

Life and Death and God. But if we profess to use the season at all, in its high and awful purpose, let there be no hypocrisy, about it. Fish-eating and church-going are good things in their place and, and serve a reasonable purpose when kept there; but if they are substituted for the justice which a man should mete out to his own life when it is put on trial, or the genuine abasement of soul with which he should approach his Maker, they are the most perilous of frauds."

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has commenced his visitation for the purpose of holding Confirmation along the western shore, his appointments being as follows:

MARCH.	MARCH—Continued.
10, Port Medway.	17, Jordan Falls, 11.
12, Liverpool.	Jordan Ferry, 3.
13, Western Head.	18, Shelburne
14, Hunt's Point.	19, Sandy Point.
15, Lockport.	20, Churchover.
16, Green Harbor.	21, Barrington.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

#### ST. JOHN.

A large audience gathered at the Trinity church school house Monday evening, 26th ult., to hear Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke's lecture on English Cathedrals. The lecture, a most interesting and instructive one, was in the course of the Young Men's Association and Young Women's Guild. It was illustrated by dissolving views.

The re-opening of St. Mary's church took place Thursday evening, 1st March, when a special service was held. The sacred edifice was filled to the doors and all admired the improvements, which have made the church one of the prettiest and most complete in the city. All the clergy were present, also Rev. Mr. McCully, of Fredericton. The singing was by a strong choir with orchestra accompaniment. A powerful and appropriate sermon was preached by Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke.

### Diocese of Ontario.

#### BROCKVILLE.

THE BEQUEST TO ST. PETER'S.—Kindly contradict an extraordinary story, for which it is difficult to account, that the Rector of St. Peter's, Brockville, has come in for a fortune. Here is the fact. A poor old Irish widow, for over forty years blessed by the Church's ministrations here, wished to make a benefaction to the Church of her small estate after her immediate relatives had passed away. The estate is composed of a little frame house and about \$1,500; altogether the value is a little over \$2,000, all told. Only after the demise of three now healthy persons, viz.: the good old woman's son, his wife and their daughter, now just 22 years of age, who had been adopted as her own child by her grandmother, will the income of this small endowment be available for some future Rector of St. Peter's—probably in half a century. Yours, etc., T. BEDFORD-JONES, Archdeacon.

#### MATTAWA MISSION.

At St. Margaret's, Rutherglen, on Sunday, 4th Feb., the Rector, Rev. W. T. Daykin, from

some reasonable cause, failed to appear to celebrate Divine service. There being present a Methodist minister named Jones, he took in the situation, and led in prayer rather than suffer the congregation to depart without service. Subsequently when questioned about it by Mr. Daykin, he excused himself by saying a motto in the porch called upon him to do as he had done. The motto ran, "Let no one enter this church and leave it without one prayer," etc.

#### CORNWALL.

The Rev. Canon Pottit, we are glad to learn, is improving in health and able to walk about on fine days.

#### KINGSTON.

A meeting of the Local Convocation of Trinity University, Toronto, was held on Friday afternoon at St. George's Hall. Among those present were Dr. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., chairman; Rev. Prof. Worrell, R.M.C., secretary; the Very Rev. Dean Smith and Rev. Mr. Coleman.

It was shown that Trinity University offered to allow any Branch Convocation which would send in \$150 to nominate a candidate for Scholarship to be resident within the local district. The proposition was favorably received.

#### OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.

This Parish has given \$1,105 towards the Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund—the largest sum subscribed by any country Parish in the Diocese. The congregation on Barnhart's Island (U.S.) comprised of twelve families, gave \$111.

During the next two weeks Mr. Hanington's work will be done in the parishes of Crysler and Winchester, and we trust that equal success may there reward his efforts.

Evidently the members of the Church within the proposed Diocese are fully alive to the importance of this work for Church extension.

Missionary meetings are about over for the season of 1893-4, and in some instances have been very successful, in others not so much so. Among the best held in Ottawa was that in St. Alban's church, where the offertory exceeded \$103, against \$35 last year.

