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The "1919 Class" Called Upon

On February the 26th we issued an appeal to our subscribers who were more than one year in arrears.

This week we appeal to the "1919 class." Are you in it? If your address label shows your expiry date is "1 Dec., 19," for example, you are in arrears since that time. A few months in arrears may not seem much to you, but when you multiply them several times they soon mount up.

Don't live in the past. Join the "1920 class" to-day by please sending us your remittance, and very much oblige the "Canadian Churchman."

Great Hall, where His Grace addressed the two Houses on the subject of the Church in Wales and the formation of the National Assembly of the Church of England. The Archbishop of York was present as a

When the President and Bishops returned to the Upper House, the subject of the Church in Wales and the formation of a Welsh Province

was discussed.

In the Lower House, Dr. Temple introduced the report of the Joint Committee on the Ministry of Women, and moved the first resolution appended to the report:-

"That in view of the Apostolic teaching that women, equally with men, are members of One Body of Christ, and partakers of the Holy Spirit, and in order that fuller use may be made of the Church's service of the gifts and experience of women, this House make the following recommendation:-

That under conditions laid down by the Bishop of the diocese it should be permissible for women duly qualified and approved by him to speak and pray in consecrated buildings at services or meetings for prayer or instruction other than the regular and appointed services of the Church."

But it would seem that the statements of St. Paul and the uniform practice of the Church in the past were of greater importance to the majority of Proctors than the exigencies of the present, and after much discussion and several divisions the resolution was defeated by 46 votes to 45.

On February 11th, in the Upper House, the President introduced the subjects of Clerical Poverty and the Famine in Europe, which were discussed. The Bishop of Gloucester introduced reports Nos. 527 and 529 on drafting the proposal for the revision for the Book of Common Prayer.

Church in the U.S.A.

Dr. Thomas, the missionary Bishop of Wyoming, has declined to accept his election to become Bishop of Delaware in succession to Bishop Kinsman.

The Rev. Alexander Gordon Bakewell, the oldest clergyman in New Orleans, died lately, aged 97. He has been Rector of Trinity Chapel in that city since 1884.

The Rev. Henry Bradford Wasburn, Executive Secretary of the American Church War Commission, Massachusetts, has been elected Dean of the Eipscopal Theological College, Cambridge, Mass.

One hundred American Bishops have sent to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York a cable message protesting against the "proposed retention of the Turks in Constantinople and the spoliation of Armenia."

Dean Fosbroke has declined the invitation of the Diocese of Southern California to become its Bishop-Coadjutor. He will remain at the General Theological Seminary in New York.

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WHY ORANGE BLOSSOMS ARE USED AT WEDDINGS.

OW many curious customs and beliefs gather round the great event of marriage! One of the prettiest of our customs is that of adorning the bride with orange blossoms, and its origin is very interest-

It is said that among the Romans a bride was not considered fully dressed for the marriage ceremony until a chaplet of flowers was placed upon her head. Among the Saxons, both bride and bridegroom were crowned with wreaths, the favourite flowers

used for this purpose being rosemary and myrtle. In some countries it is the custom to adorn the bride with a garland of prickles, and thus deliver her to her husband, in order that he may know that he has tied himself to a thorny pleasure!

How the orange blossom came to be so popular in our islands is not really known. The orange is the fruit of a Chinese tree that grows to a great height and is evergreen. From time immemorial the orange-tree has been considered in China the emblem of good fortune and lasting happiness and the following legend may account for its popularity:-

THE LEGEND OF THE ORANGE TREE.

Once upon a time, long, long ago, there lived an Eastern king who was greatly interested in the growing of trees and flowers. He sent to many distant lands for rare and beautiful plants wherewith to adorn his garden. One day a celebrated botanist presented him with an orange-tree. His delight knew no bounds, for such a thing had never before been seen in his realm. He, therefore, guarded his new possession as carefully as he guarded his jewels and his gold.

He was determined that the tree should remain a rarity, the property of himself alone. Therefore, when an Ambassador from the West, greatly admiring the orange-tree, asked the king to sell him a cutting, which he might introduce into his own country, his request was sternly refused.

Now the head gardener at the Court had a fair young daughter, who often came to sit near the orange-tree. This was her favourite spot for thinking and dreaming, for her thoughts were mostly very sad ones. By her father's decree she was parted from her lover—a good and brave youth, whose only fault was his poverty. The king's gardener, who was a great and wealthy man, wished his beautiful daughter to wed some rich or noble person, and the girl, although she loved the poor youth dearly, would not disobey her father.

Fortune came to her by way of the orange-tree. The head-gardener always attended to this tree himself. One morning he accidentally broke off a spray of the blossom, which his daughter picked up and fastened to her dark hair. When, presently, she wandered out of the garden into the highway she met the Ambassador who had so greatly admired the orange-tree. At once he noticed the lovely flowers in the girl's hair.

"If you will give me that sprig of blossom," he said, "I shall give you a large dowry of gold." She promptly removed the sprig from her hair and gave it to the Ambassador, who in return gave her an immense sum of money. The exchange was quickly effected, to the satisfaction of both parties.

Of course, the girl sent all the gold to her lover, who showed it to the head-gardener, without, however, telling him where it had come from. Perhaps his daughter told him afterwards. On her wedding morning, at anyrate, she contrived somehow to secure another spray of orange blossom, which, in grateful remembrance of the good service tendered to her by the first, she wore in her hair, beneath the bridal veil.

And thereby that lovely Eastern bride set a fashion which seems destined never to die out in Western lands.—A. S. C., in "Scottish-American."

The Rev. C. T. Hovan, who for the past four years has been in charge of All Saints', Cairo, has been appointed by the Bishop in Jerusalem an honorary Canon of St. George's Collegiate Church, Jerusalem. Mr. Hovan has greatly endeared himself to the British residents in Cairo during his sojourn amongst them.

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