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of those of last year. On Sunday last he preached in Simcoe and in Waterford. The Rev. Mr. Gemley, of this town, preached there in the evening. The Waterford collections were treble those of last year. In Simcoe the contributions including a special gift \$25—was \$74—not much less than the amount at the Dedication Services on the 22nd ult.

SIMCOE. One of the most successful bazaars was given by the ladies of Trinity Church, in the Music Hall, in the early part of December. Great taste and liberality were displayed by the lady contributors in the number, variety, elegance and usefulness of the articles. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at that the large sum of fully \$500 rewarded their generosity and exertions. One unique article among the rest was an autograph quilt, a gift to the esteemed rector, Rev. Mr. Gemley. It added more than \$60 to the total receipts, procured by each writer of an autograph giving a small sum with the name. It is intended to add the \$500 to the funds of the Ladies' Society for furnishing the new church.

PARIS. The Christmas season has been a very happy one here. The church was very prettily decorated, and the services were hearty and well attended, and the Christmas offertory large. The children and young people of the Sunday-school enjoyed a very pleasant sleigh drive on the day after Christmas, and with flags and banners flying, drove through the principal streets singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and other appropriate hymns, and also went a distance into the country. After returning to the Sunday-school room, coffee and cakes were provided for refreshments, and the scholars received Christmas presents of suitable chromos, pictures and souvenirs of the happy Christmastide.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks, the following sums towards the Parsonage Fund:—W. D. Barnes, Cobourg, \$1; John Monteith, Esq., Rosseau, \$3; Mrs. Dooly, Cobourg, \$1; P. D., \$2.

UFFORD.—Mr. Thomas Dowler, lay reader, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a parcel of gifts from the C. W. M. A. Society, of Toronto; for the Christmas Tree given to the pupils of St. Mary's Sunday School, Beatrice, in the Church Hall, on the 27th instant.

BRACEBRIDGE.—The Rev. J. S. Cole acknowledges, with thanks, two beautiful gifts for my mission, a Communion service for one of my out stations, from Miss Thurtel, of Guelph, per Miss Westmacott, and a most elegant travelling service from Mrs. Sullivan; also a book of poems for myself, posted at Bury, St. Edmund's, from a reader of S. P. G. reports. Is it that the reception of these things has made me covetous? I earnestly desire some assistance for the Christmas tree at an out station. There is surely among your readers some one who will help in this other matter in articles or money.

Appointments of the Bishop of Algoma for the districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka:—

First Tour.—Jan. 16, Baysville, 7.30 p.m.; 17, Stoneleigh, 2.30 p.m.; 18, Bracebridge, 8 a.m.; 19, Allensville, 2 p.m.; 19, Huntsville, 7 p.m.; 20, Harris, 11 a.m.; 21, Cyprus, 10 a.m.; 21, Emsdale, 2 p.m.; 21, Burke's Falls, 7 p.m.; 22, Katrine, 9.30 a.m.; 22, Emsdale, 7 p.m.; 23, Midlothian, 7 p.m.; 24 to 27, To and from Lake Nipissing, calling at Commanda, Mecunoma, etc.; 28, Maquettewan, 10.30 a.m.; 8, Midlothian, 6.30 p.m.; 29, Dufferin Bridge, 7 p.m.; 30, Sequin Falls, 10 a.m.; 31, Beatrice, 7 p.m.; Feb. 1, 2, 3, The Cedars, etc.; 4, Aspdin, 10.30 a.m.; 4, Lancelot, 2.30 p.m.; 5, Ilfracombe; 6, 7, Ilfracombe, Examination of Candidates for Priest's Orders; 8, Ravenscliffe, 7 p.m.; 9, Dixon's, 2 p.m.; 10, Hoodstown, 10 a.m.; 11, Ilfracombe, 11 a.m.; 11, Ilfracombe, 6.30 p.m.; 12, Round Lake, 2 p.m.; 13, Keatsville, 2 p.m.; 14, Utterson.

