

CALGARY.

BY REV. CYPRIAN PINKHAM, D.D., BISHOP, CALGARY.

Livingstone, N.W.T. St. Martin's—Will any of the readers of this supply to our little mission church in this far-away corner of the Church's world, a few Prayer Books and Hymn Books, for use in public worship? As readers of The Canadian Churchman are already aware, this little log church was built last year, through the efforts of the Church people, and others friendly disposed, and made ready for services free of debt, or any incumbrance whatever, but the internal adornment of walls and furniture, by suitable texts and banners, etc., together with hangings for prayer desk, lectern and communion table, has been dependent upon the gratuity and brotherly kindness of Churchmen and Churchwomen of our more favoured parishes in Eastern Canada. Local talent has provided us with necessary furniture, saving a suitable font. Would any who love to see the sacrament of baptism properly and decently administered, give us a Jubilee offering of one, to receive the little ones of Christ's flock into covenant with God? It need be but a small one, that might rest on a table, and need not be very expensive. The incumbent, Rev. H. Handorp Smith, Pincher Creek, Alberta, will be glad to receive any of the above mentioned wants, together with either of the undermentioned, viz.: 20 yards of ecclesiastical carpet for the sanctuary, 10 yards of cocoa matting for the aisle. Any of these gifts might be suitably given as a Jubilee offering.

SASKATCHEWAN.

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Battleford.—St. George's.—The communion vessels hitherto used here were a set borrowed from the C.M.S. Lately subscriptions were voluntarily given by the congregation to provide altar linen and communion plate for the church, and on Sunday, July 4th, before the morning celebration, these were solemnly dedicated to the service of God's altar, a large number of communicants being present. The church has also been recently painted and the roof repaired. Things were thus in good order for the visit of the Bishop of Athabasca, which took place lately. Arrangements were made for his presence at the Industrial school on Sunday, so he was unable to visit the parish church until Monday evening. Notwithstanding this, a good congregation assembled to hear and meet with his Lordship. The choir, composed entirely of men, were all present, and a hearty and reverent service followed. His Lordship preached from I. Timothy ii. 3-6. After the service, many of the congregation remained, and were introduced to the Bishop. Efforts are now being made to erect a fence around the church lots, while the ladies of St. George's Guild are working for funds to build a parsonage. Thus we are not without evidences that God is with us, inspiring us to self-denial and effort for the cause of His religion.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Rev. Dr. Walters, of New Orleans, is spending his summer vacation in Orillia.

Twenty million dollars were contributed in London during the last year for the charities of the metropolis.

Siberia has a forest extending 3,000 miles from east to west and 1,000 miles from north to south.

An absolutely fireproof chimney, fifty feet high, was erected in London during the year 1896.

In 1868 the number of Bibles printed in England was 81,157; in 1896 there were 3,970,439 copies published.

It is not generally known that the tomb of Mohammed is decorated with precious stones, diamonds and rubies of the value of \$10,000,000. The English church at Camden East is sixty years old, and is not so fortunate as the Queen, for it is to be condemned. A brick edifice, after the style of the beautiful Yarker church, will be erected this fall.

high, has been built of paper in Breslau. It is the only one of the kind.

Mrs. Langtry possesses a dressing bag which is perhaps the costliest of its kind. It is adorned with gold and jewelled fittings, and cost \$7,500.

The Irish Bishopric of Meath carries a revenue of £2,500 a year. The richest of the Irish sees is Limerick, where Dr. Graves receives £3,015 a year. The poorest is Cashel, where the income is £1,125.

In his special report to the Pope on the growth of Catholicism in England, Mgr. Sambucette attributes the decline of Methodism to transfer of membership in that body to membership in the Church of Rome.

The bleeding heart has its popular name from the shape of the flower and the peculiar position of its seed, which seems like a drop of blood depending from the point.

In Jewish marriages the woman is always placed to the right of her mate. With almost every other nation of the world, her place in the ceremony is to the left.

One of our greatest statesmen once said: "A man must be very learned, must have acquired a vast amount of knowledge, before he is able to comprehend the amazing amount of his own ignorance."

The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Ryle, has just celebrated his 81st birthday. He is now the oldest English prelate, and, notwithstanding his advanced age, is actively employed in the discharge of his duties.

It is said that Australian shepherds can foretell the weather from the condition of the wool on the backs of their sheep. An increase in the curliness indicates better weather.

