

I will neither sell nor give, nor pawn the possessions belonging to my table, nor will I enscoff them anew, nor alienate them in any manner, even with the consent of the chapter of my church, without the consent of the Roman Pontiff. And if I shall in any way proceed to alienate them, I am willing in reality to incur the penalties contained in a certain constitution passed upon this subject.

So help me God, and these holy Gospels of God.

POVERTY, CHASTITY AND OBEDIENCE.

Every Bishop when he baptizes, when he confirms, administers vows of "chastity and obedience," and resignation under poverty when God calls to it, or makes it necessary for His work. And every Bishop when he ordains a priest or a deacon administers, vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

But let the people once get the idea that the truly "religious life" can only be led by celibate priests and sisters, friars and nuns; that the service of these is more acceptable to God than that of the faithful, devout, God fearing mother, rearing her young family to His service and glory, while what she can do in other fields of work she does; or that it is more acceptable than that of the toiling missionary, with scant support, realizing what true poverty is, as he struggles to educate his family for work after he is gone, while he builds up the Church of God at the cost of prayers and tears, and bodily infirmity and weakness;—let the people, I say, get this idea and we shall come where Italy, Spain, France and Mexico are today. And they are where they are largely because the Phrisees, the "holier than thou," the "Religious" have absorbed all the religion.

If men wish to take vows of *celibacy* and poverty for *special work* no one may reasonably object, but when they talk of 'taking' or 'administering' vows of "poverty, chastity and obedience," and call it "the Religious Life," they talk Romish heresy, and endanger the spirituality and holiness of the Church.

Who serves God the most completely, he that serves God and dies? or he that serves God, dies, and leaves a son or sons to take up his work after him, on whom his mantle shall fall, who shall be imbued with his self denying spirit, and blessed and guided by his prayers and good example?—H. W. SPALDING, D. D., in *The American Church Times*.

THE BISHOP OF QUINCY ON PREACHING.

In our whole preaching, St. John is the exemplar. "I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father;" with simple trust ye have come to Him, as boys from school, running home and pushing open the door. "I write unto ye, young men, because ye are strong;" I envy the cords of purity and hope you have. In them is your fast hold on the word of God, your victory over the wicked one; "I write to you, fathers, because ye have known Him." That is from the beginning, your experience through all your years has been of mercy and long suffering.

Can I do better, my Brothers, than exhort, be the best of preachers you are able. Use all your powers and talents. Touch every chord of the fellow heart you can reach, be eloquent if that be given you; yet be earnest, be patient, for these belong to you. Do not speak before your sermons that most awful of adjarations, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," and then sink to the un-

consecrated, the self inflated words without the most exalted purpose or Gospel force, the simple filling fifteen minutes of custom or expectation.

Of more weight than the cure of the body or the preservation of the earthly estate, is the salvation you bring to the people of your charge. Your sermon should have dignity. The Testament of which you tell, demanded the descent of the Son of God to earth and His sacrifice at Golgotha. Your sermon should have love, even anxiety. "I have told you often and now tell you weeping." The feast eternal, to which you invite, is of God. The very fatlings of His best creation are ready. Your sermon should be warm and inviting, as of one just risen from the table. "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is." You are standing in the place of Him who breathed on men of like passions with yourselves and sent them forth. Your sermon should have His Spirit. "We are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be you reconciled to God."—*Convention address*

The *Watchman* appears to have some hope that Americans in their second century will take more Sunday rest than they have of late years. It is said to be a fact admitted by railroad managers that Sunday business does not pay. It pretty certainly would not pay if Christian people had a more enlightened and repugnant conscience on the subject. Would they but decline to use Sunday trains for their own pleasure or convenience, diminished profits might be expected to bring to pass what higher considerations fail to effect.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Mr. Harrison, formerly of Falmouth, and family have left for England, and will be gone about six months.

HALIFAX.—We notice from our advertising columns that the Rectorship of the oldest and largest parish (we believe) in the Maritime Provinces will be vacant on the first of September. We mean *St. Paul's*, Halifax. We sincerely hope that a wise choice may be made, on the principle of the office seeking the man, rather than the man the office.

