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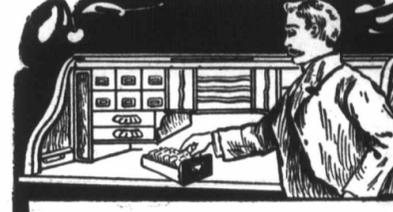
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Sunday after Ascension.

Morning—Deut. 30; John 4, 31.
Evening—Deut. 34, or Jos. 1; 1 Tim. 4.

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Children's Hymns: 291, 338, 340, 341.
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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.

Holy Communion: 316, 319, 294, 298.
Processional: 147, 280, 297, 301.
Offertory: 149, 248, 296, 300.
Children's Hymns: 304, 342, 343, 346.
General Hymns: 148, 299, 235, 295.

Bishop Brent.

A Canadian Churchman cannot fail to feel a deep interest in religious work in the Philippine Islands, inasmuch as a Canadian Bishop, Bishop Brent, represents the American Church in that field. He has secured 13,000 square metres of land on Calle Isaac Peral, near the Luneta, as a site for his cathedral and other associated buildings. Plans for a church house, which is soon to be erected, are in course of preparation. Bishop Brent is making his influence felt in many ways in the East. He was appointed by the United States Government a commissioner on the opium traffic, and this commission necessitated considerable Asiatic travel. The Bishop found the Church was doing solid, enduring work wherever he had been.

Lessons from the Colonial Church.

This was the title of an address before a conference of Church workers in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross by Dr. Hackett, Dean of Waterford Cathedral, Ireland, and formerly principal of Montreal Diocesan College, Canada. Eighteen years in India and five years in Canada had qualified him to speak on that theme. One great lesson which the Church learns from the colonies is adaptability. Church furniture or Church vestments are of secondary importance in an Australian bush or Canadian mining camp. The services of lay readers were largely used in the colonies, and, though not wholly satisfactory, were better than neglect. The colonial Churches could teach the older Churches important lessons in collecting Church funds. He referred with warm approval to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in Canada. For the religious education of children he put the system of the Irish Church ahead of any system he had seen in England, India or Canada. The children should be brought to Christ in tender youth; then they are more likely to remain sincere Christians in their after lives. The Bishop and other speakers warmly commended Dr. Hackett's address and the various practical suggestions he had made.

A Remarkable Mission.

Forty of the best mission preachers of the Mother Church, including four Bishops, are going out on a missionary tour to South Africa. The four Bishops are the Bishops of Burnley, Chichester, Stepney and Gibraltar. The list includes such names as Rev. E. A. Stuart and Father Waggett, and, therefore, represents all shades of churchmanship. Three experienced missionaries went over the ground some time ago and carefully considered the needs of the situation. The three pioneers of the Mission were Bishop Wilkinson, of St. Andrew's, Scotland; Provost (now Bishop) Campbell, and Canon Scott-Holland. The sum of £5,700 was quietly and quickly gathered to defray expenses, and the whole enterprise speaks well for the public spirit and devotion of the Mother Church. The land of South Africa was cursed by strife and bloodshed, but this band of missionaries will plant the standard of the cross in many places, and invite all those who were engaged in war, and all classes, to enlist under Christ's banner in a stern, undying struggle against sin, the world and the devil.

Smoking.

Spurgeon's outspoken defence of his habit of smoking is well remembered, and it gains a new currency by finding a place in his biography recently written by Charles Rav. "Together with hundreds of thousands of my fellow-Christians I have smoked," said the great preacher, "and with them I am under the condemnation of living in habitual sin if certain accusers are to be believed. . . . I will not own to sin when I am not conscious of it. There is grown up in society a Pharisaic system which adds to the commands of God the precepts of men. To that system I will not yield for an hour. . . . If through smoking I had wasted an hour of my time, if I had stunted my gifts to the poor, if I had rendered my mind less vigorous, I trust I should see my fault and turn from it; but he who charges me with these things shall have no answer but my forgiveness." He was told that an open avowal of the habit would lessen his influence, but he said he would do nothing on the sly, and nothing which he considered doubtful. What Spurgeon said so well about smoking might be applied to other practices, not necessarily sinful.

The cause of truth suffers and the moral life is injured by unwarranted denunciation of things which are in themselves perfectly legitimate and innocent.

A Temperance Island.

The Church of Ireland Gazette draws attention to a temperance island off Essex coast, about forty-five miles from London, England. Its name is Osea Island, and it embraces about 350 acres of land, hitherto unused. The works of draining, building and tilling, carried on there, give employment to very many, and its owner, Mr. F. N. Charrington, intends to open homes for male and female inebriates and a hotel for weary workers who desire rest and sea air. No liquor of any kind is allowed to be sold on the island. Mr. Charrington has made great sacrifices for the temperance cause, having voluntarily renounced his share in his father's great brewery business, which has been estimated at a million and a half pounds sterling. His father commended this action on his death bed. He was once challenged for wearing the blue ribbon, and asked what he got for doing it. His answer was that it cost him about £20,000 per year. His example is worthy of the emulation of other millionaire philanthropists.

Dr. Anthony Traill.

The new Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, chosen to succeed the late Dr. George Salmon, is Dr. Anthony Traill. A layman, a Senior Fellow of Trinity, Dublin, a great educational expert, High Sheriff of the County Antrim in 1882, a landowner and a man of affairs, Dr. Traill adds to all his other qualifications the fact that he is a loyal son of the Church, and has done her good service in his own Diocese of Down Connor and Dromore. He is now working assiduously to promote a scheme for clerical superannuation, and will become the "Chancellor of the Exchequer" for the General Synod of the Irish Church. Dr. Traill was a joint founder of the first electric railway in the United Kingdom, which runs from Portrush to the Giant's Causeway. His appointment is very highly approved by those best qualified to speak.

The Ritual Commission.

The British Government has decided to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the alleged "disorders" in the Church of England. The idea is theoretically excellent, but everything will depend on the commissioners chosen for so delicate and difficult a task. The success of the various "Round Table Conferences" on such highly controverted subjects as the Lord's Supper and Confession holds out a promise of similar success for this Commission. The Church Times says it is the outcome of a detestable intrigue, but yet must not be treated as an unclean thing, and may do some good. It admits the need for such a Commission in this characteristic sentence: "When Bishops put forth fancy editions of a creed, and dignitaries and others reject this or that article of Catholic belief, and Canons are seen in dissenting chapels, and dissenting preachers in church pulpits we cannot pretend that everything is well." The Church Family Newspaper expresses the hope that "men of moderate views, with an open mind, who have not committed themselves to either extreme," will make up the Commission, and conduct a judicial impartial enquiry. The London Standard, which speaks for the Government, says the Commission ought not to consist of a mechanical mixture of pronounced partisans, but rather of those who are capable of judicial detachment, and who will confine themselves strictly to the illegalities complained of. Mr. Miller, of the Church Association,

rofoundly denounces the Commission as a "collusive trick between the Government and the Bishops." As no amateur legislation for repressing illegal ritual can be entertained while the Commission is sitting, the Church Association does not welcome this enforced cessation of agitation. But the opinion of those who are not professional agitators is, generally speaking, favourable to the course that the Government has seen fit to adopt.

WAR.

As our readers are fully aware, war exists at present in the Far East between the two Empires of Russia and Japan. It would seem at first glance to be an unequal contest, because in area and population the former greatly exceeds the latter, but there are conditions which tend to offset Russia's seeming advantage. Japan's maritime position, the Great Britain of the Pacific, renders her immune from attack except by sea, and as she has a larger and more efficient navy than Russia, no danger is to be apprehended of invasion from the enemy's fleet. Japan's navy would seem to be in a high state of efficiency, and great success has attended its efforts to destroy the enemy's ships and blockade his ports. Early in the war Japan's superiority on the sea has been demonstrated, and Russia cannot hope to overcome the advantage thus early gained. Japan's proximity to the seat of war also gives her an additional point of ascendancy over her powerful enemy. Japan greatly dreads the aggressive action of so powerful and persistent a foe, and fears for her own independence should Russia gain possession of Korea. English and American sympathy is largely with the Island Empire, and there is much admiration for the skill and pluck with which the Japanese have so far conducted the war. Russia is a vast Empire, which it is difficult to injure very much, and all Japan can hope to accomplish is to arrest her aggressive advances on what is almost adjacent territory. The results of the naval operations so far have been to reveal the new horrors which modern methods have added to war on the sea. Submarine mines and torpedo boats call for incessant watchfulness, and danger lurks in the depths of the ocean. The terrible and awfully sudden disaster which overtook the flagship of Admiral Makaroff, the *Petropavlovsk*, is an illustration of the terrors which await those who engage in warfare upon the ocean. In the days of Nelson it was open and above board in comparison with the conditions which exist to-day. Steam and electricity have revolutionized naval warfare, and made it both more difficult and more dangerous. A modern sailor is more of a machinist than he is of a seaman, and victories at sea will be more gained at long range and by the use of torpedoes and marine mines than by any close personal encounters, as marked the boarding of old times. It is to be hoped that the war may not be a long one, and that it will finally be settled in the interests of trade and commerce and civilization generally. It is to be regretted that lust of territory is still so powerful, that so many millions of men are kept under arms, and that the arbitrament of war is so often appealed to in the settlement of difficulties among nations. War is destructive of life and property, is demoralizing and ruinous in its effects upon those engaged in and immediately affected by it, and it will, indeed, be a happy day for humanity when nations will agree to arbitrate their claims and disputes, and the declaration of the prophet be realized when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and shall cease to learn war any more.

The Rev. W. H. Thompson, LL.D., vicar of St. Luke's, West Holloway, has been elected Gresham Professor of Divinity in the place of the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, resigned.

AMERICAN DIVORCES.

The rapid increase in the number of divorces in the United States, as well as the existence and open advocacy of polygamy by the Mormons of Utah, is causing no little anxiety among the thoughtful and religious people of that country. The family is the basis of society, and if from any cause it is disintegrated, then the whole social fabric is threatened with extinction. The multiplicity of divorces finds its origin in human weakness and passion, but it is greatly increased among our neighbours by the facilities for it which abound in the laws of the several States, and the demoralized state of public opinion in regard to it. For causes of a most frivolous nature in some States it is possible to receive a divorce, and the whole process of the courts as to it is made both cheap and easy. Lawyers are numerous who promote divorces, and who advertise how speedily, cheaply and privately it can be accomplished. Under these circumstances a steadily increasing number of divorces takes place each year, and alarm is evinced at this threatening danger to Christian civilization in the United States. The extent of the evil, and the pressing need for action to arrest it by legislation, as well as to arouse public opinion as to the menace to American civilization which undoubtedly exists is shown by an article on the subject in *The Churchman* of April 9th, and also by a striking sermon by Dr. Huntington, of New York, from the text, "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord" (Obadiah), in which he sees an application to his own country. He says: "No one of us can have listened to the text, I think, without having the chosen symbolism of our own beloved country vividly, nay, startlingly, brought to mind. Her emblem is the eagle, her flag is spangled with stars. Can it be possible, we ask ourselves, that what was true for Edom shall some day be true for the United States? Petra's eagle never was so strong as ours; Edom's stars never were so numerous as those that deck our shield. Is it conceivable that disaster should befall a people guarded on either hand, as we are, by the inviolate sea? Has America anything to fear? Nothing to fear from the outside, dear friends, let us take that for granted, nothing to fear from the outside, but much to fear from within." It is stated that in 1901 there were about 61,000 divorces granted in the United States, while in the same year there were only 177 granted in England, and only 19 in Canada. The latter figure does not, we think, include divorces granted in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, which would, perhaps, double it, and still leave the total for Canada very small as compared with the United States. It would seem that not only is the number of divorces large, but that they are rapidly increasing in proportion to the population. Reliable statistics show that there had been a gradual rise from 9,937 in the year 1867 to 25,535 in the year 1886. That was an increase of 157 per cent. The population meantime had increased 60 per cent. Again, it is stated, that whilst from 1890 to 1900 the population increased 20 per cent, there was an increase of 65 per cent. in divorced persons. France granted in 1902 21,939 divorces, which after the United States is the worst record among professedly Christian nations, and to find a parallel to them we must go to Japan, where it is said there are 100,000 divorces annually. By many earnest men it is recognized that the only remedy for the state of things existing in the American Union as to marriage and divorce is a return to conformity to the teaching of Christ, which utterly discountenanced polygamy, and sanctioned divorce only for one cause. "Such," says Dr. Huntington, "was Christ's attitude toward the subject, such His pronouncement. He did not base His decree upon anthropological researches; He sought not to buttress His position by philosophical arguments; He made no appeal to rabbinical opinions; He

simply, in His Father's name, as spokesman for Almighty God, laid down the law. We know what good results have followed even from a sadly imperfect obedience to that law. Society, we are constrained to admit, has been far enough from showing itself that symmetrical congeries of perfect homes which Christian theory requires it to be; but it has come near enough to the ideal to give men at least an inkling of what a perfect social life would be like, and it has succeeded in imparting to the word 'home' a music and a sanctity to which only a few other words in any language can lay claim." Occasionally we hear a plea put forward for some change in our existing divorce court in this country, and greater facilities and cheapness urged in procuring divorces, but we trust the state of things existing in France and the United States will prove an effectual warning as to the dangers of such a course, and that we had better far have some ease of individual hardship than endanger the family, threaten the stability of the whole social fabric, and violate the plain teaching of Jesus Christ as to the sanctity and inviolate character of marriage among Christian people.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

Spectator's Comments on Questions of Public Interest to Churchmen.

