the recently consecrated Bishop of Polynesia, on a visit of some days' duration. The Abbey workroom is busy just now with a cope, mitre and chasuble for his lordship." Bishop Kempthorne is a son of Archbishop Kempthorne, of Nelson.

FOR MOURNERS.

(Especially those bereaved in the late railway accident).

Let the cry of orphan and destitute children enter into Thine ears O Lord of Sabaoth; be Thou the father of the fatherless, and comfort them with a mother's tenderness; rescue them from the perils of this wicked world and bring them to the refuge of Thy heavenly home; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

FOR HOSPITALS, DOCTORS AND NURSES.

O Lord, the Healer of all our diseases, Who knowest how the sick have need of a Physician; bless all whom Thou hast called to be sharers in Thine Own work of healing with health alike of body and soul; that they may learn their art in dependence upon Thee, and exercise it always under Thy sanction and to Thy glory; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The following prayer is authorised by the Bishop for use at all services, especially at Celebrations of the Holy Communion:—

O Almighty Father, Who didst heal both the bodies and the souls of men, who didst send Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every disease and sickness and to redeem us from death; prosper, we beseech Thee with Thy heavenly blessing the Healing Mission to be held in this country and help and guide us Thy servants in our work of preparation for Thou art the fountain of healing, O God, and unto Thee do we give the glory with Thine only begotten Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

PAROCHIAL INTERCESSIONS

FOR SEPTEMBER.

Napier (St. Augustine's).
Te Puke.
Mohaka (Maori).
Tauranga (Maori).

Requests for Intercessions to be included in the Diocesan Intercession paper should be sent to Archdeacon Simkin, P.O. Box 227, Napier, not later than the 18th day of each month.