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tained the great necessity of religious teaching, yet they were anxious for district boards and the slender teaching of unsectarianism. Now I maintain that a sectarian school is better than an unsectarian one; which, to put into plain words, means that I would much rather send my children to a Wesleyan or a Baptist school than I would to a Board School, even though that school was like Rillington board school, a religious school, taught by a Christian man, and the children daily saying the Lord's Prayer and hearing the Bible read. The Wesleyans themselves have this opinion, for in our towns they have their schools, as for instance in Malton where they have, I am told, the best school in the town. I understand their great difficulty in the villages, because in the villages there can only be one school and that is either a denominational or a board school, and these schools are mostly in the hands of Churchmen, as regards religious teaching. And if the school happens to be a Church school you would not expect the Wesleyan superintendent to arrange for the plan of religious teaching; no more than you would expect a Church clergyman to arrange the religious teaching in a Wesleyan school. But there is no call for great heart burnings in this state of things, for I am sure that the denominational school, whether Church or Wesleyan, is the best educator for our different Sunday schools and Sunday services. We do not need such examples as we have in France to teach us this; for reason tells us that the children who have had definite religious teaching in the day school are those whose consciences will tell them they ought to go somewhere to learn more about God on the Sundays, and who will be the most teachable when there, and in spite of the theological difference between Church and Chapel, it is very rare to find Church managers taking advantage of their position to set Wesleyan children against their Chapel or minister. I am sure that the true policy of the Wesleyans is not, as the "Sherburn Circuit Magazine" points out, to have district boards and teaching which can offend nobody (and so do nobody much good), but to support the careful religious teaching of our voluntary schools, even though that teaching be in the hands of Churchmen. If ever they discover bigotry let them expose it, but I think they would have their work set to find it in this neighbourhood. But if in order to get the religious teaching out of the hands of Churchmen they carry out their plan of district boards they will in a few years find that they as a body have lost rather than gained their hold upon the children, and (which they would be the first to deplore) they would find a generation growing up with less godliness than their forefathers had. Both Church and Wesleyan ministers have at heart the religious welfare of the children. But I question the wisdom of the Wesleyan plan as set forth in the report of the Conference Committee. Time, I am sure, would prove that the present system is best for both church and chapel, and, which is more important, for the godliness of our coming men and women.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE A. GRENSIDE.

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RILLINGTON.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

On October 13th we had our Thanksgiving for the Harvest, nearly all of the farmers having safely gathered in their corn though the wet weather has delayed the finishing of all. However we have reason to be thankful that the greater part was safe before the deluge of October 14th and 15th. A good congregation came to Church and joined in a very hearty service of worship to the Almighty God. The sermon was preached by the Rev C. C. Mackarness, of S. Martin's, Scarborough, and we cannot be too grateful to him for coming in the middle of a special stress of work, and for giving us an excellent sermon on thankfulness and the practical expression of it; he suggested especially that this might be shown by praying for and helping those who are not so blessed as ourselves in bodily and in spiritual privileges. The collection was not so good as in past years, £1 6s 4d being the amount, of which 15s was sent to York County Hospital, and 11s 4d to the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

MISSIONS.

There are some people who do not care to give towards missionary objects because they think that too much is spent on red tape, *i.e.* secretaries, offices, &c. Will everyone please accept this assurance that at least in this Mission to Central Africa the money sent in is forwarded direct to the Bishop at Zanzibar, also that the clergy are giving their lives to the work in return for their clothing and food, and as they live on very little the greatest amount of "labour" is procured for the smallest amount of "hire." We hope to have a meeting soon to hear more about this Mission, and trust that all will try to do a little for the spread of the Gospel in that Dark Continent, by showing their interest and sympathy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

On October 12th the Vicar and Churchwardens and one Sidesman met in the vestry for the purpose of looking at the state of the Church accounts. The following is a short statement:—From April 21st to October 10th the amount collected is £10 0s 1d. The amount expended has been, 18s 1d. paid to the ex-churchwarden which he advanced; £5 paid to the vicar for loan at Easter; £4 15s 9d paid for church cleaning, wine, visitation expenses, &c., so that up to October 10th there was a sum of 13s 9d spent over and above the receipts. Since that time we have had the stove repaired, and a truck of coke bought. These with one or two other necessary expenses, insurance, organist, cleaning, &c., will want at least £15 by Easter, 1893. At the present average of collections