Second Tour.—March 4, Rosseau, 10.30 a.m.; 4, Rosseau, 2.30 p.m.; 4, Rosseau, 7 p.m.; 5, Ufford, 10.30 a.m.; 5, Ullswater, 8 p.m.; 6, Skeleton Lake, 2 p.m.; 7, Raymond, 11 a.m.; 8, Rosseau, 4 p.m.; 9, Iceland, 2 p.m.; 9, Rosseau, 8 p.m.; 10, Sirrett's, 10.30 a.m.; 11, Parry Sound, 10.30 a.m.; 11, Rankin's, 3 p.m.; 11, Parry Sound, 7 p.m.; 12, Parry Sound, 3 p.m.; 13, McKellar, 7 p.m.; 14, Dunchurch, 7 p.m.; 15, Broadbent, 7 p.m.; 16, Waubamie, 8 p.m.; 17, Bracebridge; 18, Bracebridge, 10 a.m.; 18, Bracebridge, 3 p.m.; 18, Bracebridge, 7 p.m.; 19, Port Carling, 2 p.m.; 20, Port Carling, 7 p.m.; 20, Port Sandfield, 2 p.m.; 21, Butler's, 2 p.m.; 22, Bardsvill, 2 p.m.; 23, Falkenburg, 10.30 a.m.; 24, Dwight, 11 a.m.; 24,

Cain's 3 p.m.; 25, Grassmere, 11 a.m.; 25, Huntsville, 7 p.m.; 26, Harris, 11 a.m.; 27, Brunel, 3 p.m.; 28, Port Sydney, 11 a.m.; 28, Port Sydney, 3 p.m.; 28, Port Sydney, 7 p.m.; 29, Beatrice, 11 a.m.; 30, Bracebridge; 31, Gravenhurst; April 1, Gravenhurst, 11 a.m.; 1, Gravenhurst, 3 p.m.; 1, Gravenhurst, 7 p.m.; 2, Gravenhurst, 3 p.m.; 2, Gravenhurst, 7 p.m.; 3, Alport, 11 a.m.; 4, Uffington, 3 p.m.; 5, Parbrook, 10.30 a.m.; 6, Barkway, 10.30 a.m.; 7, Gravenhurst; 8, Gravenhurst, 11 a.m.; 8, Gravenhurst, 7 p.m.

BRITISH.

An aged Episcopalian writes thus to the *Scottish Guardian* in the wearing of a moustache by clergymen:—When I was a boy, (and the custom continued in force until lately,) an episcopal clergyman always had a clean shaven face, or at most a modest pair of whiskers; this unobtrusive way of treating the facial hair at least gave a cleanly, respectable look to our ministers' visages. Some twenty years or so, ago, High Churchmen began wearing long beards, and moderate men of different opinions followed suit; this change, though I did not like it I confess helped at all events to maintain the venerable appearance of the ministry. But now, a further innovation has been made, and we see young men appearing in the pulpit with the face all shaven, with the exception of a heavy (or scanty) moustache on the upper lip. This foppish adornment (?) but ill accords with the dress of a clergyman, in or out of church, and suggests, when seen in reading desk, or pulpit that the wrong person has donned the surplice or gown. A moustached lip renders a clergyman's appearance so very irreverent that I cannot divest myself of the idea, during his ministrations, that through some mistake, we are being treated to a reading of the liturgy or a sermon by some young clerk from a bank or lawyer's office. I have heard it said that the moustache is desirable because it gives a "military" appearance to the wearer. But to pass by the case of young men in general, why a clergyman who is not a soldier should wish to look like one, (except to produce an impression on nursery maids,) I cannot imagine—besides which, a moustache alone does not give a military appearance, but requires the well-drilled shoulders and legs of a soldier to complete its effect; our young curates would do well to remember that a want of military bearing may (and does) make the wearer of military adornment absurd and disagreeable in the eyes of others beside those of myself.

This terrible hirsute heresy has not yet broken out in Canada, when it does we shall be prepared to meet it as best we may!

PEEBLES.—S. PETER'S.—On Tuesday (last week) S. Peter's Church, Peebles, was re-opened by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. The church has been considerably enlarged, a chancel having been built, and great improvements made.

DALKEITH.—S. MARY'S.—During the visit of the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury to Scotland, they were the guests for a few days of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, and family and party staying at Dalkeith House, including the Duke and Duchess of Richmond, attended divine service in S. Mary's Chapel, Dalkeith Park. The prayers were intoned by his Grace's private chaplain, Rev. S. A. A. Majendie, and the incumbent, Canon Bushby, preached.

