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the politician in orders should be denied preferment, and it would be well if the Bishops would veto the chances of anyone who stoops to the above-mentioned methods. At Synods similar canvassing and pulling of wires goes on to secure appointments to General Synod and to important committees, and again the rural parish is ignored. I am informed that at the last session of the General Synod there was only one clerical delegate from a rural parish in the whole of Canada. He is reported to have been a very live one. Are all the wisdom and good judgment centred in the towns and cities? The weak compromise in the matter of the Athanasian Creed at that session is an evidence we believe that they are not.

Hoping for a reformation and thanking you for space.
George Code.
The Rectory,
North Augusta, November 14th.

A CALL TO REPENTANCE.

Sir,—It is difficult to understand, in this time of our Empire's great need, why there has been no concerted action on the part of the Christian Churches in Canada to call for a season of repentance and humiliation before God. Surely this is also a time for our Government to act, why should not the churches approach the Government to appoint a day for this purpose. If we believe that God rules the course of this world, we must conclude that this awful scourge has been allowed to come for a purpose, and it behooves us, individually and nationally, to examine ourselves before God. Trusting you will use the influence of your paper to try and bring this about.
Chas. H. Anderson.

CLERICAL STIPENDS.

Sir,—I was very much interested in reading the letter signed "J. E. W." in a recent issue, and it seems to me that he has partly opened up a discussion which ought to have a wider publicity than even your magazine can give. It seems a scandalous thing that our Church cannot produce a committee of men as good as those of two generations ago who will discuss to a conclusion the question of clerical stipends. The matter must have been gone into very thoroughly in the early days of our Church in Canada, but it has been allowed to drift ever since.
To get to the root of the matter we must ask, with whom does the fault lie? and we would say without hesitation, with the Bishops. I look, for example, at our own diocese and found that our Bishop pays his men six to eight hundred dollars in mission parishes. It is notable that if one of these parishes became self-supporting they will feel it reasonable to support their minister at the same salary which the Bishop has heretofore considered enough, and the people in such a parish do not feel that it is necessary for them to pay more. The question will, of course, be disposed of by the Bishops that out of a limited sum of money they can only pay a certain salary, but I would suggest that the work of the Church would be carried on more effectively by employing five men at \$800 a year rather than by employing eight men at \$500. At the present it would be most helpful if the Bishops would first of all set about the work of revising clerical stipends, because they would find that the rank and file of the clergy would be more able to do the work put upon them. The writer of the previous letter rightly calls attention to the rise in prices, but he omits what seems to me to be another factor in the case, because there are so many things that were ob-

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J. D. P.

WESTERN HOSPITAL—CHRISTMAS DAY.

Sir,—May I use your columns to make an appeal to Church men and women to come to assist in the singing at the services in the wards of the Western Hospital on Christmas Day? I would be glad to receive, as soon as possible, the names of those who will come. The services will begin at 10.30 a.m. and continue until noon. Those assisting are requested to meet in the Reception Room of the hospital on the right of the main entrance, not later than 10.20 a.m.
Chas. L. Ingles.
408 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

A NATIONAL MISSION.

Sir,—Allow me to endorse most heartily the letters which appeared in your columns some weeks ago concerning a Mission of Repentance. I have been waiting in hopes that an abler pen than mine would take up the matter. It is so greatly needed. But how is it to be brought about? Ever since the war began, even in the two Lents which have since intervened, the note of penitence has been noticeably lacking in our services. We have been surfeited with praise and gratulation on our noble traditions, our glorious history, our magnificent courage, our unequalled heroism, sacrifice and generosity. Our attention has been focussed on the foe in the field, ignoring the enemies nearer home: pride, lust, greed, commercialism, materialism, secularism, the slaughter of thousands of lives through inefficiency, incompetence, and inepti-

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