

world by Paganism, because of its refusal to make concessions. Thus it is again that I alleged that restiveness under dogma was practically an attempt to pervert Christianity to Paganism.

These same people would, because of the dogmatic character of the Holy Scriptures, because of their dogmatic "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not," seek to lessen our sense of their Divine authority by ranking them simply with other writings speciously acknowledged to be also inspired.

If it be old-fashioned to believe that these sacred testaments are by the hands of men who, especially chosen by God, were inspired by Him as no other men ever were to speak as His oracles, whether they understood or not what they saw and foresaw; that their inspiration differed from that of others not in degree only, but also and absolutely in kind; that the Bible is not to be subjected to the same methods of criticism as are applied to other bibles or books, but to be handled with a reserve and a reverence not belonging to them—then I am content and thankful to be accounted "behind the times."

This old-fashioned view of the Holy Scriptures as a portion of the trust originally committed in an especial way to us is all the more important to maintain when there is such constant and plausible teaching as to what constitutes the nineteenth century's religion, as though each century were to have a religion of its own. This is said to be simply the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. But there is left out an intervening truth without which the other two are well nigh unintelligible, viz., the Sonship of the Incarnate Jesus. For how are we to comprehend the fatherhood of God except as we know it, by the Spirit of God, through the incarnation of His only begotten Son? And how are we to comprehend the brotherhood of man except as through this our elder brother we are made one with Him, and so one with every other man?

Therefore in this threefold complement of truths, essentially and inseparably joined together, we have that harmonious exhibit of religion which comprises in brief the sacred deposit of which we are not so much proprietors as trustees, charged with its transmission in unimpaired integrity from age to age until He who thus honors us in His condescending love shall come to claim His own with usury.

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Bishop held an ordination in St. Paul's church, on Trinity Sunday, when the following deacons were advanced to the priesthood, viz.: Rev. Charles de Wolfe White, grandson of the venerable rector of Shelburne, who is now the oldest living clergyman of the Church of England in this Dominion; Rev. George Howcroft, who has been deacon in charge of the parish of Falmouth and now becomes its rector; and Rev. Nathaniel Irwin Perry, assistant curate of St. Paul's church, Halifax. The sermon was, by the Bishop's request, preached by Rev. Dyson Hague, rector of St. Paul's, and the candidates were presented by the very reverend Dean Gilpin. The Bishop was attended by his chaplain, Rev. F. M. Webster, who carried the pastoral staff, and, with the other priests present, took part in the laying on of hands.

### MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—In Trinity Church, Sunday morning, Bishop Bond ordained eleven candidates as priests, and eight as deacons of the Church of England. This was the largest number ever ordained at one time in this diocese. The service was a most impressive one, and lasted three hours. His Lordship Bishop Bond was assisted by the Revs. Canon Norton, Canon Mills, Canon Anderson, Dr. Baum, of New York, Rural Dean Sanders and E. McManus. The Rev. Canon Norton, D.D., preached an earnest sermon from the words, "Sir, we would see Jesus"—John xii. 21. The speaker was aware that the remarks he made would in time fade away from the memories of those about to be ordained, but he wished them to remember the text of their ordination sermon, and to fancy, when they went into their pulpits, that they heard every soul in the congregation crying out, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Throughout all ages this cry had gone up from those professing various religions. The hearts of the eastern magicians were better than their religion, for, while they gazed into the sky and mumbled meaningless words, they followed the star which appeared and led them to Jesus. The question now asked was: "Where shall we see Him?" Not in the uppermost parts of the earth, not treading the foaming billows of the mighty deep, and not in the crystal skies. He is to be found in the pages of God's most Holy Word, and in the voice, life and character of every true

servant of God. Each Christian, and especially the Minister of Christ, is called upon to be a living revelation of Jesus. If they saw Jesus themselves they could reveal Him unto others. It was within the reach of every one of the class to preach the simple Gospel. The clergyman exhorted them to be content with the dignified and wise ritual of their mother Church; to preach a present Jesus to the needs of His Church; to show humble, loving sympathy with all who believed, whether they belonged to the Church of England or other denominations; to eschew professional jealousy and to live consistent Christian lives themselves. Then would their labors be rewarded with the success for which they longed. After the sermon the Communion service was begun, and it included the form of ordination of priests and deacons. The candidates for ordination as deacons were: Messrs. F. A. Pratt, B.A.; James Thompson, B.A.; A. E. Mount, A. C. Asch, A. Wilson, R. Emmett, William Stocker, and H. O. Loiselle. They were ordained first. The Rev. Canon Mills acted as chaplain, and presented the candidates to His Lordship. The following candidates were presented for ordination as priests: The Revs. E. I. Rexford, B.A.; Jas. A. Elliott, B.A.; John R. Strong, J. A. Lackey, T. W. Ball, B.A., R. C. Brewer, C. G. Rollit, Charles Wright, W. J. M. Waterson, and B. S. T. Marriott. The Rev. J. H. Bell, who had prepared for ordination, was unable to be present owing to the illness of his wife. The rite of Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, and the ordination of the candidates as priests and deacons was finished. Many of them officiated in various churches in the city in the evening.

MONTREAL, May 24.—It gives your correspondent much pleasure to chronicle the promotion of Rev. W. H. Naylor, M.A., to the archdeaconry of Clarendon, and the Rev. F. R. Smith to succeed him as rural dean.

### TORONTO.

The Columbus branch of the Women's Auxiliary begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$5.50 during the month of April, in response to its special appeal by circular letter. M. F. HARRIS, Secretary

### NIAGARA.

NIAGARA.—A meeting of the churchwardens and lay delegates was called by the Bishop, when the Rev. John C. Garrett, who has been curate of the parish during the last five years, was appointed rector.