As was generally expected, Archbishop Bond was elected Acting Primate of All Canada at the recent meeting of the House of Bishops held at Kingston. It was not in the power of that body to go further in the matter at the present moment as the choice must be between two Archbishops and certain Bishops of British Columbia. One of the Archbishoprics being vacant, a permanent appointment could not be made. It is understood, however, that but one name was in the minds of all in connection with this supreme office, and that was the venerable prelate of Montreal. He will certainly grace with dignity the high position to which he has been called, and the Church will always find his judgments resulting from conscientious conviction. Behind him lies a record of immense service to the Church; and, though his working days in the natural course of events must now be few, all will unite to support him in maintaining the ideals which ought to be associated with such an exalted office.

The organization of an Anti-treating League by temperance workers in the Province of Quebec seems to be proceeding with reasonable prospects of success. The prime mover in the matter is Mr. Max Leibich, of Berthier, who has displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and done a large amount of work on its behalf. The pledge calls for no promise of abstinence, but simply that every man will pay his own footing in the matter of drinkables, as he does in everything else. It is a movement that demands magnitude to command any kind of influence. To be insignificant in numbers and limited in area is to condemn it at once to a brief and impotent career. If private missionary work could be carried on in all parts of Canada on the line that no organization would be publicly inaugurated until, say, five thousand or ten thousand men had signified their intention of taking the pledge, or acting in accordance with its spirit, then it would take its place as institution of far-reaching influence, and its development would be infinitely more rapid. In certain quarters the movement has received very cordial support from the daily press, and it is to be hoped that the work begun may be carried to a successful issue.

The Board of Management met a few days ago, and apparently had, on the whole, a satisfactory meeting. Spectator would humbly suggest that the public should be taken more fully into the confidence of the board in regard to the business transacted. At present a few crumbs of conventional information are communicated to the press during the meeting, and there the matter rests

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for a few weeks, when the official minutes are published in an official magazine. The public is never likely to enthuse very energetically over such information served cold. It is perfectly evident to any one familiar with the working of executive boards that it is not in the interests of the Church to throw such meetings open to press reporters when the incidental features of business and discussion are magnified beyond all proportion to their importance. But all purposes may be attained and such eventualities obviated by naming a responsible member, who possesses judgment and literary skill to make such a report as will attract the attention of the Church at large and carry with it the intelligent support of those who, after all, have some right to be informed of the deliberations of their representatives. To meet this situation something more than the dry resolutions which express the conclusions of such discussions are necessary. And further, the time to set this account before the public is not weeks after the meeting has adjourned, but at the moment when the eyes of the Church are upon the assembly and men are looking for information upon the subject. There is abroad a remarkable contempt for news that is untimely. Hundreds will read with interest the account of what is happening at the moment, when but few care to hark back to what they have come to regard as of bygone importance. Spectator would venture to suggest that some attention should be given to the matter of adequate and prompt information concerning the deliberations of a body which for the period of three years represents the whole Church of Canada in its missionary activities. Nor is this suggestion urged on the ground of meeting mere human curiosity, but as an element of policy that will ultimately result in winning the confidence and support of the Church, without which the wisdom and energy of the board are all in vain.

The acceptance by the Board of Management of three new candidates for the foreign mission field suggests the enquiry as to what proportion of the total sum proposed to be raised will find its way outside the limits of this Dominion. If Spectator can judge aright, the appeal that is made by the official representative of the board is based almost entirely upon the claims of our own country upon the generosity of its people. The shimmering possibilities of a western fairyland are dwelt upon with fervour, and the call to action among our own people is made imperative. The unofficial pleaders for the great work of Church extension lay emphasis upon the same feature, and this, while not the exclusive, is certainly the predominant note in eliciting the gifts of the people. According to the treasurer's statement for the last year \$29,000 was devoted to foreign work and \$41,000 to the work in western Canada, although at the outset it was proposed to devote \$25,000 to one object and \$50,000 to the other, with the expenses of administration levied in proportion on both sums. The point that Spectator desires to call attention to is this, is there a definite proportion of the total receipts to be placed to the credit of each department of mission work up to the full extent of which that work may rely, and no further? If the opportunities in the foreign field seem to be specially enticing, will larger sums be diverted to that source at the expense of the Canadian work? And further, are the people to whom appeals are made presented with definite information as to the disposition of their money in a given proportion to foreign and Canadian missions? To some this may seem of little moment, but we think otherwise. If men have been giving generously because the conditions in Western Canada appeal to them as a national duty, and then discover that a very considerable proportion of their contribution goes towards work in China and Persia, they may look at the question in a different light. The fault may be entirely their own for not seeing the force of a few introductory remarks in a vigorous appeal, but in the long run it is much better to set forth the situation in its wholeness. We foresee difficulties arising out of appeals that

dwell almost exclusively on the needs of our own great country when in reality the result of the appeals is applicable to many other countries as well.

The importance of the work falling upon the Executive Committee of the board and its inevitable influence upon the actions of that body necessitate a thoroughly representative character in its personnel. To avoid expense and to secure attendance the members were originally chosen chiefly from a couple of local centres. It would appear to be a wiser course to have a wider area represented, and pay the travelling expenses if necessary to secure attendance. What is more, in the opinion of Spectator, the report of the Executive Committee ought to be printed and sent to each member of the board, say, a fortnight before the meeting of the latter. This is in the interest of the despatch of business as well as that thoroughness of consideration which its importance demands. No fear of disapproval need be entertained regarding expenditure for such purposes from the public when it is plainly in the line of thoroughness. The only act of the board that has so far awakened widespread dissent was a recommendation from the Executive Committee that merely received a formal consideration.

One action was taken at the last meeting that must commend itself to all, and that is the appointment of a committee to secure information regarding the result of the money sent to the western Bishops. The object of this committee is not, we believe, and should not be, in any sense to interfere with the autonomy of the dioceses. Its sole purpose is to frame such questions as will call forth full information in regard to the expenditure of the money voted to such dioceses, forward the same to the proper quarters, and present the information received in concise and intelligent form to the board at its next meeting. For example, the votes of money last year contemplated the opening of some thirty or forty new missions to meet the requirements of existing conditions and the inflow of a large contingent of new settlers. It is only reasonable to ask, Have these missions been opened, and if not what has been done with the money? What are the centres of settlement that still await occupation by the Church, and what are the prospects for filling them? This and kindred information is absolutely necessary to the intelligent administration of the funds of the society. It is further necessary, if we mistake not, that facts such as these should be laid before the public if we hope to receive their continued generous gifts. Generalities may be effective for a time, but their influence with thinking men will soon decline. It is the experience of all observers that definite and explicit information rather than glowing rhetoric is the quality that will abide.

The progress of the great struggle between Japan and Russia in the Far East has been marked by several brilliant victories for the Flowery Kingdom and correspondingly disheartening blows to its enemies. The attitude of the public towards a deadly conflict such as this has some remarkable features. For example, hostilities have been in progress for more than two months, and yet comparatively few incidents of importance have been reported. Each morning we eagerly pick up the papers to learn the latest phase of the conflict, and throw them down in disgust when no battleship has been sent to the bottom and no blood has been shed upon land. The world seems to be sitting once more on the benches of an immense coliseum gazing upon a gladiatorial contest, and openly manifesting its ennui with harmless fencing when what is wanted is deadly thrusts. And yet we preach the Gospel of peace, and dwell upon the sweet reasonableness of arbitration as a means of settling international differences. We gasp at the depravity of the old Roman, who looked with composure upon the holiday conflicts that might involve the lives of a few gladiators, and congratulate ourselves that we are not even as the Spaniards, with a relish for the blood of bulls; and yet we eat our

breakfast apparently with greater zest when we learn that our favourite nation has sent a few hundred of its enemies to kingdom come and destroyed property that has taken a generation to produce. But beneath all this there may be something more favourable to be said on our own behalf. Where war is admitted we admit a devilish condition, and the end must be the defeat of one or other of the disputants. The sooner this is consummated the better for the world. Let us hope that our satisfaction at victory and interest in the progress of bloody conflicts is solely because they bring the end of it all measurably nearer, and not because we can take pleasure in skilful manoeuvres and the display of deadly genius. SPECTATOR.

THE CHURCH BIBLE AND PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.

We would respectfully call the attention of our readers to the work of the above society, and, for the purpose of making its aim and object more widely known, we would be glad to mention a few facts concerning it. The society was organized in 1808, and incorporated in April of the same year under the Benevolent Societies Act. It is endorsed generally by the Bishops of the Church throughout Canada. The late Primate was the patron of the society, while it had for its president His Grace Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, and for the chairman of its Board of Management His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto. The object of the society is to promote Christian knowledge by the circulation of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books and a healthy Church literature. Free grants of the same, including library books for Sunday Schools, are made to the poor and struggling missions of the Church of England in Canada, and, with the exception of library books, free grants are also made to our Canadian charitable institutions where the services of the Church are held. In order to make these free grants money must be provided, and the society, through its organizing secretary, the Rev. A. S. Madill, Toronto, appeals for annual subscriptions to its funds. The Church Bible and Prayer Book Society is the Church's own institution, and is purely Canadian, and, in view of the missionary and educational character of its work, deserves the hearty and loyal support of all members of the Church of England throughout Canada. Subscriptions in aid of its work would, we are sure, be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged by the organizing secretary. We have no doubt that he would also be pleased to receive invitations from any clergyman who would like to have him preach in behalf of the society and to have his parish canvassed for regular subscribers to the society's funds. We also desire to make it generally known that the society invites all missionaries of our poor missionary districts to make application to the board, through its honorary secretary, the Rev. H. O. Tremayne, Lambton Mills, Ont., from whom forms of application may be obtained, or through its honorary treasurer, J. S. Barber, Esq., 32 Grenville Street, Toronto, for free grants of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books and library books. All applications must be recommended by the Bishop of the diocese in which the application is made, and then returned to the honorary secretary, to be presented at the next meeting of the board for its approval or rejection. If approved, a grant will be made and the books promptly sent to the applicant.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Cosmos.—We have received a copy of this magazine, which is published in the interests of the young people of Ontario with the especial object of interesting them in the historical places within the boundaries of the Province. The intention of the publishers of this magazine is to use the proceeds to buy Chimney Island, which

is one of the Thousand Islands. The great interest which centres around this spot is the fact that the last battle which took place between the French and the English upon this continent was fought there and in its immediate neighbourhood on the 26th August, 1760. The remains of the fortifications are still to be seen thereon. It is proposed to erect a museum, which will contain relics of the various wars, on the island, so that people who are interested in such matters may have the opportunity of seeing them. The museum will be open to all free of charge, and nearby a caretaker's cottage will be built, who will have the full charge of same.

The Churchwoman.

This Department is for the benefit of Women's work in the Church in Canada.—Its object will be to treat of all institutions and societies of interest to Churchwomen.—Requests for information, or short reports for publication will receive prompt attention.—Correspondence will be welcome, and should be brief, addressed to the Editor "Ruth," care CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

OTTAWA.

Ottawa.—St. Barnabas.—The annual meeting of this branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held Wednesday, the 13th April, at the home of Mrs. Sharpe, Gilmour Street, and the year's officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Sharpe; vice-president, Miss Piggott; secretary, Miss Dixon; treasurer, Mrs. Roger; box secretary, Miss Featherstonhaugh; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Joyce; secretary of literature, Mrs. Poole; Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund, Miss Joyce; representatives to annual meeting, Mrs. Harley and Mrs. Roger; representatives to board meetings, Mrs. Harley and Mrs. Poole.

All Saints.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of this branch was held on the 14th inst. The reports of the different officers were presented. During the year the sum of \$168 was raised by the Woman's Auxiliary; the Junior Woman's Auxiliary raised \$108, and the Children's Auxiliary, \$37.39. There are at present ninety-three members in the society. The following officers were elected; President, Mrs. J. P. Featherston; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. W. Mackey and Mrs. Finnie; treasurer, Mrs. Duthie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rothwell; recording and literary secretary, Mrs. Shore; box secretary, Mrs. J. S. Brough; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Toller; Leaflet secretary, Mrs. W. A. Clark; representative to the board, Mrs. Plaskett; delegates to the annual meeting, Mrs. Rothwell and Mrs. Peden; substitutes, Mrs. Shore and Mrs. Plaskett. Mrs. Tilton and Rev. Lennox-Smith were present and gave short talks.

