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### CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

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The Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India will summon the Bishops of the province to meet him in synod at the beginning of next year. They are to be in Calcutta by Sunday, January 15th, and it is expected that by that time the Bishop of Lucknow will have been consecrated, so that he will be able to take part in the Synod. It is not, however, yet determined whether the consecration will take place in India or in England.

It having become known that the Duke of Devonshire had made a present to the Pope, some thoughtful persons forth with concluded that his Grace must have joined the Roman Communion. The *Duke* explains himself in a letter to a correspondent, who had called his attention to this notable piece of reasoning. "That the fact of a book of historical interest, which was published with the assistance of the late Duke, being sent to the Pope, does not, in the Duke's opinion, form any ground for a report of his conversion to the Roman Catholic Church."

The Bishop of Jerusalem wishes to build a college and chapel on a site now offered for a limited period on favourable terms. The buildings would be occupied by the bishop and a staff of clergy whose chief duty would be the study and comparison of Eastern and Anglican Christianity, with a view to minimizing the points of difference. They would translate works of eminent leaders in both churches, and try by every means in their power to bring the ancient Church of Jerusalem out of present error and ignorance back to its early purity.

In the course of his presidential address at the Armagh Diocesan Synod recently, the Lord Primate of All Ireland said the duties which devolved upon diocesan synods were almost exclusively of a financial character. The great drawback they had to contend with in that diocese was the difficulty in many parishes of maintaining the full assessment, and that difficulty would always exist so long as the middle class and well-to-do farmers contented themselves with contributing to the support of their Church a moderate pittance. From the landlords, with some few exceptions, the Church had always received a generous, a liberal, and a cheerful support, and if they could not look to them for the same amount of support in the future, the fault did not lie at the landlord's door, but it lay with the legislation, which had unjustly deprived the landlords of a large portion of their property. Even when the assessments were paid the Church of Ireland suffered, and would suffer so long as the dead level of the preferment remained with no reward or annual increase after many years' service.

NEW ZEALAND.-(From a Correspondent.)-On Sunday, Aug. 28, another of the few remaining "Canterbury Pilgrims" of 1850 passed away to his rest at the ripe age of eighty-six. Archdeacon Dudley was a graduate of St. Catharine's, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1837. Ordained to the curacy of Earnly, near Chichester, he was soon removed to the curacy-in-charge of Ticehurst, where he remained hard at work and much beloved for twelve years. Attracted by the scheme of the Church Colony in New Zealand launched by the Canterbury Association, he set sail with his wife and family in 1850, being appointed to the barque Cressy, one of the first four ships which bore the first pilgrims to the future home. For eight years he was incumbent of Lyttelton, which, however, he resigned in 1859 on account of his wife's health, a change to Auckland being recommended. After a temporary charge at Otahuhu for nearly a year, he returned to Canterbury and became incumbent of Rangiora, where he has remained ever since. He was made Rural Dean and Canon in 1866, and Archdeacon in 1876. Although he resigned the charge of Rangiora some four and a half years ago, when eighty-three years of age, he could not re-main idle, and a difficulty being experienced of filling up a neighbouring cure, he threw himself into the breach and took services regularly at Fernside and at the Maori Church of St. Stephen's, often preaching three times on the Sunday. The day before his death he had paid sympathetic pastoral visits, and on the Sunday had got up intending to take duty, but the Master called him home as a labourer who had well earned his title of rest. The Archdeacon's zeal and energy were unbounded, and his generosity proverbial. No more earnest advocate of the temperance cause could be found in New Zealand. At his funeral on September 1, in spite of storm, there was a large concourse of people, representing every shade of opinion and religion. All places of business were closed, and the streets were lined with sympa-thetic spectators. The Bishop of Christohurch and Deep Jacobia and the formal arguing the lat Dean Jacobs conducted the funeral service, the latter giving a most feeling address. Some twenty of the clergy were present and three Nonconformist

ministers. Many of the early settlers were to be seen. At the conclusion of the funeral service the Bishop read the following telegram which had been sent :—

"To Ven. B. T. Dudley, Rangiora.—The Wesleyan Church of New Zealand gratefully recognize the beautiful character, faithful services, and catholic spirit of your late father. Accept Christian sympathy. Regret inability to attend funeral.—GEO. BOND, Kaiapoi, President of Conference."

Archdeacon Dudley leaves a widow and four children by his first wife—viz., Ven. B. T. Dudley, Archdeacon of Auckland, and formerly member of the Melanesian Mission, and still its treasurer; Miss Dudley, of Rangiora; Mr. Chas. T. Dudley, of Christchurch, and the Rev. H. T. Dudley, Vicar of Brad well, Derbyshire.

## Correspondence.

- All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.
- We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.
- N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

#### Increased Episcopate.

SIR,-It is evident that if we want an increased episcopate we must agitate, agitate, agitate, for the next three years, and show their lordships that public opinion is against them in the matter of large endowments for new sees. The Church's work is hampered on all sides by the present inadequate number of Bishops, and we must continue to lose ground unless we can have our chief pastors with us much more frequently than at present. I have had experience now in three dioceses, and in each the Bishop has been little more than a confirming machine, spending only a day or even half a day in the parish every two or three years. He arrives by train, is driven to the church, confirms, has dinner at the rectory, drives to an out-station in the afternoon, confirms there, and is then picked up by the rector of the next parish. There are many country congregations who are never spoken to by their Bishop; he addresses five or six children (confirmation candidates), sitting in the front seats, but never preaches to the whole congregation as their chief shepherd. And by the way, is this perpetual addressing of con-firmation candidates necessary? There is no provi-sion for it in the Prayer-book, and surely if only one sermon can be given in each church, those who have been confirmed in former years, those who have neglected the rite, and those who have not yet prepared for it, might receive a little advice occasionally from the Bishop.

