

and sorrow which intervened between the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Blessed Lord, but the Church wisely connected the Sorrow of the Passion with the sorrow for the sins which rendered the Crucifixion necessary, and so in this way the fast which may have been productive of emotional sorrow only, was converted into a period of productive self-discipline, which should serve as a preparation for the reception of our Easter Communion.

The forty days of our Lord's temptation were spent in fasting, and we may be sure in earnest prayer as well; and those who would be like Him must spend their Lent in fasting and prayer too. By setting apart this season, the Church affords us a means of discipline, enabling us by God's grace to serve Him better and love Him more. In order to do this our discipline should be systematical. Make some simple plan for your soul's health during Lent and observe that rule closely, remembering that simple rules kept faithfully are better than elaborate ones carelessly kept. During Lent 'pray more,' and more earnestly. 'Deny yourself something.' Any act of self-denial is of the nature of fasting. Rising earlier in the mornings will go far towards giving you power over the body. Do little acts of kindness to your neighbours, especially towards those with whom you have acted otherwise in the past; give more in charity of that which you have hitherto spent upon yourself; 'watch against your besetting sin.'

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED
BY SYNOD TO EXAMINE INTO THE
CONDITION OF THE BISHOPRIC
ENDOWMENT FUND.

TO THE RIGHT REV. JOHN DART, Bishop of
New Westminster :

May it please your Lordship :

We, the Committee appointed by your Lordship to examine into and advise your Lordship upon the state of the Fund for providing a Bishop's stipend for the Diocese of New Westminster, beg leave to report as follows :

1. There would seem to have been provided from several sources for this fund a capital sum of about \$46,557.79; of this amount, \$18,166 would appear to have come through the S. P. G. in F. P. and \$28,391.79 from the Col. B. F. But the whole amount has been invested in the name of the S. P. G. in F. P. as Trustee for the Bishop for the time being.

2. Of this amount, \$25,000 are out on mortgages nominally at 8 and 10 per cent interest per annum, and \$21,557.79 are invested in real estate.

3. On the list of real estate, the See House in New Westminster is placed as an item of \$18149.08. Of this amount, only \$4071.78 were paid out of the fund, the balance of \$14077.30 being made up by a mortgage on the property of \$3590 and by \$557.30 taken from the income and paid on account of the principal in the purchase of the See House.

Here follow three sections of detailed statement which we have not room to print :

7. The Committee have gone carefully through the accounts and made exhaustive enquiries as to the value of the various securities upon which the trust funds are invested and the fixed charges thereon, such as taxes, insurance premiums, interest, &c., and are of opinion that for one year, at least, no income at all can be derived from the fund towards paying the Bishop's stipend. The Committee are also of opinion that of the advances made on the mortgages perhaps two or three of the smaller amounts may be realized in full but as to the remainder and larger amounts only portions of these can ever be recovered, and some will be lost entirely, the properties being sold for taxes and the Mortgagors personally being unable to pay anything.

8. Under these circumstances this Committee would advise His Lordship the Bishop to bring the matter to the notice of the Trustee Society, with an intimation that unless and until the depleted Trust Funds are restored in some way, so as to provide his stipend, it will be impossible for any Bishop to live and carry out the Church's work in the Diocese of New Westminster.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
New Westminster, Jan. 15th., 1897.

VANCOUVER. S. PAUL'S.

"In Memoriam."

Arthur William Black.

Ob. Feb. 12, 1897, *Æ.* 35 years.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. A. W. Black, Churchwarden of S. Paul's Church, Lay Delegate to the Synod, and member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese. A willing worker for the Church in which he worshipped and for the Diocese at large, his loss will be felt by all who knew him and worked with him. In failing health for many months, and at times in great suffering, he was always patient and uncomplaining, and passed away in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality in the morning of the resurrection.

A special Memorial Communion Service was held in S. Paul's Church on Monday, Feb. 15th.,—the day when his mortal remains were laid to rest at Ottawa—and was attended by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and many of his old friends, in addition to the members of S. Paul's Congregation.

"REQUIESCAT IN PACE: RESURGAT IN VITAM
ETERNAM."