

## BISHOP BALDWIN'S PASTORAL.

NO CHURCH REVENUE SHOULD BE RAISED BY MEANS OF CHANCE OR THEATRICALS.

THE following Pastoral has been issued by Bishop Baldwin in his diocese of Huron:—

"Inasmuch as serious injury has for some time past been inflicted on the cause of Christ in this our diocese, by the use of unscriptural and utterly fallacious methods of raising money for church purposes, and seeing, moreover, that the principles which should regulate our giving, advocated by us in our primary charge in 1884, have in some instances been neglected, forgotten or ignored, we deem it best, for the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom and the furtherance of His truth among us, clearly and unreservedly to state what are the practices to which we refer, and to take such action as the welfare of our sacred religion demands.

While allowing to congregations all reasonable liberty in the conduct of their own affairs, we yet feel that certain abuses in connection with the raising of money for church purposes have crept in among us, of so secular and unholy a character that to leave them unchecked would be not only to injure the spirituality of the church at large, but also, by implication, to make us partakers of other men's sins.

In accordance with the above, and in virtue of the authority committed unto us the chief pastor over this portion of our Lord's flock, we now formally inhibit all churches and congregations within our diocese using the following methods of raising money for ecclesiastical or parochial purposes:

*First*.—Raffling, throwing of dice, games of chance or gambling of any kind.

*Secondly*.—All theatrical, dramatic or impersonating exhibitions, whether public or private.

Beyond these two injunctions it is not our intention to proceed, preferring to leave all other matters connected with this subject to your christian judgment and sense of what is right as professors of the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. We may, however, state our opinion, and in this we think we have the "mind of Christ."

The only true and scriptural method by which we can raise money for the cause of Christ is the exercise of the divine principle of self-renunciation. The spirit too often invoked is that of self gratification, or aggrandizement. Our offerings, to be acceptable to God, must represent—not the price which some have paid for amusement, and others for gain, but the self-denial of our hearts for the love we bear to Christ.—MAURICE S. HURON.

In the foregoing pastoral, Bishop Baldwin has given sound advice, not only to his own flock, but to all christian people who are desirous of bringing their lives into accord with the will of God.

Many specious arguments have been advanced in favor of the schemes for raising money, which the Bishop denounces. Many are tempted to think there can be nothing wrong in them, when they see them attended apparently with such success.

Not long since, the Roman Catholics of this Toronto held a bazaar, at which it was stated \$11,000 had been realized; and as we incidentally heard that a canary bird and cage had produced, by the raffling process, \$75, it is not improbable that there is some truth in the story as to the grand total. In this, as in too many other respects, Rome sets a bad example.

People are apt to forget that the mere accumulating or collecting of money to be expended on religious purposes, is not a religious exercise. The whole value in the eyes of God of money devoted to religious purposes, we may well believe, is not ascertained by the human standard of dollars and cents, but by the Almighty standard of how much true love to God and self-denial it represents. In this way the two mites of the poor widow were valued by an All-wise judge.

We trust Bishop Baldwin's wise and wholesome words will be carefully pondered and acted on by every Anglican Churchman and Churchwoman in the Dominion. Whatever schemes other religious bodies may resort to for raising money for religious objects, let us at all events have faith in God and abandon at once and forever those unworthy methods which the Bishop condemns.

## THE PROPOSED JUBILEE OFFERING TO ALGOMA.

IT is proposed to set a Jubilee memorial stone in the history of the Church in Canada, by devoting a special fund collected through-out the dominion, by the Womans' Missionary Association, towards the founding on a sure basis a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the Algoma Diocese.

The project was laid before the Church at large by a letter from Mrs. Boomer, in our issue of March 3rd.

This idea seems to us eminently happy and feasible. Happy inasmuch as it would commend itself to that exalted Widow in whose honour the memorial fund is proposed to be raised. To her motherly, generous heart, nothing could be more acceptable than that in years to come, the Widows and Orphans of the Algoma diocese should associate the comforts derived from such a fund, with the memory of her Jubilee, as the Queen and Mother of this Empire and its loyal and loving people. The idea is feasible, it calls for a small sum only, one which all can give with ease, or, if not with ease, at least with thankfulness that by some self-denial, they may honour their sovereign, and bless their afflicted sisters and orphan children.

We commend this proposal to the warmest sympathy of those to whom it appeals, assured as we are that no form of Jubilee Memorial could more appropriately honour our gracious Queen, whose reign has been so gloriously signalled by Church progress, and by the development of practical benevolence towards all who are oppressed in mind, body or estate.

## DOMINION.

## MONTREAL.

SABREVOIS MISSION.—Below is the list of subscriptions already given to this good work. The Rev. Canon Rollit will, in like manner, acknowledge any further contributions which may be made to this object, which is worthy of Christian charity:—The Hon. S. H. Blake, \$50; Mrs. Nixon and school, \$50; Church of Ascension Sunday School, \$40; J. W. G. Whitney, \$25; A. H. Campbell, \$20; Hon. E. Blake, \$20; St. James' S. S. Infant Class, per Mr. Geo. Harcourt, \$20; Mrs. E. Neville, \$20.

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MONTREAL.—Ash Wednesday services were held at the various Anglican churches, which were largely attended.

At Christ Church Cathedral, the rector, Rev. Mr. Norton, delivered short sermons in the morning and evening which are to be continued through Lent.

At the Church of St. James the Apostle special services were held.

At St. Mary's Church, Hochelaga, there was a special service in the evening, conducted by the rector, the Rev. J. D. Borthwick, and an address, the subject being "What is Lent," delivered by the Rev. Ernest A. W. King. At this church special sermons on the Lord's prayer will be delivered every Sunday morning throughout Lent, and the rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Lord Bishop on the fifth Sunday in Lent at morning service. Special services will be held every Wednesday evening.

## ONTARIO.

BEARBROOK.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara, attended by the Ven. Archdeacon of Ottawa, visited this parish to hold confirmations on Saturday, the 19th February. They arrived at the R. R. station, two and a half miles distant, in a perfect blizzard. So furious was the storm that the Rev. Mr. Baker suggested the Bishop's return to Ottawa by the next train. The result, however, of a council of war, was a determination to proceed, and though the horses were almost down half-a-dozen times the party got through. It was very gratifying to find on reaching the church that it was nicely filled, and that sixteen out of the twenty candidates were present to receive "the laying on of hands," four being storm-bound at home. Navan, the next station, was reached one hour and a quarter late. Here the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, of New Edinburgh, met the party, and here the Bishop confirmed thirty five candidates, two only were missing. The services at both places were most solemn and hearty, and the Bishop appeared to enjoy them himself greatly. Afterwards he and Dr. Lauder left about dark for Ottawa in separate cutters. The Rev. Mr. Hannington driving the Bishop, and such were the roads that he upset him twice. The Venerable Archdeacon, writing about the occasion, says, "The Bishop of Niagara was very much pleased with the confirmations. We had an awful time getting home; it was a hard day but I'm glad we went through it." Next day, Sunday, the Rector had morning service at Navan, including the Holy Communion, and the newly confirmed candidates made their first communion. It was indeed a sight to be remembered, that which was

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