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Were you among them?
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As our financial year closes the end of this month we will appreciate a hearty response from our subscribers to notices sent to subscribers who are still in arrears.

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CLERICAL POVERTY IN ENGLAND.

Pride is a splendid thing in a poor man, and its tragedy is told in a new book entitled, "Clerical Incomes," written dispassionately by eleven diocesan contributors, and edited with an introduction by Canon J. H. B. Masterman.

How much of bravery is there in the four simple words, "I have no debts," penned by a clergyman in a letter to the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation! Here is his letter in full:—

"May I respectfully apply for a grant of clothing for my wife and self? I had hoped to wait until I get a bonus, but neither of us is really able to go out decently. I would not apply if I could help it, but I am driven to do so. I am bound in this hot weather to wear my overcoat in Sunday School to cover my rags. I have no debts."

In his summing up, Canon Masterman says: "A considerable number of the clergy are drifting rapidly towards actual destitution. In some dioceses emergency funds have been raised to assist the most pressing cases of need, but a much larger immediate effort is required."

One of the contributors is the Bishop of Lichfield, and he says: "At present there are clergy who are obliged to live, not simply, but sordidly, without the possibility of reaching the modest standard of comfort which the humblest wage-earners are rightly claiming."

The Bishop of Colchester refers to the case of a Vicar, with seven children, all of school age, and a stipend of \$600, and "he had no private means, so it was more pathetic than surprising to hear that the family dinner on Christmas Day consisted of a piece of bacon."

Rev. G. N. Whittingham, Vicar of St. Silas's, Kentish Town, gives, in his parish magazine, details of his income since he took Holy Orders.

"In two curacies," he writes, "I received \$500; in my first living, \$450 (when I got it) and a white elephant of a house; in the second, where I had to pay a retiring pension to a former Vicar, I received \$600 and a house."

"As a Mission Priest in Birmingham I was paid \$320 and no house, and for my first nine years here \$750 and no house. Now I am passing rich on a living, the net value of which is about \$1,250 and house."

DR. JOWETT IN DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

Preaching at Durham Cathedral on February 15th, Dr. Jowett chose as his text Col. 1:24, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in My flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church."

"There is nothing needed to perfect the work of Christ," said the preacher. "There is no deficit, no adverse balance in His account. It is impossible to bring anything to Calvary and enrich it, but a man can take up his own cross and surrender his own life and strength to the glorifying of the Cross. Wherever we touch the life of Christ, we touch the spirit of sacrifice. There is a red thread running through it from end to end. Break it where you will, you could find the crimson streak. In Christ's life there is an unflinching continuance of sacrificial passion. The apostles also had this crimson line

running through their lives; everywhere they went carrying the Evangel, they carried their own sufferings. Can we find the crimson streak in the Church's life to-day? War is not necessarily an ennobling experience, even though it is waged in a sacred cause. Some men have come back from the Front with their religious faith shattered; others have come back with their faces shining radiantly with a "light that never was on land or sea."

The Church Must Wrestle.

Social and industrial adjustments have been enacted, astounding changes have taken place in the status of labour, the standard of comfort and labour's seizure and possession of power. Great changes on every side, and yet there might be among the masses of the people a terrible moral apathy. The Church must agonize and wrestle with God as the patriarch of old did with the angel. She must labour and wrestle and agonize to preserve her own moral and spiritual sensitiveness. "Agonize" is not a popular word to-day; "re-organize" seems to be more popular. Nothing must supplant the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and it must be the Apostolic Gospel. Nothing else can meet the stern realities of our time. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." There is enough in that. There is no necessity of our time which is not met by that Gospel. In concluding, the speaker pleaded for a Church willing to bleed, and even while she bled, to sing. A praising Church, and a Church that really believed in suffering and service for her Lord, would provide the atmosphere and spirit in which all her greatest problems would be solved.

Bishop Weldon described the service afterward as "the greatest thing I have ever seen."

The congregation in the Cathedral at Evening Prayer numbered over 7,000. The aisles were densely crowded. An hour before the time every seat was occupied. People were clustered at the base of every pillar.

On the invitation of the Mayor, the Corporation and other public bodies accompanied him in procession to the Cathedral, where they were met at the north door by the Dean and Dr. Jowett. The President of the Durham Free Church Council (the Rev. J. S. Nightingale) accompanied the Mayor's Chaplain in the procession. Dr. Jowett wore a Geneva gown and an Edinburgh hood.

As Dr. Jowett announced his text, the Vicar of an adjoining parish rose in his seat, and, walking up the aisle, shouted out: "I, Philip Thomas Casey, Vicar of Wheatley Hill, protest—" (the rest of the sentence lost in noise). The interrupter is understood to be an ex-Baptist minister.

In the House of Commons, Westminster, recently, the Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, was asked whether, in drafting the final peace terms, the Supreme Council would take steps to prevent "the further misuse" as a mosque of the Church of St. Sophia at Constantinople, and restore it to the use for which it was built as one of the great shrines of Christendom. Mr. Lloyd George replied that the Allies, as at present advised, do not contemplate any change in this matter.

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DEATH

MURPHY—On Tuesday morning, March 16, 1920, at All Saints' Rectory, 114 Pembroke Street, Toronto, Jean Barton, youngest daughter of the Rev. T. W. and Mrs. Murphy, aged one year and eleven months. Funeral private.

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