I mean in no way to speak disparagingly of the present House of Bishops-they all work hoply and untiringly, but it is impossible for one man to do the work of three and to do it well. I believe all our diocesans would be glad to see a largely increased episcopate, but they want the dignity of the office kept up by a large stipend. The American Church has shown us that her Bishops lose none of their dignity because their salaries are small. Socially they may not be such "heavy swells." but they are loved and respected and supported by their clergy and laity, and are not a whit behind the wealthiest English Bishops in spirituality. Why should we have four or five or six thousand dollar Bishops over six or seven or eight hundred dollar priests? Let each see have an endowment yielding \$1,000 or \$1,200 per annum, so that there will be no fear of the Bishop starving, and then leave the rest to the congregations; they will soon willingly support a Bishop whom they all know, who visits them frequently, is easily accessible to any who want advice, and is never in a hurry when he comes to a parish. And how cheered would the country clergy be if their Bishop was a real Father in God to them, sympathizing with their troubles, encouraging them in their work, advising them in difficulties, visiting wayward parishioners when necessary, and understanding thoroughly all the ins and outs of the congregation. Let us agitate for more Bishops, one for every forty clergy at least, and let us agitate until we get them. And now I ask for information. Is there no way in which the present endowment funds of the various sees could be divided so that as each Bishop dies, the four or five thousand dollars he gets may be used for two successors instead of one? I believe the late Metropolitan during the last eleven years gave half of his stipend to the coadjutor, and both these Bishops seemed none the worse for their comparatively small pay. Let us all write and talk the matter up, so that by next Provincial Synod we shall be prepared for definite action.

## Aotes and Queries.

#### "Holy Ghost"-" Passion "-Hebrew,

SIR,—How did it ever originate in translating the scripture text to call the third person in the Trinity a "Ghos?"? "Passion"—The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church, in referring to Christ's death on the cross, always use the word "Passion." What does His "passion" mean? How was it that in the early Church, among the fathers, Origen was the only Christian teacher down to the fourth century who understood Hebrew? A. B.

Ans.—1. To the earlier translators of the scriptures the word Ghost, from the Anglo-Saxon gast, was the most natural rendering of the Greek, *Pneuma*. They might have taken up the Latin, Spirit, as in some cases they have done, but our English translation of the Bible is happily more Saxon than Latin.

2. Passion is purely a Latin word, with no Saxon equivalent; suffering is also from the Latin, and would be a poor substitute for the Mediæval Latin, Passio. At the Reformation the Church of England took up the familiar ecclesiastical term, and we do not know a better.

3. Your third query refers to a topic that is most interesting and would require an extended article. During the first three centuries of the Christian era the Christian writers appear to have had but the barest knowledge of Hebrew, and when they suggest any Hebrew explanation it is usually assigned to some Jewish source. Their Scripture text was the Septuagint, and they had no critical knowledge of the Hebrew; what little they knew was traditional, and their etymologies are nearly as often wrong as right. S. Jerome is the first who appears really to have known and made a study of Hebrew, and older writers like S. Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephraim the Syrian, Origen, Clement of Alexandria, Theophilus of Antioch, Irenæus, Tertullian and Justin Martyr, were content with delivering the thoughts of Scripture that they had received. The ignorance of the Hebrew can only be accounted for by the depression of the Jews, and the antipathy between the Jews and the Christians. S. Jerome, however, was the first to open the mine of Hebraic wealth, when he was engaged in his ce l at Bethlehem in the end of the fourth century.

# Sunday School Lesson.

22nd Sunday after Trinity. Nov. 18th, 1892. THE LOED'S SUPPER.—THE CONDITIONS.

Have seen why we ought to go to Holy Communion. Now let us see how we ought to go. If going anywhere, or about to do anything, we must prepare beforehand. [Illust.—Preparation for school, voyage, work, etc.]

I. "EXAMINE YOURSELVES."

Thus is it with Holy Communion, we must not go without getting ready. [*lllust.*—Going for new milk, take a clean jug.] See what S. Paul says (1 Cor. xi. 28). *Examine* yourselves. "Look into yourselves, see that you are ready." See what he says of those who do not prepare. (1 Cor. xi. 27 and 29). What does he mean by "unworthy"? We cannot be "worthy." "We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs, etc." (*Prayer of humble access—Communica Office*). We have done nothing, and can do nothing to make us "worthy." What God wants is that we should come with a deep sense of our "unworthiness," knowing why we are "unworthy," not merely because of general sinfulness, but because we have committed actual sins, which sins we have discovered by self-examination. With a 'sense of this unworthiness, yet of God's willingness to receive us and with a steadfast purpose of amendment, He wants us to come, and thus to come is to come in a "worthy manner," "trusting not in our own righteousness, but in His manifold and great mercies" (*Prayer of humble access*). If we come without preparation, without self-examination, that we may know, confess, and seek for grace to forsake our sins, then we come in an "unworthy manner," we eat and driak "unworthily." Let us see what is necessary in preparation for Holy Communion—what we must examine ourselves about that we may come "holy and clean to such a heavenly feast," and may eat and drink in a "worthy" manner.

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#### II. REPENTANCE.

Two things only shut out God's grace, viz., (1) Impenitence; (2) Unbelief. That we may receive benefit of Holy Communion, opposites of these are required, *Repentance* and *Faith*. "What is required of them that come to "Lord's Supper?" Count up different answers. (i) "To examine themselves whether they repent them truly of their former sins; (ii) steadfastly proposing to lead a new life." These two belong to Repentance. [Don't forget three