

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN IRISH BISHOP AND HIS WIFE

The Right Rev. F. R. Wynne, Bishop of Killaloe and Mrs. Wynne, died lately under very tragic and painful circumstances. The Bishop had gone to Dublin with his wife in consequence of the latter's precarious health, and Dr. Bell was attending her at a house in Waterloo road. Late on Monday night Mrs. Wynne's condition became very serious, and her husband hastened to fetch Dr. Bell. Having left a message at the doctor's residence, stating the urgency of the case, the Bishop started to return home. Dr. Bell almost immediately followed, and was surprised to find on reaching Waterloo road that Dr. Wynne had not preceded him. In the meantime the patient's condition had become hopeless, and she passed away in the presence of the doctor, who subsequently drove to the residence of the Bishop's son, expecting to meet the bereaved husband there. In this however, he was disappointed, as the Bishop had not called, and the son accompanied Dr. Bell back to Waterloo road, where a police constable reported shortly afterwards that he had come across the body of a clergyman lying on the footpath. On examination it proved to be that of the Bishop, whose death is attributed to the shock caused by the sudden and, as it happened, fatal change which had taken place in his wife's condition.

DISTURBANCE AT CHURCH

A Kask. B. C., despatch says: Matters in church circles have been made quite lively recently by a squabble which has, or rather is taking place among the English church congregation. It appears that the clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Akehurst, formerly of Qu'Appelle, who has this church under his charge, entertains too high church principles to suit a member of his congregation. A short time ago certain parties were arrested on a charge of theft, for removing certain of the church property. Matters, however, came to a climax on Sunday evening last. The clergyman, Rev. Mr. Akehurst, went to the church at the usual hour to take charge of the services, when he found the church doors all locked and barred, with a member of the low church party on guard, who refused to allow him to enter the church. The clergyman commenced to force an entrance into what he considered his own church, when he was seized by a prominent low church man and forcibly dragged away. A warrant was sworn out, charging the clergyman with trying to break into a building not his own.

The clergyman may retaliate by arresting one of the members of the other party for assault. Mr. Akehurst claims that he has a right to enter the church at any time, as he was appointed by the bishop of this diocese to the charge of the Nelson and Kaslo churches. On the other hand the low church people claim that the deed of the property is held by one of their party, Mr. John Keen, and that the church and property were never turned over to the authority of the bishop, and that therefore they will not submit to his dictation. It is hoped that the matter will soon be satisfactorily settled.

BREVITIES

Ven. Archdeacon J. A. McKay, D. D., of Prince Albert, and local secretary of the Church Missionary Society, lately visited the Indian Reserves in the neighborhood of Battleford. He first went up the Saskatchewan and Battle River, and inspected the church work that is being carried on in these reserves, and then paid a visit to the reserves at the Eagle Hills.

The choir of St. George's church, Montreal, is reported to have gone on strike. The strike was brought about by a decision of the church wardens not to buy a new organ. Formerly the choir have had to sing to the accompaniment of a small organ harmonium which replaced the old organ. The strike is causing a great deal of talk in the congregation, which is a fashionable one.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Grisdale, the new bishop of Qu'Appelle, has gone to England, where he hopes to do work that will increase the interest already taken in his diocese by church folks in the old country.

The new archbishop of Canterbury has been renowned for an inflexible love of justice as had only to be known in order to compel respect. Dr. Temple himself delights in telling a story of the old days, when he was head master at Rugby, and a boy whom he had to punish expressed the vigorous opinion, "Temple is a beast, but a just beast."

It is sometimes asserted that sound church doctrine and the ceremonial by which it is expressed in public worship, tend to produce conversions to Rome. Especially is this accusation most frequently brought against what is called "ritualism." But the experience of Roman Catholic authorities does not seem to confirm this idea. In 1865, Monsignor Capel said: "Converts come not so much from the ranks of Tractarians as from the Low Church, or even Presbyterians." In 1894 the Roman bishop of Salford said: "For one convert I receive from a Ritualistic church, I receive ten from Non-Conformist churches."

In the month of July, this year, a Dublin Roman Catholic paper said: "Of all the inventions of Satan for the rejection of human souls in error, few have equalled in efficacy High Churchism." We cull these quotations from a letter in the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette. It is a well known fact that the principalverts to Rome after the great collapse of the movement in Oxford were not original High Churchmen, but Evangelicals.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is said to be arousing general and increasing interest in its objects in England. Requests for literature are continuously arriving, and a considerable number of probationary chapters are reported as being started. Canon Gore has expressed a desire to attend the Brotherhood convention next year in America.

The following was written by the aged widow of an English farm laborer:—

ON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. LENSON, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY:

We speak with bated breath,
With awe, with veneration,
We call it death;
But what a bright translation!
One moment in God's temple
Seeking grace,
Summoned the next to meet Him
Face to face.
He scarce could feel the coldness of
the tide.
 Ere he was landed on the other side,
And as they bore him, well might
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