

full of incitements to its exercise: "Offer unto God thanksgiving." "Let us come before His face with thanksgiving." "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving." "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving." St. Paul denounces, as one of the sins of ungodly men, against which the wrath of God is revealed, that "when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful." On the other hand He exhorts Christians to be "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

To this duty we are called by the annual proclamation, by our Governor-General, of a day specially set apart for national thanksgiving. We are invited as a people to make the same acknowledgment by a public act that is due from each one of us in our individual practice: the acknowledgment that our mercies, ordinary as well as extraordinary, come to us from God, the giver of all, and demand a return at our hands.

Because the blessings for which we render thanks on this appointed day are precisely of that kind which we are accustomed to accept as a matter of course. It is no signal victory achieved by our arms, no great deliverance from plague or pestilence, no unusual circumstance of honour or pride to our country that we celebrate, but the blessings of the yearly harvest: it is not because the harvest is of exceptional abundance that we are exhorted to commemorate it by a special act of praise, but that the enjoyment of the fruits of every harvest safely garnered, even if it be but an ordinary harvest, is ground for devout and thankful recognition of God's goodness to us.

But how can we think of such a blessing as too ordinary in its regular recurrence to call for earnest, hearty thanksgiving, when we reflect how all our national prosperity and all our personal and family means of subsistence are dependent upon it? Unmindful as we who dwell in the city and appear to derive our wealth from industries or professions, may be of the fact, the annual harvest stands as the very foundation, the type and measure of national wealth; its out-turn—abundant, moderate or scanty, is the index of the people's prosperity by which it rises or falls; the gauge of prices and wages; the factor which enters into the scale of income and expenditure of every private family.

Much less can we dare assume the succession of average harvests and count upon it as a matter of course, when we reflect upon the number of contingencies, outside human control, that continually throughout the year imperil the safety of the crops, the influences that are needed of favourable weather and propitious seasons to bring them to perfection, and know that all these are in the power and at the will of an over-ruling God: that He commands the sun to shine and the rain to fall, holds the winds in the hollow of His hand, orders the hoar-frost and the snow, sends forth or restrains His great army of ravaging insects, the palmer worm, the canker worm and the caterpillar.

Brethren, we have once more been blessed with a sufficient, a generous harvest. God has given it to us in His goodness. Let us render to Him no cold, conventional acknowledgment, but those heart-felt thanks which flow from a sense of rich and undeserved blessings freely received. But it is not fitting that our thoughts should rest only on our harvest mercies in this national thanksgiving. There is much in our circumstances, as a people, that calls for a deep feeling of gratitude to the God of nations. This Canada of ours is a highly favoured land. We are proud of it, we are rather given to make it our boast: but we are so habituated to a condition of peace and security that we do not sufficiently recognize how signally we are distinguished by blessings which should fill our hearts with thankfulness. It is when we look abroad and see other lands distracted with the horrors of revolution or terrorized by the violence of anarchism, when we read of convulsions of nature, of pestilences and tempests bringing fear and woe upon one people, labour troubles causing wide distress and gendering bitter class feuds in another, or a shaking of financial confidence, creating commercial panic, in a third, that we begin to estimate how happy is our lot in enjoying the advantages of a good and stable government, a well-ordered and peaceable community, a healthy climate, immunity from the visitations of destructive phenomena of nature. Let us not complacently accept this situation as a matter of course, but refer it to the goodness of that sovereign God who dispenses from His throne on high the affairs of all the nations upon earth.

With these thoughts lifting up our hearts with true thankfulness, it becomes us that the public service which we render to God be joyous and devout, our songs of praise rendered with the best member that we have, inspiring and glad, and our offerings unstinted, worthy to lay upon His altar as a return to Him of what He has so freely given to us.

For this is an essential part, indeed an evidence, of true thanksgiving. If we approach Him with our lips only, however earnest our professions, but as re-

gards any substantial proof of our gratitude, come before Him empty handed, or at the best offer Him that which costs us nothing, how shall He accept our empty or half-hearted thanks.

