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To this brief account of the different theories of interpretation of this great book, it may simply be added, that those who may look in the Apocalypse for intimations of time, need not, therefore, miss the spiritual meaning of its contents; and that those who are keeping their hearts open to the spiritual teachings of the book will do well to note the illustration of them in the past and in the present.

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### ONTARIO.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese will (D.V.) hold a general ordination in Christ Church, Belleville, on Sunday, June 15. Candidates for deacons' orders are requested to meet the examining chaplain in the School-house of St. Thomas' church, Belleville, on Tuesday evening, June 10th, at 8 p.m., bringing the required papers. Candidates for priests' orders are requested to present themselves on Wednesday, June 11th, in the same place, at 10 a.m. Their sermons and theses should be sent before June 1st, to Ven. T. Bedford-Jones, LL.D., the rector of Brockville.

### TORONTO.

*St. Alban's Cathedral.*—The treasurer begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions since the last published list. He also begs to remind the members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto that the Bishop expects every member of the Church to contribute something to the Cathedral: Apsley Mission, per Rev. Canon Harding, C. R. D. Booth, J.P., \$5; Rev. F. E. Farncomb, \$25; Rev. P. Harding, \$5; Judge Weller, Peterboro, \$2; A Lady from England, \$5; "E. H.," per S. G. Wood, 75c.; Miss Johnston, \$12.50; St. Alban's Cathedral (Crypt collection), \$20; Tom Watts, entertainment St. Alban's, \$3.45; Mrs. Sarah White, \$20; Per Secretary Treasurer of Synod: Barrie, \$5; Bowmanville, \$25; Brighton, (\$3.06, less commission on check 25c.), \$2.81; St. Mark's, Carlton, \$4.40; St. Mary's, Dovercourt, \$1.65; Hastings, \$1.50; Alnwick, \$1.50; Mono Mills, \$6; Newmarket, \$2.45; Diocese of Niagara, \$55.59; St. Mark's, Parkdale, \$3.40; St. James', Penetanguishene, 25c.; Smithville, (Diocese of Niagara), \$1; St. Anne's, Toronto, \$21; St. Barnabas, Toronto, \$10; St. Matthias, Toronto, 25c.; St. Philips, Toronto, \$4.50; St. Simon's, Toronto, \$13.07; Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, \$2.40. Total, \$161.77.

*St. Alban's Cathedral.*—The closing service of the Toronto church Sunday School Association, was held in the Cathedral on the evening of Assencion Day. And consisted of a choral service, conducted by the Rev. J. G. Lewis, assisted by the choir of the Cathedral. The Rev. Canon Sweeney read the lessons, and the Lord Bishop of Toronto preached a very able and practical sermon, founded on the words "Lovest thou Me? Feed My lambs." The sermon was most helpful, and set forth the responsibilities and objects of Teachers. It is a subject of great regret, that so small a number of the nine hundred Teachers which compose the Association, were present.

### NIAGARA.

*GUELPH.*—*St. James' Parish.*—The first meeting of the vestry of St. James' church was held in the south ward school-house, on Waterloo Avenue, on Monday evening, convened according to notice. Mr. T. W. Saunders, who was in the chair, opened the meeting with prayer, and explained to the large

audience present that, as the sittings in St. James were free, all adults who signed their name to a declaration that they were members of the Church of England, became members of and formed a vestry with the same powers as pew holders in other churches, and invited those who were present and wished to join to come forward, whereupon about forty people signed the necessary declaration, and thus duly constituted, business was commenced by Mr. G. A. Richardson being asked to act as clerk to the vestry meeting.

Messrs. T. W. Saunders, and E. Harvey, were appointed churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Moved by F. J. Chadwick, seconded by W. M. Stanley, that this meeting approve of the selection and appointment of the Rev. Rural Dean Belt as rector of this parish, and that the stipend named, viz., eight hundred dollars, be confirmed. The resolution was carried with hearty applause.

Mr. Saunders explained that although the committee appointed to collect subscriptions had not yet met to make any canvass, over eight hundred dollars was now entered on the subscription list, voluntarily offered by 78 individuals. Mr. Chadwick stated that he never had the slightest doubt about raising the required stipend, and he had equal faith that when the members of the church, both St. James' and St. George, were invited to contribute towards the building fund, the same hearty and liberal response would be given.

The following were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. Forster, Wm. C. Walker, R. Mackenzie, W. Slater, A. McCrea, J. Ogg, G. Richardson, and A. E. Lyon.

The following were appointed on the building committee: the rector, churchwardens, W. Slater, C. Walker, and F. J. Chadwick.

The chairman then put from the chair a vote of thanks to those persons who had so kindly contributed various articles required for the service of the church which were enumerated, also to the choir for their very efficient services on such short notice, and particularly to Messrs. Bell & Co. for their handsome offer of a beautiful organ for such time as the congregation required it.

Moved by F. J. Chadwick, seconded by W. M. Stanley, that the rector and churchwardens be a committee to receive subscriptions to the building fund.

The following were appointed delegates: F. J. Chadwick be appointed lay delegate for three years, C. Walker for two years, and W. M. Stanley for one year. This most successful meeting was then closed.