It will be interesting to note by and by the result of the faithful carrying out by the Clergy of the new regulation, to the effect that the names of all the contributors on the cards be published. Regarding this the Report of the Board of Missions adopted at the last Session of Synod says, "The Board has . . . resolved, at the end of this year, to publish their Report with the names of all contributors to the Mission Fund; and it would therefore draw the attention of the Clergy to the necessity of having the names and subscriptions carefully transcribed from the collecting cards."

### Diocese of Toronto.

#### ORILLIA.

The work of the Church seems to be extending in this parish, since in response to an appeal for more workers the Rector of St. James' has been able to open two new cottage meetings in different portions of his field, and also to start a Bible reading in the northern part of the town.

### Diocese of Huron.

#### BIDDULPH.

On the evening of Feb. 6th the parents and children connected with the Sunday school of St. Patrick's church assembled in full force for the distribution of prizes and presents. After

devotional exercise conducted by the Incumbent, Rev. H. Douglas Steele, a pleasant half hour or more was spent in giving and receiving tokens of encouragement to those children who had attended Sunday school during the term from Easter to Advent. Every child received a book or toy according to merit, while two special prizes were awarded for regular attendance and perfect recitations—one to Master Johnnie Blackwell, who never missed a Sunday and stood at the head of the roll; and a special prize given by the Incumbent to Miss Alma Hodgins, whose name stood second on the roll. The teachers present took occasion to present to the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Turner, a handsome china porridge set as a slight token of their appreciation of his valued services, to which Mr. Turner made a suitable reply. Thereafter a well-worded address was presented to Miss Alice Hodgins, our late organist, who has removed to Walkerville, Ont., accompanied by tangible expressions of good-will in the shape of a pair of china vases, a beautiful booklet (illuminated), and various articles of household ornaments for the centre table. Altogether the occasion was a pleasant one, and the Superintendent reported that the Sunday school had been more largely and regularly attended this last term than during any previous year.

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### Diocese of New Westminster.

The February number of the *Churchman's Gazette*, the official Diocesan Chronicle, is before us, and we find it contains the Bishop's report of Church progress in his diocese during the year, 1893. Looking it through, we find very distinct and most gratifying evidence of progress in all departments, notwithstanding the severe hard times which have been specially felt, apparently in British Columbia. We take the following particulars from the Bishop's report.

During the year, three of the clerical staff have left for other fields, but five additional have been received, amongst them the Rev. L. N. Tucker, appointed to Christ Church, Vancouver, and the Ven. Archdeacon McKay to Donald. Besides these clergy, Mr. Whittington, of St. Augustine's College has joined the staff of St. James, Vancouver, and is waiting ordination.

The number of communicants reported from the several parishes and missions show an increase of 134, and of Church people 970.

Owing to the serious illness of the Bishop, the number of persons confirmed during the year was very much less than in 1892, but the decrease is accounted for by the inability of his Lordship to make the visitations.

Referring to CONTRIBUTIONS, his Lordship expresses surprise and satisfaction, that notwithstanding the almost complete stagnation of business, especially in regard to lumber and mining industries, and the scarcity of money in consequence, the contributions within the diocese for Church purposes did not diminish but, in respect of donations and subscriptions, showed a considerable increase over those of last year. This proves the willingness and determination of the Church people of the diocese, to respond heartily to the claims of the Church upon them. There was raised for church purposes in Vancouver, \$6,041.52, and in New Westminster \$5,056.70, making a total of \$11,098.22 raised in these two small cities. Such earnest and liberal response by church members should encourage the friends of the diocese in Canada and elsewhere.

A total amount contributed within the diocese for church purposes in 1893 was \$20,251.82, being \$1,882.16 more than last year, making an average of \$2.77 for every man, woman and child, Indians, Chinese and Whites.

Local contributions to stipends of clergy also