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we shall only have £10 to meet those expenses, and yet it seems very little to ask of the congregation that the extra £5 should be procured, in this way—that everyone should put into the bag 1½d instead of 1d, or 4½d instead of 3d, or 9d instead of 6d. I feel that the congregation will see how very reasonable this request is when they remember that it is for their own comfort chiefly, and for the decent maintenance of their Church and services. One more word may I say—The help of friends has been freely given for the beautifying of the Church, and more will, I am sure, be given to enable us to make the structure more perfect where it is needed in the stone work, &c., and if we ourselves can be a little more free in our offerings, so as to have everything thoroughly in order and yet keep out of debt, we shall feel we are doing our share in maintaining our Church as it should be. To the above account of church matters, I wish to add that the coke has been got in, and at less expense than usual, owing to the generosity of Mr F. Mitchell in lending his horse and cart to lead it. We have also to thank Mr A. Tindall for very kindly giving the work of fixing the new front and fire bricks to the big stove. These two gifts are most acceptable, as making these necessary expenses less than they would be if all the labour had to be paid for.

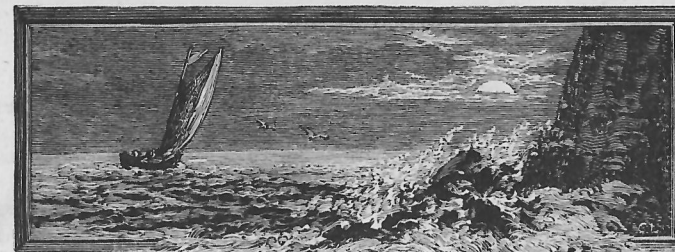
MARTINMAS CONCERT.

We can now give this definite notice, that, there will be a concert on the Tuesday in Martinmas week. Details will be advertised nearer the time; but it will be a great help if any who are willing to give their assistance will let the Vicar or Mr Myers know as soon as possible. We want tenors and basses for the glee singing, if any will volunteer.

THORPE BASSETT.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

This was held on Thursday, October 20th. Our decorations are never elaborate, but for that reason they are often more effective. Mr Wray again undertook the work, and our best thanks are due to him. The flowers, the moss, the ferns, the corn, and the brightness of the lamps and candles made up a pretty picture, of which as our festivals come round we never tire. We had a sermon from Mr Felton's father, for which we felt very grateful. The homely lessons and the encouragement which he gave us from the beautiful words, "The Lord hath been mindful of us," must have been helpful to most of us. We hope to hear him again. We are so accustomed to a youthful appearance in our pulpit that we value the more the dignity of grey locks, and it seems to give a dignity and value to the lesson delivered.



“THEY ARE WAITING.”

(ALL SAINTS' DAY.)

BY THE REV. CANON TWELLS, M.A.,

Author of "At Even ere the Sun was set."

THEY are waiting, they are waiting on the other side the stream ;
To-day we see their forms as in the pageant of a dream,
And their looks are calm and happy, and they seem to whisper thus,—
“We cannot come to you, but oh! strive to come to us!”

There are Moses and his brother amidst the shining throng,
And Gideon of the Sword, and King David of the Song,
Bold Peter, gentle Mary, saintly John, and holy Paul :—
We have never known them yet as we soon shall know them all!

And yet 'tis not by these that our spirits most are mov'd ;
We have lov'd and we have lost. *Have* we lost what we have lov'd?
Lo! they walk amidst the bright ones, and our God will not condemn,
If, in the fulness of our hearts, we chiefly think of them!

Oh! the comrades of our childhood! oh! the friends of later years!
Oh! the memories only sweeter because they stir our tears!
We shall meet them by-and-by of no loving trace bereft,
All the earthly dross remov'd, but the faithful spirits left!

But look again and worship; for behold! the Lamb is there,
The chief among Ten Thousand and the Altogether Fair;
Though in thinking of our lov'd ones our yearning eyes are dim,
God teach us now and ever to have “none in Heaven” like Him!