In Belgium a railway carriage has been fitted up as a hospital. It contains twenty-four beds with wire springs, and a complete outfit of medical and surgical appliances.

Sixty years ago Joseph Gillott was a working jeweller in Birmingham, England. One day he accidentally split one of his fine steel tools, and, being suddenly called on to sign a receipt, and not finding a pen handy, he used the split tool as a substitute. This led to making pens of metal.

In addition to the Red Cross and the White Cross, there has just been established in Vienna a new order to be known as the Green Cross. Its object is to give succour to Alpine climbers and excursionists in mountain regions. It originated in the Austrian Alpine Club.

The really great American tree of to-day is the big tree at Tule, Mexico, in the State of Oaxaca. That tree, cypress, still in full vigour and active growth, is 154 feet in circumference.

Sister Dora, of Wallsall, England, gave up her life to nursing sick people. At the head of her bed a bell was fixed by which sufferers could summon her at any hour of the night. As she rose at the sound of the signal she used to murmur these words: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N.B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Sir.—Being in Toronto in the early part of July, Mr. T. R. Clougher kindly asked me to visit the Brotherhood cottage at Balmy Beach, Lake Ontario, and to dine with the men in residence there. Accordingly, on Thursday evening, 8th July, I took a King street car and journeyed eastward until Waverly road was reached. Here two others and I left the car and wended our way to the cottage.

Arrived there we received a Brotherhood (and therefore hearty) greeting from Ferrar Davidson, T. R. Clougher, C. Heath and others. After an excellent dinner had been done justice to by some 20 or 25 of us, Mr. Davidson and I were committed to the care of two of the younger men, who rowed us for some time on the lake. The day had been extremely hot, and it was so restful to be on the quiet waters of Ontario in the cool and calm of the evening. Upon our return we found a number of other men had arrived for the local assembly meeting. A brief service was held by Rev. Mr. Shortt, of St. Thomas' church, upon the verandah of the cottage, followed by reports of the work being done on Sunday afternoons upon Hanlan's Island in Toronto Bay, and on one of the wharves of the city. These reports, modestly given by two of the men having the work in charge, were hopeful and encouraging, and the work will be continued and will probably be extended to another wharf, and to Victoria Park, the proprietor of which, Mr. Davies, has asked for a Sunday service. After the reports had been disposed of, Mr. Carleton, some time of Trinity University, Toronto, now of Brasenose College, Oxford, England, gave an excellent report upon the state of the work in England. Exactly two weeks before he had attended the first annual English conference at the Church House, London, presided over by the Archbishop of York, at which papers were read by Major Mayne, formerly of Kingston, and by Mr. Carleton. He also gave us the gratifying news that Mr. Spottiswoode, the president of the Brotherhood in England, hopes to be able to attend the Buffalo Convention, in October. After Mr. Carleton had concluded, I was asked to speak of the impressions created by hearing his report, and was able to say that it made one most hopeful on the success of the Brotherhood work in England. Our friends there hasten slowly, but when once convinced that a work is really in the right direction there is a steady forward movement. Before we broke up a bonfire was lighted on the lake shore, and the men gathered around it, when brief addresses were made. Then we were duly dismissed, and after a hearty good-night to our hosts, those of us who were going citywards wended our way thither, some on bicycles, and some on the electric cars. And what were the impressions made upon me as a visiting Brotherhood man? The plan of having a cottage on the lake shore to which Brotherhood men and others can go in summer weather and enjoy the advantage of association with one another as inmates of a common house, and at the same time enjoy the bathing, boating and refreshing breezes, is a most excellent one. It was a delight to hear many young Churchmen stand up and speak of the work for our Lord and His Church, in which they are engaged. No boasting, no cant, no presumption, but a modest report of good and faithful work being done, the fruits of which may not be known here, but shall be known hereafter. It shamed me to think of my own luke-warmness in the work. May the result be to inspire Brotherhood men to work, each one as he has power; opportunity of some kind we all have, and may the work at Toronto be blessed and be a blessing.

HERBERT S. McDONALD.

Brockville, Canada, July 1st.

Family Reading.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

The Traveller's Psalm.

Do you know that one of the Psalms is called "the Traveller's Psalm?" When you are going to take a journey, when you go by the railroad or sea, I advise you to think of the Traveller's Psalm—the one hundred and twenty-first. It is beautiful, all about taking a journey. If any visitor were leaving your house, and you have family prayers before they went away in the morning, you should read this psalm; or, if any friends of yours are going to take a journey, give them or read to them this psalm.