

Cathedral, referred to the "hopeless misgovernment of the West under the Roman Empire" at the time of our Lord's crucifixion. Mr. Norton has been represented as speaking of modern Canadian matters and the Northwest "denouncing the misgovernment of the North-West!" The Reverend gentleman never in his life alluded to any question of party politics from the pulpit; and on the occasion referred to, his thoughts and words were occupied with a remote age and country.

THE CATHEDRAL TROUBLES.—The feeling between the two parties at Christ Church Cathedral is intensely bitter, and does not seem to be growing any less after what occurred at the vestry meeting on Monday evening. The opposition party state that they will endeavor to have the vote taken on Monday annulled, and a meeting was held this morning at the office of a leading member of the bar, to see if it were possible to protest against and nullify the votes of the ten choristers, by whom alone it is said the election was carried. The other side, who favor the rector, state that they are perfectly satisfied with the result, and that they rely upon the common sense of their opponents to let bygones be bygones.

After the parade of the Prince of Wales Rifles on the occasion of the commencement of their annual drill, the regiment was formed into a hollow square, when the chaplain of the corps, Bishop Bond, addressed the men. His Lordship said that though present as a chaplain he hated war—which was worse than pestilence and famine, as it generally breeds both. War, however, was sometimes a necessary evil. It was sometimes better to have war, than peace without honour, or where liberty was in danger. No doubt the old saying was true: "Insure peace by being prepared for war." God Almighty avert from us the horrors of war! Should the Prince of Wales' Rifles be called out to take part in the present troubles, they should maintain confidence in each other and in their officers in particular. The officers in turn must look to the men for their confidence. If the battalion was called out they should be properly equipped before leaving for service. The speaker had seen a battalion leave Bonaventure depot on a previous occasion lacking actual necessities, and as a result a number of invalids had to be sent home the following day. Such a state of affairs was undoubtedly due to carelessness on the part of the officers. If the Prince of Wales' went out at the call of the Government, Bishop Bond supposed he would have to go too, though he was an old man. However, a younger man the Rev. J. A. Newham, of the Cathedral, had volunteered for the duty in case of an emergency. After mentioning the necessity for strict temperance in case of a campaign, his Lordship concluded: "God bless you all, for time and eternity, in body and in soul."

Dean Carmichael, the assistant chaplain, next addressed the regiment, saying that all eyes were now on the militia of Canada. The Prince of Wales' Rifles never stood in a more responsible position than they did at present. They might be called upon at any time to protect their countrymen and countrywomen. Every man in the battalion now practically stood in the shoes of the old veterans of the Prince of Wales' Rifles and should strive to maintain its dignity and name.

At the conclusion of the speeches the men gave the speakers three cheers and a tiger.

RELIABLE (?) REPORTS.—*Catholicus* writes: "A Church paper, of April 8th, under the heading 'Easter Sunday in Montreal,' the following notice of the services held at one of our principal churches appears:—

St. John the Evangelist.—At this church there were, besides the usual services, several extra celebrations of the Holy Communion. At the morning service Rev. Edmund Wood, M.A., rector, preached a most appropriate and eloquent sermon. At all the services the music was very fine, as is always the case at this church on festival occasions. At evensong, Gounod's Messe Solennelle and Dr. Amie's Evensong in A and Burnett's in F were chosen, and were well rendered."

Had the Rev. Mr. Wood preached, his sermon would undoubtedly have been, as they always are, "most appropriate and eloquent," but, unfortunately for the correctness of the paper, the rector did not preach at all on Easter Day, the sermon in the morning by the Rev. Dr. Wright, and that in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Kittson. Gounod's Messe Solennelle was "certainly" well rendered," but it was of course sung at the communion service in the morning and not at evensong.

No wonder that a paper which makes such glaring misstatements, even in matters connected with its own city, is incurring the deserved distrust of all Montrealers. A friend of the writer recently complained to the editor, of the omission from its columns

of some very special services which had been held in this city, and the answer he received was "Well, they didn't send us any notice of them!" If secular journals were to depend for their local news, on what was sent them, what extremely interesting and reliable papers they would be.

ONTARIO.

BELLEVILLE.—*St. Thomas' Church.*—Rev. J. W. Burke, rector, occupied the chair. The churchwardens submitted their financial statement for the year. The auditors reported that they found the books kept by the rector with scrupulous exactness and correct in every particular. They were pleased to note the prosperous condition of the church finances, and the small amounts still due on the pew rents. This satisfactory result was owing to the untiring diligence and perseverance of the churchwardens. Mr. P. J. C. Phillips was chosen as the rector's warden and Mr. T. B. Wragg as the people's warden. Rev. J. W. Burke spoke in commendable terms of the zeal and energy of the retiring churchwardens, and thought they were entitled to the thanks of every member of the congregation for the careful and able manner in which they had discharged their duties for the year. The retiring delegate, Mr. P. J. C. Phillips, was reappointed.

Christ Church.—The statement of the pastor and churchwardens bore testimony to a very prosperous year both in the Church and Sunday School. Rev. E. W. Sibbald named Mr. Gorman as his churchwarden, and the vestry appointed Mr. London as people's churchwarden. A hearty vote of thanks were tendered to the donors of the window, the lamps and the lectern, also to the choir and the Ladies' Aid Society for their valuable services. Mr. Overell, seconded by Mr. Wallbridge, moved that the thanks of this Vestry be tendered to our respected pastor for his untiring zeal for the welfare of the congregation, and we trust that his life may be long spared to labor amongst us.—Carried unanimously. Mr. Sibbald replied in feeling and appropriate terms. The congregation appointed Mr. W. A. Hungerford as lay delegate to the Synod.