They are waiting, they are waiting: what room for doubt or fear?
For the stream is only narrow, and the Rod and Staff are near,
And our lov'd are gone before, and they seem to whisper thus,—
“Cling closer to the Saviour, and so draw near to us!”

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O Happy Band of Pilgrims.

Words by the REV. J. M. NEALE.

Music by the REV. L. MEADOWS WHITE, M.A.
(Vicar of Horning.)

1. O hap - py band of pil - grims, If on - ward ye will tread.....

With Je - sus as your Fel - low To Je - sus as your Head! A - men.

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| <p>2. O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men ;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then !</p> <p>3. The Cross that Jesus carried,
He carried as your due ;
The Crown that Jesus weareth,
He weareth it for you.</p> <p>4. The faith by which ye see Him,
The hope in which ye yearn,
The love that through all troubles
To Him alone will turn,</p> | <p>5. The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure,—</p> <p>6. What are they but His jewels
Of right celestial worth ?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to Heaven on earth ?</p> <p>7. O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win so great a prize. Amen.</p> |
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MISSIONARY GLEANINGS.

A Little Boy's Influence.



LITTLE boy in one of our country schools was taught to read, and heard the story of Jesus. He repeated all he heard to his father and mother at night, and said he would no longer worship the idols, and that only Jesus could save. The parents got very angry, and forbade the boy going to the school again; but he begged so hard to be allowed to go, and asked his father to come on Sunday and hear for himself all about the Blessed Saviour, that the father got interested and curious to hear. He went with the little lad, and the result was that the boy was allowed to attend the school, and he became a little missionary to his father and mother and friends. His father and mother are now most zealous members of the church. It was a great pleasure to me to baptize this little boy with them."—ARCHDEACON WOLFE, Foochow.

"Light in the Darkness."

The Bishop of Caledonia, writing in November 1891, says: "Last week a crew of Kitkatlas arrived here in the darkness after buffeting all day with November waves, driven by a favourable gale over a voyage of fifty miles. They brought tidings of the most encouraging kind, telling of a last battle after years of campaigning, of a glorious victory of the Cross triumphant! The messengers evidently were news-laden, but concealed the nature of it under faces accustomed

to control. Outwardly impassive, I was impatiently anxious to hear the whole in one word. Before now embassies from the same people have burnt their tidings of cruel persecutions into my heart. In 1885 a half-drowned crew came here with this Christmas greeting: 'They' (the heathen) 'have burnt the church, torn up the Bibles, and blasphemed the Name of our Saviour. Only ashes remain and a great victory for the devil. It was like the tolling of a passing bell. As I listened my soul was poured out like water. Quickly recovering, I replied, 'No, never! the war is only just begun. Jesus Christ will win. You are not burnt. The devil has laughed before. God will laugh. You also will laugh. Be strong.' For more than a year no teacher was allowed to land there, but again and again a canoe arrived with candidates for Holy Baptism in charge of the first Christians. I found them well grounded in the faith, and their sincerity has been attested by subsequent faithfulness. In this way I baptized twenty-nine adults. Then they were so many and brave, that the heathen were restrained from brutal violence, and I sent them another native teacher. The Church grew and needed a higher kind of instruction, therefore I sent a medical missionary, who, after a year's residence, was exchanged for a clergyman, so that both sacraments might be administered there. Till then the Christians had to come here, a distance of fifty miles, to communicate. So the work of Grace proceeded, and Christ was magnified through years of persecution."—From the *Mission Field*.

WEST HESLERTON.

Our Harvest Festival was held on Wednesday, October 12th. At eight o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated and we are sorry so few were there. The evening service was at half-past seven, and the Church was filled. We were fortunate in our preacher, the Rev N. Egerton Leigh, vicar of Kirkstall; his timely lessons against grumbling were such that all could understand. The lessons were read by the Rector and the Rev H. M. Short. The Church was prettily decorated. We have to thank Miss Short and Mrs W. Shepherd for their kind help; also the Rev H. M. Short, Mr J. Shepberd, and Mr T. Milner, for flowers. Nor should we omit to express gratitude to those who assisted us in the choir. The lamps presented by the Curate were a welcome addition. The offertory, for Lady Sitwell's Home, amounted to £2 17s 6d. On the Sunday evening following the Rev H. M. Short addressed a crowded congregation on the text "Awake thou that sleepeth." We were glad that Mr Short was well enough to give us his help. It is not the first time he has generously assisted us.