I exhort you to make your thanksgiving a real act of worship, acceptable to Him, by freely dedicating of your substance to His service, in a gift conscientiously proportioned to the benefits you have received.

It is not for us to dictate what from your offerings you should take, or in what direction they should be applied. No doubt you might feel a desire that they should go to promote some parochial object, to add to the efficiency or perhaps the beautifying of your own parish church. But the synod of this diocese has asked that the thanksgiving offertory be devoted to the mission fund of the diocese.

And there is a peculiar appropriateness in this destination of harvest thank offerings, because the mission field is that in which the spiritual husbandry is wrought, and the spiritual harvest to be reaped.

This field in our own diocese is sadly overlooked, and in consequence suffers sadly for want of help, both in men and means.

Our missionaries, whose work is laborious and trying, are very poorly paid, and the contributions of our Church people barely suffice to maintain the missions in existence: they are quite insufficient to attempt the real aim of missionary effort—which is extension throughout the diocese; there are many settlements of our brethren, fellow-countrymen and fellow-Churchmen, who cannot have the ministrations of the Church from this withholding of means.

If it is the ambition and desire of the patriot that this land of ours should be covered with prosperous homesteads, smiling fields of plenty, and a happy, loyal people, should it not be the ambition and desire of every patriot Churchman that the whole of our diocese in its length and breadth should be dotted over with comely and well appointed churches served by faithful men efficiently supported, so that there should be no man, woman, or child within its bounds to whom the worship and sacraments, the holy ministrations, the teaching, guiding and comfort of our beloved Church were inaccessible.

You enjoy to the full all these privileges. When you come to sum up the mercies you have received from God during the past year, do not forget these spiritual privileges; and if you feel truly thankful for them, do what lies in your power to extend them to those to whom they are denied; take opportunity of making our diocesan missions partakers of your harvest thanksgiving, and so aid in furthering that more blessed harvest, the gathering of souls into the Kingdom of Christ, which shall be the cause of endless thanksgiving, to the praise and glory of God.

PROGRAMME FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW IN CANADA.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18TH, 1894.

11 a.m.—Meeting of council.

4 to 6 and 7.30 to 9.—Quiet day (St. Alban's), Bishop of Quebec. Subject of addresses—"Our life, its dangers, and how it may be lifted to a higher level."

FRIDAY, JAN. 19TH, 1894.

7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion in city churches.

10 a.m.—Charge—The Bishop of Quebec (St. John's).

11 a.m.—Address of welcome by the Archbishop of Ontario; Organization, President's address; Sectional reports of progress and work; Report of council and other reports (St. John's Hall).

1 to 2.30.—Luncheon.

2.30 to 3.15.—Business.

3.15 to 5.30.—Conference. "An Essential requirement for the work—quality rather than quantity," Chairman R. Vashon Rogers, St. James', Kingston. (a) In workers, (b) In work, R. O. Montgomery, St. Peter's, Toronto. Other Requirements—1. Loyalty, 2. Enthusiasm, 3. Fraternity, 4. Simplicity.

8 to 9.30.—Open meeting (St. John's Hall)—"The Brotherhood Campaign," chairman N. Ferrar Davidson, President of the Canadian Council. Addresses by the Bishop of Missouri, Judge Macdonald of Brockville, and general conference.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30th, 1894.

7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion (corporate), St. John's Church.

10 to 10.30.—Business.

10.30 to 12.—Conference. "What work shall our Chapter take up?" (a) Something of use to Men—Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd of Norfolk, Virginia. (b) Something of use to the Parish—L. H. Baldwin, St. Thomas', Toronto. (c) Something of use to the Church—John F. Orde, Christ Church, Ottawa. (d) Something of use to Ourselves—R. V. Bray, Christ Church, Chatham.

12 to 1.—Question box, chairman W. Wood, general secretary of the Brotherhood in the United States. 1 to 2.15.—Luncheon.

2.15 to 4.30.—Conference. "Church Going among Men," chairman, Rev. Dyson Hague, St. Paul's, Halifax. (a) Non-Church Goers, W. H. Morgan, St. George's, Ottawa. (b) Indifferent Church Goers.