ALTON MINES.—The Garden party at Mount Rundell was a decided success; \$300 clear having been made and enough left over to treat the Sunday school children next day.

STEP CREEK.—A picnic and bazaar was held in the above grounds, in connection with the members of the Church of Middle Melford, in the parish of Port Mulgrave, on July 14th. We are sorry to say that the day turned out to be very wet, but notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, there was a very fair gathering. Amusements of all kinds were provided, together with well spread tables, both of which were freely indulged in. After all expenses were paid it left \$102, which will be devoted towards the building of the new church. We take this opportunity of thanking all those good people who so kindly assisted in providing (unsparingly) the good things which the several tables contained. It is intended (D. V) to have in the near future another entertainment for the same purpose.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement under the head of a 'Request' on page 11. It is important that the official records of every Canadian Diocese should be found in the Church House, London,—and as

we understand that a number of the Reports of the Church Society of the Diocese of Fredericton are wanting, those having any of them will confer a favor and do a real benefit to the Diocese by forwarding the same without delay to Canon Ketchum, St. Andre, N. B.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The occasion of the consecration of St. Luke's Church (the first church ever built in the parish of Southampton) on Wednesday, July 10th, was one of the brightest and most cheering events ever recorded in the history of the parish.

The Bishop Coadjutor arrived early in the morning by train at Millville, where he was met by the incumbent of the parish and drove to Temperance Vale, 6½ miles distant, where the church is built, and in the course of the next few hours hundreds of people were thronging the roads in the same direction. Precisely at 11 a.m. the Bishop and four clergymen (Rev. Canon Neales, R. D., of Woodstock, Rev. Wm. L. B. McKiel, of Bright, Rev. Leo A. Hoyt, of Andover, and Rev. Scovil Neales, of Temperance Vale) were met at the door of the church by a number of the parishioners, and a petition to the Bishop requesting the consecration of the church was read by Jas. K. Pinder, Esq., and the Bishop at once proceeded with the consecration. The church is a very neat ecclesiastical building, beautifully finished and furnished and reflects great credit upon all concerned in it, but especially upon the architect, Jas. H. Pinder, Esq., whose taste and skill as well as good knowledge of church architecture, coupled with his zeal and energy on behalf of the church, have been the chief instrumental means under God of erecting this house to His Holy Name. The consecration service and confirmation (which took place on the evening of that day) were attended by an enormous number of people of all denominations. The church has seating capacity for about 120 whereas at least 500 were present in and outside the building. In the evening two infants were baptized by the priest in charge and the Bishop administered the sacred ordinance of confirmation to 14 candidates. Among the gifts presented to the Church by various friends we may mention a beautiful altar cloth presented by the Church Extension Association of England, the stained glass windows in chancel and nave presented by the children of the late Rev. W. H. Tippet, first missionary at Temperance Vale, a prayer desk presented by Rev. Canon Medley, R. D., of Sussex, an altar desk from Rev. Wm. L. B. McKiel, of Bright, and a font of festoons made and presented by J. Oldham, Esq., of Southampton, this latter gift is a very handsome piece of workmanship, octagonal in form, and beautifully sculptured, each alternate side being a representation of one of the "four living creatures."

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*All Saints.*—The new church to be known as All Saints on Upper St. Denis st., at the corner of Marianne st., was opened last Sunday morning for divine service although the formal opening by the Bishop will not take place until October. The Church is the outcome of a mission started some few years back by Rev. H. J. Evans, City Missionary, and carried on for some time in the dissentient school house at Cote St. Louis, and latterly at the Market Hall of St. Jean Baptiste. The new building, which is capable of seating 200 persons, consists of a nave and small chancel, lighted by lancet windows. It is plain and simple, and of a light and cheerful appearance. Mr. Evans determined not to open the Church until it was paid for, and this by dint of hard work he has been able to accomplish, although there are many things still required to complete the building and its furnishing.

The opening services were well attended. The preacher at morning service was Rev. H. J. Evans, and at evening service Rev. G. O.