GLASGOW.—S. JOHN'S.—The sermons on behalf of the Choir Fund, were recently preached by the Rev. Dr. Penney. The preacher alluded to the strides which have been made in Church Architecture, &c., and then of the impetus given within the last few years to Church music. In the evening the preacher took his audience back to the temple, and the temple services, referring historically to the golden and silver ages of Hebrew music and to the music of the East under Ignatius, and in the West under Ambrose. The different kinds of music, and of instruments were noticed, and stress was laid on congregational and hearty singing. This Church had but a small beginning, as we hear it recorded in a paper of the period, that when Mr. D'Orsay started the "mission" in a room in Catherine Street, Arderston, in 1684, only "eight persons" gave in their names!—There will be special services and sermons on Sundays in Advent.

HAWICK.—S. CUTHBERT'S.—Dedication Services.—Sunday, November 19th, was observed as the annual commemoration of the consecration of this church. The day commenced with celebration of H. C. at 8.30, at which the Rev J. R. Denham, S. Mary's, Glasgow, was celebrant. Matins was sung at 11, followed by sermon; at 12.30 followed the second Celebration, which was full choral (Tour's unison service being used) and was both reverent and hearty—the music adding much to the dignity and beauty of the Communion Office; Hymn 299 was sung as Introit, and

113 (1st part) after the Creed, and 311 (2nd part) after the prayer of Consecration, and during the Allusions the *Nunc Dimittis*. The Children's Dedication Service was held at 4 p.m.,

UNITED STATES.

Church Statistics.—The following is a statement of the church membership of the various denominations in the United States, the total and the per capita contribution for benevolent purposes:—

	No.	Amount.	p. c.
Episcopal	344,580	\$7,311,784	\$21 00
Presbyterian	893,485	4,000,000	4 00
Methodist	3,663,048	5,000,000	1 50
Baptist	2,386,000	4,600,000	2 00
Dutch Reformed	80,167	200,248	2 00
Congregational	381,697	1,227,408	3 00
Lutheran	729,413	1,200,000	2 00
Jews	12,546	300,000	23 00
Miscellaneous	1,500,000	2,500,000	2 00
Total	9,940,936	\$26,339,149	...
Roman Catholic	6,250,000	5,000,900	0 75
Grand Total	16,199,936	\$31,339,140	2 00

An instructive and interesting table is that showing the total expenditure of the several denominations for all purposes, and the proportion of the benevolent contribution to the whole outlay, which we compile as follows, on the per capita basis:—

	Total expenditure.	Benevolent contributions
Episcopal	\$44 00	\$21 00
Presbyterian	13 00	4 00
Methodist	6 00	1 50
Baptist	6 00	2 00
Dutch Reformed	15 00	2 00
Congregational	15 00	3 00
Lutheran	6 00	2 00
Jews	135 00	23 00
Miscellaneous	7 00	2 00
Total	\$9 00	...
Roman Catholic	3 00	75
Grand Total	\$7 00	\$2 00

From this statement, it appears that of the total expenditure of the Jews less than 17 per cent. was for benevolent purposes, that of the Roman Catholic Church was 25 per cent., of the Baptist and Lutheran Churches 33 per cent., of the Congregational Church 20 per cent.

S. S. Teacher's Assistant.
TO THE INSTITUTE LEAFLETS.

THE CATECHISM.

Q. How long did our Lord's dead Body hang upon the cross?

A. It was taken down the same day and buried by Joseph of Arimathea.

Q. Was it the custom among the Romans to bury those who had been crucified?

A. No: their bodies frequently hung on the cross till they were dissolved.

Q. Who desired that our Lord's Body should be taken down?

A. The Jews.—John xix. 31.

Q. It is necessary to believe and profess the death and burial of Christ?

A. Yes: St. Paul says that is gospel was, That Christ died for our sins, and THAT HE WAS BURIED.—1 Cor. xv. 3, 4. Acts xiii. 29.

Q. What type was fulfilled in the state of our Lord's Body at death?

A. The Paschal Lamb, a bone of which was not broken.—John xix. 36.

Q. What prophecy was fulfilled?

A. Zech. xii. 10; John xix. 37.

Q. What Old Testament intimation was there of Christ's burial?

A. "My flesh shall rest in hope."—Psalm xvi. 9.

Jonah, a type.—See Matt. xii. 40; Acts xiii. 37.

Q. What honours were paid to our Lord's body?

A. Nicodemus "brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes Then took they the Body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices."—John xix.