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Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situate. Entry by proxy may however be made at any Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. He may also do so by living with father or mother, on certain conditions. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

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St. Matthew's, Houma, La., has received a beautiful chalice and paten. The sacred vessels are of silver, plated with gold. The gifts are from the congregation and were constructed from jewelry donated by the members for that purpose.

The Hon. Mrs. Maclagan, who was always foremost in any work amongst women and girls, is much beloved throughout Yorkshire. Prior to leaving Bishopthorpe Palace, she was presented by the members of the York Diocesan Council of the Girls' Friendly Society with two beautiful albums containing photographs of every parish in the diocese in which there is a branch of the G. F. S. Recently also Mrs. Maclagan was presented with a diamond brooch by the women of the Northern Province. The Marchioness of Zetland made the presentation.

The Bishop of Kingston lately dedicated a rector's stall which has been placed in the parish church, Clapham, as a memorial to the late incumbent, Canon C. P. Greene, who died a year ago. A more substantial memorial is to be a new church, which is to be erected on a site which was bequeathed for the purpose by the late rector in a thickly populated district to the south of Clapham Common.

The contributions towards the Dean Randall memorial at All Saints', Clifton, Bristol, now total £1,241 10s. It is expected the opening will take place in February. The members of the family of the late Mrs. Ramsay Brush have expressed their desire to give one of the win-

dows in the narthex. It will consist of the figures of Dr. King, Bishop of Lincoln, with Canon Body on his right, and Canon Newbolt on his left.

A handsome silver chalice and paten has been presented to the Cathedral at Derry, by Mr. Blair Smith. In shape they are exact copies of the old vessels presented by the Hon. the Irish Society in 1612, and which have recently been re-gilt by Sir P. Savory. When Mr. Smith learnt that, owing to their great value and historical interest, the old vessels were only to be used occasionally, he most generously offered to provide new ones, which offer the rector and select vestry gratefully accepted. This is the second chalice Mr. Smith has presented to the Cathedral. The new vessels were used for the first time on Christmas Day.

A quiet, unassuming, yet notwithstanding one of the most forcible men in the Church is the Bishop of Ripon, who took a prominent part in the Church Congress. As everyone knows the Bishop's name is William Boyd Carpenter—the latter of which is capable of a very merry conversation. The story is told how, before being appointed to the See of Ripon, he once married a young couple with the assurance that he was not only a Carpenter but a Joiner. On another occasion he was about to lay the foundation stone of a new vicarage. The architect handed him a trowel, etc., inviting him to become "an operative mason for a few moments." "I would rather remain a working Carpenter," was the witty reply.

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