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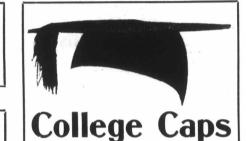
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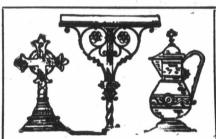
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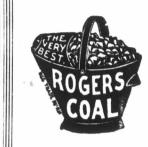


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The Outlook

The Floods in the United States

It is impossible for us to do more at present than express our profound sympathy with our brethren across the border in the awful results of the flood in Ohio and the neighbouring States. While at the moment of writing it is difficult to obtain accurate information, there does not seem any doubt as to the terrible extent of the disaster and the fearful loss of human life, as well as of property. All that human pity and sympathy can do is being done, and it is a great satisfaction to know that offers of help from Canada have already been made. In such circumstances we are thankful to realize that "one touch of nature makes a whole world kin."

Easter Vestries

r' From different parts of our Church come most encouraging reports indicating expansion and liberality, both in regard to home and foreign work. Apparently there are few congregations where prosperity is not reflected in the financial statements, and many congregations are contemplating the expenditure of large amounts in several ways. As we consider the facts and figures which fill us with such thankfulness and hope let us not fail to recall the supreme object for which churches exist: the winning of men and women to Christ and the building of them up in their most holy faith. When matters financial are made subsidiary to this supreme purpose, then, indeed, will the Church go forward conquering and to conquer.

A Halt in Warship Building

The speech of Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, last week in introducing the Imperial naval estimates, was a striking utterance for several reasons. After pointing out the "insensate folly" of what is now taking place all over the world in regard to the building of armaments, Mr. Churchill said that there is a way open by which the various peoples can obtain almost instantaneous mitigation of the thraldom in which they are involving themselves:—

"The question that should be asked of the great powers is this: 'If for the space of a year no new warship he built for any navy, would your naval interests or national security be prejudiced in any conceivable way? Why should we all not take a naval holiday for a year as far as new construction, or new construction of capital ships, is concerned?'"

Lovers of peace and progress will rejoice at this very frank proposal, and we trust its appeal will be heard and heeded all over the world. While it is addressed to all nations, it has, as Mr. Churchill pointed out, a special bearing on the relations of Great Britain to Germany. And he further expressed the opinion that "Britain and Germany have the conviction that the desire of both is to preserve peace." We feel sure that these earnest words will find an echo everywhere and will lead to practical action. It is simply awful to realize how types of ships are superseding each other year after year, and thus "with remorseless persistency scores of millions are being absolutely squandered, while every year all the naval powers are making fleets obsolete without adding to their relative strength or actual security." Well may Mr. Winston Churchill ask, "Could any process be more stupid?"

Value of Libraries

At the Convention of the Ontario Library Association last week some instructive papers were presented. Mr. C. R. Charteris, of Chatham, urged the necessity of endeavouring to reduce the amount of fiction read, and also to induce more men to become patrons. Mr. G. H. Locke, of Toronto Public Library, spoke on "Books for the Boys," pointing out that the same books were suitable for boys and girls up to the age of about fifteen, and pleaded with parents to take more interest in their children's reading and try to maintain the individuality of young people. Boys were not interested in technical books until they had had reading which appealed to their spirit. Miss Black, of Fort William, spoke on "Books for Girls," and expressed the opinion that the present lists of books were not good for modern girls. She was against the modern love story for young girls, and in favour of books portraying physical activity as the greatest protection for girls of this century. Mr. Grant, of Sarnia, read a paper by Mrs. W. J. Hanna on "Books for the Little Ones," in which the great necessity was shown that a good choice should be made for the young, so that they might begin right and learn to enjoy books early in life. Another valuable subject was "Books for Life Problems," introduced by Dr. W. J. Harley Smith, in which it was pointed out that such instruction was necessary early in life, and that, while oral teaching on this subject was best, this was not always possible. A certain amount of literature was, therefore, necessary, though it should be very carefully handled. All these papers, and others like them, indicate the

growing importance of libraries, and we echo the conviction of one speaker, that a new era has dawned in the Library world, that in the next decade the majority of dead and moribund Libraries will be imbued with new life, and that the Library will occupy a higher position in our great educational system.

The Work of Evangelism

We have lately called special attention to the importance and necessity of proclaiming the everlasting Gospel as part of the ordinary work of our churches. A striking testimony to the need of this duty comes from that veteran missioner, Canon Hay Aitken, who for many years has been one of the most active workers, and one whose ministry has been fraught with richest blessing. Moody used to call him "The Prince of Mission Preachers." He is in charge of an English organization, the Church Parochial Mission Society, and he says that, although the permanent staff is smaller than it has ever been, there is no need of enlarging it, because there is no prospect of having adequate occupation for fresh agents. The Society receives very few invitations for special missioners, and the Canon himself, though usually engaged about two years in advance, has not at the present moment a single invitation for a parochial mission next year. He rightly says that if this means the work of evangelization is being done by local clergy there is no reason to feel concerned, but he does not find that this is the case; on the contrary, there is very much that is unsatisfactory in the congregations with which he is familiar. In most places he visits there are large choirs, and yet, out of fifteen or twenty men belonging to them, not more than one or two will take any active part in the music of the mission. Canon Hay Aitken cannot help feeling that if these men were really converted themselves they would show much more interest in the conversion of other people. It follows, therefore, that if evangelizing work is being insufficiently done among the leaders of the Church it is not likely to be any better with the general congregations. These words are solemn and searching, for, to quote the Canon again: "Where the Church ceases to be aggressive she must begin to lose ground, and that she is losing ground all recent statistics would seem to show." We trust that the experience of so notable a worker may bear rich fruit in Canada.