Ottawa.—Grace Church.—The reports of the year's work of the Woman's Auxiliary of this parish, as received at the annual meeting, held on April 19th, were eminently satisfactory. The receipts of the year had been \$181.49, and the expenditure \$144.27. The diocesan missionary boxes had resulted in \$41 receipts, while the triennial boxes had yielded \$6.30. Two and a half bales, with a cash value of \$101.28, had been sent during the year, and the balance on hand of the Children's Auxiliary is \$11.82. The Rev. G. F. Gorman presided at yesterday's meeting, and Mrs. Doney, deanery secretary, was present, as was the Rev. C. Bilkey, who gave an interesting and helpful address. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Rev. G. F. Gorman; president, Mrs. Gorman; first vice-president, Mrs. Gorrell; second vice-president, Mrs. Valpy; recording secretary, Mrs. McKay; corresponding secretary, Miss Ridout; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. H. B. Lewis; Leaflet secretary, Miss Alice Lee; literature secretary, Miss Whitchio; box secretary, Mrs. Burgess; treasurer, Mrs. Carter; delegate to Diocesan Board, Mrs. McKay; delegates to diocesan annual meet-

ing, Mrs. H. B. Lewis and Mrs. Stanley; substitutes, Mrs. McClenaghan and Mrs. Ward.

Otterville.—St. John's.—On Friday evening, April 8th, the members of the Ladies' Guild of this parish and their husbands gave Mr. and Mrs. D. Purvis an agreeable surprise, accompanied with a present and address, before taking their departure for Antigo, Wisconsin. Mrs. Purvis has been a resident of our village all her life, as she was born here. Mr. Purvis has been a citizen for upwards of thirty-three years. The address was read by Mrs. McDougall, president of the Guild, after which Mr. and Mrs. Purvis made suitable replies. They said that such kind acts as this made it harder for them to leave the village to which they had become so attached. The address read as follows: "Otterville, April 8th, 1904. Dear Mr. and Mrs. Purvis.—We, the members of St. John's Church Guild, cannot allow you to remove from us without expressing in some manner our appreciation of your services and assistance to the Church while you sojourned among us. During your stay here we have learned to love you, not only as neighbours, but as friends. We all feel sorry that you are about to take your departure from our village; and, while doing so for the purpose of being nearer your son, we hope that success may attend you on every hand. We feel unable to repay you in any way for the kindness you have shown us, and would simply ask you to accept this present as a slight token of respect and esteem. We owe to Mrs. Purvis' efforts and to those of the society in which she has taken such an active part many of the improvements and adornments to our Church, which add so much to its attractiveness. May she long be spared to continue the same work in the future that she has done in the past. We hope and pray that the Supreme Being you love and serve may continue to guide and protect you till the end, and at last may He say, 'Well done, good and faithful servants.' Signed on behalf of the members of the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, Mrs. McDougall, president; Mrs. C. A. Garthwaite, secretary."

RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipeg.—Holy Trinity.—The annual meeting of this branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the schoolroom of the church on Monday afternoon, the 11th April, with a large attendance present. The Ven. Archdeacon Fortin presided, and also gave an encouraging address on the work of the W. A. A very interesting address was given by Mrs. Bompas, wife of the Bishop of Selkirk, in which she told of their work in the far North, and also asked their interest in and care for the little deaf and dumb Indian girl, whom she and the Bishop had brought with them from Caribou, and were leaving in the institute here. Mr. McKinnon also addressed the meeting. The report of the secretary showed that 16 meetings had been held since autumn, and there was a membership of 69. Four large bales, at an approximate value of \$106, had been sent out. The treasurer's report showed that \$170.17 had been collected for other purposes, besides \$36.70 from mite boxes. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Honorary president, Mrs. Fortin; president, Mrs. Boswell; vice-president, Mrs. Millar; secretary, Mrs. Shaw; treasurer, Mrs. Lash; superintendent of work, Mrs. Bennett; cutters and buyers, Mesdames Cordingly, Bennett, Moore, Brown, McKinnon, Merrick; delegates to diocesan meeting, Mesdames O'Meara and Shaw.

The annual meeting of this branch of the Ladies' Aid was held on Wednesday, the 12th, with the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin in the chair. He spoke a few encouraging words to the workers, and referred to the decided upward move in the city, many new people coming all the time, and the aim of the society should be to interest and gather them in. This society does not raise money by sales and bazaars, or ticket selling, but

by collecting small monthly subscriptions from the women of the congregation. The following ladies had kindly acted as collectors during the past year, some for longer or shorter periods: Mrs. Boswell, \$55.25; Mrs. Bennett, \$53.45; Mrs. Chambers, \$48.25; Mrs. Strang, \$46; Mrs. Woodman, \$42.10; Mrs. Morkill, \$41; Mrs. R. I. Jones, \$32.70; Mrs. Crichton, \$20.45; Mrs. O'Loughlin, \$11.25; Mrs. Reed, \$6; Mrs. Bell, \$6; Mrs. Shaw, \$4; Mrs. Clifford, \$3.25; balance from last year, \$8.63. Total, \$378.33. Another branch of work taken up by the society has been the Travellers' Aid. An appeal was made to twenty-five city churches to contribute \$2 a month each to make up the \$50 guaranteed as salary to the agent. Holy Trinity very gladly fell in with this proposition, feeling what great need there was for such work among the new arrivals in the city, especially unprotected girls. The Ladies' Aid felt they could not take the amount asked for from their regular collections, as they were considered pledged to the church debt, so they have subscribed the \$24 among themselves, with the assistance of a few outside friends. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Rowan; president, Mrs. Fortin; first vice-president, Mrs. Strang; second vice-president, Mrs. R. I. Jones; secretary, Mrs. Boswell; treasurer, Mrs. Chambers; delegates to Travellers' Aid, Mrs. O'Meara and Mrs. Leslie. Most of the old collectors kindly consented to act again, and Mrs. Cordingly was welcomed as a new worker.

TORONTO.

The April meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the schoolhouse of the Church of the Ascension, and was largely attended by representatives of the city and out-of-town branches. Seventeen new life members were reported since the last meeting, bringing the life membership number this year up to thirty-three, one more than last year. Mrs. De Pencier's resignation as convener of the Chinese Committee, and that of Mrs. Farncomb, convener of the Junior Committee, were received with much regret. The Woman's Auxiliary extend to Mrs. De Pencier many good wishes for happiness and success in her future home in the West. The corresponding secretary reported that the Woman's Auxiliary had been incorporated on March 10th under the name "The Toronto Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions." The treasurer thanked the branches for their assistance in making up the different pledges, only one pledge having fallen short this year. The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund, amounting to \$104.42, was voted toward buying supplies for the workers in the northern Diocese of Mackenzie River. The P. M. receipts amounted to \$1,297.69. The secretary-treasurer of Juniors reported a balance of \$154, and the secretary-treasurer of the Literature Committee reported that fifty-two books had been distributed during the month, and that the set of questions had been prepared, and were now ready for the monthly paper. Nineteen new members have been enrolled in the Babies' Branch. The Auxiliaries in Montreal and Ottawa have also organized branches. The Rev. J. Silva-White, of St. Luke's, gave an instructive and helpful address at noon upon "Stedfastness." The Dorcas secretary-treasurer presented the general Dorcas secretary, Miss Halson, on behalf of the members of St. Thomas' Branch, and as a small recognition of the faithful and efficient manner in which she fulfils the arduous duties of her position with a life member's card. The president of the branch, Mrs. Cartwright, Sr., pinned on the little gold badge. An appeal was read from the Bishop of Algoma, stating that it would require \$100 more to complete entirely the "Williamson Memorial Boat"; and it was suggested that thank-offerings at the annual meeting might be devoted to this object. Appeals also from Rev. H. C. Dixon, asking for assistance towards repairing three churches in the diocese; from Rev. J. Mahood, of Rosthern,

Sask., from Miss Moody, of Yale, appealing for an assistant matron for the school at Yale; Rev. J. Lucas, asking for another worker for the school at Fort Simpson; Bishop Bompas, appealing for aid to build a church at Caribou Crossing; from Rev. A. White, of Fort Vermilion; Rev. Cooper Robinson, of Japan. The appeals decided upon for the different ballot papers, to be voted on at the annual meeting, were placed in the following order: 1. Life membership fees. (1) Towards Bishop Bompas' appeal for aid to build a church at Caribou Crossing. (2) Towards building church at Nagoya, and purchasing land for church at Ueda, Japan. (3) For mission-room at Fort Vermilion, Athabasca. 2. Century Fund (this year to be voted to the foreign field): (1) Toward support of a Chinese girl in a mission school (Miss Leslie's appeal). (2) For support of a missionary boat (Rev. J. White, of China). (3) For the Nazareth Orphanage (Southern India). 3. Memorial Fund: (1) Towards appeal for assistance for Rev. Mr. Major. (2) For church at Temskanning. (3) For church at Kewatin.

NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—The eighteenth annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12th and 13th. A mass meeting for children was held in the cathedral on the preceding Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the Rev. Canon Bland, and an address was given by the Rev. W. C. White, missionary from South China. On Monday evening, April 11th, a most successful At Home to welcome the visiting delegates was held in the schoolroom of the Church of the Ascension. On Tuesday, at 10 a.m., the opening service was held in the cathedral, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. L. N. Tucker. There was a large attendance of members at all sessions of the meeting. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave a brief and encouraging address before the commencement of business. As a slight token of her faithful work as president of the Diocesan Board for the past three years and upwards and on the occasion of her retirement Mrs. Wade was presented with a life membership on the General Board. The remainder of the Tuesday morning session and the greater part of the afternoon was devoted to the reading of reports, both parochial and diocesan. A few statistics from the latter will show the advance made in the past year. There are now 55 Senior branches, with a membership of 1,011. The year's receipts amount to \$3,270.30, being an increase of \$185 over the record of last year. The reports of the Junior, Dorcas and Literature secretaries were also encouraging. The "E. C. D." Fund's receipts amounted to \$182.70. The Branch visitor reported having visited branches in nine centres. A public missionary meeting was held on Tuesday evening, and inspiring addresses were given by the Lord Bishop of Algoma, the Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal, and the Rev. L. N. Tucker. The Lord Bishop of the diocese occupied the chair. The Wednesday session was deeply interesting. The money pledges were fully discussed, and all were resumed. The life membership fees to the amount of \$129.50 were voted to Lytton Hospital. The thank-offering amounted to \$45.46. During the meeting addresses were given by Miss Kirkby, of China, and by Miss Etches, and papers were read by Mrs. Gerald Gwyn, Miss Jessie Wade, Miss Sadleir, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Cleghorn and Mrs. Sparling. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Leather; first vice-president, Mrs. Webster; second vice-president, Mrs. Sutherland; recording secretary, Miss A. Gavilles; corresponding secretary, Miss M. S. Ambrose; organizing secretary, Mrs. Houston; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Dalley; secretary-treasurer Literature Committee, Mrs. John

Webster; secretary for Junior branches, Mrs. G. T. Glasco; treasurer, Mrs. Parker; "E. C. D." treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Scott; Literature Committee, Miss Gavilles, Miss Wilcox, Miss Slater, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Grossmary, and Miss Helen Snider. The following offices are not annually elective: Honorary president, Mrs. DuMoulin; Branch visitor, Mrs. F. W. Gates; secretary for badges, Mrs. Sewell.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW NOTES.

