

passengers, for the vessel carried such a human cargo besides the sailors.

By means of this line other ropes were stretched and at last there swung from the ship to the shore a rope-bridge along which people could travel in a car. But the car did not run on the top of the bridge, as is usually the case. It was a so-called life-car and it ran under the bridge, suspended from a stout rope, and by those on shore it was ran out to the ship. I was drawn out by a hauling line and then pulled ashore. And now the life-car that had gone to the wreck was traveling back, packed with passengers and drawn to land by the hardy surfmen.

"Stiddy, boys!" cried Jotham, the keeper. "Pull stiddy!"

Behind Jotham was his son Jerry, who sang in St. Mary's choir, and had a big voice something like the deep bass of the sea. Then came Timothy Haven, John Winthrop and two new surfmen.

There was an excited group of spectators on the shore. Among them was Ned, leaning on his crutch, looking off at the wreck and looking up toward God in prayer, his heart in its anxious petition seeming to flutter like a bird's wing seeking the skies. And they were all rescued, all who had been clinging to the wreck. And who was it that reached the shore last? It was the stranger that addressed by Mr. Grayson as "Bartley" had made the remark so painful to Ned. He now said something very different.

"Who, Cap'n," he asked, turning towards the keeper of the station, "who started this movement to rescue us poor fellows?"

"Well, this—this little fellow roused me," the keeper replied, turning towards Ned. "Couldn't travel as fast as other boys that went across lots and so took the shore-road and saw your wreck."

"Indeed! That crutch saved us! Indeed! I remember—"

Mr. Bartley recalled the remark he had made to the lawyer about Ned. He said no more, but taking a big bank bill out of his pocket handed it to Ned and then handed more money to the surfmen. But Ned shook his head.

"I want, I want to think I did it for nothing. Just to have the fun of thinking so," said Ned, and stooping, he lovingly patted his faithful crutch.

"Oh take it," urged Mr. Bartley. "You must take it."

"You might give it to my granny, but I don't want it."

"Well, I'll send it to granny," So Granny had the money. Ned was satisfied with his crutch.—*Edward A. Rand, in Young Churchman.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—In your issue of the 26th December I find the following as part of the proceedings of the meeting of the Synod of Huron, viz:—

"A motion was made for the

appointment of a special committee of fifteen to fully consider the relations now existing between the various Dioceses and the Provincial Synod, and also the possibility of uniting the whole Church of British North America in one ecclesiastical jurisdiction, with power to confer with any similar committee that should be appointed by other diocese, and should report at next meeting of Synod. After a short discussion an amendment was moved and carried."

Now, as an amendment to a motion is often a material change of the subject matter of the original, I would ask that you also publish the following as the amendment:

"That this Synod will welcome with satisfaction any well considered measure tending to promote unification of the Church in the Dominion, and such changes in the constitution of the Provincial Synod as may tend to greater usefulness without impairing the autonomy of the Diocesan Synod."

The mover and seconder of the original consented to substitute this. Mr. Imlach, as the mover, explained that as the Provincial Synod Committee, to whom was referred the Provincial Synod resolution, had met recently and would be prepared to report thereon at the meeting of the Provincial Synod in Sept. next, there might therefore be no immediate necessity for the appointing of a special committee of this Synod, as it was not probable that any further action could be taken until after the Provincial Synod meeting. This amendment would cover the ground necessary to be taken at present and would be sufficient to show that Huron, like all the other dioceses in this Ecclesiastical Province that passed similar resolutions, as also dioceses in other parts of the Dominion, was willing to consider the great and important question of a consolidated Church of England in British North America.

This latter resolution was carried unanimously.

The report of the Special Committee to the Provincial Synod will be looked forward to with great interest by the whole Church of England in the Dominion of Canada. As the future consolidation of The Church will largely depend upon what action is taken at the next meeting of that Synod, it may fairly be looked forward to as the most important session that has ever been held by that body.

"HURON."

London, Dec. 31, 1888.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

SIR,—Has it occurred to you mind that the day of missionary meetings is fast coming to an end, and that something more interesting, instructive and lucrative is wanting. Glance at a country meeting, three clergymen address a church full of people; the collections amount to \$3 or \$4. Does this meet the wants of the deputation? Then look at the towns; the meetings must be on Sunday night, or no collections at all.

Where is their missionary zeal? The clergy have failed to warn the hearts of their hearers, or to open their pockets. By way of suggestion, let me quote a few words from the *Church Times*, Dec. 7th:—"It will generally be found, where the parish priest has the work of The Church at heart, the people will respond as much to his own appeals as those which come from a stranger. We advise the clergy to become their own deputation." So does the writer.

One more suggestion. Suppose every parish would give a mission tea and invite some laymen and a couple of the neighbouring church clergy to give missionary speeches, people from other denominations who generally attend these meetings would learn what the Church is doing for the great cause, and from \$50 to \$0 could be added to the fund. I hear some of the Rev. Fathers say, what a dreadful idea. Stop a bit my dear friends. Are you not doing worse with bazaars, lotteries, theatricals, dances, many of these things going on, or being prepared, during some holy season, and the money made at them, given for some Church object. Where is the self-denial? the only free will giving is by the Parochial Cards. May some warmth and zeal be thrown on the subject is the sincere wish of a

Well wisher.

BAPTISMS.

At Albion Mines, N.S., on Dec. 23rd, 4th Sunday in Advent, Nora Primrose, the daughter of John George and Maud Rutherford.

DIED.

SELLARS—At Seaford, N.S., on the 30th December, Sarah, beloved wife of Simon Sellars, aged 83 years.

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