Bible Reading

The Pocket Testament League of Canada has recently been enabled to secure 11,324 fresh members in about ten days. The field ranged from coast to coast, as well as in Newfoundland. It is a great satisfaction to realize that so many have promised to read a portion of Scripture each day, and it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to deepen this work and prevent the campaign from being merely temporary and nominal. It is interesting to realize that, according to Dr. Harnack, whose knowledge of early Church history is unrivalled, the Reformation returned to primitive custom when it placed the Bible in the hands of the laity. Dr. Harnack expresses the opinion that one of the chief justifications of the Reformation was that it restored the Bible to the common people, and that this represented a return to the ideals of the first century. This fact is sometimes forgotten, and yet the proofs adduced by Dr. Harnack are beyond all question. Nothing can make up for daily Bible reading and meditation, and for this reason we welcome the various organizations that emphasize the duty and call attention to its spiritual value. "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

Clerical "Book-keeping"

A writer in the "Guardian" recently called attention to the fact that clergymen lend a great many books which they never see again, and he, therefore, suggested a Lenten penance. Everyone was to look over his bookshelves and restore borrowed volumes to their owners. Of course, the remark is pretty obvious that every lender ought to make a note of the books that he allows out of his library. But even so, it is not altogether congenial to ask for the return of books. Another correspondent, commenting on this suggestion, says that it would be a good plan whenever books are lent to write in them: "Please return when read to ---. 'The wicked borroweth and payeth not again.''

Conviction of Sin

The words of Sir Oliver Lodge are often quoted to the effect that modern healthyminded persons have ceased to worry about their sins. On this an able theologian says that if this is true it would point to penitence being out of date, and he adds:—

"I don't know what we should say about a man that never worried about falling out with his best friend, who had laid him under vast obligations. But I fancy we shouldn't hold him up for imitation. Well, sin is just falling out with God, and, if God is like Jesus, perhaps a little worrying about sin will not seem much amiss. Is it not most probable that our sense of the gravity of sin will deepen as we know better the Love against which all sin is done?"

No one who is concerned for true life can hesitate for a moment to believe that a proper consideration of what sin is in the sight of God will do more than almost anything else to make a man realize his need of Divine grace for holy living.

Sacrificial Mercy

A clergyman tells a striking story of the persistence with which a member of his congregation sought out another man in order to be of spiritual help to him. For some months a working man had been labouring trying to get some of his sin-stained brothers back home to God. At last he came to his clergyman with a face radiant with joy. "I've got him," he said in his homely way—"got him after eighty visits." Well might the clergyman point to this as the mercy and longsuffering of God reflected in the mercy and long-suffering of man. Night after night for eighty nights he went out for a single man, trying to catch hold of him before the drink possessed him, then bringing him within Christian influences and watching over him continually. The man literally threw himself into the gap in order to bring his brother man in touch with Christ. This is the true spirit of the Master. The Shepherd goes after the lost sheep "until He find it."

Sunday School Teacher Training

The annual examinations in the Teacher Training Course, prescribed by the Sunday School Commission of the General Synod, will be held (wherever there are candidates) on Saturday, May 10th. Incumbents or Superintendents are requested to notify the General Secretary of the Commission, 137 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, not later than April 10th, as to the number of examination papers required and the precise part of the Course to be offered. The papers will then be forwarded in time for the date set. In the Dioceses of Rupert's Land and Huron, which

have their own Field Secretaries, applications for papers should be made direct to them. We sincerely hope that a large number of our teachers will be able to present themselves for this examination. The demand for efficiency in the Sunday School is continually on the increase, and we must leave no stone unturned to obtain teachers who, while, of course, spiritually experienced and earnest, are also, as far as possible, intellectually "furnished unto all good works."

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

By the Rev. C. O. Pherrill, B.A., Sebringville, Ont.

According to heathen ideas God is like a man, pleased with the sweet smell of incense, and thus His anger is supposed to be averted or His favour won. But from the spiritual standpoint of the Psalmist (Psalm 141:2) God cannot be charmed either by incense or burnt offerings. Indeed, these are an abomination to Him if unaccompanied by the right attitude of mind and heart. Incense, to the Psalmist, is only the symbol of prayer, and his request means: "Just as the incense goes upwards to heaven, so may my prayer rise up to Thee, O God; just as the sweet odour of incense is pleasing to man, so may my prayer be acceptable in Thy sight." There is, however, this difficulty in the Psalmist's wish, how are we to know the way to frame a prayer perfectly acceptable to God? "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts," saith the Lord. To frame a perfect prayer we would have to know perfectly God's will and character; but if we were to wait to be able to make so perfect a petition we would never pray at all. Parents do not forbid their children to ask for anything at all until they can ask for that which is best for them, but they encourage them to ask for anything and everything which it occurs to them to ask, and then either grant or deny those desires as they see fit. Thus they train the children to discern what is best for them, and teach them to distinguish right from wrong. So God encourages us to ask unreservedly for all that we may see fit to desire, subject to the one qualifying condition, "As may be most expedient for us." "In everything," says the Scripture, "let your requests be made known." Also, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." He encourages us to take our every desire to Him in prayer, so that, by His answer, He may teach us what is best for us-what is His will and purpose.

From this we can see the educational value of prayer, prayer being, as it were, our schoolmaster to bring us to the higher phases of Christian experience. Sometimes, at our importunity, God heaps upon us this world's goods, to teach us how little power these have to make us happy. Sometimes He grants the fulfilment of our requests, and makes that fulfilment embarrass us so keenly that we know we were wrong in asking. For instance, a woman who pleaded for the life of her infant son, and refused to give him up or to say, "Thy will be done," lived to regret the fulfilment of her petition when her son came to the gallows. God, no doubt, saved him after repentance at the last, but how much sorrow his early death would have prevented! Israel having asked for a king, like the kings of the rest of the nations, a king who would trust in worldly weapons and physical prowess, learned by the miserable failure of Saul, granted to them as the man of their choice, to receive and appreciate David, the spiritual and theocratic king, who was "after God's own heart," and according to God's own choice.

