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men. In late years the supply of men has been altogether unequal to the ever-growing demands of the Church's work. The appointment of the four new Archdeacons will probably vacate some of the honorary appointments. Two of the new Archdeacons are examining chaplains, one is a rural dean, and three are canons of St. Paul's Cathedral. As the Bishop has described the new Archdeacons as "working Archdeacons," he will probably give them plenty of work to do in their new offices and give their old offices to others:

London.—Christ Church.—The Rev. R. S. Howard has an attractive programme of A.Y.P.A. meetings in print. The backbone of his winter course is a series of lectures on "Church History" by himself. This is interspersed with special lectures by the Revs. Wm. White (China), Dr. Bethune, T. B. Clark, T. G. A. Wright and Dyson Hague, and social evenings.

Synod Office.—The Bishop took occasion to announce at the Executive Committee meeting his intention to appoint four Archdeacons, viz.: Revs. Dr. Young, Canon Richardson, D. Williams and Canon Hill. All four names were received with hearty applause, and the appointments will give entire satisfaction. Dr. Young is finance minister of the Synod, and in all the larger affairs of the Church exerts a strong influence. Canon Richardson and Canon Hill are the Bishop's examining chaplains, and the former is clerical secretary of Synod, and the latter a rural dean, so that both have been in close touch with the administrative work of the Church. D. Williams was on the staff of Huron College seven years, and heads the poll every year—an able and tireless worker. All four men are scholarly and courteous gentlemen, and will adorn their new offices.

Hyde Park.—The Rev. A. H. Rhodes has resigned this parish and gone to England. He will be greatly missed. His people gave him a farewell gift of \$127. He has lately been passing through some sharp spiritual struggles, which led him to seek rest and change for a time. He carries away with him the love and esteem of all who knew him, and they hope to see him back again in the future in the service of the Church in Canada.

Tilbury.—The Rev. T. Dobson had an urgent invitation to go to Glencoe. It is only one of many he has received. But the people of Tilbury will not hear of his leaving, and he has consented to stay where he has done such valuable and enduring work. The parish was so weak and disorganized when he went there that his work will ever be regarded as one of the best records in the diocese. The Executive Committee has given him great relief in severing Merlin and leaving him with Tilbury alone in the future.

Leamington.—The Rev. F. M. Holmes, who is greatly beloved by all, is resigning this parish to go into parochial mission work.

ALGOMA.

Geo. Thorneloe, D.D., Bishop, Sault Ste. Marie.

North Bay.—St. John the Divine.—Two unanimously signed petitions from the congregation of this church have been forwarded to the Bishop of the diocese, praying that the out-station of Calender, nine miles distant, be disconnected from North Bay, and showing that, though nearly two hundred confirmed members of the Church have left the town since January 1, 1903, like changes having occurred for many years, yet the Church prospers financially, the congregations are far larger than in former years, and the services brighter and harmonious. The second being that the Rev. J. F. Cobb, B.D., who has worked faithfully and with well-known success for the past four years at St. John's, be now inducted as its first rector. Mr. Cobb has recently been appointed the first gazetted chaplain under the new rules of

the Canadian militia connected with the 23rd Fusiliers. He is also Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. and A.M.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Robert Machray, D.D., Archbishop and Primate, Winnipeg, Man.

Bishop Matheson took confirmation services at Manitou on Sunday, December 6th, when he confirmed fourteen candidates. Two of the most eloquent and lucid confirmation addresses were given. He preached an effective and eloquent sermon in the evening. The church was packed to its utmost at both morning and evening services. The candidates were presented by the incumbent, the Rev. W. J. Rowe, and most impressive was the service. This is his Lordship's second administration of the apostolic rite since his recent consecration. The names of those confirmed are: Ethel, Armitage, Myrtle Archer, Edith Archer, Annie Lawley, Rosetta Lawley, Ethel Graham, Amy Pugh, Maggie McCaffrey, Jane McCaffrey, Reginald Black, Guy Depencier, Percy Archer, Albert Shewfelt and Albert Dawson.