The Travelling Secretaries' Work in London.—The formation of the first college chapter of the Brotherhood is an important event in our history, and to Huron College belongs the honour of being the first to take up this important work, thus marking the commencement of a new era of the Brotherhood in Canada. It is felt that other colleges will undoubtedly follow, now that a start has been made. The entire body of students of this college and the principal, the Rev. C. Cameron Waller, were admitted in the college chapel on Friday, 15th inst, both the Travelling Secretaries, Messrs. F. W. Thomas and W. G. Davis, assisting in the service. Meetings have been held in every parish, as many as five being held on Sunday, 10th April, and the congregations of the different churches have been addressed by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Davis, and as a result the whole of our Church people have had the Brotherhood of St. Andrew work laid properly before them. The final meeting, held in Cronyn Hall on Tuesday, 19th April, was a most enthusiastic one, ninety members being present and great interest being taken in the proceedings. Bishop Baldwin was on the platform, and together with Canon Dann, who was chairman, and the Rev. Dyson Hague, made stirring addresses. The Travelling Secretaries spoke at some length, and were listened to with great attention, Mr. Davis speaking on "The Brotherhood, and What it Means," and Mr. Thomas giving a very practical address on "How to Have a Live Chapter." Two-minute speeches from the directors of each chapter brought out many good points, and was quite successful. After Mr. Thomas had spoken as to the work of a local council steps were taken to form one, and the first local council for London was completed by the election of Mr. T. H. Luscombe (St. Paul's) as chairman, and Mr. Crawford (Christ Church) as secretary. The present standing of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in London now is nine chapters, with a total membership of 116 men and boys, a distinct advance upon the position of one month ago, with its two chapters with 14 men and boys. It is felt that the work will still further grow and develop in this city, and undoubtedly the influence of the city of London will be felt throughout the Diocese of Huron and all Western Ontario. The handsome contribution of \$16 was sent from the London Local Assembly for the "Forward Movement." Mr. Davis left Wednesday morning for St. Mary's, where he was successful in starting a good, live chapter at St. James' Church, the Rev. W. J. Taylor. From St. Mary's he goes to Stratford, Aylmer, Mitchell, Clinton, Seaforth and Goderich. Mr. Thomas left for his home at Toronto on Wednesday morning, and will be at the head office for a few days attending to correspondence. To show how widespread is the interest taken in the Brotherhood, two letters have come in lately from points as far apart as Winnipeg and North Sydney, C.B., asking for visits from the Travelling Secretary.

A Chapter in the Maritime Provinces intends doing a lot of Brotherhood work in a boat, going from place to place and visiting men, and are arranging for a large "St. Andrew's" flag to use on the boat.

A distinct advance is being made in the work of the Junior Department of the Brotherhood in Toronto, a new Chapter being formed quite recently at the Church of the Redeemer, making

nine Chapters at work in Toronto. For years two chapters only were on the list, and to "St. Matthew's Juniors" belongs the honour of being the first to lead off in what is now a good, strong Brotherhood city, both Seniors and Juniors.

St. Clement's, Eglinton, has a good, live Chapter of Juniors, and recently a deputation of four members called upon St. Matthew's, but met the "Seniors" instead of the "Juniors." It speaks well for their interest in the work that they should come that distance.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Frederick Courtney, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S.

Summerside.—St. Mary's.—The adjourned vestry meeting of this parish was held in the school-house on Tuesday, the 12th April. Wardens, A. B. Saunders, H. C. Massey; sidesmen, H. C. Mills, W. B. Mills, H. J. Massey, W. Nelson, R. L. Romicke, A. C. Saunders, H. E. Wright, F. Bearisto; vestry clerk, W. B. Mills; auditors, J. Grady, M. Hoyt. The following committee were appointed to provide ways and means for the building of a new church: H. C. Mills, A. C. Saunders, H. J. Massey.

Halifax.—St. Paul's.—The total contributions from this parish from Easter, 1903, to Easter, 1904, amounted to the sum of \$15,864.98.

Windsor.—King's College.—The Governors of this college met in this city on April 19th to elect a president for the college. There were several candidates for the position, and the choice fell upon Mr. Ian Campbell Hanna, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, and son of the Dean of Chichester, Eng. Mr. Hanna has the highest credentials, and has had extensive experience in Canada and India.

Halifax.—On April 19th the Rev. F. H. Almon, one of the most widely-known and greatly respected clergymen of this city, and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding day. They received on all sides from their large number of friends the heartiest of good wishes.

FREDERICTON.

Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

Campbellton.—Christ Church.—The Ladies' Guild and the Sunday School have shown considerable progress during the past year. A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has just been formed with twelve members. A chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has also been organized. The state of affairs at present in this parish is most encouraging. LAUS DEO.

Sussex.—Trinity.—At a special meeting of the parishioners held recently it was decided to commence at once the work of repairing and painting the church, and also to instal electric lights and a new pipe organ.

MONTREAL.

Wm. Bennett Bond, D.D., Archbishop, Montreal James Carmichael, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor, Montreal.

Montreal.—Christ Church Cathedral.—A reunion of the congregation of this cathedral church was held on April 20th in the Synod Hall, the vicar presiding. The objects of such a gathering, Dr. Symonds observed, were to foster a spirit of unity by giving those who belong to any one society in connection with the cathedral the opportunity of hearing what was being done by each of the other societies; and, secondly, for

social purposes. Mrs. Norton read the report of the Woman's Auxiliary. The cash receipts amounted to \$236.57. The membership is sixty-two, an increase of eighteen members. The Auxiliary had done helpful work for the diocese, the North-West, India, Japan, and other parts of the foreign mission field. Mrs. Norton also read the report of the girls' branch, which has been occupied in sewing for Indian children. Mrs. A. D. Ross reported steady work on the part of the Junior Auxiliary, which numbers ten members. The Dorcas Society, the report of which was read by Mrs. Pennell, meets every Tuesday afternoon, and many garments have been made for the poor, and disused clothing distributed. The work of the district visitors is closely related to that of the Dorcas Society. As stated in Mrs. Boyle's report, thirty-nine poor families have been visited regularly, and four destitute families in which there was illness were for a time visited almost daily. Mrs. Payne told about the mothers' meetings, which are apparently enjoyed by those attending them. Miss Phillips read the report from the Band of Hope, showing that a hundred and fifty children receive regular instruction on principles of temperance. After a solo, sung by Mr. Magill Tait, an interesting report of the church-wardens was read by Mr. Learmont. The year, it was shown, had been a prosperous one. The receipts amounted to \$15,241.08, and the expenditure was \$14,485.25, leaving a balance of \$755.83. Reference was made to the Church Endowment Fund, which it was hoped to raise. The organist, Mr. J. B. Norton, spoke of the harmony and good-will prevailing in the choir, which had been kept up to its full strength of twenty ladies and sixteen men. Professor Armstrong reported for the cathedral branch of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, the principal work of which thus far has been visiting young men, strangers in the city, in their homes. The Rev. T. S. Boyle said that the Sunday School was in some respects the least encouraging part of the work. Teachers and scholars number 175, and the vicar's Bible class has enrolled 44 names. The revenue of the school for the year was \$149.54. It is proposed to keep the Sunday School open all summer, instead of closing it in July and August. Miss Howard spoke enthusiastically of the youngest society, the King's Daughters, organized on November 12th, 1903, which now has fifty members. It comprises visiting, sewing, chancel, and reading circles. The choir was present, and led the singing of the hymns. Tea and refreshments were served from a table decorated with spirea and other plants.

Lachine.—St. Paul's.—At this parish church on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., a new pipe organ, which had been recently installed, was opened with an organ recital, which was given by Mr. C. S. Fosbery, organist of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal, who was assisted by Mr. Philip E. Netten, organist of Trinity Church, in the same city. A short dedicatory service was held previous to the recital, at which the Rev. Canon Chambers, rector of St. Stephen's, Lachine, gave an address.

Quyon.—St. John's.—The annual vestry meeting was very largely attended. The Rev. A. W. Buckland, the rector, presided. Wardens, C. Hutchinson, J. Ammis; delegates to Synod, H. Bolan, F. Davis. It was unanimously resolved to increase the rector's salary from \$700 to \$800.

ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

Kingston.—On Thursday, the 14th inst., the city hall was filled with a huge audience, which had gathered for the missionary meeting. The Primate of Canada, the grand old man of the Canadian Church, Archbishop Bond, beloved by everyone, presided, and after the opening prayers and a hymn, spoke briefly of the importance of the great cause of missions, in the interests of which the Bishops had met, and then called on the

Bishop of Huron, "one of my boys," as the patriarch said. The Bishop not being on hand, the Archbishop said he was afraid he was a naughty boy, but he appeared almost immediately and began his address. They were met to rouse interest in the missions of the great Canadian Church. Contrast missions a century ago, when Henry Martin went out as a missionary to India and Persia, and became thereby a butt for everyone in England. All Sydney Smith could say to him was, "May you disagree with the man that eats you." The Bishops then wouldn't ordain a man for the mission field; now there isn't a Bishop but who glories in sending men out to the Church's missionary work. When the newly-formed General Mission Board asked for \$75,000, men with the wisdom of the owls said it couldn't be done, but it was. A united Church saw to that. The laity had awakened from the slumbers of the past, and were seeing the part they must take in proclaiming the Gospel of the grace of God, which alone can raise men from sin and stay the out-goings of the aching soul. The Bishop incidentally made a powerful plea for the open Bible, which was the right of every Briton to read for ever and ever, and expressed his contempt for the "vitiated intelligence" which sought to belittle its power. He could wish for his own beloved Canada, which had given him everything he possessed, nothing better than the freedom which comes from the free Word of God. Hon. S. H. Blake then took the platform. He began by endorsing Bishop Baldwin's words on the Bible, and then plunged, with all his eloquence and vigour into the subject of the Church's missions. A nation is being made in a day in our great North-West. We can hear the trampling of the tens of thousands going up to their prairie homes. And they are largely members of the Church of England. If the Church does her part in tending her sheep, she will be writing part of the splendid history of the north. The responsibility is on us in the east to see that our brethren do not, through lack of Christian privileges, forget the Lord's Day, the Lord's house, and the Lord's commands, and become a seething mass of infidelity, and, perhaps, anarchy. They had been given \$75,000 at the asking! now they wanted \$100,000 to carry on this year's work. He thought the board should ask for \$300,000. This would only mean a cent on every dollar of the income of each member of the Church in Canada, and five dollars for every family. Then, with all the scathing, scorching invective which has made him so dreaded in courts of law, Mr. Blake held up to scorn the Mother Goose extravaganzas and kindred things for the raising of money for missionary and charitable purposes. Such methods sapped the foundation of all worthy action—self-sacrifice. The spirit of congregationalism, which has caused many of the clergy to be stumbling-blocks in the cause of giving, was dying. He humorously contrasted the methods of the Rev. Dismal Jemmy and the Rev. Sunny Jim in collecting for missions. The first approached his prosperous farmer parishioner in a timorous way, apologizing for calling at all, which, of course, strengthened the farmer to say "No" when the time came, and, after bewailing the recklessness of the board in asking for \$75,000, held up his hands in tearful and deprecating sorrow at the awful idea of its expecting \$100,000, with the result that between damning with faint praise and openly finding fault and sympathizing over the many calls made on him, the clergyman worked the farmer to the frame of mind where he concluded he wouldn't commit the amazing indiscretion of the year previous and give a dollar to the fund. Rev. Sunny Jim's way being quite the reverse, his farmer gave him five dollars, with a hint of more to come. The laity in the Canadian Church must be taught the grace of liberality. The Bishop Coadjutor of Montreal, witty Bishop Carmichael, began by telling of the trip he, with another Irishman, "and two Irishmen once removed," had from Montreal to Vancouver in the second year of the C.P.R. He then learnt the lesson that Canada

does not lie along the mighty river and the great lakes, but out on the giant prairies and in British Columbia. And he wrote home to his people that the wonderful country which he had been always writing about was just the fringe of the great Dominion. The tide of immigration, which for so long rolled into the States, is now rolling up upon the shores of our Canadian North-West. From his study window in Montreal, the Bishop says he sees that human tide surging in the C.P.R. station. Men of all nationalities. He'd rather see more English, more Irish, more Scotch, and less people he doesn't know anything about. But whoever they are that come, the Church's duty remains the same, and by the consolidation of her mission forces she can fulfil her duty. We hear no longer the cry, "For this diocese," "For that diocese," but the watchword, "All for Canada." There are no bounds save those ordained by God in Nature. The Church will no longer say she can't when asked to give. Of all the lavish eloquence which he had ever heard his brother of Huron pour like a flood over a delighted audience, he had never heard him use a more descriptive phrase than that in which His Lordship had referred to the committee as "opening its mouth like a carpet bag" when asked for \$100,000. Nobody had been sorry for the \$75,000 given last year. They would be glad for the \$100,000 they are giving this year. They would be more glad still when they gave of the bounty wherewith God blessed them, the \$600,000 which Mr. Blake had said it was their duty to offer. Let the Church face the situation with a good heart, and go in and win the world for Christ. God has increased the responsibility; we must rise to meet it. The doxology was then sung, and the aged Primate gave the blessing.

St. George's Cathedral.—The Bishop of Calgary was the preacher at the morning service on Sunday, 17th inst., and his account of the boundless possibilities before the Church in the North-West, told in his clear and powerful voice, which reached every corner of the large building, was listened to with close attention. The Bishop took for his text, "What hath God wrought?" contrasting the state of affairs in the West in 1868, when he went out there, the youngest of twenty-two men, working in the vast tract known as the Diocese of Rupert's Land, now divided into nine dioceses, many of which contain several self-supporting parishes. He then spoke of the tide of immigration pouring in, not only from the old lands, but also from the United States, and graphically described the sight now to be seen in his own district of Calgary and along the Saskatchewan, of the "prairie schooners," with their freight of sometime subjects of Uncle Sam making their way to homes under the British flag. Referring to the consolidation of the missionary work of the Church under one great society, the Bishop said much of the result was appreciated in the east, the gratitude which filled the hearts of the western workers in the mission field at the consummation can hardly be realized. May the work so well begun be continued in the spirit of enthusiastic earnestness, that the Church of our fathers may grow and expand and become the Church of our children and our children's children.