As we review our past life we find that God had in store for us the very best blessings, but we had not the spiritual appetite to desire, or even to learn the existence of these blessings. Or else, although aware of the boon held out for our acceptance, we had not enough consecration and faith to secure them. We chose instead the more immediate earthly advantages instead of reaching out after the highest spiritual blessings in the full assurance of faith that God would then withhold no really necessary temporal benefit incident to our real happiness in life. So we received only His second, third, or even tenth best blessing because it was all we asked for, or consented to seek or to accept. After asking for and receiving lesser blessings, we wake up to find what we have missed, and then it is we learn to desire only the highest gifts and to make the most of our future, lest its opportunities, like those of the past, flee never to return. Thus, leading us by experience to realize the difference in value between those things, on the one hand, which we desired, prayed for, and received at our importunity, and those things, on the other hand, which God would fain have given us had we only prized and sought them, by such training, God has been teaching us the higher values in life in His "School of Prayer."

Again, God refuses to grant our requests in the way we ask them, in order to teach us, if we will but learn the lesson, that we have asked for that which is not for our spiritual benefit. But, most important of all, prayer is that communion with God wherein the soul learns His will and character. As I once entered a room with everything in its simple but artistic decoration to influence the soul through the medium of the eye, I felt that I could neither do nor think any wrong there. So it is when we bow before God in prayer. The awing sense of His holiness or the Spirit's voice speaking in our hearts checks the yet unframed request, or tempers our petition with the qualifying clause, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Or, speechless, we hesitate to ask anything of God lest we ask amiss, and, instead of rudely saying, "Hear, Lord, for Thy servant speaketh," we say with Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Thus on our knees in reverential prayer we get a higher vision of God, and, instead of rudely demanding the fulfilment of any and every desire, we learn God's purposes for us; burying our own paltry aims and desires, we make His will our will, His purpose our purpose, and, losing ourselves and our worldy desires, we find a nobler aim, a truer ideal, finding which we find our highest selves and our truest happiness. True prayer, therefore, clarifies our moral and spiritual vision and makes us see ourselves and our aims in their true light. We go forth from our devotions, seeking not the particular blessing for which we sank on our knees to ask, but that higher blessing which God desired instead for us. Prayer is not a charm to coax the living God to give us anything and everthing we may have occasion to ask. It is not to wrest from God what-is contrary to His will. Prayer is rather the school wherein God teaches us to seek the highest good, the "Summum bonum," to link ourselves with the Infinite, and thereby to work out His great purposes and gain for ourselves the fullness of life. We are commanded to bring our every desire to God in prayer in order that by His answer to every several petition in turn He may reveal His will and train us to holiness in His "School of Prayer."

What men want is not talent, it is purpose; not the power to achieve, but the will to labour.—Bulwer-Lytton.

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OF GRACE

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TE bless Thee for the means of grace and for the hope of glory." So speaks that great prayer of worshipping gratitude, the General Thanksgiving, for the sake of which we may well bless the memory of Bishop Reynolds in particular and the Restoration editors of the Prayer Book as a body. Who has not felt the power of its ascriptions and its petitions? In a wonderful manner, whose secret seems almost to have perished in later times, it uses a wealth of Scriptural truth in language equally dignified and practical, and carries us, without one overdrawn phrase, from the thought of our creation by sovereign goodness up to the hope of bliss in the eternal presence. Then it applies it all in the prayer that we may live out our blessings in self-surrendering love.

Let me ask you first to think awhile of the word Grace. This, I am sure, is our right order of enquiry. Before the means let us think of the thing, and ask what a view of it in its Scriptural use indicates it to be. "Grace"—the word has many shades and sides of use in the Bible. In the Apocryphal books it is employed mainly to denote what is pleasing, as we speak of grace of manner, or graces of style. So too it is in some of the very few cases of its occurrence in the Old Testament; "grace is poured upon thy lips." In the New Testament this meaning appears here and there; "the grace of the fashion of it changeth." And we find the word there in the different sense of thanksgiving, where, for example, our English reads, "I give thanks," or "Thanks be to God," while the Greek runs literally, "I have (I entertain) grace," or "Grace be to God," a use which is illustrated by our familiar phrase, the "saying of grace." But for our purpose now I put all these uses by. I look only at that great range of places in which grace is used in the sense it must obviously bear when we speak of "means of grace," means through which comes to us a wonderful and glorious somewhat vital to our spiritual life.

WHAT IS GRACE?

In that most inmost sense, what is grace? We will approach the answer by some introductory remembrances. Grace is something, to begin with, properly divine. The Christian's God is "the God of all grace." "The grace of God" is a phrase of continual occurrence. Grace is shed upon the only begotten Son of God in His incarnate life, for He "by the grace of God tasted death for every man." It "brings salvation" to the disciple; it is "seen" in its fruits in the believing company; "when he saw the grace of God he was glad." It is such that when it comes fully out it draws towards those who have it the longing, yearning love of their fellow-saints; "they long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you"; so holy is the spring, so pure is the stream.

