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The Church's Task Under the Roman Empire. Four Lectures Delivered in the University of Oxford in 1904. By Charles Bigg, D.D., Canon of Christ Church, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford, Oxford. Price, 55.

The author's name is sufficient guarantee for the ability of these lectures. Their subject is one that has not been much studied; nor is it one that has been well, or fully dealt with by Church historians; hence this book is most valuable. One is struck to find how very much things have slipped into the same groove they were in at the time of which these lectures treat. The chapter on the Public School System looks as if the author were describing our own much lauded schools, as they really appear to one who goes below the surface of things. The subjects treated of are Education and Religion under the Empire; Moral and Social Condition of the Empire; and an excursus on Lecture 4, regarding the difficulties in the way of ordination to the ministry. The reading of these excellent lectures must prove most interesting and instructive, not only as concerns the times of which they treat, but equally as giving suggestions suitable for our own day. We heartily commend them.

The Evolution of Parties in the Anglican Communion. An Essay by Rev. F. C. Morehouse, Editor of the Living Church, Milwaukee. Young Churchman Co. Price, 25 cents.

We most heartily commend this most admirable essay to the attention of all Churchmen of every name. It is concise, yet its 53 pages embrace all the important epochs and movements in the Anglican Church both in England and America. It is perfectly temperate, yet impartial in tone. Its account of the early Reformation movement and its subsequent influence; the misunderstandings about its real nature, the rise of the modern parties, the curious volte face that has taken place, from regarding the Prayer Book as enshrining rank popery, to that of taking it as pure Protestant, are well set forth. Altogether the essay, if diligently read, would be what is called "Epoch-making." We heartily commend it, and strongly advise every Churchman, lay as well as clerical, to make haste and get it.

Magazines .- The Cosmopolitan .- The April number of this magazine contains an article by P. Bigelow on the German Army Manœuvres in which the writer gives a great deal of interesting information regarding the work accomplished by the Germans, officers and men alike, on those important annual occasions when for a time they engage in mimic warfare. The first of a series of articles by C. T. Brady on The Great Sieges of History appears in this number. D. G. Phillips writes of the assassination of the late Governer Goebel, of Kentucky, and of the extraordinary series of events which have followed the attempt to bring the perpetrators to justice. I. Zangwill writes of The Future of Vaudeville in America, and G. Burgess, in his contribution, gives a sure recipe for the extinction of ghosts. In this number also appears the first instalment of a charming story by H. Quick, entitled. "The Occultation of Florian Amidon." In addition to the above, there are several poems and short stories of fiction, and the whole number is well illustrated throughout.

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heartfelt appreciation of your labour here as our rector. During the four years and eight months you have been amongst us we have learned to regard you as our spiritual adviser, and found you a sincere friend to each and every member of the congregation. We earnestly hope your health may continue strong, and you may live many years in the service of your Divine Master wherever He may be pleased to call you. We also desire to express our warmest thanks to Mrs. Gollmer as organist, and she also kindly assisted in singing, which helped to make the service bright and cheery. We are very sorry at your departure, and ask you to accept this accompanying purse for yourself and Mrs. Gollmer as a slight token of the respect which you are both regarded by all your parishioners here, and may God be with you and yours through all the changes in this life until He gathers us all into His heavenly kingdom." The rector made a feeling reply, thanking the members for all their kindness.

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QUEBEC.

Andrew H. Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec, P.Q.

Quebec.—The following are the Bishop's public engagements for the remainder of this month: Sunday, April 16th (Palm Sunday)—Celebrate the Holy Communion and preach, cathedral, 11 a.m., and assist at Evensong. Holy Week—Take part in all the daily special services. Tuesday, April 18th—Preside at meeting of Central Board, 4 p.m. Good Friday, April 21st--Preach, cathedral, 11 a.m., Easter Day, April 23rd— Celebrate Holy Communion, cathedral, 11 a.m. Tuesday, in Easter Week, April 28th (St. Mark Evan. and Martyr)—Celebrate the Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Saturday, April 29th—Travel to Ottawa. Sunday, April 30 (first after Easter) —Preach at Ottawa for M.S.C.C.

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ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

The Bishop of the diocese returned to Kingston on Tuesday last, after an absence of three weeks. While ostensibly a trip for his health, His Lordship officiated in Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Merritton, and preached on twelve occasions during his absence.

The Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Bedford-Jones, of Brockville, are recipients of many congratulations on the birth to them of a daughter. "Relation of Biblical Criticism to the Work of the Parish Minister."

