

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Canon Mockridge in his farewell sermon at Christ Church Cathedral, thus referred to intemperance:—

I have found that there are some things which are most injurious to my fellow men. This is an age when thoughtful men are trying to benefit the human race, and therefore all things that tend to degrade and hurt it are being denounced. Notably among these is intemperance, and this I have faithfully tried to work against, and I may safely say that there are many in this city of Hamilton who have thanked me for the work that I have tried to do among those who have suffered from this terrible evil. The Church of England is working hard in this direction in the motherland. Some of her noblest Bishops and other ecclesiastics have themselves set the example of total abstinence from that which is known to be injurious to others. I have behind me a flourishing branch of the Church of England Temperance society here. May God prosper it in all its noble work!

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

PORT ARTHUR.—Sunday, Easter Day, was a notable day for the Church of England folk. The morning service at Fort William was given up, the assistant minister, the Rev. M. C. Kirby, helping at Port Arthur instead. Many came in from the Fort and the Plot, among whom were 31 communicants. The total number of communicants was 96, such a gathering as the Church of England has not seen in Thunder Bay before; and yet a number were absent through sickness, absence from town, &c. The congregation was very large, and the choir strong and efficient. In the evening another large (and this time purely Port Arthur) congregation assembled, one attraction being a full choral service. The prayers, &c., were intoned by the Incumbent Rev. E. J. Machin M. B. The proper psalms were sung to the chants, Dr. Wm. Hayes, single in D., and Norris, double in A. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Ebdon's Cathedral service in C.

There was no anthem, but three familiar hymns were sung to enable the congregation to bear their part. The whole service of the day appeared to have given great satisfaction to those who attended, and the offertory was a liberal one, amounting to \$64.21. Over the pulpit, lectern, and reading desk were hung small banners, out out and prepared by Mrs. (Judge) Hamilton. Some exquisite flowers were also presented by Mrs. Flaherty. The congregation are greatly indebted to the good taste and skill of Mr. Murdoch for the beautiful designed scrolls newly painted over and under the chancel window in readiness for Easter.

WHAT mean we by our lives? By our constant demand that all things shall minister to us; by our

refusal to go about doing good; by our impatient repudiation of duties that demand self-sacrifice; by our unreadiness to take pains, to bear burdens, to meet unpleasantness for the sake of others? By all this, what mean we while we call Christ "Lord"? Can it be we are of those who cry, "Lord, Lord," but do not the will of the Heavenly Father?—Rev. R. F. Alsop.

AMUSE YOUR CHILDREN.

Some mothers seem utterly incapable of amusing their children. They can cook for them, sew for them, take care of them when they are sick, but have no faculty for making them happy. The little people fret and mope because the atmosphere about them is so work-a-day, so dull, so devoid of the imaginative element on which they thrive. Among the rich, as well as the poor, they are often forlorn because they are in a grown-up world.

There should be a stooping of elders to their small estate. See how heartily they will respond to the crudest effort for their entertainment! Particularly do they like to believe that they are helping. With tiny brooms they can sweep; they can dust, and wash a bit of kitchen paint; only let the mother carry on the work as if it were play. By thus becoming a part of the child-life of their little ones, mothers can gain a real influence, attainable in no other way. The child will be guided by the one who is in sympathy with him.

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