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To Our Subscribers

If the "Monthly" does not reach you in the first week of the month, ask for it at the post office, and if not there, send a post card to Mr. Stansfield.

Please remember the subscription price for the "Monthly" is 50 cents.

If any of our subscribers will send three new paid up subscriptions we will send them, postpaid, a bound volume of Dawn of Day, or one volume of Lanes Notes of English Church History. This offer only holds good for this month.

We have a number of copies of Dawn of Day for 1895 which we will send to any Sunday School, post free at the rate of eight cents per copy. The first to send cash will get them.

Will our kind correspondents please condense their news as much as possible. Much to our regret several contributions from esteemed contributors are crowded out this issue. No doubt the paper is yet too small, but if our friends will help us heartily, we shall soon gain a circulation which will warrant the increased expense of further enlargement.

Prof. Vroom has been appointed Canon of St. Luke's in place of the late Canon Townshend. The Professor matriculated at King's College, in 1875, graduated B. A. with honors in Classics 1880, and took the degree M. A. in 1883. He was ordained Deacon in 1883, Priest in 1884. He was appointed to the Chair of Divinity at Kings College in 1888.

Rev. W. O. DesBrisay is in charge *pro tem* of Port Medway.

There are seven vacant parishes in the Diocese.

Monthly Statement of Funds connected with the Synod Board of Home Missions.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT	
Amount of grants to be paid to clergy at end of 1895	\$1177.00
Borrowed from Bank of N. S. (on which interest is paid) at the end of Nov.	875.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$2052.00</b>

ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES	
Balance to credit of the account at the end of Nov.	\$ 922.00
To be paid to parishes	554.00
<b>To Credit</b>	<b>\$368.00</b>

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND	
Balance at the end of Nov.	\$1308.00
To be paid on the first of Jan. 1896 to pensioners	750.00
<b>To Credit</b>	<b>\$ 558.00</b>

SUPERANNUATION FUND	
To be paid to superannuated clergy on the first of Jan. 1896	\$875.00
Balance at end of Nov.	609.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$266.00</b>
E. G. Act'g Sec'y	

PARISH NEWS

CHESTER

For the better lighting of the chancel of St. Mark's Church, Western Shore, at the Advent evening services the Ladies Mite Society have provided two hanging lamps.

The Sunday School room at Chester became a place of much resort and of very busy work on Friday, Saturday, and Monday before Xmas, when church decorations were prepared. Preparation time being limited *this* year to those days only. A large number of helpers volunteered, so that the decorations did not suffer. And the result is that our old fashioned church has a very Xmas like appearance. In the chancel, heavy festoons hang from their converging point at the centre of the middle arch, and extend all over it. The choir stalls, lectern, prayer-desk and pulpit, besides being decked with wreathing, are adorned with ferns and rowan-berries. The brightest feature is the gold lettered text on scarlet ground, 100 feet long, and with wreathed border, placed all round at the base of the gallery panels, which is kept put by and used each Xmas. The gallery panels are decorated with alternate crosses, and stars on scarlet ground; and all the pillars are wreathed. There is some festooning over the Western gallery, and a decorated Xmas bell, which, with its tinselled interior and its wreathed exterior showing green upon a scarlet ground is eloquent though dumb. God's grace to take so much pains in decorating God's Holy House is itself God's blessing. The Xmas-eve service was well attended, and the five Xmas carols, "The First Nowel," "Stars all bright," "A Virgin most pure," "Infant born in Bethlem," and "Ring the merry Xmas bells" heartily rendered by an augmented choir for the occasion consisting of 22 in all, were heartily rendered and as heartily appreciated. E. H. B.

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