Then next it is a thing whose very notion implies a kindness unmerited, unbought, magnificently free, sovereign in its generous bounty. Grace is the precise and profound opposite to the payment of debt. Grace is the most decisive contrast possible to the issue of a course of laborious achievement; it is no result of "works of righteousness which we have done." "If by grace, then it is no more of works"; "By grace ye have been saved . . . not of works, lest any man should boast." This is emphatically dwelt upon, as every Bible student knows, by St. Paul; it was evidently one of the great burthens of the message learnt by him at his Lord's feet, a main point of that "Gospel" which he so evidently and so exultingly views as distinctively his own. "I do not frustrate the grace of God; if righteousness come by the law, then died the Christ for mought"; "whosoever of you are justified by the law are fallen from grace." A stress immense and invariable is laid by St. Paul upon immense and invariable is laid by St. Paul upon this aspect of the word and of the thing. It has to do with a gift unspeakable in its regal bounty, a mighty largess to be received by the man upon his knees, in the spirit of sheer dependence, wondering, worshipping; while at the same time the same heart is to rely, with chastened "boldness," without one misgiving, upon the sincerity of the Giver. Nothing, nothing however

faint and evanescent in the way of claim by personal qualification, is to come between. Therefore hesitation is to vanish; the hand is to be empty utterly, and so it will be able to receive.

GRACE AND GUILT.

Then as regards the application of this divine and supremely free gift. Broadly, upon the whole, we find in the Scripture two main connection of the word grace. The one has to do with the guilt of man, his liability before the broken law, his awful peril due to his violation of the eternal holiness. Grace meets his need there in the form of an equally ample and unmerited acceptance, altogether for the sake and in the name of another than he, even his Redeemer, Head, Representative, Advocate. He is not pardoned only but (which is a far greate. thing), he is "justified, freely, by the grace of God, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"; "By grace he is saved, through faith," that is, on the sole condition of his acceptance, in humblest yet most assured reliance on the divine offer, of the gift of peace with God in

GRACE AND POWER.

The other, and, in point of thought, later main connection of the word grace has to do with the justified man's need of purity and of power. He discovers, and always the more deeply the more his illumination grows, the nearer he draws to the tender and awful purity of his Justifier, that he will never, in his own name, by his own virtues, come to the end of his pollution and his weakness; that he cannot possibly be his own purifier; that evil is ever present with him and masters him while he tries that hopeless task. The words assume to him a meaning penetrating and awful, "without Thee we are not able to please Thee." Then comes the God of all grace to man in his unspeakable need. He descends to him and enters into him, to cleanse and liberate and empower. "My grace is sufficient for thee; My strength is made perfect in weakness." "Of that fulness he receives, grace for grace," grace instead of grace, as the words run precisely in St. John; grace which evermore, hour and moment, takes place of grace, just as a river at any one point in its channel receives perpetually water for water; new water, the same river; successive, inexhaustible.

THE GOD OF GRACE.

To sum up the New Testament evidence, and asking once more what is grace, I venture to reply that the wonderful thing thus denominated, applied, and manifested is after all never to be taken as merely a thing in and by itself. It is not simply a mysterious "influence," projected as it were from the Divine presence, showered out separate from its source, which we may take up and analyze as a spiritual phenomenon in itself. This wonderful sovereign bounty, vital to our soul's need, for without it we are cut off from peace and life; this gift so free for our faith's simplest claim, for in it God's greatness and His most benignant goodness inseparately meet; what ultimately is it? I presume without hesitation to answer that it is not it, but He. The grace of God, in its real essence, is the God of grace, interposing with infinite kindness for guilty man in His atoming Son, and indwelling with infinite kindness in sinful man, to illuminate, to purify, to empower, to beatify, by His sovereign Spirit. It is "God for us—who can be against us?" It is "God in us, working both the willing and the doing, for His good pleasure's sake."

MEANS OF GRACE.

We may proceed now in reasonable order to think awhile about Means of grace. These thoughts upon grace itself, if they are scripturally sound, indicate that "means of grace" must be a phrase denoting properly whatever aids the man to apprehend, to welcome, to win and draw into him, to develop within him, this most wonderful boon of eternal goodness, this outflowing from the ocean-fountain of the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord, this gift unspeakable in

its two main saving manifestations: God for us, the antidote to our guilt; God in us, the inmost, the only healing for our stains and for our weakness; God in Christ for us, our acceptance; God by the Spirit in us, our purity and power.

Shall I venture upon a primary assertion here, on the threshold of this part of our study? I affirm that behind all other means, so Scripture testifies, and so surely the deepest facts of our nature testify in consonance with it, lies one inmost spiritual "means," which no thoughts upon "means" of another order must for a moment lead us to forget, or to move from its place in the process of reception.

GRACE AND FAITH.

That means is man's faith, man's reliance, applied with absolute directness to God in His promises in Christ Jesus. The more the New Testament is studied in worshipping and obedient simplicity, the more will that deep and radiant secret come out. And the more shall we desire never to obscure it by any misplaced interpositions, at the true point of contact, of anything, however good and holy, which could really interfere with the prefound simplicities of the revealed place and work of faith. We shall take care that mo elements in our spiritual theory as to the great normal processes of Divine blessing in Christian life becloud such words as these: "In Him all that believe are justified from all things"; "God is the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus"; "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God"; "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life"; "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith; who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

But this primary thought will leave us as earnest as ever—nay, more earnest with more definite thinking, and with a larger, richer, expectation—to ponder and to use those Divine gifts of help for the soul which we commonly call "means of grace." We are sure (if I have carried you with me so far) that they are no substitutes or equivalents for

DIRECT RELIANCE,

spirit to Spirit, upon God im Christ. We are sure that faith is never meant to ferminate and to rest properly upon them, but always to go beyond them and rest really upon Him. Then, not less but more, we shall value and use, with the diligence born of clear spiritual conviction, the sacred work of these great helps as the guides. friends, nourishers, and seals of faith. We shall use them for faith's sake, with all our spiritual consciousness awake, and with a hope, sure and certain, of Divine resultant peace and power.