St. James'.—A very strong missionary sermon was preached on Sunday, the 17th inst., in this church by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Toronto. Next year the sum needed will be \$100,000, and he made a stirring appeal to the congregation of St. James' to do its share in raising the part apportioned to this diocese. He then briefly told of the grand work done by the society in foreign and home mission fields in past years. He touched on the work in Japan and Africa; and, speaking of the present war, said that Japan was struggling for a place in which to live and breathe under the sun. He laid greatest stress on the immediate importance of sending missionaries and establishing churches in the Canadian North-West. He spoke of the great tide of immigration surging into the North-West; and said that in twenty-five years the balance of power of the Government of our

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Dominion will be held in those prairies of the West. It behooves us to see that the foundation of civilization in the West is laid on the authority of God's Holy Word. He said that the national life of a country depends not on its waving fields of grain, wealthy mineral deposits or flourishing commercial industries, but on the principles and morals of the people, who make up the nation. He spoke of the great responsibility which comes with this opportunity to mould the future of our Dominion, and said that it was as if God stood on the threshold of the West land and said to us in Eastern Canada, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door."

The Bishop's engagements.—Thursday, April 28th, 10.30 a.m., Rockies; 7.30 p.m., Madoc. Friday, April 29th, 10.30 a.m., Bannockburn; 2.30 p.m., Glen Meyer; 7.30 p.m., Millbridge. Sunday, May 1st, 11 a.m., Bancroft; 3 p.m., L'Amable; 7 p.m., Bancroft. Monday, May 2nd, 3 p.m., Pevers. 7.30 p.m., Maynooth. Tuesday, May 3rd, 11 a.m., Whitechurch; 3 p.m., Monteagle Valley. Wednesday, May 4th, 11 a.m., Faraday; 3 p.m., Coe Hill; 7 p.m., Ormsby. Thursday, May 5th, 7.30 p.m., Roslin. Friday, May 6th, 10.30 a.m., Money-more; 7.30 p.m., Thomasburg. Sunday, May 8th, Marmora, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., St. Paul's; 3 p.m., Trinity. Monday, May 9th, Rawdon; 10.30 a.m., Twelfth Line; 3 p.m., Eighth Line; 7.30 p.m., St. Lawrence. Tuesday, May 10th, 11 a.m., Stirling; 3 p.m., Frankford; 7.30 p.m., Glen Meyer. Wednesday, May 11th, 7.30 p.m., Trenton. Thursday, May 12th, 10.30 a.m., Carrying Place; 7.30 p.m., Consec. Friday, May 13th, 10.30 a.m., Hillier; 3 p.m., Gerow Gore; 7.30 p.m., Wellington. Sunday, May 15th, 10.30 a.m., Marysburg; 3 p.m., Millford, 7 p.m., Picton. Monday, May 16th, Tyendinaga, 11 a.m., Christ Church; 3 p.m., All Saints'. Monday, May 16th, 7.30 p.m., Shannonville. Tuesday, May 17th, Amherst Island; 7.30 p.m., Stella. Wednesday, May 18th, 10.30 a.m., Emerald; 7.30 p.m., Bath. Thursday, May 19th, 10.30 a.m., Fredericksburg; 3 p.m., Gosport; 7.30 p.m., Adolphustown. Whitsunday, May 22nd, Brockville, 11 a.m., Trinity; 7 p.m., St. Peter's. May 24th to 27th, Executive Committee meetings in Kingston, and examination of candidates for holy orders. Trinity Sunday, May 29th, 11 a.m., ordination, St. George's Cathedral. Trinity Sunday, May 29th, 7 p.m., confirmation, St. James' Church, Kingston. Tuesday, May 31st, meeting of Synod.

Parish Changes.—Rev. J. E. Lindsay, B.A., has resigned Bancroft, to take effect June 1st. Appointed to Cardinal. Rev. R. C. Blagrove, B.A., has resigned Coe Hill, to take effect June 1st. Appointed to Rawdon. Rev. George Code, B.A., has resigned Madoc and Queensborough, to take effect May 1st. Appointed rector of North Augusta. Rev. R. B. Patterson, B.A., of Toronto, appointed rector of Lansdowne Rear, to enter upon his duties June 1st. Rev. Francis M. Dean, M.A., has resigned Westport, to take effect July 1st.

An ordination service will (D.V.) be held in the cathedral on Trinity Sunday. The preacher will be the Ven. Archdeacon Worrell, and there will probably be seven admitted to the priesthood and four to the diaconate. Of the latter, three are from Trinity College and one from Wycliffe College. Accepted candidates for deacon's orders will kindly send to the undersigned, before May 14th, certificate of baptism and proof of confirmation, Letters Testimonial, Divinity Testamur and Si Quis; candidates for priest's orders, Si Quis, Letters Testimonial and one sermon upon some subject composed by the candidate during the last three months. The examination will begin on Wednesday, May 25th, at 3 p.m. W. B. Carey, Archdeacon of Kingston, examining chaplain.

Wellington.—St. Andrew's.—The following officers were duly elected and appointed at the annual vestry meeting: Wardens, W. Clinton, W. H. Carrett; delegate to Synod, W. P. Miles. The ladies of the congregation have formed a guild for the purpose of working to get sufficient

money for a new organ and for re-seating the church. The vestry is shortly to be made more comfortable.

Gerow Gore.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, T. Wilson, T. Williamson.

Portsmouth.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 18th, when the auditors' report was presented. The report was a most satisfactory one. It was resolved to place electric lights in the church in place of the old coal oil lamps.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa.

Ottawa.—St. Bartholemew's.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 18th, the Rev. Canon Hannington presiding. There was a large attendance. Wardens, G. E. Preston, R. Nettle; delegate to Synod for a period of three years, L. J. Burpee. The financial report presented was a very satisfactory one, and the other reports presented showed that good progress was being made.

Billings' Bridge.—Trinity.—The annual vestry meeting was held on the 18th April, the Rev. Canon Low presiding. Wardens, H. Fentman, J. Kelley. The financial report presented was an extremely satisfactory one. Reports were read from the Woman's Auxiliary, the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, the Interest Guild, the Sunday School, the Choir Fund, etc. The financial report was exceedingly satisfactory. It showed that the church debt had been reduced by a considerable sum during the year, the Interest Guild, in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary, having paid off the interest, as well as \$100 towards the debt. Mr. George Fitzpatrick read the Sunday School report. The school is increasing in numbers and efficiency each year. Votes of thanks were passed to the various guilds and auxiliaries, and to the rector and the church officers for the good work done during the year. Before the close of the meeting Canon Low thanked those of the congregation present for granting him the time and means to take a short holiday this spring.

Cornwall.—Church of the Good Shepherd.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held Monday evening, the 11th April, in the basement of the church. The rector, the Rev. S. Gower Poole, occupied the chair. The auditors' report and balance sheet, showing that the church is gradually but surely adding both to its membership and funds, were well received. Mr. Iveson was re-appointed rector's warden, and G. W. Runions was re-elected people's warden. A long conversation followed as to the advisability of having a surpliced choir for the church. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that the choir should wear surplices, but it was thought best to further ascertain the views of the congregation before making any change. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Joseph Eastwood for his services as organist, likewise to the choir. A vote of thanks to the Ladies' Guild was passed unanimously, also to the Junior Guild. The Ladies' Guild raised \$141.44, and the Junior Guild \$34.65 during the year. The sidesmen are R. Runions, B. B. Eastwood, T. Clark, I. Blunn, Robert Kirkey and T. Kirkey. A Cunningham was re-elected lay delegate for three years. The rector brought a very harmonious meeting to a close by pronouncing the Benediction.

Stanley's Corners.—St. Thomas'.—Wardens, C. McCaffrey, C. Lewis. Financial condition satisfactory.

Both the C.M.S. and the B.F.B.S. have received anonymous donations of £1,000 for their General Purposes Fund.

TORONTO.

Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Bishop, Toronto.

St. Peter's.—A pleasing surprise greeted the members of this church on Easter Sunday to find that one of the windows of the church had been filled with handsome stained glass, the gift of Henry Pellatt, Esq., as a memorial to his wife, who was a member of St. Peter's from its inception, over thirty years ago, until her death in 1901. Mrs. Pellatt's memory is cherished by all who knew her, and especially so by those who were co-workers with her in the church, which has long since grown to be a stronghold in Toronto. For some time prior to the erection of St. Peter's Church Mr. and Mrs. Pellatt worshipped in St. James' Cemetery Chapel, where Mrs. Pellatt officiated at the organ. In those comparatively early years of the city's history there were very few dwellings in the vicinity of the church, but time has changed all this, and to-day it stands in one of the substantial residential districts of Toronto. It is very fitting that the memory of one who worked so faithfully in God's vineyard should be revered, and it is, therefore, gratifying to the rector in charge, the Rev. Winham Carey Ward, as well as to the entire congregation, that this memorial to Mrs. Pellatt has been erected. The window, which is composed of two lights, contains a beautiful illustration of "The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple," and commemorates the great deliverance wrought for Israel on the night when the angel of death passed through the land of Egypt, and when it was ordained that every first-born son should be regarded as holy to the Lord; and, though at a later period this character of special consecration was transferred to the Levites as a tribe, it was still appointed that the first-born sons should be publicly presented to God. This law was not departed from even in the case of Jesus, and Mary, forty days after Christ's birth, went to the temple to present and redeem her child, and also to offer the sacrifice of her purification. Scarcely had Mary crossed the threshold of the temple when she was approached by the aged Simeon, who had long anticipated this glad-some day, and had been divinely assured that he should not die till he had seen the Messiah. Guided by the Spirit of God, he recognized in Mary's babe the true "consolation of Israel," and, filled with a holy rapture, he has taken the infant into his arms and gazes on him with insatiable fondness. Already he has given utterance to his feelings of gratitude, and has expressed his willingness to depart now that his life has been thus blessedly consummated, and that the divine promise has been fulfilled. His thoughts are still

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occupied with the mighty results that shall flow from the life of Him who now lies quietly in his arms, and he predicts the sharp anguish that shall hereafter mingle even with Mary's joy. As the child's mother hears the old man's prophecy her face is overshadowed by foreboding; she realizes already, in some measure, the distress that shall come upon her many years hence, and convulsively presses her crossed hands upon her breast to still the wild beating of her heart. Joseph, who carries in a cage the humble offering appropriate to his rank in life, listens with deep interest, but less lively emotions, to Simeon's mysterious words, and seems questioning within himself the import of the prophecy. Anna, the true-hearted servant of God, whose chief delight is to haunt the temple courts, now approaches and receives a rich reward for her severely tried patience. The heavy veil and dull garments speak of her long-continued widowhood; the wrinkled face and tottering steps tell of the austere discipline to which she has been wont to subject herself; but all the sorrows of the past are forgotten now that her failing eyes are fixed upon the infant Christ, of whose appearance it will henceforth be her joy to testify to all who look for redemption in Jerusalem. All this is ably depicted in the window, which is deservedly called a work of art; its composition and colouring are satisfactory to a degree, and reflect great credit on the artist, Mr. Robert McCausland, of Toronto. The memorial inscription reads: "In loving memory of Emma Mary, beloved wife of Henry Pellatt. Born 17th February, 1836. Entered into rest 13th October, 1901. 'Thy will be done.'"



Memorial Window to Mrs. Pellatt, St. Peter's Church, Toronto.

The adjourned annual meeting of this vestry was held on Monday evening, the 18th April. The Rev. Wm. Carey Ward, the rector-in-charge, presided. The churchwardens' report, a summary of which was printed with those of other churches two weeks ago, was adopted. The rector read a hopeful report on the state and prospects of St. Peter's, after which the officers were elected as follows: Churchwardens, J. R. McCaffrey, C. E. Blachford. A motion to make a substantial increase in the stipend of the rector-in-charge was withdrawn on the reading by the rector's warden of a letter from Mr. Ward, stating that he would not accept any increase, if voted, as he desired to see no such action till the finances were on an even better basis than at present. It was announced to the meeting that a piece of land having thirty feet frontage on Carlton Street, contiguous to the church property, had been purchased. It was decided to increase the mortgage on the church property from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to pay for the new lot and the cost of erecting a sexton's cottage on it.

