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to understand the attitude of the English nonconformists for this reason. Personally he would strenuously object to Home Rule irrespective of what party opposed it.

Having at heart the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of their respective flocks, the clergy of Ottawa have entered into the fight for pure water, and at a special meeting of the Anglican clergy, held in St. George's Church last week, a strong resolution was passed: "Resolved, that we, the clergy of Ottawa, having at heart the physical as well as the spiritual well-being of our people, hereby place on record our profound conviction that our City of Ottawa will serve the best and most enduring interests of the people by adopting the recommendations of Sir Alexander Binnie, and so securing from the Gatineau hills a supply of pure, wholesome water for all time." The resolution was signed by fourteen representative Anglican clergymen of Ottawa.

At the meeting of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society lately, it was reported that the promises for the Special Swanwick Fund now approximate £110,000. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it has been decided that after the £75,000 has been restored to the working capital, which has been depleted to this extent in order to meet the accumulated deficiencies of recent years, the balance should be set aside to form a permanent fund to provide buildings in the Mission field on terms which provide for its replacement at the rate of 10 per cent. in lieu of rent, thus meeting a need long felt by the missionaries of the society. In case of need the same fund will also provide on the same terms any sum required to complete the society's new buildings in Salisbury-square. Further, it has been decided that, in the event of there being an increased income for the year 1913-14, as anticipated in the Swanwick appeal, the surplus of income after meeting the already sanctioned expenditure shall be transferred into an Immediate Advance Fund for the furtherance of plans for advance already put forward in another direction by the Foreign Committees.

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## British and Foreign

A set of Communion vessels in gold, the chalice being adorned with precious stones, has been presented to St. Nicholas, Guildford, by an anonymous donor.

One of the chapels in Lincoln Cathedral has been allotted by the Dean and Chapter as a soldiers' chapel, and in it will be placed all the military memorials which are now in the Cathedral.

There has just been placed in St. Paul's Church, Edinburgh, a beautifully-carved pulpit, surmounted by a massive sounding board, to the memory of the late Bishop of Aberdeen, who was the Rector of this church from 1884 to 1906.

A quarter of a century's service without stipend was recognized by the Churchpeople of Yafforth, near Northallerton, lately, when they assembled to present gifts to the Curate-in-charge, the Rev. A. W. Denham and the members of his family.

The north transept of Selby Abbey has been further enriched by a fine stained-glass window, which has been unveiled by the Bishop of Beverley. It is known as the St. Germanus window, and is the gift of Miss Mary Stander of Selby in memory of her parents. St. Germanus is one of the patron saints of the ancient abbey, and the window presents forty-four scenes of his life and work.

A famous old City church, St. Katherine Cree, has just celebrated its patronal festival, and it is interesting to recall that Archbishop Laud officiated at the consecration on January 16, 1631. The Bible and prayer-book used by him on that occasion were on view during the celebration. At the special service the Rector preached, and afterwards the parishioners were welcomed at St. Katherine's Hall by the Rector and Mrs. Gordon Hall.

## Boys and Girls

### THE LAST LOVED

By Ethel MacNish Klower.

Eric looked up from the book into which he was laboriously pasting pictures, as the sound of horses' hoofs beat up the lane. "Someone coming" he called to his mother in the kitchen. "Oh! and it's Uncle Donald and he's got the two black horses! Look, Ruth, aren't they beauties?"

But Ruth, at Uncle Donald's name, had flown out of the dining-room and reached the driveway just as Uncle

Donald had swept up, and with coaxing of hand and voice was trying to persuade the two prancing horses to keep at least three of their dainty feet on the ground at once.

"Hello, Girlie!" he called out in his big, cheerful voice, "where's mother?" Then as she appeared on the steps behind Ruth, "Oh, there you are! No, thanks; I can't come in just now. I've just got to run down the side road to see Jim Sears about some seed wheat, and then I'm on my way to Northwich for some fixings for the harrows. Say, I haven't a minute now, but I'll be back from Jim Sears' in about half an hour. Just bundle up Girlie a bit, will you, for the wind seems cold, and let her come to Northwich with me. Oh, there's Eric! How are you to-day, son?"

"Pretty well, thanks, Uncle Donald," his shrill, little voice called out gaily, but his mother knew that the pink in his cheeks meant only excitement, and she saw that he stood in the doorway so that his crutch might be hidden as much as possible. Even in three long, brave years he could not get used to it, and her heart was sore for him.

"Just think, Eric," cried his sister when Uncle Donald had turned and rattled out of the yard with a flourish and great prancing, "I'm going to Northwich with Uncle Donald! Isn't that lovely?"

"But it's my turn!" cried the boy, looking at her blankly. "It is my turn, isn't it, mummy? What can't I go?"

"Because you can't. Uncle Donald

asked me to go," answered Ruth, importantly.

"But he didn't know," interrupted Eric, looking appealingly at his mother. "Mummy, why didn't you tell him?"

"Why, dearie, I hadn't time, and he asked Ruth the very first thing. You see, he couldn't know that you and Ruthie took turn about at any treat that comes along," she explained gently, but Eric broke in, "But Ruth went to the box social only last week at the Epworth League!"

"Oh, that old thing!" cried his sister. "Nobody there but just the neighbours!"

"Careful, Ruth!" warned her mother, "I remember someone who was very anxious to go to that same social."

"But, can't I really go to-day, mummy?" pleaded Eric.

"Why, dear, I daresay Uncle Donald wouldn't care which of you went, and if Ruth wants to stay and give you your turn—" She glanced at Ruth enquiringly.

"Stay home from Northwich! I guess not!" she cried. Then she added, feeling that maybe her refusal sounded too curt and selfish, "and I can match that linen for you, mummy, when I go. Eric couldn't do that!"

"I could take a sample," began Eric, hopefully. But she broke in, "No, you couldn't! I want to go myself, so there! Don't be mean, Eric Robson, just because you weren't asked. What'll I wear, mummy?"

When she had dashed upstairs Eric turned to his mother, and in spite of

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