St. John's Church.—At the vestry meeting in St. John's Church, the financial report which was presented showed a balance on hand. The small debt of the church was reduced \$275 during the year, or one half, and it is expected that this year the whole amount will be wiped off. Rev. D. F. Bogart appointed Mr. J. W. Brown as his churchwarden, and Mr. John Black was elected as the people's churchwarden. Messrs. Geo. Downey and F. Ford were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. Mr. Bogart for his services during the year, which have proved so successful to the whole congregation; also the choir and the ladies Guild. Mr. Geo. Downey was elected lay delegate.

SOCIETY OF THE TREASURY OF GOD.—*Rules.*—1. To give a tithe of income, or earnings, to God.

2. To use all possible influence for the restoration of the Law of the Tithe.

3. To disseminate information on the subject of the Tithe, by the distribution of Pamphlets, etc., and by any other means possible.

4. To pray that God will bring His people to the knowledge of their duty regarding His Tithe. (Once a week is suggested).

The "Society of the Treasury of God" is started for the purpose of restoring the Law of the Tithe, and awakening the mind of the Christian Church to the fact that a tithe of all increase is due to God from every Christian man, not as a matter of gift, but as a debt.

The manner of working of the Society will be as follows:—

1st. To band together in one all who now practice the Law of the Tithe.

2nd. To form Tithe Associations in Dioceses and Parishes.

3rd. To bring the subject before the Church by the publication and distribution of pamphlets, tracts, and leaflets, or in any other way which may be found possible.

MEMBERSHIP.—1. Any person may become a Life Member by payment of \$10.

2. The Annual Fee for Membership shall be \$1.

N.B.—Liberal contributions are earnestly requested from all who are interested in the movement, as the expense of printing and postage will be very large. There are four thousand Clergy alone to whom it is desirable to send Circulars, etc. \$500 is required to meet present needs.

I sympathise with the objects of the proposed Society of "The Treasury of God," and would commend it to the attention and consideration of the Bishops and Clergy of the Anglican Communion. The Rev. E. P. Crawford is a priest and the Rev. O. A. B. Pocock a deacon of my Diocese.

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NAPANEE.—*St. Mary Magdalene.*—The Easter Vestry meeting of this Church brought out a good attendance. Archdeacon Jones opened the meeting by some thoughtful remarks on the duty of showing gratitude to officials and workers. The wardens appointed were Messrs. Herring and Wright, with the following sidesmen, Messrs. Judge Wilkison, Harshaw, McGuin and Dr. Rutan, and Mr. McGuin was elected delegate to the Synod.

AN EASTERN OFFERING.—*To the Rev. Thomas Godden, Incumbent of St. John's Church, Stirling.*—REV. SIR,—We, your friends and members of your congregation, feeling the inadequacy of your stipend in consequence of the mission being so small, and knowing you must require our substantial support, and your great kindness manifested to us, especially in times of sickness and bereavement, for our spiritual and temporal welfare, assisted as you have been by Mrs. Godden in every effort to cheer and comfort the afflicted, to you in this small present our sense of gratitude for the year past, and hope to receive your ministrations in Stirling for many years to come. Mr. Godden in reply said: My dear friends—my feelings can better be imagined than described when, on Monday night, your representatives, Mr. Jas. Boldrick and Mr. T. J. Naylor called at the parsonage and took me entirely by surprise by presenting me with the above address, accompanying it with what one would least have expected these cramped times, a roll of ten fascinating V's. Your flattering address reached, I fear, a little over the mark; yet it is encouraging under mortal weakness to be brought to feel that one's slight ministrations have tended to some personal comfort. But your indulgence again at this joyous season to my feeble efforts in the Master's work by so unexpected a token of gratitude and goodwill in the above amount, certainly demands my warmest thanks. Amidst the little ruffles on the surface of time, incident to a clerical calling, I assure you your kind words and appreciation of the moiety done by me and mine the past year inspires us with fresh zeal, and "to thank God and take courage." But I would be derelict in my duty in many ways as a watchman, and caring only for the popular will, if I did not often experience and apply to this naturally trying vocation, words which I lately read at the back of which your kindly repeated action brings cheer. They are these: "Earth wouldn't be earth if every day saw a cloudless sky, and there were no rough places and no crooked paths." May our united efforts be ever directed towards the one great end, guarding well our inherited privileges, sternly upholding the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and ever aiming towards the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

TORONTO.

St. Philip's Church.—The annual Easter festival under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society was a great success, the school house being crowded. A chief feature was the society's bazaar, whereby a handsome sum was realized. Choice selections of vocal and instrumental music were rendered by talent selected from the congregation, which is strong in this respect. The performers were much appreciated.

THE TRACT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society was held in Toronto on 14th April. It was reported that of Bibles, Testaments, periodicals, tracts, and hand-bills 503,544 had been sold or distributed.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—A conviction has been obtained in the Police Court against a boy for selling newspapers on Sunday. A fine was imposed to vindicate the law.

MUSKOKA PRODUCTS FOR ENGLAND.—The Toronto Mail, the leading Conservative organ of Canada says: The Rev. Wm. Crompton, of Stisted, Muskoka, who is on his way to England for a vacation of a few months, was in the city yesterday. He has been residing twelve years in Muskoka, and as travelling clergyman of Algoma diocese has started twenty churches. During his stay in England, he intends to visit the different clergymen of the Established Church, and