What, now, in this sense are the means of There is a theory, familiar in the history of doctrine, that they are precisely the Holy Sacraments, no more and no less. One type of teaching lays it down that the Sacraments, and they alone, normally, impart grace to the Christian. Other acts or exercises, as prayer, Scripture-study, meditation, practical obedience, have their most sacred function, but that they are not means but occasions of grace. They find grace there, and they stir it up, somewhat as the angel found and stirred the water in Bethesda. The theory has a precision and orderliness which commends it. But I do not think it is verified by Scripture, nor supported by the large experi-Scripture, ence of the Church. of it, is not careful of such a distinction. For example, it treats the Word of God as the means of the actual new birth of the soul in terms at least as explicit as those it uses of Holy Baptism. And as to the other great Sacrament, few who have really thought the subject out, and know anything both of ancient and later interpretations,* will lightly say that John vi. is simply a discourse on the Holy Communion, no less and no more. It is indeed and in truth intimately applicable to it. But the chapter goes around the Eucharist ordinance, and above it, and behind it; in its deepest reality it deals with life by faith in the Incarnate and Crucified. Nor is the Prayer Book careful over such a limitation of the term means of grace as I have referred to. It also speaks largely and freely about means. In the Ordinal it describes the function of the Word of God, preached and ministered, as that of "the means of our salvation."

^{*}The great Franciscan, Johann Wild (Ferus), cent. 16, explains Joh. vi almost wholly, if not wholly, of extra-sacramenta feeding on Christ, instancing the penitent thief.

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

I take then, the means of grace to mean ail divinely given aids to the soul to receive God in Christ by taith for peace, lite, purity, and power; so to do this as to live by Him and grow in Him, fruitful in every good work, and abounding in that knowledge of Him which is life eternal. Looking here at the Christian life in its conscious course and progress, we put into sacred eminence among such means the Holy Communion, with its unspeakable worth and glory as the gift of the Lord in a sense and sort wonderful and in some respects unique. If I read the case aright, with thoughts long wearied of the spirit of controversy, and seeking always to remember that more light and more various light talls on Divine things than any one soul or mind can ever see-but if I read the case, not completely, but at all rightly, I see in the Holy Communion, used with adoring faith in the crucined, living, present, and returning Lord, not indeed an ultimate object of my faith, but that which offers me in its hallowed elements, as it were, two everlasting arms which lift faith up for faith's own supremely real contact with Him. It does not intervene between me and Him, but so does it attend and support me in my soul's meeting with Him, Him present in His ordinance to the spirit of His disciple, that the action of communion is to faith His almost palpable embrace of life, His supreme reassurance of all saving things. It is His seal, His deed, covering and conveying all His wealth for me. It is an action which is more than itself; it bursts temporal limits; its efficacy as His covenant seal flows over from the occasion upon the whole of life. It guarantees all blessings through whatever channels sought and received, being as it is the glorious Donor's renewed explicit grant of all that was purchased by His death and all that is imparted by His indwelling as our life. The symbolism, because it is Divine, used by faith in its Divine Deviser, passes up evermore into the sphere of spiritual realty. There faiththat is to say, the living believer—clasps the Lord in His promises as surely as if we were seated with Him at the Last Supper. It rests with new and ever deeper simplicity upon His finished work, that eternally effectual resultant of the Body broken and the Blood shed. It feeds with an ever deeper assimilation upon Himself, in His glorious total, both sacrifice and life, "in the heart by faith, with thanksgiving," a thanksgiving always more wondering and worshipping. "In the heart by faith"; by faith lifted up into a renewed intimacy of contact, by this covenantconveyance—this title-deed, fresh signed and steeped anew in His love, giving over to us all our wealth to Him.

THE WRITTEN WORD.

Then, how shall we think with less gladness and veneration of that written Word, without which the Eucharistic ordinance itself would lose its power, because it would lose its significance to faith? Consider this Book as a means of grace—that is to say, a God-given enablement to faith to receive God in Christ into the believer's being, as God of peace in His Son crucified, God of presence, purity, power, victory, patience, and "hope full of immortality"; in His Son, the risen, enthroned, indwelling, returning Christ. Remember often and deliberately, not least in these difficult days-remember resolutely, across all difficulties-how to the Incarnate Lord Himself the Book was the means of that whereby He "tasted death" for us. By it He got power to strike the tempter thrice down in the desert; the Word written was His sword in every crisis of that strife. By it He bore Himself up in the dark garden; "The Scriptures of the Prophets must be fulfilled." With it He let His spirit go from the Cross to the Father; the twenty-second Psalm lent Him the last syllables before His death. Upon it He spent long hours, and not only on the Emmaus road, opening to His friends the Scriptures, leaving it upon His followers' hearts as the possession which must be to them for ever what it was to Him. Can I too insistently lay it upon the Christian who would take grace-that is to say, God in Christ for Him and in Him-largely into his soul, to resolve, cost what it may, daily to read and weigh the Scriptures? It is this that the Church in the Ordinal lays it on the new-made priest to practice as his vital requisite for growth and power even to the last. "By daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures ye must wax riper and stronger in your ministry." If we clergy do not do this, it means a woeful oblivion of our Mother's voice at the most sacred moment of our life of service and sacrifice. But, ah! not the priest alone, not alone the servant of the

Church; every disciple whom he serves is under the same Mother's urgent and most tender appeal to be a Bible-lover and Bible-user, if he or she would live and grow. This appeal, with a singular and beautiful tact, is cast into the shape of prayer; are we not all commanded and constrained to pray that we may be Christians of the Book? "Grant that we may in such wise hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures, that we may embrace and ever hold fast that blessed hope." The Christian who neglects that means of grace, with all its power to let God in on mind, soul, life, death, with all its unique efficacy to imbue the whole being with the spirit, the tone and temper, of prophets, of apostles, of the Lord, with all its secret influence upon our view both of truths and their proportions, cannot possibly be all he is intended to be in the Life-giver's plan.

PRAYER.