St. Augustine's.—The financial reports for the year were presented at the adjourned meeting of the vestry of this church, held on the 18th April, after which an adjournment was made for a week, when other important matters will be considered. Mr. John de Gruchy presided. The total receipts for the year ending April 15th were \$6,490.45,

made up of offerings of \$3,530.20; Synod collections' fund, \$142.71; Woman's Auxiliary, \$122.47; Girls' Auxiliary, \$19.60; Sunday School, \$37.99; Organ Fund, \$2,120.42; Vicar's Fund, \$581.79, and Christmas offerings, \$79.15.

Chester.—St. Barnabas'.—The Bishop of the diocese held a Confirmation service in this church on Thursday evening, the 21st April, when eighteen candidates were presented to receive from him the apostolic rite. The Rev. Dr. Osborne, rector of St. Saviours; the Rev. F. C. C. Heathcote, rector of St. Clements, and the Rev. Frank Vipond, the vicar of the church, assisted at the service. Additional chairs had to be provided to accommodate the congregation, which taxed the seating capacity of the sacred edifice to its fullest extent.

Scarboro'.—St. Margaret's.—This old and picturesque church was entirely destroyed by fire on Friday last, the 22nd inst. The district was organized by Bishop Strachan so far back as 1820, and the building erected about the same time. In it was the pulpit, sounding board and desk which had been a gift to the first church of St. James' in this city by Governor Gore. At the present time there is no resident minister of St. Margaret's, one not yet having been appointed in place of Mr. Farncomb, the late incumbent. The fire was caused, it is said, by sparks flying from some neighbouring brushwood which was being burned.

Weston.—St. John's.—The Easter services in this church were in every respect the most beautiful and enjoyable in the annals of the parish. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by one at 11, children's service at 3, and Evensong at 7. Large congregations at all services. The rector, the Rev. J. Hughes-Jones, M.A., officiated at all services. At the 11 o'clock service the rector unveiled two stained glass windows in the chancel. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. Officers: Churchwardens, George W. Verral, Harry G. Musson; sidesmen, Messrs. W. J. McKittrick, J. K. Keeler, K. Wade, F. L. H. Sims, C. W. Denison, I. E. Ambler, A. Bombray, Geo. Scott; delegates to the Synod, Messrs. Geo. W. Verral, Harry Musson, F. L. H. Sims. The following resolution was unanimously carried: "Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's Church, Weston, desires to take this opportunity of expressing to the unknown donor of the stained glass windows unveiled yesterday in the chancel its appreciation of the kindly interest in the welfare of the church and parish thus so generously manifested, and respectfully requests the rector to convey the hearty thanks of the church to our unknown benefactor." The reports presented show that St. John's has just completed the best financial year in its history. Total receipts, \$1,187.73.

Streetsville.—The Rev. Canon Dixon visited here from Saturday to Tuesday, April 16th to 19th, preaching to large congregations morning and evening on Sunday. He addressed the children at their service in the afternoon, and presented the story of "Ben Hur," with limelight views, to a crowded audience at the Oddfellows' Hall on Monday night. The Canon's earnest and kindly words, made a deep impression upon the people in this place, and many expressed a wish that he would visit them again.

Brampton.—Christ Church.—At the Easter vestry meeting of this church the following were elected: Lay delegates to Synod, His Honour Judge McGibbon, Mr. Thos. Morphy, Dr. Mullin; rector's warden, E. S. Anderson, manager Dominion Bank; people's warden, Samuel Charters; sidesmen, J. F. Holliss, Jas. Young, Frank Holliss, Wm. Hooper, W. S. Morphy; vestry clerk, T. G. Sheppard. The Rev. Canon Dixon, secretary of the Diocesan Mission Board, preached at both services on Sunday last. On Wednesday, April 27th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation to a number of candidates.

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John Philip DuMoulin, D.D., Bishop, Hamilton.

Milton.—St. Georges'.—The choir of this church wore surplices for the first time on Easter day. The chancel has been newly furnished throughout by the members of the Y.P.A., and it does them much credit. The chancel platform has been extended, a handsome rail adorns the front, and two choir benches and prayer desks take the place of the old furnishings. A handsome carpet has also been laid down on the floor.

Caledonia.—On the 23rd of March the church of Caledonia sustained a serious loss in the death of its oldest member, Mr. James Aldridge, who passed to his rest at the ripe age of ninety-four years. Mr. Aldridge had immigrated to this country in the early thirties of last century, and so had lived during the lives of three sovereigns. He came out here when the country was in a rough and unsettled condition, and carved a home for himself and family just outside what afterwards became the old-established village of Caledonia. For forty-three years he held the position of clerk of the township; for many years he was clerk of the village and a Justice of the Peace. His position in the church was particularly marked. He was the chief promotor in the building of the church in the year 1849, which structure still stands as a monument to his memory; and as one of the staunch and most faithful pillars of the Church he was always the right hand of his clergyman—"ever ready, ever sure." For twenty-one years he filled the office of churchwarden, and was a delegate to the Synod most of his life. A noble, beautiful character marked all his actions, showing him to be a pious, gentle, God-fearing, saintly soul; a loving husband and father, worthy of the "rest" upon which he has entered. The burial service took place at the church on the 25th ult., and was conducted by the rector, the Rev. J. K. Godden, M.A., who preached an appropriate sermon from Gen. 25:8, "He died in a good old age." The casket was tenderly borne by six of his grandsons, while two others, Rev. C. H. Mills, of Ripley, and J. H. Ross, L.Th., of Burlington, assisted the rector in the service, the presence of all eight, as also of three great-grandchildren (children of the rector), being a marked feature of the service. Beautiful floral offerings were contributed by the family, whilst the church was appropriately draped by the congregation. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Jarvis.—The twenty-ninth session of the rural-decanal chapter of Haldimand was held in Jarvis on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th April. The meeting began with divine service in St. Paul's Church, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a very large attendance. Two very instructive and interesting discourses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the Rev. T. H. Cotton, of Nanticoke, and the Rev. J. K. Godden, of Caledonia. On Thursday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the church, at which

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Rural Dean Spencer was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. K. Godden. The Chapter meeting opened at the rectory at 10 o'clock, and the morning was spent in the study of the Greek Testament (1 St. John 3:4-12) under the able leadership of the Rural Dean, and in the reading and discussion of two very interesting papers on the "Book of Daniel" and "Jesus and the Social Question," prepared by the Rev. T. H. Cotton and the Rev. J. K. Godden respectively. The meeting then adjourned to the dining-room to partake of a bountiful repast provided by the kind and hospitable wife of our Rural Dean, who spared no pains to make everything as pleasant and enjoyable as possible for the clergy. In a fitting speech Mr. Godden expressed the thanks of those present for the kindness of our host. In feeling terms he also made reference to the approaching removal of the Rev. T. H. Cotton from Nanticoke, who has been a valuable member of our deanery, and whose genial presence will be greatly missed. Mr. Cotton then expressed his sorrow at the severance of the many close friendships which he had made with his parishioners and the clergy of the deanery, his relations with whom had always been of the most pleasant description. He made special reference to the kindness of our Rural Dean, whose good advice, cheerful words of encouragement and helping hand had assisted him in many difficulties. On resuming business at 2 o'clock it was decided, on the kind invitation of the Rev. A. W. H. Francis, to have the next deanery meeting at Port Maitland on Wednesday, June 9th. The subject selected for the addresses at the evening's service was "The Lord's Day," the treatment of which is to be as follows: "The Lord's Day" as (1) A Day of Rest, Rev. J. K. Godden; (2) A Day of Worship, Rev. F. W. Hovey; (3) A Day of Recreation, Rev. Rural Dean Spencer. The following is the programme for the Chapter meeting: St. John, 2:1-11, Rev. J. K. Godden; "The Intermediate State," Rev. F. W. Hovey; "Jesus and the Social Question," Rev. A. W. H. Francis; "How Best to Maintain the Interest of Young People in Parish Work," Rev. W. E. White. After dealing with the business matters of the deanery the meeting adjourned; and upon the invitation of Mrs. Spencer the clergy attended a meeting of the Junior Branch of the W. A., which was being held that afternoon at the rectory. Each of the clergy spoke a few words of encouragement to the young people, commending them on their large attendance and the zealous interest which they took in missions, and pointing out the opportunities which are presented to the young as well as to the old for promoting the cause of Christ. One of the most successful and enjoyable deanery meetings was then brought to a close and the clergy departed on the evening trains to their parishes.

Hagersville.—All Saints'.—On Easter day the rector of this parish was assisted in the services by the Rev. Robert Corder, of Hamilton. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in this church at 8 a.m., and also at the morning service, at which the Rev. Mr. Corder was celebrant, assisted by the rector. The church was most attractive, the W. A. having provided a new altar frontal and hangings, and copious flowers and plants for the decorations. There were large congregations at both morning and evening service, at which Mr. Corder preached two very able discourses appropriate to the occasion. The annual vestry meeting was held in the rector's study on Easter Monday at 2 p.m. The treasurer and the wardens gave a most satisfactory report of the financial condition of the parish, showing an improvement over last year. The reports read by the treasurers of the W. A. and the Parish Guild were most encouraging. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. A. Howard, treasurer; P. R. Howard and J. H. Cline, auditors; H. Read, vestry clerk; D. J. Almas and J. C. Ingles, churchwardens; D. J. Lindsay, James Caldwell, J. H. Cline, B. Griffith, C. B. Almas, Hammil Almas, sidesmen; D. J.

Almas, J. C. Ingles, H. A. Howard, J. H. Cline, E. Keffler, C. D. Read, Finance Committee. After the adjournment of the vestry meeting D. J. Lindsay and J. C. Ingles were elected lay representatives.

St. Catharines.—St. Thomas'.—There was a large attendance at the annual vestry meeting held on Easter Monday evening. The rector, the Rev. N. J. Perry, M.A., read his seventh annual report, which contained many interesting items to the members of his parish, immediately after the reading of the minutes. A splendid increase in the congregation is shown, which is at present taxing the seating capacity of the church, to its utmost. Special attention is drawn to the fact that last year the church paid the amount of its Synod apportionment in full, a fact that is very gratifying to the rector, and which, no doubt, will bring general satisfaction to the congregation at large. The number of communicants on Easter Sunday was very large, being three hundred and sixty. Special mention was also made to the good work of all the various church organizations, especially the Sunday school. In closing the rector drew attention to the fact that this year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Thomas' Church, and suggested that something be done to commemorate this fact in some substantial form. Wardens, H. G. Williams, J. Woods; delegate to Synod, Lieut.-Col. G. Thairs. An important discussion took place on the advisability of securing the services of a curate. It was felt by those present that the work of the parish was too great for one man, and that many opportunities had to be neglected because of more pressing needs elsewhere in the parish, which a curate would be able to administer to. A committee was formed, consisting of the rector and wardens to look into the matter, and report at the next meeting. At the adjourned meeting held on the 18th the report of the auditors was read and adopted. The total amount raised for all purposes was \$4,953.64. The committee appointed on Easter Monday to consider the advisability of securing the services of a curate reported in favour of the scheme, and the report was unanimously adopted. A discussion ensued as to the ways and means of raising the necessary funds to meet the stipend of a curate. It was eventually decided, on the motion of Dr. Beam, seconded by Mr. J. S. McLean, that, for the present year at least, the amount be raised by a special subscription, for which a personal appeal will be made at once to the different members of the congregation. The vestry meeting was the most largely attended for many years, and the discussion showed that a lively and enthusiastic interest is taken in the progress of the church.

Western Hill.—Christ Church.—Wardens, T. R. Merritt, S. Richardson, Jr.

Guelph.—St. George's.—The congregations on Easter day were very large, the number of communicants, 407, and the offertory, including amounts from other sources, \$800. The decorations were unusually beautiful owing to the fact that a member of the congregation anonymously sent 25 pots of Easter lilies. Other Easter gifts to the church were a very handsome brass alms dish, four brass vases and a white silk veil and a very beautiful linen chalice veil. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 18th. The year's financial statement was most encouraging. Contributions for local purposes had largely increased, and the money raised for extra-parochial objects was \$715 as against \$433 last year. It was decided to raise the pew rents from \$4 to \$5 a sitting. A motion to charge more for some seats than others was defeated. In his address at the Alumni meeting the vicar asked for an expression of opinion as to the desirability of having a surpliced choir. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Bond, C. E. Howitt, H. Lockwood, W. H. Jones, H. Gummer, H. C. Scholfield and C. Law was appointed to consider this and other matters touched upon in the address. They reported unanimously in favour of vesting the choir, and

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this opinion was very decidedly concurred in by the meeting. It is expected that the change will come into force at the harvest festival. The vicar re-nominated Mr. W. H. Jones as his warden, and Mr. Charles Law was very enthusiastically re-elected people's warden. Mr. H. K. Parsons was re-elected as a delegate to the Synod. After the meeting refreshments were served by the Woman's Auxiliary, assisted by the Bible Association.