*MOUNT FOREST.*—A most delightful ten days mission has been conducted by the Rev. A. W. Macnab, rector of St. Barnabas, St. Catharines. The rev. gentleman is eminently fitted for this special church work, possessed of a fine manly physique—rich full voice backed up by a mind richly stored by study and travel, he can drive home to the hearts and consciences of men with irrestable power and earnestness the message of Christ's redeeming love and the great plan of salvation. Daily programme: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; women's service at 4.30 p.m.; and mission service at 7.30 p.m. In response to a hearty invitation extended by the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, rector of St. Paul's; the Free Masons, the Select Knights, the Eorresters, the Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, comprising in all over 300, paraded for divine service, Sunday, May 11th, at 4 p.m. The Rev. Alex. Macnab who is chaplain general of the Order of the Iron Cross, preached an excellent sermon, in the course of which he brought forward the triple Christian obligation of temperance, reverence, and purity, and the necessity of holding fast to the faith once delivered to the saints. The mission closed on Tuesday, and it is with great regret that many bid farewell to the missionary. The Rev. A. W. Macnab delivered 26 addresses, nearly all extending over an hour during the ten days mission.

### HURON.

*BURFORD.*—*Trinity Church.*—On Monday, the 5th inst., the branch of the W.A.M.A. of this parish was addressed by Mrs. Boomer, of London, on general missionary work, but particularly on the work of the Auxiliary in educating the children of missionaries. The address deeply impressed all present, and greatly encouraged the workers. As a result the branch has resolved to subscribe for 20 of the "Letter Leaflets," and the offerings at the meeting were devoted to the fund for the education of missionaries' children. The society hopes to give at least \$10 for this purpose, this year. A box is also preparing for Algoma. The branch is growing, and the outlook is bright.

The deceased wife's sister marriage bill has again been carried in the House of Commons,—by 222 against 155.

## British and Foreign.

*The Bishop of Equatorial Africa.*—Missionary sermons were preached recently in both St. Nicholas and St. Giles', Durham. The first public announcement of the appointment of the Rev. A. R. Tucker to the Bishopric of Eastern Equatorial Africa was made on Sunday recently from the pulpit of the former church, of which the Bishop-designate is curate. In conveying the intelligence the Vicar, (the Rev. H. E. Fox,) said: "I cannot trust myself now to speak or think of the loss which his removal will be to us, but great as it is, greater than we can yet realise, let us give him gladly to Him who claims and deserves the best we can give. May He endow our brother with the riches of His grace, and give him all that he needs for their tremendous responsibilities of his new work; and for us may it be a fresh call for renewed energy. I praise God as I count the growing band of Durham missionaries. First, fifty years ago, my own honoured father, then after how long and lamentable an interval, a Shields and a Tristram; then more quickly, Douglas, Eden, and Dobinson, and now the honour has fallen again on dear old St. Nicholas, of sending forth another good soldier of the gospel into the great battle of heathendom. Who will be the next? The time is short. The last decade of the century may be the last decade of the world's history. May He, who has made the preaching of the gospel to all nations a condition of the speedier end, stir all hearts to labour and pray as we have never yet done for that blessed consummation." The *Durham Chronicle* says Mr. Tucker will be followed "not simply with the interest which our Christian workers feel for faithful mission pioneers, but with the affectionate concern of friends seeking a friend's face and form in the battle front, where mighty deeds are done." The *Chronicle* adds: "The offer, Dunelmians will think and feel, in some shape is a recognition of the unquenchable strenuousness with which the Rev. H. E. Fox dauntlessly pushes home to the hearts of his people the pride and joy of his own mission fervour. Thanks to him, Durham city counts for something in the mission struggles of the century."

We are reminded that next year will be the centenary of the death of John Wesley, and it is proposed to hold an exhibition of Methodist antiquities gathered from various parts of the world. The paragraph which announces this suggestion further informs us, very truly, that such a collection would bring to a common focus the memories of three generations, and provide an opportunity for the perpetuation of many facts in Methodist history which are in danger of fading into the uncertainty of mere tradition. The idea is certainly a good one, and if it only serves to bring into prominence the attitude of John Wesley towards the Church for which he entertained an undying affection, the result will be remarkable. But it must be honestly carried out. There are many facts in the story of the Methodist revival which are conveniently forgotten or denied by the successors of the father of Methodism, and those many portions of the journals which bear witness to Wesley's adherence to Catholic doctrine might be printed as leaflets and distributed at this exhibition, in order to counteract the danger of certain inconvenient facts being allowed to fade into "the uncertainty of mere tradition." The progressive Methodists of to-day will scarcely welcome the suggestion. As with others, so with them, the appeal to history, when inconvenient, becomes treason, and expurgated editions become as useful for sectarian purposes and the propagation of error as forged decretals. The centenary, if held, will prove an inconvenient reminder of the divergency which exists between the founder of Methodism and his modern exponents, for while the one always declared his own loyalty to the Church, the others are the pronounced enemies of that spiritual mother which he laboured to rouse into enthusiasm, nor have they hesitated to lay sacrilegious hands upon the teaching he faithfully adhered to, and to disregard what were almost his dying injunctions to lay-preachers. "I earnestly advise you abide in your place, keep your own station. . . . Be Church of England men still," words which may very appropriately be written over the porch of the proposed centenary exhibition.

*BISHOP JAYNE ON DIVORCE.*—The tendency nowadays, said the Bishop of Chester, preaching on Sunday, at Dunham Massey, was to loosen the bonds of matrimony, by divorce and otherwise. What they ought to do was to make the habits and customs of society purer and better. They should seek to influence the Press on this point, for much evil was wrought by the publication of certain cases that could only corrupt. He urged the selection of a pure literature and greater watchfulness against impurity in social life.