

Is it possible, under such circumstances as these, to be strictly reverent, and to worship God as He ought to be worshipped? Can the worshippers help being distracted, and can they regard a place like this as at all sacred, and conducive to spiritual exaltation? It cuts deeper even than that. All matters religious must be made to suit the convenience of things material. The inmates have no place for private prayer and devotional exercises; and thus the work of building up individual spiritual life is well-nigh impossible. The Chaplain cannot organise classes, nor hold any but a limited number of services.

As regards Holy Communion, the highest religious service of all, the provision made will not bear speaking of at all. It is bad—unutterably and inexcusably bad, and a crying disgrace to all concerned.

These are some of the difficulties with which Chaplains have to contend. They are serious obstacles in the way of success; and the fact that success is achieved, even under such unfavourable conditions, is a strong testimony to the earnestness and general fitness of Chaplains for their work; and a proof that, if things were as they ought to be, still greater results would follow. Let, then, those who complain of the quality and amount of work done, first see that the workman is provided with proper tools; and let them take care that his work is not spoiled and hindered by rude and meddling hands. Till that is done, let the prejudiced and unbridled tongues struggle to keep silence; or, if that is quite impossible, let their censures fall upon the proper people.

[We shall be glad to hear our readers' views on this important question.—ED.]

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I LEARN that, by command of the QUEEN, a most acceptable present of cast linen has been sent to the British Home for Incurables, Clapham Road, from Buckingham Palace.



AMONGST the many beautiful wreaths sent by private individuals or public bodies for the grave of the DUKE OF CLARENCE there was one which attracted general attention. It was in the shape of a shield, representing

the arms of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in dark blue violets and white azaleas, and has been received at Windsor from the Governor and Students of the Hospital, of which Institution the PRINCE OF WALES is President.

I AM glad to hear the demand for the services of the Nurses of the Queen's Jubilee Institute is rapidly increasing throughout Scotland. In the month of December three thousand and eighteen visits were paid to the sick poor in their own homes in Edinburgh alone, and many applications for assistance had to be refused.

At a meeting of the district branch of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the Royal Hotel, Boston Spa, it was decided that a properly-trained Nurse should be provided for the parishes of Boston Spa, Thorparch, and Clifford. About fifty ladies attended, and subscriptions to the extent of about £20 were raised in the room. Mrs. GUNTER, a member of the West Riding Committee, attended, and explained the general working of the Association, and the duties of a District Nurse, in a very interesting manner.

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