

chapel of the Popes, where at one time reposed the bodies Popes Eutychianus (died, A.D. 275), of Anterus (A.D. 235), of Fabianus (A.D. 235), and of Lucius (A.D. 232). Their names are all inscribed in Greek characters on the spots where their tombs once stood. In this chamber we come upon the first piece of evidence which goes to prove that the catacombs were not only used as places of burial. We are undoubtedly standing in a chapel where Christian worship was wont to be held, for there is a recess where the altar once stood, marble columns with Corinthian capitals are round the walls, and near the altar is a credence table whereon the bread and wine to be used at the celebration of the Holy Mysteries were placed. But why choose such a place as this for holding worship? The matter is explained by the words "epis" and "martyr" affixed to the names of the two Popes Fabianus and Lucius. It was not only that they might offer prayers for the souls of the dead, therefore, that the Christians met together here for worship—it was also because persecution was raging and they were being hunted down and slain for the faith they preferred, that they were forced to worship in these secret places. It meant torture and death or the offering of sacrifices to idols and the renouncing of the Christian faith if their heathen persecutors discovered them engaged in worship. Many and terrible were the sufferings the blessed martyrs endured in those days for Jesus' sake.

LIVE in the truth, be the house great or small. Walk in the truth,

be the path broad or narrow. He who hides the truth, sins.

### General Church Intelligence.

The first honorary canon in the Diocese of Rupert's Land has just been appointed by the Bishop. According to the rules of the diocese, the clergy in it must number fifty before the appointment of canons; and one may be appointed for each twenty thereafter up to one hundred. The rector of Christ Church, Winnipeg, the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, has been the first to receive the honor.

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A disastrous fire broke out in the school buildings of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Diocese of Quebec, on Feb. 5. The college itself was fortunately saved; but the school buildings, and the Bishop Williams wing, are in ruins; but most regretted of all, was the loss of the chapel, endeared to students and graduates by many sacred associations. The total loss is placed at \$50,000, which is said to be covered by insurance.

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The health of Bishop Courtney is gradually improving, but it will be months before he will be able to resume his duties. He has been advised by the doctors to go to the south of Italy for entire change of air and rest.

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The Bishop of Massachusetts, the Right Rev. Benjamin H.addock, died in Boston on March 9. He was elected bishop in 1873, and was consecrated on Sept. 17 of that year. His administration of the diocese was wise and fair, and the