Then, lastly, we have Prayer, in all its kinds and ways: Prayer in the Congregation, where soul meets soul in magnetic and unifying contact, while the ordered worship itself gives wings to individual as well as to common faith; Family Prayer, the glory and hallowing of the Christian home, unspeakably needed in our hurrying days; Secret Prayer, the thing indispensable behind everything else whatever, where the disciple, shutting the door as the Lord Jesus bade him, speaks to God without one reserve, speaks out himself and his all, confessing, believing, adoring, asking, to the Father Who sees—as with almost visible eyes—in secret, and opens his being anew to His love and power.

"Pray, always pray; the Holy Spirit pleads Within thee all thy daily, hourly needs; All earthly things with earth must pass away; Prayer grasps eternity; pray, always pray."

Thus will the life become, quite soberly and practically, but, ah! how truly, more and yet more a prayer-life. It will grow, it will really grow, into a life lived in the attitude of prayer, lived with the face Godward, lived in the spirit of worshipping intercourse with Him. The means, all of them, will be used by the soul so that through them all, and as it were behind them all, it touches God and draws Him in, placing its spiritual effort and energy at the right point, and so their sacred assistance will all result in "the life, walk and triumph of faith." "The God of all grace," responsive out of His most willing wealth of blessing, "shall make us perfect to do His will, shall establish, strengthen, settle us. To Him be glory."

AD CLERUM

This column is intended for the interchange of thought on personal and pastoral problems, and communications from clerical readers in the form of suggestions and enquiries should be addressed to "Clericus" at the office.

A correspondent speaks of having received considerable help from "The New Testament in Modern Speech," by Weymouth, and he believes his fellow-clergy would find the book most useful. It is easily obtainable from most Canadian booksellers, and is published by James Clarke and Co., London, England, at a low cost. We heartily endorse this testimony from personal experience of Weymouth, who possessed a combination of Greek and English scholarship given to very few. Occasionally, perhaps, his rendering is somewhat paraphraistic, but as a whole it is most felicitous.

A modern preacher gives a helpful comment on the words, "Quartus a brother" (Rom. 16.23). "Your name may be Primus, or Secundus, or Tertius, or Quartus, or Ultimus. Suppose it is only Ultimus, will you hold back the little that is in you, and so lose the world what you might give? Or will you say: 'I am only an atom, and not near the cutting edge of the chisel; I am not even steel, but only a grain of wood in the handle, but I will do what I can to push the work along.' Oh, if you only would! If you have only a half-talent, or a fifth of a talent, then for the service of God and the need of humanity, I call on you to use it."

This is an age when efficiency tests are applied, and someone has remarked that as the expert pursues his way none of us is safe. It would seem as though the time is drawing near when efficiency machinery will be set up in every pulpit. A recent address in the United States was especially severe upon the clergy for their

"shocking waste of time and energy," and it was urged that all this must cease if the Church is not too fall behind the times. These utterances inspired the New York "Nation" to attempt a clerical time-card, which every assistant should be expected to submit to his chief at the end of a day's work in the parish:—

9.30 to 10.27, visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction.
10.27 to 11.03, bound up three broken-

hearted.

ten patients. Repeated twelve verses from the Scriptures. Offered three prayers. Recited four hymns.

12.15 to 12.32, lunch.
12.32 to 3.10, made a round or the classes in sewing, cooking, athletics, and inspected two companies of boy scouts.

3.10 to 5.20, kept office hours, seeing five book-agents, three applicants for charity, two clerical imposters, a delegation from the Daughters of the Revolution, and six persons with suggestions about enriching the church services and improving the sermons.

Summing up the whole day, I humbly reckon my efficiency percentage at 97.3.

There is just sufficient truth in this burlesque of the multifarious activities of a large church to point the necessary moral. It is, of course, absolutely impossible that the pastor of a great Institutional Church can unite in himself the qualities of administrator, preacher, financier, student, writer, and "finished beggar," and very rightly does the article remark that " a man cannot spend six-sevenths of his time serving tables, and then on Sunday be a flaming prophet of the soul." It would be well for all our clergy to remember this, and to "beware of attempting to measure the subtle things of personal and spiritual influence by reducing all to percentages." It is impossible to apply a mechanical probe to things spiritual and to classify pastors by efficiency tables. In these days of rush, strenuousness, and practicality we shall do well to take heed to the closing words of the writer now re-ferred to: "Great is efficiency, but there are some things off which it must keep its hand; and the Spirit that bloweth where It listeth is one

Studies of Biblical words are very often help-ful both to preachers and hearers. Suppose we take the word "sure" in Isaiah, and notice some of the things that answer to this description. (1) A sure place (ch. 22.23), Christ on Whom we rest: (2) A sure foundation (ch. 28.16), Christ on Whom we build; (3) A sure dwelling (ch. 32.18), Christ in Whom we live; (4) Sure bread (ch. 33.16), Christ on Whom we feed; (5) Sure mercies (ch. 55.3), Christ on Whom we depend. When these are realized we can apply the truth by way of (a) warning (Numb. 32.23), and (b) encouragement (Prov. 11.18).

That most interesting writer, Mr. Arthur C. Benson, has recently been discussing what he calls "Vicarious Sermons," dealing with the question how far clergymen are bound by morality or honour to preach only those sermons which they themselves have composed. Mr. Benson thinks on the one hand of the edification of a congregation, and on the other of clergymen who do not possess the gift of clear thinking and interesting exposition. Yet he allows that there is apparently "something shifty" about a clergyman borrowing in his preaching and leaving the impression that his utterances have been composed by himself. It is a very vital matter. Time was when it was never contemplated that all clergymen should be preachers. But in modern days the demand for one, and often two sermons a Sunday proves uncommonly severe. Mr. Benson wishes the Bishops would take the matter up for discussion to see what can be suggested. He has himself had to sit through some very dull and uninspiring discourses, and through others which have evidently been most carelessly prepared. He therefore recommends the issue of collections of plain forceful discourses, which earnest men might deliver with energy and conviction without in any sense suggesting them as their own. The present system is said to court ineffectiveness and to impose far too heavy a burden on ordinary clergymen. Ceremonial and liturgical perfection, Mr. Benson urges, can never take the place of pungent, manly sermons. Personality is the great force in all walks of life, and if only a man reads and saturates himself with the best available thought, and then tells it out in his own language and as the outcome of his own temperament he will never be charged with dullness or lack of helpfulness.