(c) Regular Church Goers, Spencer Waugh, St. Simon's, Toronto.

4.30 to 5.—Final business.

8 to 9.30.—Brotherhood reception for men.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31ST, 1894.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion in city churches.

11 a.m.—Service in St. George's Church with anniversary sermon by the Bishop of Missouri. Afternoon services with Brotherhood, addresses in city churches as may be arranged.

4 p.m.—Men's mass meeting in opera house. Addresses by Bishops of Quebec and Missouri, and another.

7 p.m.—Final service, Christ Church, sermon by Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., St. George's, Halifax.

8.30 p.m.—Farewell meeting for Brotherhood men (Christ's Church), conducted by the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, St. James', Perth, Ont.

INTER-DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

TEACHERS—SECOND CLASS.

	Scripture Paper.	Prayer Book Paper.	Total
Miss Carrie Orr, St. Mark's, Toronto...	58	85	143
" Elizabeth Scrivener, St. John's, York Mills.....	62	75	137
" Mollie M. Orr, St. Mark's, Tor...	55	78	133
Mr. A. Firth, Linton, Ont.....	56	74	130
Miss Alice Owen, St. Anne's, Toronto...	53	76	129
" Clara M. McConnell, Georgetown, Ontario.....	71	57	128
" A. L. Applebe, Esquesing, Ont.....	58	69	127
" May Saunders, S. George's, Kingston.....	47	78	125
" Grace Thompson, St. Mary Magdalene, Lloydtown.....	56	65	121
" May Lingham, St. Thomas, Belleville.....	55	62	117
" G. McGuire, Georgetown, Ont.....	53	63	116
Mr. James H. Morrison, Ashgrove, Ontario.....	55	58	113
Miss Jennie Bradley, Georgetown, Ontario.....	55	46	101
" Susie B. Briggs, Grace Church, Toronto.....	40	61	101
Pass.			
Miss Loretta Morrison, Ashgrove, Ont.	43	49	92
" R. Morrison, Ashgrove, Ont.....	53	24	77
" Louisa Morrison, Ashgrove, Ont.	28	48	76
" Sadie Nicholson, Grace Church, Toronto.....	45	30	75

SCHOLARS—FIRST CLASS.

Miss Annie Newton, All Saints', Tor.	88	79	167
" Katie Bowling, All Saints', Tor.	84	80	164
" Annie E. Chipman, St. John's, Cornwallis, N.S.....	76	88	159
" Eloise Girdlestone, St. Phillip's, Toronto.....	80	79	159
" Ellen Good, Shanty Bay, Ont.....	72	84	156
" Gertrude Girdlestone, St.....	75	75	150

SECOND CLASS.

Miss Aggie L. Cox, St. John's, Cornwallis, N. S.....	73	71	144
" Edith Abel, Barrie.....	69	70	139
" Lizzie McClellan, St. Phillip's, Toronto.....	59	65	124
" Eliza Healey, St. John's, Cornwallis, N. S.....	56	68	124
" Grace Jones, St. Phillip's, Tor.....	59	64	123
" Maggie Mitchell, St. Phillip's, Toronto.....	73	50	123
Master Laury Erskine Healey, St. John's, Cornwallis, N. S.....	58	64	117
Miss Ida Curran, St. Phillip's, Tor.....	48	67	115
Master Harry Perry, St. Mary Magdalene, Lloydtown.....	58	54	112
" Tracey Curry, Esquesing, Ont.	53	53	106
Miss Mabel Stevenson, St. Anne's, Toronto.....	57	49	106
" Maggie Slingsby, St. Anne's, Toronto.....	47	53	100

SCHOLARS—PASS.

Miss Wilhemina Thompson, Georgetown.....	36	53	89
" Annie Price, St. Olave's, Toronto.	45	42	87
" Edith E. Potter, St. Thomas, Belleville.....	50	35	85
" Lena Johnson, St. Thomas, Belleville.....	40	44	84
" Violet Armstrong, St. Mary Magdalene, Lloydtown.....	56	28	84
Master Chas. DeCue, Trinity, Barrie.	52	23	75

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