Arkell.—The congregation on Easter day numbered 125. The offerings in church for the year amounted to over \$130, as against \$87 last year. This does not include subscriptions given for the repairs to the church. Wardens, John Iles and Henry Rudd; vestry clerk, Thomas Arkell.

HURON.

Maurice Scollard Baldwin, D.D., Bishop, London.

London.—St. Matthew's.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening, the 18th, when there was a fair attendance. Wardens, J. Moulton, J. Mills. Delegate to Synod, J. H. Phillips. A general discussion took place anent the proposed improvements to the church and various other matters.

Wilmot.—St. James'.—The retiring wardens, at the Easter vestry meeting, presented a satisfactory report. Those elected to fill their places were James Barber and Frederick Walker. Select vestry, George Smith, Allan Smith, Manly Mark. Delegate to Synod, James Barber. The committee, appointed for the purpose, intend to have the work of rebuilding the driving sheds begun at once.

Haysville.—Christ Church.—The wardens, Henry Walker and Thomas Puddicombe, were re-elected. Delegate to Synod, Thomas Walker. The service on Tuesday of Passion week was conducted by Archdeacon Williams, of Stratford. After the service on Good Friday, Mr. J. Edmund Jones gave a lecture, on the Ober Ammergau Play, illustrated by limelight views of photographs of performers, typical tableaux, and many scenes taken by himself during the presentation of the play. He emphasizes the fact that the portrayal of incidents in the life of our Lord enabled us the more deeply to realize them, and reminded the congregation that the characters of those whose faces were shown were as beautiful as they appeared—chosen from among the people for their high moral worth and fitness for the different parts assigned them; a coveted honour; the very climax of their lives.

New Hamburg.—St. George's.—Wardens elected were, James Kerr and Henry Mallett. Select vestry, William Millar, William Plum, Sydney Holley, Thomas Stirling. Delegate to Synod, William Millar. After much discussion the envelope system was adopted. On the 12th

ult. the young people of the church held a sale of work in the Wm. Fell Hall, which was prettily decorated. A pleasant evening was spent and a goodly sum, to be added to the new seat fund, was realized.

Woodstock.—New St. Paul's.—There died in this town, last month, an old and faithful Churchman, Mr. William Grey. He was born in England in October, 1812, and came as a lad to Canada. He attended the first service of the Anglican Church held in Woodstock in the spring of 1834, and since that time has been a faithful attendant and regular communicant of the Church. His venerable figure was always to be seen in his place every Sunday morning; indeed, the last time he left his home was to attend the service. On the third Sunday in Advent, not deterred by the inclemency of the weather, he was there when many a younger and healthier person felt justified in remaining at home. During the service he was taken ill and had to be helped out of the church and taken to his home, which he never left again. Mr. Grey has been an active worker in the Church for many years. He represented the parish in the Synod of Toronto, before the Synod of Huron was formed, and has been continuously a member of Huron Synod since its formation till the time of his death. In the Synod he was at one time a very prominent figure and served on many committees, and he also represented the diocese in the Provincial Synod for many years. He served as churchwarden in Woodstock for upwards of twenty years. The Church ever found in him a true friend and helper, and his hospitable home was always open to welcome the clergy. His wife died a few years ago and he left no children, his son, Dr. Grey, having died many years ago. His adopted daughter, however, was with him throughout his illness. In his will he left many benefactions to the Church: To found a scholarship in Wycliffe College, Toronto, \$3,000; to found a scholarship in Huron College, London, \$3,000; to the Mission Fund of the diocese of Huron, \$2,000; to the Sunday school of New St. Paul's church, Woodstock, \$2,000; to Woodstock Hospital, \$3,000; to the Woodstock branch of the Bible Society, \$200; and the residue of his property, after legacies to members of his family, to St. Paul's church (New), Woodstock, for the purpose of placing chimes in the tower of the church, and to build a Parish Hall, to be known as "the Wm. Grey Memorial Hall," and the balance, if any, to be an endowment for the maintenance of the hall. Thus, has this son of the Church provided for the continuation of his work after his departure. He loved the Church and her services, and ever took the keenest interest in all that concerned her.

Lake Arran.—St. Stephen's.—Owing to the impassable condition of the roads at Easter, the vestry meeting at this church was deferred until Monday, April 18th, when it was held with the rector, the Rev. H. R. Diehl, presiding. The financial report was highly satisfactory, showing a neat balance in hand. The pro rata assessment of \$1 per family for diocesan purposes was also raised. The wardens elected were: Messrs. A. C. King and Thomas Tippins. Lay delegate to Synod, Mr. William Morrow.

Tara.—Christ Church.—A sacred concert, given by the choir, was held in this church on Easter Monday evening, when a large audience attended and enjoyed a high-class programme of sacred selections, comprising solos, duets, trios, quartets, anthems and recitations. The audience showed their appreciation of the programme by placing on the collection plate the neat sum of \$25.50. The vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 5th, the Rev. H. R. Diehl, rector, presiding. The financial report was satisfactory. Besides meeting the expenses of the parish, the sum of \$35, raised by the ladies, was

added to the organ fund, and the one dollar per family for diocesan missions, etc., was raised. The wardens elected are Messrs. A. T. Ford and R. Neil. Mr. Joseph Coleman was elected lay delegate to Synod.

Windsor.—All Saints.—Mr. Charles F. Westman, who has been appointed to the vacant curacy in this parish, will be ordained to the diaconate on the 11th June next (St. Barnabas Day), in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, by the Lord Bishop of Huron. He will work in the parish for a few weeks as lay reader and will commence his duties thereon on May 1st.

Parkhill.—St. James'.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. The Rev. J. Berry presided. Wardens, J. F. Roberts, J. W. Simpson. Delegate to Synod, J. F. Roberts.

Lucan.—Holy Trinity.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 18th. Wardens, C. Hodgins, W. Martin. Delegates to Synod, C. Hodgins, J. Fox. By a unanimous vote the rector's stipend was increased by the amount of \$100, this being the second increase by that amount during the comparatively short time of four years. The financial report was a very favourable one. The land committee reported having obtained an option upon the best and most centrally-situated spot in the place for the site of a new church. This action was favourably received by the vestry, and a strong representative committee was appointed to procure estimates and plans and submit them to a future meeting to be held at the call of the rector.

Thorndale.—St. George's.—Wardens, M. M. Wright, J. Cunningham. Delegate to Synod, R. Stinson. Receipts, \$1,223.00.

Grace Church.—Wardens, C. Foster, M. Barber. Delegate to Synod, W. McMurray. It is the intention of the congregation to renovate the church during the present year. Receipts, \$324.

Petrolia.—Christ Church.—The Easter services were well attended. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cary have presented us a thankoffering for mercies granted them—a handsome brass cross for the rectory. It was presented and offered at the early service on Easter morning. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Englehart, the church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers from their conservatory. The annual Easter vestry was held, as usual. Receipts, ordinary revenue, \$1,894.52; associate societies, \$674.74; missions, including Woman's Auxiliary, \$347.58. Churchwardens, I. C. Hutchcroft, G. M. Cary. Lay delegates, Charles Jenkins, John D. Noble. The Bishop of the diocese visited the parish on Sunday, April 24th, when a class of eighteen candidates for confirmation were presented by the rector, the Rev. Canon Craig.

Woodstock.—Old St. Paul's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 18th, when the auditors' report was presented. It proved to be one of the most satisfactory received for several years past. It was received with unanimous approval by all present. A very large number of the parishioners attended the meeting.

Ingersoll.—St. James'.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 18th inst., when the reports of all the officers were received and adopted. These reports showed that every branch of the parochial organization was in a flourishing condition. It is likely that the church will be reseeded in the near future.

Brantford.—Grace Church.—A very well attended meeting of the congregation was held in the school-house on the 20th April for the purpose of receiving the reports of the various parochial societies and to discuss the work of the coming year. All the reports presented were of

an eminently satisfactory character. In the report on the work of the choir during the past year mention was made of the desire of the lady members of the choir for vestments, which would give the entire choir a uniform appearance. The latter created some discussion, and as a result, it was moved by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, seconded by Mr. Hatcly, that the question of vesting the ladies be referred to the musical committee, Messrs. Lloyd, Harris, Genet and Campbell, together with the rector, Mr. Bushell and Mr. Andrews, to enquire into the advisability of vesting the ladies of the choir and report at a special meeting. This was carried.

Southampton.—St. Paul's.—The Very Rev., the Dean of Huron, preached in this church on Sunday morning, the 10th inst., on the words: "Our Father," St. Matthew vi., part of ninth verse. The Dean is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and in consequence, the local members of the Order paraded to the church, some fifty strong. The musical portions of the service were well rendered by the choir. In the afternoon, the Dean preached at St. John's church, and in the evening again occupied the pulpit in the parish church, preaching from St. Luke xvii., 14-18, inclusive. The Dean's sermons were much appreciated, and his visit to the parish will be long remembered.

Strathroy.—St. John's.—The annual meeting of the Young People's Society was held in the parish rooms on Tuesday, April 12th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Rev. W. T. Cluff; president, J. R. Stevenson; vice-president, Miss Bertha Sadlier; treasurer, Miss M. Stevenson; secretary, Miss M. Brock. Executive committee, Misses Flo. Wright, G. Hoare, Grundy, L. Hodgins, A. Freele, Messrs. Fred. Sadlier, H. Endacott, T. W. Kinder, J. Jarvis, Harry Zaphé. Auditor, A. E. Kinder.

Galt.—Trinity.—At the annual vestry meeting, which took place on the 11th April, the following resolution was carried by 18 votes to 3: "That we, the members of Trinity church vestry, believing that it would be in the interest of the Church to introduce a vested choir into the regular services of the Church, hereby give expression to our wishes, and respectfully recommend the proposal to the favourable consideration of the rector."

Kirkton.—The parishioners of Kirkton and Biddulph offer a hearty welcome to their new rector, the Rev. G. W. Racey, and his wife and family. With a fine, new church and a happy, united people, the interests of the Church are sure to advance. Mr. Racey was educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and has had over a quarter of a century of valuable pastoral experience, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his Bishop and all who know him, and we bespeak for him the loyal support and warm affection of his new flock.

Listowel.—Christ Church.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 5th, the rector, the Rev. C. H. Buckland, presiding. There was a very good attendance which included a number of ladies. The rector's report showed that the parish had made good progress during the past year, and the financial report was a very satisfactory one. Wardens, J. B. Horn, G. E. Raines. Sidesmen, J. M. Carthew, R. C. Bamford, R. Woods, A. J. Collins, R. T. Kemp, J. Watson, H. Goddard, W. Welch. Vestry clerk, C. Tabberner. Auditors, J. M. Carthew, A. S. Tassie. Delegates to Synod, A. J. Collins, J. H. Gunther. The vestry sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Cummer as lay reader. Receipts, \$2,373.77, which is over \$120 more than was raised last year.

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Barford, Trinity.—Wardens, F. W. Sherrington, T. Hearne. The reports presented showed that the affairs of the parish were in a very satisfactory condition. Altogether about \$1,100 has been received from all sources. Two beautiful memorial windows had been erected in the church during the past year, a new stove had been purchased, and other improvements have been made, all of which had been paid for.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Samuel Pritchard Matheson, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop, Winnipeg, Man.

The Rev. T. J. Wilson, formerly of Ontario diocese, has been appointed curate of St. George's church, Winnipeg. He preached his initial sermon on April 10th.

Christ Church vestry, Winnipeg, are deliberating upon the appointment of a curate to the parish, which has grown so large that the work has become over-burdensome to the hard-working rector, the Rev. S. G. Chambers, B.A., B.D. It is altogether likely that the Rev. E. W. Summerscales, M.A., at present incumbent of Wawanese, will be secured. On relinquishing the incumbency of Wawanese, Mr. Summerscales will be succeeded by Rev. J. W. Woolfe, now of Glenboro.

The Rev. James Brisco, B.A., who has been taking a post-graduate course in theology, at Wycliffe College, has returned to the diocese, and will shortly begin work.

St. Matthew's parish, Winnipeg, has become, under the charge of the Rev. H. St. George Puttrum, B.A., one of the most flourishing parishes of the city. On Easter Sunday, the choir appeared for the first time in surplices, both men and women being so vested. From henceforth, the evening service will be strictly choral, the morning service remaining as usual.

