

Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

THE GARDEN IN AUTUMN.

The garden looks a little ragged now.
The brown-eyed Susans all have
gone to seed,
Among the roses there is many a
weed
And old and tired the phloxes sag and
bow;
The dahlias bloom as if they knew,
somehow,
The killing frost is coming on full-
speed.
But here and there a plant is brave
indeed,
'Twill die, but with a blossom on its
brow!

Plants are so gracefully, as if they'd
saved
A little of their strength for that
last hour
When the chill blast of winter must
be braved.

To meet the grim all-conquer in
flower!
Even the daisy, as it meets its doom,
Spends its last bit of strength to pass
in bloom.

The Archbishop
Complains About
Bad Preaching

AND SO DO OTHERS.
"If Something Better is Desired It
Must be Paid For," Says One
Critic.

"I have no doubt at all that the
average preaching to-day is less
thoughtful, less painstaking than it
was in our fathers' days. And for
mending the lack we need more mid-
night oil, or, what is better, more
forenoon hours with closed doors,
steady, if miscellaneous, study, and big
notebooks. With all my soul I would
urge upon those whose ministry is
still young and plastic that they
should turn not thoughts only but
efforts that way."

"When we speak to-day we have to
speak to those who have been taught
to think, and who, as certainly as any
generation which ever lived, are ready
to listen whole-heartedly to the man
who stands there, not because he has
to say something but because he has
something to say."—The Archbishop
of Canterbury.

There may not be much prospect of
union, but the heads of the Church-
as seem to be united as to the serious
character of the problem of our half-
filled Churches. Early October is al-
ways a miniature "May Meeting" sea-
son, as the Church Congress and the
Autumnal Assembly of the Congrega-
tional Union prove. The Archbishop
of Canterbury urged the clergy to de-
vote more time for preaching, while
Dr. J. D. Jones, at Bournemouth,
pressed the necessity for the Churches
to gain recruits by "conquest," as will
be seen below.

Naturally the subject of preaching
good or bad sermons has captured the
interest of the leader writers and
newspaper correspondents. The Coun-
ties of Oxford in the Sunday Times
boldly says, concerning the extract
from the Archbishop's address quoted
above:—

"I rather doubt if what our much-
loved Archbishop said in his opening
address at Bournemouth would improve
the average sermon. It is not mid-
night oil, closed doors, or big note-
books so much as intellectual mater-
ial that he wanted, and for this you
need education and a living wage to
enable young men to enlist in the mi-
nistry of the Church."

"I never understand why the clergy
should be expected to preach a good
sermon, not only once but often twice
every Sunday, and why if this is so
they do not, quote from some of the
great sermons which have been print-
ed. Men like Robertson, Magee, and
Liddon have published sermons which,
if read now and then, would double the
congregation in many of the Churches
in these islands."

"The preacher who would make a
mark on his times must keep abreast
of them—not, of course, in the sense
of running after every current fashion
or fad of speculation, but in the sense
of knowing where the great mass of
fairly intelligent people stand, how
much he may assume they know, at
what points he may expect their
moral or spiritual difficulties to be-
gin," asserts the Manchester Guardian
while "Optimus" (the nom de plume of
a well-known preacher), in the West-
minster Gazette, says:—

"The Archbishop's advice to the
clergy either to burn more midnight
oil or to keep their study doors more
lightly shut in the morning was a
good home thrust. The clergy are too
apt to regard the sermon as something
to be got through at the least cost in
preparation. At the same time, people
to-day do not want sermons that are
academic and bookish."

"They want a message for real
life, not a learned disquisition on sub-
jects of abstract interest. Too much
time and too many words have been
spent on God's Word to Israel centu-
ries ago, and far too little on God's
Word to this age."

"The day of the polite essay from
the pulpit has vanished, but while a
man must study hard to be able to
face an intelligent congregation, it
remains true that the secret of effec-
tive preaching lies in personality.
Great preaching is the personalising
of religion, the transmission of faith
and hope from one heart to another."

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not merely the communication of
information derived from books.
"There will always be a place
preaching of that kind, and its func-
has not become more limited
this age. The Archbishop has done
great service, not only to his
Church but to all Churches, in re-
phasising its place in the ministry
the Church to the world."

"The preacher's task to-day is
mitted very difficult," says the Times.
"The rising tide of education has
pletely changed the relative position
person and people. He is no longer
above their intellectual level. He has
hard work to keep up with it."

"It is not surprising that, in order
to avoid making mistakes which
at once be apparent to those who
in front of him, he should be com-
to seek the path of safety in platitudes
or in emphatic assertion of what
supposes the Church to teach."

"The Archbishop urges steady
miscellaneous study and forenoon
spent among books. These things are
highly desirable. But it should not
be forgotten that the men of whom
are asking the equipment of a Jow-
or a Liddon have but little oppor-
tunity of obtaining it, either during the
preparation for their ministry or when
they are exercising it. Their course
of training is often meagre, their ac-
cess to books cruelly hampered by
lack of means."

"The search for religious truth
that is acquiring a new force as the
inadequacy of merely political schemes
to enrich the life of man is more clearly
perceived, breeds impatience with
ill-digested and ill-delivered discourses.
es. But if something better is desired,
it must be paid for."—Public Opinion.

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of Nova Scotia

AND THREE OTHERS MADE
JUDGES.

OTTAWA, Oct. 30—(C.P.)—Official
announcement is made of appoint-
ments by the Government to four
judicial vacancies in the Province of
Nova Scotia.

W. F. Carroll, Sydney, is appointed
Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court
of Nova Scotia.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Yarmouth,
is appointed County Judge of the
Counties of Lunenburg, Queens and
Shelburne.

Walter Crowe, K.C., is appointed
County Court Judge of the Counties
of Cape Breton, Victoria and Rich-
mond.

L. H. Martell, K.C., Windsor, is ap-
pointed County Court Judge of the
Counties of Kings, Hants and Col-
chester.

All Appointments Approved.

All appointments are fully approved
and on October 28.

The new Justice of the Supreme
Court of Nova Scotia, W. F. Carroll,
was first returned to the House of
Commons as Liberal member for
Cape Breton South and Richmond
in 1915. He enlisted as a private for
overseas service in May, 1916, being the
first member of the Federal Parlia-
ment to do so. In the general elec-
tions of 1921, Mr. Carroll was re-elected
to Parliament and sat in the House
of Commons.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong is a former
Premier of Nova Scotia. Hon. Mr.
Armstrong was elected to the House
of Assembly of his Province for Yar-
mouth, on June 20, 1906. He was re-
elected for that riding in the Provin-
cial elections in 1911 and 1916. In
1920, he was elected for Shelburne,
after being defeated in Yarmouth.

Hon. Mr. Armstrong was appointed a
member of the Executive Council and
Minister of Public Works of Nova
Scotia on July 18, 1911. Upon the re-
signation of Hon. G. H. Murray, on
January 24, 1923, he became Premier
and Minister of Public Works and
 Mines until the defeat of his Govern-
ment several months ago.

The newly appointed County Court
Judge of Kings, Hants and Colches-
ter, L. H. Martell, was first elected
to the House of Commons as Liberal
member for Hants, at the general
elections in 1921.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 27.—In
consequence of the low price United
States buyers are paying for bananas,
a deputation has asked the govern-
ment to seek a subsidy from the
British authorities for an independent
line of steamers between Jamaica and
England. A new fruit company, it is
stated, is being formed in London, and
planters throughout the country are
showing much interest in the pro-
posed organization.