

The Church and Her Ways.

IV.—BAPTISM, OR HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Baptism is a Sacrament. A Sacrament consists of two parts, the outward and visible sign, or form, and the inward and spiritual grace, or help. The outward part of Baptism is water, in which a person is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The inward part is a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness, for by it we are born into God's family, the Church.

Every one must be baptized. The Baptism must be administered in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. No other Baptism is valid. The mode of Baptism is for each one to determine. The Church practises both immersion and affusion, or pouring. The mere method is the minor part; the fact of Baptism by water is the essential thing. Christ said nothing about the mode; He instructed the disciples merely to baptize in the name of the Trinity. Baptism, whether performed in infancy or in mature years, makes one a member of the Church. A person can be baptized but once, as the Scripture says, "There is one Baptism."

V.—WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation, or the Laying on of Hands, is the complement of Baptism. A person is made a member of the Church by Baptism. The Holy Spirit is communicated in Confirmation. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that those who were baptized by Philip, the deacon, in Samaria, were afterwards confirmed by St. Peter and St. John. Acts viii. St. Paul also confirmed certain disciples at Ephesus. Acts xix. 6.

Confirmation, though not one of the two Sacraments generally necessary for salvation, is still sacramental in its character, in that it is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. By the laying on of the Apostles' hands, the Holy Ghost was imparted.

In Hebrews vi. 2, Confirmation is enumerated as one of the principles of the doctrine of Christ. These are as follows:

Repentance and Faith.

Baptism and Laying on of Hands.

Resurrection and the General Judgment.

The time of Confirmation is taken advantage of for, 1st, a renewal of the baptismal vow; and, 2nd, a public confession of Christ.

It is the general custom of the Church to administer Confirmation to such persons only who are old enough to know the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and who can understand what it means to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil, to believe the articles of the Christian faith, and to keep God's holy will and commandments.

The proper age for Confirmation depends upon the maturity of the child.

Confirmation is administered by a Bishop. We have no instance in Scripture where this rite was administered by a priest.

Last year a party of young Indians connected with the mission at Lytton, British Columbia, travelled all night in order to be in time for the Good Friday services.

"In fifty years the whole of South Africa will be nominally Christian. It is for us to make the Christianity more than nominal." Thus writes the Rev. A. Bathe from Bulawayo. Mr. Bathe says the progress of Christianity in Africa has been very great amongst the natives. In reality there is little prejudice against it, and the white man's religion is naturally an object of respect to those who look on the white man as a superior being. At one of the mines in Matabeleland, Mr. Bathe recently saw a party of natives at work, all of whom, including their ganger were Christian.

The clergyman in his parish is the best advocate for missions. If his heart be aglow with love for souls, with zeal in his Master's service, and with fervent desire to sustain and foster the missions of the Church of which he is a minister, he, better than anyone else, can call forth a response from his people. As he goes from house to house, from one to another, pleading the cause of the perishing, he will be helping indirectly, but none the less surely, the works which lie nearest to his hand, and his own support will come more freely out of the unselfish effort which he makes for others.—*Spirit of Missions.*

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Receipts for October, reported by the Diocesan Treasurer:

MISSION FUND.

Grant from Col. & Con. Ch. Society, £75; grant from S.I.G., £101 5s; grant from Diocese of Montreal, \$125; Diocese of Fredericton, \$101.60; Diocese of Nova Scotia, \$34.10; grant from Domestic Foreign Missionary Society, \$2,100; Bishop's College, Lennoxville, \$15.60; St. Paul's Church, Halifax, per T. Mortimer, Treas., \$2; Diocese of Huron, \$175.

GENERAL FUND.

Algoma house to house collection: Korah, per Mrs. Moore, \$9.10; Port Sydney, Miss Forrest and Miss Thomas, \$20.25; Beatrice, per Miss B. Johnson, \$2.75; Novar, per Mr. Page, \$4; Ravenscliffe, per Mr. R. Hall, \$1.50; Hiramcombe, \$1.25; Roseau, \$10; Usswater and Renneville, \$22; Parry Sound, \$6; Christie, \$4.50; Newholm, per Miss E. Ferguson, \$8; Port Carling, \$3; North Carleton, \$9; Aspdin, \$9.75; Allansville, \$4.35; Stanleydale, \$2; Bayville, \$3.85; Dorset, \$2.25; Honeyleigh, \$1.60; Webbwood, 95c; Massey, \$5.75.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Hiramcombe, \$1.37; Ravenscliffe, \$1.20; Novar, 97c; Dufferin Bridge, \$2; Parry Sound, \$9.50; North Carleton, \$1.95; North Bay, \$1.30; Callander, 64c; Gravenhurst, \$4.81; Dufferin Bridge, \$1.75; Huntsville, \$4.25; Roseau, \$4.45; Sand Lake, 47c; Aspdin, 42c; Allansville, Nov. Stanleydale, 50c; Lantelon, 50c; Little Current, \$2; Powassan, \$1.54; Trout Creek, \$1.10; Bayville, \$1.20; Dorset, \$1c; Sault Ste. Marie, \$5.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE FUND.

Mr. H. A. Elkins, Sherbrooke, \$50 (acknowledged last month).
Toronto W. A. Thankoffering, Thornloe Church Building Fund, \$5

FOR SICK CLERGYMEN.

Per Bishop of Algoma, \$20; from North Bay, \$9.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

From Diocese of Quebec, \$27.78.

INDIAN HOMES.

St. Paul's S.S., Port Dover, per L. Skey, \$5; Diocese of Montreal, \$6.55; Diocese of Nova Scotia, \$12.50; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, \$500; W. A., Lennoxville, per Samuel Lucelle, \$25.

GENERAL FUND.

Stanley, \$2; Slate River Valley, Soc., Oliver, \$2.31; Port Carling, \$1.50; Gregory, \$1.91; Port Sandfield, \$1.81; Port Arthur, \$10. Contributions received by Principal direct during October, 1899.

FOR SHINGWAGAN.

St. Paul's S.S., London, per J. M. McWhumey for Charles Johnson, \$75; St. Paul's Branch of the W.A., Lachine, per Rev. R. Hewton, for Elijah, \$15; St. John's S.S., York Mills, per Miss E. Osler, \$3; St. Philip's S.S., Toronto, per D. Kemp, \$12.50; St. Paul's S.S., Toronto, per D. Kemp, \$37.50; Church of Epiphany, Parkdale, \$9.

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Principal.

The Rev. J. Pardoe, Novar, Ontario, begs to acknowledge with many thanks the gift of \$5 from Elmes Henderson, Esq., of Toronto, towards the cost of a suitable Lectern for Christ's Church, W'ramcombe.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

I give and bequeath unto the Right Reverend the Bishop of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the sum of _____, to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease, exclusively out of such part of my personal estate, not hereby specially disposed of, as I may by law bequeath to charitable purposes, and I hereby lawfully charge such part of my estate, with the said sum upon trust to be applied toward the

and the receipt of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Algoma, or of the treasurer for the time being of the said diocese, shall be a sufficient discharge for the said legacy. And I direct that the duty upon the said legacy be paid by my executors out of the said fund.

The will, or codicil, giving the bequest, must be signed by the testator in the presence of two witnesses, who must subscribe their names in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

NOTE.—This testament must have been executed one year previous to the death of testator, to give it effect over Mortmain Acts.

*The object should be inserted here, and might be (1) The General Mission Fund, (2) The Widows' and Orphans' Fund, (3) The Superannuation Fund, (4) Bishop Sullivan Memorial Mission Sententiation Fund, etc.