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Editorial

THIS week is a testing time for Anglicans. God has blessed us richly in the past. We have been placed in a land flowing with milk and honey, a land wherein we eat our bread without scarceness, and out of whose hills we dig brass. As far as we have observed Anglican congregations generally, they are not among the lean kine. In many localities they have exactly the opposite reputation—that a goodly part of the wealth and influence of the land musters in the Church of England. Now the world is looking to us to see how much of our wealth we think belongs to God and how much to ourselves.

It is the responsibility of everybody in the Church, but especially of our wealthy members. They have the opportunity to show signal examples of stewardship. If they fail their position will be ignominious. But it will not do for the rest of us to settle ourselves behind the rich, pleading either ability or deploring their slackness. It is everyman's part to give, at this time, of his substance, as well as his increase. The sum we have set, modest though it be, can be raised only by all giving as they can. And far better for us that it should be so raised. We would consider it nothing short of calamity, if we heard to-morrow that twenty-five wealthy Anglicans had subscribed the whole fund and that the need was met and so our efforts were not required. We covet the joy of giving for every member of our Church. It is a satisfaction to know that you have done your bit. But that satisfaction comes only to those who have really faced the need and done their best. Then the satisfaction is of spiritual value. The test is not how much you give, but how much you have left.

THE refusal of the Germans to give up their war criminals for trial by the Allies, was perhaps to be expected, but it is none the less significant. It shows up again the German character. They were in a position to sign anything for relief. They have indicated so far that in this regard the Treaty of Versailles is another scrap of paper. The protest of the nation against giving these men up is another way of saying that they approve their actions. It is to be

(Special Despatch.)

THE disastrous fire of Thursday last King's College, Windsor, completely destroyed the original Main Building. The Science Building, the Memorial Chapel and Convocation Hall escaped as well as the school property and the professors' houses. The part destroyed contained accommodation for forty men and was entirely occupied. The President's quarters were likewise burned, but most of his belongings were saved. Some of the students lost everything and many ancient articles are gone. The building was perhaps the most historic in Nova Scotia, if not in Canada, and its loss is irreparable. It will cost two hundred thousand dollars to rebuild. The insurance is forty-five thousand dollars, so that financially it is a calamity to the University. Plans are made to carry on for the rest of the year and lectures will resume in about a week. It is hoped help will be forthcoming to restore this oldest Canadian College.

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feared that a repentant Germany exists only in the minds of some pacifists. We have been reading again some parts of the Bryce Commission Report on the German Atrocities in Belgium. We recall the sinking of passenger ships and hospital ships, the shelling of open boats, and the bombing of hospital areas. And the German people are taking to themselves all those crimes. It might be expected that people who declared a holiday because the *Lusitania* was sunk and wore medals commemorating the event, would not act otherwise. God help us to forgive our enemies, but it would be so much easier if they would acknowledge these things as crimes.

IN his charge to the Synod of Ontario, Bishop Bidwell spoke some plain words about not attending church services on Sunday. From our observations they were never more needed. The day has degenerated largely into one of entertainment for a great many people. Yet even on the basis of getting the most of life, how foolish it is to live without participation in the corporate acts of religion. On the basis of Christianity, how entirely opposed to what the experience of centuries of Christians testify. "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." The Christian who does neglect it, is not only living a warped life away from the inspiration of common confession and the power of common intercession, but also the cause of weakness in the Church, because he does not "discern the body of Christ" in her. The seriousness of a voluntary absence from the services, with their elements of praise, prayer and instruction and from the celebrations of the Holy Communion, cannot be too strongly stated.

THE loss by fire of KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, last week meant more than the destruction of academic buildings and equipment. King's is the oldest university in the British Overseas Dominions. Seventy-five years before Confederation the building was erected and ten years later it was granted a Royal Charter by George III. The fact that this university was founded before even the first parliament in Upper Canada met, will serve to remind us that Nova Scotia was an old settled place before Upper Canada had any English-speaking settlers. King's was founded by the act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia and by 1794 the main building just destroyed was built in the old fashioned German style, of stone and sheathed with wood.

Seven years before, at the request of Bishop Inglis the Legislature voted money for the establishment of Grammar School or Academy and this was started at Windsor the following year. Thus early did Nova Scotia start her educational work in which King's bore a significant part. The development of education was along the line of denominational universities and in spite of this which some might consider a handicap, or because of it, in its giving additional grounds of appeal, the educational level of Nova Scotia has always been among the highest in the Dominion.

Many sons of King's have done noble service For Canada in all branches of useful learning, but her contribution to the Ministry of the Church will always be her chief glory. Thus she has fulfilled the heart desires of Bishop Inglis who was thinking principally of the preparation for Holy Orders when he pressed for the establishment of an Academy and College.

THE destruction of Lac la Ronge School makes an instant appeal to every Churchman. Occurring in mid-winter, it is a veritable hardship. The self-sacrifice of the

founders and teachers, which has made the school such a success, ought to be matched by the generous response of those who have the interests of the Church at heart. According to the Bishop's letter, this journal will be glad to receive and forward any money gifts to the Bishop. All such will be acknowledged in our columns. There is no doubt about the strategic importance of our Indian work, and we have accepted the post of responsibility God has given the Church of England in this matter. Let our response show the truth of our profession. Here is an advance march of our Forward Movement.

WITH this issue is begun a series of articles on Home Religion as it affects the child which have been written by various writers at the request of the General Board of Religious Education for the Church Press. The first is by ARCHDEACON SNOWDON, of Ottawa, on Parental Responsibility. We are glad to hear that the Leaflets on a similar line which have been recently prepared by the same Board have been asked for in numbers far exceeding the expectation. We should like to see them in every Church of England home. They have the excellence and force of frank treatment and careful preparation.

THE Indian Boarding School at Lac la Ronge, has been burned to the ground! Started about ten years ago, and chiefly built by Ven. Archdeacon J. A. Mackay, helped later by the late Rev. J. Brown, and Rev. A. Fraser, it was lately under the care of Rev. C. Hives, Principal.

The buildings are all gone, as is everything they contained, except the residents. They, thank God, all escaped any hurt. But furniture, clothes, personal effects of the staff, and of Mr. and Mrs. Hives, all are gone, including their wedding presents and many other valuables. Owing to the nature of the building they have always been anxious about fire, and constant precautions were taken. Just before the day of the fire Mr. Hives had all chimneys and stove-pipes cleaned, and all rubbish and dust thoroughly removed. On January 22nd, while at breakfast, fire broke out in the dormitories, and spread so fast that they could only get the children into their out-of-doors clothes and hurry them out. Attempts were made to save some things, but had to be abandoned. The thermometer showed about 40 degrees below zero. Mr. Hives had the children distributed among the Indian houses near, and supplied with food and clothing. He and Mrs. Hives will remain to look after them, but they are sending the rest of the staff to Prince Albert to be demobilized for the present. I believe insurance is not obtainable in those parts. The loss is a serious one. The School was under the Indian Department, but managed and largely financed by the Church in this diocese, and I don't know where funds can be found for rebuilding. It will be a long time before we can rebuild. Poor Mr. and Mrs. Hives! They have lost everything they possessed. Prayers are asked for them and the School, and any help will be thankfully welcomed. This can be sent through Mrs. Donaldson, Treasurer, 249 Albany Ave., Toronto, or direct to the Bishop of Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, Sask.

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