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(October 19th.)

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The Outlook

Thanksgiving Day

The Dominion Government has appointed Monday, October 20, as Thanksgiving Day this year, and it is earnestly hoped that all over the country proper recognition will be given to the occasion. It is somewhat unfortunate that the previous Sunday happens to be Children's Day, and also that Sunday, October 19, and Monday, October 20, are days of Intercession for Sunday Schools. But perhaps, after all, this may provide a special tonic of thanksgiving, and an important theme for instruction and exhortation, since the future of our Dominion is so bound up with young life. As we contemplate the past year with all its wonderful progress, especially in the North-West; as we consider the influx of immigration, and as we ponder the marvellous material wealth of our land, the call to thanksgiving should sound loud and long. And the best way of showing our appreciation of God's benefits is by emphasizing the spiritual as supreme. We are not only to bless God for "creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life," but above all, for His "inestimable love in the

redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory." The Apostle associated thanksgiving with sanctification as "the will of God for us." Let us see to it that we obey the Divine order, and "in everything give thanks."

Children's Day

On Sunday, October 19, the Bishops' Letter will be read in our Sunday Schools, or otherwise in the hearing of our children, and clergy and superintendents will be well advised to emphasize its points and show our children something of the possibilities of their life and work. The author of the letter, whoever he is, has made a most interesting appeal, and one that will be received by children with an attentive welcome. Our columns this week bear testimony to the supreme importance of the work of our Sunday School Commission, and we hope that its progress may extend and deepen on every hand. But Children's Day is not only an occasion for clergy and Sunday School workers; it makes its appeal to parents as well, and constitutes an urgent call to do their utmost for the spiritual and eternal welfare of their families. It was a touching word that a dying child in New York not long ago said to its heart-broken parent:

"Father, don't cry, for as soon as I pass within the Gates of the Golden City, I'll go straight to Jesus, and tell Him that, ever since I can remember, you have tried to bring me to Him."

Happy, thrice happy, is the boy or girl who has gained such an impression of a parent's desire and prayer to God.

"The Futile Penknife"

Under this title Archdeacon Cody preached a forcible sermon on a recent Sunday, showing the futility and fatality of attempting to destroy God's revelation, as if by opposing Divine words we could do away with them. The Archdeacon spoke of the wonderful vitality of the Bible through the ages, though opposed by burning in the time of Diocletian, in the sixteenth century, and in South America to-day. Reference was also made to the futility and absurdity of any criticism which endeavours to dissect, and thereby to destroy Holy Writ. Verily, truth is mighty and prevails, and those who endeavour to set aside Divine revelation soon find that so far from the problems of life being thereby solved they are intensified because there are "added many like words." Our attitude to revelation determines everything.

Unable to Live

A Methodist minister has lately resigned his charge, declaring that he had found it impossible to support his family on a salary of \$825.00 per annum. His case is by no means an isolated one, for nearly fifty per cent. of the members of the Toronto District are receiving less than \$850.00 yearly, though, of course, it is probable that many of them are unmarried. In the Presbyterian Church we understand that conditions are rather better, and for the past two years the Home Mission Board has made up all defects in the clergymen's salaries. We wonder whether this difficulty applies to any of our Anglican Churches. Members of congregations should give attention to it as an important question. The other day we read an unutterably sad account of ministerial home difficulties through lack of funds. Wherever

there is a servant of God at work in connection with a parish, the Divine word is absolutely true: "The labourer is worthy of his hire."

The Aftermaths of War

Some idea of the awful results of war is suggested by an advertisement which has just appeared in a German paper:—

Three thousand artificial legs are wanted by the Government of a nation at present in war. Estimates considered only from concerns who are able to deliver this quantity. Address—

It is much to be hoped that this ghastly reference may call renewed attention to the fearfulness of war and the absolute necessity of Christian people doing their utmost in every way to prevent the possibility of such inhumanity. Again and again we must proclaim the solemn though familiar words: "War is Hell."

Is this Loyal?

An editorial in the "British Columbia Western Catholic," a Roman Catholic magazine, published in Vancouver on August 1 last, had the following as an editorial:—

"The 'Daily Province' of Saturday is responsible for the statement that, to celebrate the Festival of St. James, the Anglican Church of St. James on Friday, was the scene of a Missa Cantata, or Sung Mass. This is the first occasion, to our knowledge, that any Anglican minister has termed his Service a Missa Cantata. The dividing lines which separate certain forms of Anglicanism from Catholicism are becoming narrowed. There are many sincere Christian men in the Anglican ranks; let us pray for the hastening of the day when they will make their full submission to the Successor of St. Peter."

It is hardly necessary to comment on this statement, but, assuming it to be true, it is difficult to reconcile it with anything like loyalty to true Anglicanism.

The Philosophy of a Smile

That remarkable missionary, Mr. Dan Crawford, whose earnest words in Toronto made so distinct an impression, gave one of his unique addresses at the Lunch arranged in connection with the Joint Alumni Association meeting. Among other forcible things that impressed his hearers, he remarked that a man in England had recently asked him what he thought was the main difference between the England he left twenty-five years ago and the England of to-day. Mr. Crawford replied that he observed a remarkable difference in the demeanour of men, that whereas twenty-five years ago there was a good deal of joviality and heartiness, to-day many young men seemed to be sombre and solemn, and unable to smile. Mr. Crawford then called attention to Mr. Herbert Spencer's discussion of the Smile, where he points out that no quadrupeds ever smile, that, therefore, the smile in human life is really expressive of the soul, and the absence of a smile implies spiritual loss. Then Mr. Crawford aptly remarked with a force that carried its own significant meaning, "What shall a man be profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own—smile?"

Divinity Students

It is impossible to forget that at the present time our Divinity Colleges are opening for the