An open letter to Bishop Matheson, and the clerical and lay delegates of the diocese, has been received from the Lord Bishop of Calgary, to the effect of a change in the Provincial Constitution, re the appointment of a Metropolitan. The letter has caused no small stir, and much comment from both clergy and laity. Under the present constitution, the diocese of Rupert's Land is the Metropolitan See, and the Bishop of this diocese takes the title of Archbishop. An assistant bishop has no right of succession, and the Synod practically has no right to choose its own diocesan. As far as its privilege goes, is to the effect of choosing two names to be submitted to the House of Bishops, who will select a name, and the man they choose will be the Bishop of Rupert's Land and the Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province. With Qu'Appelle and Calgary dioceses, two influential dioceses of the province, and growing very rapidly in population and affluence, with a most capable and efficient co-adjutor Bishop of Rupert's Land, with no right to succession; with our own assistant Bishop, a young man, the junior of all the House of Bishops, and with no right to vote save in the absence of the Diocesan, it will be seen at a glance that the diocese is in a most peculiar situation, calling for the wisest deliberation in the selection of the two names, as possible. What the outcome will be it is difficult to say. To some, it may seem more fitting to have the archiepiscopal residence in a large influential city, as Winnipeg is at present, and will always be; but other factors must enter into consideration, and the letter of the Bishop of Calgary is timely, if not altogether well put. The Church's interests of the province must be considered, rather than the selfish claims of a diocese. The perpetually tying up of the office of Metropolitan to one particular diocese, may have, it cannot help having, the dire result that His Lordship's letter suggests: "A feeling of dissatisfaction, and a destruction of mutual confidence and harmonious action." This is plainly apparent if "the right of perpetually selecting the provincial head," remains to Rupert's Land.

Of a certainty, neither the people nor the clergy will tolerate the "turning down" of one of whom they are both proud and fond, knowing full well that he cannot be spared from this diocese; and yet there is the injustice to others, which, too, must be avoided, and the only possible way out of the grave situation is as the Lord Bishop of Calgary counsels, a change in the Provincial Constitution, allowing such dioceses that are in easy reach of communication the equal right to the honour of having the office of Metropolitan, granting this diocese the sole right to choose its own Bishop, and permitting an assistant Bishop of Rupert's Land the right of succession. These last two rights should more than compensate this diocese on the loss of the mere honour of having the head of the province resident in Winnipeg, which in some respects is more of a hindrance than a benefit to the successful administration of the affairs of the diocese.

The Rev. H. O. N. Belford, B.A., of Wakefield, will resign his charge soon, and take up work in another part of the diocese.

The diocesan annual meeting of the W.A. was held on April 21st and 22nd in Winnipeg. Delegates to both the Synod and W.A. annual will be billeted this year.

A Bishop's chair was presented to Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg, at Eastertide by a number of enthusiastic laymen.

The Rev. E. L. Howe, incumbent of Stonewall, is one of the party of delegates to the Sunday School World's Convention now being held at Jerusalem, Palestine. Mr. Howe's services are being taken, during his absence, by the students of the College.

Mrs. Walton, wife of the Rev. Wm. Walton, of Manitou, is convalescent. She returned home from Morden hospital a short time ago, but is yet unable to move about. Rev. Mr. Walton was in the hospital at the same time, suffering from a violent attack of continuing hicoughs. He is able to be about, however, and continues taking occasional Sunday duty.

Efforts are being made by the rector and wardens of St. Peter's, Winnipeg, to raise a sufficient sum for the enlarging of the church. The congregation has grown so large of late that additional accommodation is absolutely necessary.

Union among the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists is the current talk. An informal meeting of the ministers of these denominations, and prominent members of the congregations in Winnipeg, was recently held at Wesley College. All the speeches were for union, and a resolution was passed making for some definite action to be taken towards the object, in the near future. Dr. Patrick, principal of Manitoba College, is very enthusiastic, and has high hopes of ultimate success. The gist of the speeches from the clerical speakers was to the effect that whatever differences there were, they were in the realm of philosophy and not in theology. The lay representatives emphasized the financial saving that would result from such a union, and realized the doing away with the bitterness that oftentimes arises between man and man in social and business relations, from being so split up religiously. There is every appearance of some sort of union being consummated at no distant date. No true Churchman would wish anything else but that success will attend the efforts of these three bodies towards union. In an interview which one of the western dailies had last week, with Bishop Pinkham, of Calgary, His Lordship viewed with pleasure and interest the efforts to unite the three denominations. He said, in part: "I believe that this union will help on the union I have been praying for these many years;" and all Churchmen know what that union is. May God grant that these three bodies of Christians be one. It will make a Protestant body in Canada numbering over a million and a half, and must necessarily be an immense power for good in the land.

In the Easter number of the Churchman, under the caption of "Pressing Need for More Clergy," was a letter signed "Rector." It seems to insinuate that the cry of the Church in the West for more men is false, and it is a reflection upon the veracity, not only of the general missionary of this diocese, but upon the bishops of the various dioceses, for they all are crying out for more clergy, i.e., suitable clergy. It must be known, even by "Rector" himself, that there are clergy and clergy, and yet again there are clergy, just as the saying is: "There are tramps, and tramps, and yet again there are tramps." Suitable clergy are what are needed in the West at the present time. The Archbishop of Canterbury would in all probability prove a dismal failure as a prairie missionary. Now the writer of these notes is not the general missionary, and he can assure the sceptical, inquisitive "Rector" that what the general missionary wrote is fact, and not "fairy fancy." The Diocese of Rupert's Land and all the western dioceses are suffering for want of the right kind of clergy. The vulgar principle: "Any old thing will do," has been overdone here, and has caused an obstacle to be placed in the march of progress of the Church. The Church in the West demands men, now, with sanctified common sense; that is all there is about it. The missions are here for them to man; the money is here also. Why, right adjacent to the writer's own field there are two splendid fields without clergymen. One is partially worked by a clergyman from a field that has a half-dozen preaching places; the other has three churches closed for nearly two years, and there are many more missions equally as good as these in the other parts of the diocese. It ill becomes any "Rector" or what not, to discredit the appeals for men for the West, when he is absolutely ignorant of existing conditions.

Impassable roads are playing havoc with outside stations at present. Easter reports must necessarily be delayed, and Sunday services cancelled for a week or more. The winter, as a whole, has been so inclement that the services of out-stations have been more or less irregular.

Canon Henson, of Westminster Abbey, who has caused a sensational stir in Church circles by his recent article in the Contemporary Review, has a brother residing in Winnipeg.

Bishop Matheson has recommended the following prayer to be used by the clergy of the diocese, during the vacancy of the See of Rupert's Land: "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who has purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son, and hast promised to be present with that Church to the end of the world; mercifully look upon the same and at this time so guide and govern the minds of the bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province and of the members of the Diocesan Synod, that they may have a right judgment in all things, and faithfully and wisely make choice of a fit person to succeed to the sacred office of Bishop of this diocese. Vouchsafe of Thy great mercy to direct and sanctify them in their deliberations by Thy Holy Spirit that whatsoever they do may be for the advancement of Thy glory and the good of Thy Church. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen."

A splendid and beautiful life-sized portrait of the late Dean O'Meara has been painted by Mr. Victor Long, a Winnipeg artist. It is valued at \$500.

Winnipeg.—Holy Trinity.—The Right Rev. Dr. Matheson held a confirmation service in this church on Sunday morning, April 10th, when 38 candidates received from his hands the Apostolic rite. The Bishop's address to the candidates was most eloquent and impressive. The Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, the rector, read the introduction to the service and presented the candidates.

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Chapter VI. Continued.

He paused a moment, and then gently touching the bowed head of the wanderer, said again in the voice of complete sympathy, which was one of his greatest charms:

"Michael Pengersek, the good God has indeed blessed you, for all these years you have been blindly seeking Him."

"Nay, my," broke in the friar, widdly: "I sought Him not. For years I led a wicked life, till in the Holy Land wounds from a Saracen's sabre laid me low, and in the desert a holy man tried to teach me better things. You know not all yet, father."

The vicar heeded not this interruption, but when he had finished, quietly went on with what he had been saying.

"All these years you have been blindly seeking Him, and He sent you here to find Him."

The friar looked up in a bewildered way.

"You should be very glad," said John Ude, smiling.

"Glad" he echoed.

"Yea, glad that God has suffered you to live, has brought you here in His own good time to show you how He guarded you even in your wildest time of sin; glad that He has given you true repentance, and then allowed you to find Him, even as the holy Christopher did; and now will give you grace to trample upon and subdue your sin, even as the blessed Archangel Michael conquered the devil."

"But," said the wanderer, still in a half-surprised tone, "how wilt thou let me paint him? Can I still think that I may do so?"

"I will have none other but thine hand to do it," said the vicar; "if thou wilt, come to me first and make confession of thy sin, and I will shrive thee. If I read the signs of thy health aright, thy time is not long in this world, therefore, complete the repentance so long delayed."

"I will come," he said quietly.

Long, long into that summer night did the two men sit upon the rocks, talking of the reckless life that lay in the past of one of them. How the good priest comforted the penitent soul lies not with me to say; but one thing rings in my ears for all time, and I can tell it to you as he told it to the pilgrim: "Christ said, I came to call sinners to repentance."

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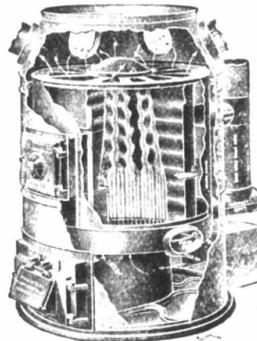
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church, and long before the workmen came trooping in silently, the heavy burden which had been borne so long was removed, and Michael Pengersek was shriven.

"I am not worthy," he said, in a broken voice, as the good vicar bade him kneel again before the little altar in the lady chapel, and there gave him his blessing.

His hands rested lovingly and tenderly on the bowed head, and his voice, too, shook somewhat as he gave his priestly benediction to the contrite soul; and all he said in answer to the wanderer's ejaculation was the one word, "Pax."

From that morning a new light shone in Brother Huberd's face. Every one noticed how different he was, and that his smile was brighter, his very voice a little changed.

"The brother is not such a bad sort, after all," said one man to another, as they watched him one day pick up a little child who had fallen and set it gently on its feet with a kindly word or two.

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and that a broken rib has been pressing on his lungs ever since."

"Well, he has made a pretty picture of the holy Christopher," said the man, leaning against the churchyard wall just outside the village tavern.

It was a favourite place for the men to stand about in those days, and as it is now, only then, you must remember, they had no tobacco to smoke that was not brought into England till nearly two hundred years afterwards—so they stood around, or sat on the rough benches which were put up outside the tavern or against the wall just under a row of large, shady sycamore trees, and talked of all the village news; and when the lord of Godolgan Manor, or of Rynsk, or Pengersek came back from London, it was here that one of the retainers came to rehearse all the news and discuss all the politics of the time. They were talking to-night of the resignation of King Richard, and how Henry of Bolingbroke was to be king in his place.

The weakness and extravagance of Richard had gone far towards alienating the affections of his subjects; and since the good Queen Anne of Bohemia had died, everything had seemed to go wrong. Even in this remote corner of England a sort of disaffection had spread among the people, and no one seemed much to regret that the king had handed over the crown to his cousin of Lancaster. Nevertheless, they had plenty to say about it, and many crude opinions to express. Then someone gave a turn to the conversation by asking:

"When does the Lord Bishop come to dedicate the altar of our church?"

"Nay, I think Sir John Ude knows not yet," replied one. "It will be truly handsome when it is done."

"The good vicar is clever with his fingers as well as in his learning," said another.

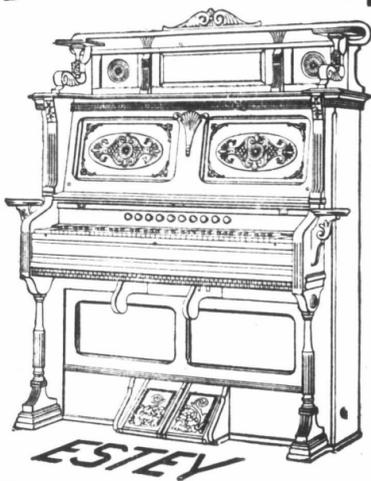
"Ay, he carved all the bosses in the chantry, and now he is painting the panels of the rood screen," answered the one who had spoken first. He thought of putting all the Cornish saints together there, and he has done St. Breaca, St. Germoe, and Corentine and Winwallo. He is now painting the holy Bishop Levan and then there will be Paul de Leon and Sydeney, and I mind me not of the others."

"We shall see," said another. "The good vicar will tell us all, and their histories. But when will the Christ be put up on the rood? Is the carving not yet done?"

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160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY.
Entry may be made personally at the local land
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situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on
application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa,
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(1) At least six months' residence upon and cul-
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three years.
(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is de-
ceased) of any person who is eligible to make a ho-
mestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides
upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for
by such person as a homestead, the requirements of
this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may
be satisfied by such person residing with the father
or mother.
(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his ho-
mestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent,
counter-signed in the manner prescribed by this Act
and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the
requirements of this Act as to residence prior to ob-
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first homestead, if the second homestead is in the
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(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon
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