GUELPH.—St. James'.—Miss Kate Reynolds has retired from the position of organist, which she so efficiently filled for the past year, and Miss Saunders resumes her old post. We regret the departure of the one, while welcoming the other. The sewing school, which has been doing a good work all winter, was closed for the summer on Saturday, May 12th, when prizes were distributed.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada is to have a "Brotherhood Sunday." The day fixed is June 3rd. The members will attend the Holy Communion together on that day. Our chapter will attend the 8 o'clock service on June 3rd, and hold its Brotherhood service on the evening of Sunday, June 13th. The chapters of Hespeler, Preston and Galt are invited to attend.

BURLINGTON.—St. Luke's Church.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara administered confirmation in this church on Sunday, April 29th. Eighteen were confirmed, five of them heads of families who had been brought up in other communions. All received their first communion at the hands of the Bishop. The very large congregation present highly appreciated the Bishop's address.

GUELPH.—St. George's Church still maintains a noble interest in Sunday school work. Most of its teachers hold certificates of honour from the Church of England Sunday School Institute, obtained by examinations. At another examination recently held there, four more of the teachers competed, having been prepared by the Archdeacon. The answers have been sent to England, and the result will be made known in due time through Canon Belt, local secretary.

DUNDAS.—St. James' Church.—A memorial service for the late Archdeacon McMurray, who was for nearly 20 years rector of Ancaster and Dundas, was held in this church on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at half past 3 p.m. The curate in charge, Rev. E. A. Irving, arranged the service, which was joined in by five other clergymen, Revs. Messrs. Fessenden, Geoghegan, Wooton, and Bennetts—Canon Belt, assistant to Dr. McMurray here, 44 years ago, preaching a suitable sermon.

### HURON.

LONDON.—St. John the Evangelist.—The Juvenile Branch of the W. A. M. A. held their closing meeting of the season in the school house on the afternoon of May 18th. The winter's work was on exhibition during the afternoon, and visited by a number of members of the congregation, and the opinion was freely expressed that great credit was due to the children for the amount of work done, and for the class of useful articles produced, which consisted of 10 heavy patchwork quilts, a number of scarfs, dresses, children's coats, underclothes, and many other articles. These branches, composed of the children of the Church, are inculcating an excellent missionary spirit. The young people were entertained with an afternoon tea with games, etc. The whole affair was a most satisfactory conclusion of the winter's work. The two bales will be forwarded at once to one of the missions in Algoma.

The Bishop of Huron has ordained the following clergymen: Rev. Geo. A. Robinson, to be curate at New St. Paul's, Woodstock; Rev. J. A. Tancock, to be curate at Brantford; Rev. R. J. Freeborn, to be incumbent of Blenheim; Rev. Mr. Sherwood and Rev. Mr. Amitage, who will remain at the college in London.

### ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING.—The Rev. W. A. J. Burt begs to acknowledge with thanks the following sums in response to his appeal for assistance in lessening the debt on St. John's Church, Beaumaris, Muskoka:—H. Pellatt, Esq., Toronto, \$10; Jas. Humphrey, Esq., Scarboro', \$5; Mrs. McGill, Oakville, \$10; J. G. Y. Burkholder, Esq., Hamilton, \$2; Thos. Pearce, Esq., Berlin, \$1; The Bishop of Algoma sent \$50 since the appeal; our concert on 17th May realized \$50, thus the sum total amounts to \$128. The debt was \$300. We hope to raise \$150 in the tourist season for this object, leaving \$22 to be raised otherwise. Will some of those kind people who read the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN help us in this matter. Twenty-two people, one dollar each, and the debt will be a thing of the past. All monies should be sent to the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, Port Carling.

### RUPERT'S LAND.

SOURIS.—The Rev. F. C. O'Meara is in charge of this parish for the present.

WINNIPEG.—The Synod will meet in Winnipeg June 27th. It will be opened by Divine service in Holy Trinity church at 10 a.m. The service will consist of the shortened form of Morning Prayer, the address of the Archbishop to the Synod, and the administration of Holy Communion; the offertory will be for Home Mission Fund.

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

TRENANT.—All Saints'.—At the vestry meeting of this church the reports showed everything to be in a satisfactory condition, sufficient funds having been raised for the purchase of a new organ. Also, a resolution was passed to order a thirty-four inch Blymyer church bell at a cost of \$135.

VANCOUVER.—St. Paul's.—The Rector, Rev. Mr. Llewelling, has accepted the incumbency of Kamloops.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—St. Barnabas.—A new altar rail was placed in the chancel at Easter, in memory of George Nash, and is much admired.

### BRIEF MENTION.

The highest peak of the Rocky Mountains is Mount Brown, in British America—15,900 feet.

The Portuguese province of Angola has the two best harbours on the west coast of Africa.

The smallest bird is an East Indian hummingbird. It is a little larger than the common house fly.

In France the doctor's claim on the estate of a deceased patient has precedence over all others.

In Eastern New Mexico 600,000 acres of arid ground have been turned into farms through irrigation.

Rev. Arthur Baldwin, of Toronto, preached anniversary sermons in Trinity Church, St. Thomas, on Sunday, May 20th.

A great transatlantic steamship company, with a capital of \$20,000,000, is being formed at St. Petersburg, to trade between Black Sea ports and the United States.

Princess Clementine, favourite daughter of King Leopold, of Belgium, is about to take the veil. She is said to believe that there is a curse upon her family, and hopes to avert it by devoting her life to religion.

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