Correspondence.

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DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Sir,—In a letter signed Churchman No. 2, of issue November 26th, the following statement is made: "Others say that in our own diocesan missions grants are made to parishes quite capable of supporting themselves." May I ask who says it, and on what ground? As a missionary I think it is too bad that these kind of insinuations are always being thrown out. It is no wonder that the Diocese of Toronto and other dioceses are so short of men if for the paltry stipend we get we are always to have this sort of thing cast up to us. Let Churchman No. 2 be man enough to say "who say so," and who are the missionaries that are getting what they do not deserve, or else let him stop writing letters. I, for my part, am sick of it, and very little more, and I with some others will go over the line where this bickering is not going on. I tell you, Mr. Editor, the time has come when we will resent this, and who can blame us?

MISSIONARY.

Sir,—In common with many others I am greatly surprised at the action of the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. in adding another \$500 to the already quite generous salary of the Secretary. We are far out of the way here, and news travels slowly, so we have just only heard about it. There is only one missionary in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, I believe, who gets more than \$600 per annum. Many get less, and some I can mention are working for their board and clothing; and still one and all joined in with a glad heart last spring to contribute to the Mission Fund, and in every instance, I believe, stinted themselves to give even more than what was asked of them. In at least one instance the poor Indian mission gave £1 sterling for every dollar asked of them. Missions are vacant in this diocese, and the missionaries now in the field are sadly over-taxed, and all for want of funds to get the men, and instead of sending even one fresh missionary to help us they vote away our money to increase the salary of a man who already was drawing the combined salary of at least four fully ordained missionaries, and, perhaps, even that of six. Mind, I do not undervalue the services of the Secretary. He is a grand man, and worthy of every cent of his salary, but under the circum-

stances, Saskatchewan crying for workers, and not one new one sent to help us, I cannot but feel that, to say the least of it, the action was miserably unwise and mistaken. I have heard several say, and I know it will be so, that they will remember this fact when subscriptions are asked for again, and will govern themselves accordingly. I don't think, good and all though he is, that the Secretary does more work or can earn more than any five missionaries in Saskatchewan. It seems almost an insult to those who for years and years have spent all (poor and little though it no doubt was) in the work of the Master, and, content and happy, to go on to the end, willing to spend and be spent, still willing to give to advance mission work, but very unwilling to subscribe to increase already fat salaries.

A MISSIONARY.

THE HIGHER CRITICISM AND INSPIRATION.

Sir,—Your issue of December 3rd contains a very interesting article by the Rev. Dyson Hague, entitled "The Higher Criticism and Inspiration." It is written in his usual forcible and luminous style, but the sharpness of the contrast that he draws between the opposing schools is exaggerated, and will lead people to make much of a comparatively trivial matter. I, therefore, beg to offer some remarks intended to present the conflict in a truer light. In the first place, let me ask the Rev. Mr. Hague if he is within bounds in stating that the continental critics "deny the possibility of miracles . . . the possibility of prophecy," etc. I very much question the propriety of the word possibility. No one in his senses denies the possibility of many alleged miracles; they merely deny their probability. They admit that all things are possible, and yet the proof in this or that particular case they judge inadequate. Let me illustrate my point. It is not impossible that the sun stood still to favour Joshua and his army; but one who has made any study of nature, and has at the same time a conception of inspiration that is in no wise affected by the actual historical accuracy or inaccuracy of this particular record, finds it both unreasonable and unnecessary to believe the record to be historically veracious. So in many other instances. Therefore, Eichhorn may have discarded what is termed the miraculous, and may have regarded what is called the supernatural element as an Oriental exaggeration without in any way denying the possibility of such things happening. Moreover, who can define a miracle, or draw a line between the natural and the supernatural? There is no vital distinc-

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