The President and Fellows of S. John's College, Oxford, have presented the Rev W. R. Hutton to the benefice of Lower Hardres, near Canterbury. He will not take up his residence there till the end of the year.

SCAMPSTON.

BAPTISM.

October 11th—Nina Ewart, daughter of Ralph and Annie Ryder.

The Harvest Festival took place on Thursday, October 6th, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev Charles Johnstone, vicar of Hackness. The Church was carefully and tastefully decorated by Messrs Phillips and Lines, of the Hall gardens. The offertory, which amounted to £2 14s, was on behalf of the S.P.G. and York Hospital.

HEATING APPARATUS.

It has been decided to put in a new boiler for the Heating Apparatus, &c. This will cost from £15 to £20. Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar or Churchwarden. Mr St Quintin has sent a cheque for £5.

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WINTRINGHAM.

BURIAL.

October 22nd.—Hannah Hesp, aged 47 years.

October 25th —Elizabeth Beal, aged 54 years.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Hannah Hesp and Elizabeth Beal. Both will be sadly missed in their family circles. Both were hard-working, useful women, whose lives were a round of unceasing toil for others. Many stories are told of Elizabeth Beal's unselfish care for her invalid husband. On Sunday morning Mr Grenside, in his sermon, pointed out that such lives taught both a warning and a consolation. A warning lest the throng of life's duties shut out the thought of God. The consolation that if such lives were lived in the power of Christ and in submission to His will, their hard work and unselfishness would form strong Christian characters, and earn for them that rest "Which remaineth unto the people of God."

OUR HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

was held on Thursday evening, October 27th. The day had been very wet, and though the rain had ceased at night, yet the weather was dull and threatening. It was a pleasure to see a large congregation. Considering how scarce flowers are the church looked very pretty. We made up for it by having more corn than usual. The large cross of corn on the altar was very beautiful. The choir did their part well, and we welcomed some of our harvest carols. Mr Harrison, the curate of Weaverthorpe, who was staying in the village, joined the clergy and read the lessons. The sermon was preached by the Rev E. F. Plume, curate of Settrington. He preached an excellent sermon on lessons to be learnt from Ezekiel's prophecy of the dry bones.

Though there were some notable exceptions, yet the parish and farmers were well represented in the congregation. We have done our duty and publicly acknowledged God's providence and the many mercies we owe to Him, who has fulfilled His kind promises, that "While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not fail."

Yet it was with a sad heart that we took our part in the service. All was not safely gathered in in Wintringham, and in some of the neighbouring parishes many were in distress as they anxiously watched the corn still in the fields.

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Much has been said lately about whether or no harvest festivals should be held this year. Having once begun to set apart a day at the end of nature's year to thank the God of nature for his mercies, it seems un-Christian to withhold our thanksgiving because the ingathering of the corn crops in some places has been such a failure. It looks like dwelling only on our misfortunes and passing over our blessings, and like owing to God that we can never thank Him unless the harvest has been a fairly good one. We are exceedingly sorry for the anxieties and disappointments of some of the Wold farmers. And if some of them feel too much worried and down hearted to join with any honest feeling in the harvest thanksgiving service, we do not blame them, we may fault their judgment as Christians, but we leave it as a matter between themselves and God. And if we show no want of sympathy, and attempt to force on man's thanks, we ought to continue to thank God, who has taught us many blessings through this year, and in spite of our troubles has fulfilled again His gracious promise that "While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not fail."

Let this questioning about harvest festivals teach us a lesson we are slow to learn. We have now for many years publicly thanked God for His mercies in the world of nature, but we have never yet specially met to publicly pray to Him for a blessing on the crops, yet our Church has for centuries assigned Rogation Days (that is the three days before Ascension Day), for this purpose. Now let us mend our ways, and when the Rogation Days come round again let us at least one evening meet in God's house and pray for a blessing on the crops.

KNAPTON.

The Harvest Festival was held on Thursday, October 20th. Particulars will be given in next month's Magazine. The collection, for the Northern Sea Bathing Infirmary, was £3 16s 4½d.