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Rev, Canon Muckleston, of Perth, preached in St. George's Cathedral on Sunday morning, the 9th inst.

The Holy Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. James' Church, on Palm Sunday morning, and in the Cathedral at the evening ser-

vice.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa,

Ottawa .- St. Alban's .- The Children's Auxiliary held their annual meeting in the Sunday School hall recently, a large number being present, also several of the diocesan officers. The reports of the various officers showed the branch to be in a flourishing condition. The treasurer reported \$91 paid out for missions during the year, leaving a balance on hand of \$29. The Doreas secretary reported two parcels sent in and a bale valued at \$9; also a quilt sent in the co-operative bale to Venerable Archdeacon McKay, Lac Larouge, Saskatchewan. The treasurer of the Extra-Cent-a-Day reported the receipts for the year \$5.23. Box secretary reported \$2.18. The secretary of literature reported eight subscribers for the year. The following officers were elected: President, Louise Merrill; secretary, Annie Merritt (re-elected); secretary of literature, Selina Selbault; box secretary, Gertie Merritt; Dorcas secretary, Evelyn McCullough (reelected); treasurer, Marjorie Eliot (re-elected); treasurer of E.C.D., Maud McCullough. Addresses were given by Miss Green, the diocesan organizing secretary, on the Indian schools in the North-West, and by Miss Parmalee, the diocesan junior secretary, on work in Japan. The presidents of the Woman's and Men's Guilds congratulated the children on the splendid reports of the year's work.

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TORONTO.

Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Bishop, Toronto.

Toronto.—St. James'.—The members of the National Chorus, of which Dr. Ham, the organist of this church, is the conductor, at the formal disbanding for the season, which took place at the Conservatory of Music on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., presented him with a handsome silver tea service as a token of their apprecia-

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FREDERICTON.

Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

Waterford.—St. John's.—After morning service on Sunday, the 26th ult., in this church, a purse of money and the following address were presented to the rector and Mrs. Gollmer by the wardens: "The Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Gollmer: We, the members of St. John's Church, Waterford, take this opportunity of expressing to you our 0

Much interest is evinced by the clergy in the visit of Canon Kirkpatrick, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

On Monday last, at the meeting of the Kingston Clerical Club, Canon Starr read an interesting and instructive paper on the subject of "Higher Criticism," and dealt in a lucid way with the problem of the Old Testament, the purpose of criticism, and the present results, and a warm discussion followed which was taken part in by the Dean of Ontario, Archdeacon Macmorine, Canon Loucks, Rural Dean Elliott, Revs. Dr. Nimmo, Lewin, Cartwright, Crisp, and Masters. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crisp, Canon Starr was unanimously requested to prepare a paper for the next meeting, on Canon Kirkpatrick's point of view in Old Testament studies.

The Rev. Canon Kirkpatrick arrived in Kingston on April 7th, and together with His Excellency, the Governor-General and Lord Strathcona, was presented for the honorary degree of D.C.L. at the convocation of Queen's University. The Rev. Dr. Judon, professor of dogmatic theology, eulogized the excellent work done by Dr. Kirkpatrick in Biblical research. Canon Kirkpatrick preached sermons, marked by much fervor and spiritual insight in St. George's Cathedral, and to the students of Queen's on Sunday afternoon. On Monday he addressed a public meeting in Convocation Hall, and on Tuesday morning gave an interesting address to the clergy on the tion and esteem for him.

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The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next general ordination on Whitsunday, June 11th. Candidates for either the priesthood or the diaconate will please, at the earliest possible date, communicate with the examining chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Broughall, 99 Bellevue Ave., Toronto.

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Braulord.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has appointed the Rev. G. B. Morley, rector of this parish, to be Rural Dean of West York. We heartily congratulate the reverend gentleman upon this mark of episcopal favour, which, through the accomplishment of much good work, Mr. Morley most thoroughly deserves.

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Hornby.—St. Stephen's.—Mrs. James Bussell, of Trafalgar, who has for many years past been one of the most prominent workers in this congregation, died on Saturday, April 1st. Her funeral took place in St. Stephen's Cemetery on the Monday following, and it was very largely attended. Besides the incumbent, the Rev. T. C. Noxon, the Rev. Cahon Tremayne, of Mimico, and the Rev. A. J. Belt, of Milton, took part in the services. Besides her husband the deceased lady leaves five children, two sons and three " daughters, to mourn her loss.