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WHY I AM AN ABSTAINER

By the VENERABLE ARCHDEACON MADDEN, Liverpool

ET us start fair. Before I tell you why I am an abstainer, I must tell you the story of how I was led to sign the total abstinence pledge fifteen years ago. I have told the story at many Temperance meetings, and a more or less correct version of it has appeared in print at various times. Here, however, is the authorized version.

April 3, 1913.

Soon after I became a decided Christian and began to do some definite work for my Lord and Saviour in the parish of St. Mary's, Belfast, I was greatly discouraged by the amount of intemperance and tippling that abounded in the district.

I saw that the one great hindrance to the work of our Church amongst the people was drunkenness. I became anxious to do something to rescue the drunkards: but it never occurred to me to sign the total abstinence pledge myself for the sake of example. In fact, I was brought up, according to the strictest sect of the Phari-

sees, to look with pity—if not with contempt—upon those weak ones who required a pledge to keep them from strong drink; and I thought it was only such who did sign or ought to sign the pledge. I verily believed within myself that it would be a lowering of my manhood to have signed any promise to abstain from alcohol.

I was to learn, and that through a little child, that there was a "more excellent way" than I had been treading—the way the Master Himself had trod—the way His great Apostle, St. Paul, set forth when he declared "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

One evening I was present at a large meeting, and heard a most carnest address on the subject of Temperance. I think if I were to characterize the address more accurately, I would call it a Gospel Temperance address, for the speaker dealt with the subject chiefly from the Scriptural standpoint.

When he had finished, I realized more fully the need for energetic Temperance work in the parish; but I did not at all realize that if I were to go forward in a crusade against intemperance, I must begin by becoming a total abstainer

Almost as soon as the speaker sat down, there was a stir in the middle of the room, and a respectable working-man stood up. We

saw that the "platform" seemed a little puzzled, and we cramed our necks to see who it was. He seemed a stranger to most of the audience. However, he began very quietly by saying that he would like to tell his story. He thought it would support what the gentleman on the platform had just been saying. No objection coming from the platform, he commenced his story somewhat after this fashion,—

"I have been a bad fellow—worse tham any of you in this room, I expect. I have been a drunkard: I have associated with evil companions: I have been a leader amongst them in every kind of sin. I have frequently struck my poor wife when drunk, and abused my little children. God forgive me! I have been a wretch. Late one Saturday night I returned to my miserable home mad drunk, and after cursing and swearing and creating a disturbance, I lay down and went to sleep.

"In the morning I awoke up raging mad with the awful craving for more drink. I got up and ordered my wife to go out and get some whisky. Afraid of the consequences if she refused, she reluctantly took the bottle and went out. I sat by the fire waiting.

"While I waited, my little girl commenced to sing in her bed. I got up to look at her, for, drunkard as I was, I loved my children. Just as I got to the door of the bedroom, I heard the words,—

'I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me—even me.'

I paused—waited; but she must have heard me, for she called out. I went in, took her up in my arms, and came and sat by the fire.

"I asked her where she had learned that hymn. She said, 'We sing it at the Sunday School and Band of Hope.' I asked her to sing it again. She began in a quivering voice, frightened at the strange request,—

'I am so glad that my Father in Heaven Tells of His love in the Book he has given; Wonderful things in the Bible I see; This is the dearest—that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me—even me.'



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"I trembled as the words sank into my heart. I felt the tears coming. Very soon I was weeping aloud. My little girl grew frightened, and put her arms round my neck. I said to her,—'Mary, do you think Jesus loves me?' 'O father, He does love you.'

"The struggle was terrible: but when my wife returned, she found me on my knees praying and praising: for I had learnt from my little girl that 'Jesus loves me, even me—EVEN ME.'

"No more drink for me. The black bottle was flung into the fire with an energy that frightened my poor wife. I was rejoicing in a double salvation—from the hell of drink as well as from the hell of coming judgment—all through the mercy and love of God, all through my little girl."

And with these words he hoisted her up in his arms for us all to see: and as we looked at the child's sweet face there were few tearless eyes in that great assembly.

Setting her gently down, he brushed his sleeve across his face, and turning round to us

at the back, he said, with deep feeling,—
"Men! Jesus loves you. Trust Him. Sign
the pledge and help us to save the poor drunk-

And then he sat down.

I do not know that man's name. I do not think I ever heard him or saw him again. I only know this, that as I walked home I felt that my ideas about total abstinence had somehow or other been revolutionized. I could hardly explain the process. I think it was the last words that kept ringing in my ears, "Trust Jesus. Sign the pledge. Save the poor drunkards."

Yes, I was trusting Jesus and trying to live for Him and to work for Him. But about signing the pledge for the sake of the poor drunkards, that debate ended, thank God, in my becoming a total abstainer, although not an active or aggressive one.

About five years afterwards I was ordained to the sacred office of the ministry, and was called to work in the parish of Christ Church, Everton, Liverpool.

One day I was summoned in haste to the house of one of our people. There, upon the floor, lay dead, a young man who, in the frenzy and fury of drunkenness, had stabbed himself to the heart. There, with his very life's blood upon them, stood weeping his wife and three children.

I came three days later and knelt by that man's coffin, side by side with the widow and the orphans, and I vowed before God that as long as He spared me I would "fight the drink."

I have seen no one reason to take back a jot or tittle of that vow made before God. Yea! rather I have had too many terrible cases of vice

and crime and sin caused by intemperance in my parish to remind me of my solemn covenant.

How can I do other than abstain when I think of the terrible ravages of alcohol?

Its deadly work is continually before my eyes. It condemns to horrid misery its innumerable victims. In slavery to it woman forgets her honour, and man becomes a very fiend. Look at the drunkard's home. An atmosphere of shame, gloom, and despair darkens the whole household. The ceaseless tear-drop of sorrow glistens on the eyelid of the mother; infancy is joyless; sons and daughters are stultified morally and physically through breathing the putrid air or their wretched abode. The Name of God is familiar to them not through prayer, but through the awful blasphemies of him they call father.

The man who loves His Saviour, and for His sake loves souls redeemed by Him, stands appalled before the dread ravages of alcohol in the spiritual world—60,000 men and women passing into eternity every year, drunk or drunkards.

It is appalling to me; crushes me down; makes me desperate to see its clammy hand outstretched over this fair land of ours, and sweeping into the darkness of the grave thousands of my brother men. As I think of the brave men, the fair women, the helpless children done to death by this accursed

thing, my wonder is, not that "I am an abstainer," but that every man who loves his country and his God is not one too.

INTERCESSION.

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER,"

I like to feel that though on earth
We never meet,
Yet we may hold heart fellowship
At God's dear feet.

I like to feel in all the work

Thou hast to do,

That I by lifting Hands of Prayer
May help thee too.

I like to think that in the path
His love prepares,
Thy steps may sometimes stronger prove
Through secret prayers.

I like to think that when on high
Results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus prayed for thee.

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Easter Vestry Meetings-Summary of Finances, and Lay Delegates

CHURCH.	FINANCES.	LAY DELEGATES.	CHURCH. St. Luke's	FINANCES. Receipts \$ 6,213.51	LAY DELEGATES. Rupert Kingsford,
St. Aidan's	Receipts \$ 4,290.04 Disbursements 4,245.58	Dr. W. F. Clark, C. B. Watts, W. Hanna.		Disbursements 6,036.05 Receipts 8 7,176.74	H. S. Strathy.
All Saints'	Receipts \$16,618.73	Samuel Trees,	St. Mark's (West Tor-	Disbursements 6,861.52	George Gouinlock, Harry Jewell.
St. Anne's	Receipts \$23,000.00 Disbursements 19,700.00	A. Stanbury, G. M. Lees,		DisbursementsNo report .	A. L. Pye, F. D. Clark.
Ascension	Receipts \$ 4,299.67 Disbursements 4,299.67	T. St. John. Thomas Langton, K.C.,	St. Martin's	Receipts \$ 6,948.42 Disbursements No report	George Hughes, F. Russell, J. Hollinger.
St. Augustine's	. Receipts \$ 9,114.25	Robert Kincade. Major Coozier,	St. Mary Magdalene	Receipts \$ 7,748.69 Disbursements 5,031.45	
St. Barnabas' (Halton	Disbursements No report Receipts \$ 5,246.32	Harry Etches.	St. Mary the Virgin .	Receipts \$23,000.00 Disbursements 23,928.00	
	Disbursements . 5,202.81	W. H. Wilson, L. H. Burford.	St. Matthew's	ReceiptsNo report DisbursementsNo report	J. W. Jupp,
St. Barnabas' (Chester)	Receipts \$ 3,796.00 DisbursementsNo report	Major Thompson, W. H. Martin.	St. Matthias'	Receipts \$ 3,725.00 Disbursements 3,639.00	E. A. Collier, J. A. Ready,
7	Receipts \$ 1,591.36 Disbursements 1,558.29		Church of Messiah .	Receipts \$ 6,416.57 Disbursements 5,999.23	J. Elton. John Patterson, Mark Bredin
Christ Church, Dee Park	r Receipts \$ 2,763.00 DisbursementsNo report		St. Michael's and A	.ll Receipts \$ 3,962.86	H. Mortimer. T. H. Barton,
•	Receipts \$ 7,126.00 DisbursementsNo report		St. Monica's	Disbursements	H. K. Goodman.
St. Clement's (Eglin ton)	Receipts \$ 5,216.42 Disbursements 4,871.40			Disbursements 2,038.72	H. A. Robinson, B. Lindo.
St. Cyprian's	. Receipts \$ 3,867.72 Disbursements 3,867.72			Disbursements No report	W. C. Rogers, M. Byers.
	. Receipts \$ 3,500.00 DisbursementsNo report	er, Harris.		Receipts \$73,078.64 Disbursements No report	R. Millichamp, J. R. Roafe.
St. Edmund's Church of Epiphany	Receipts \$ 1,594.49 Disbursements 1,278.67	M. Phillips.	St. Peter's	Receipts \$ 7,114.10 Disbursements 7,112.07	F. J. Stewart, R. R. Davis, A. J. Russell Snow, K.C.
		E. B. Biggar, A. C. McConnell, T. R. Burpe.	St. Philip's	Receipts \$ 4,890.80 Disbursements 4,887.62	Wm. Brooks, J. L. Tanner, J. T. Lever.
	Receipts \$ 7,947.44 Disbursements 7,951.05	J. Maughan, Sr., Beverley Jones.	Church of the Redeem	ner Receipts \$23,000.00 DisbursementsNo report	Dr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., t Dr. T. Millman, Wm. C. Brent.
Grace Church	Receipts \$ 9,965.00 Disbursements 9,215.00	J. S. Barber, J. G. Ormsby, E. Heaton.	St. Saviour's	Receipts \$ 2,500.00 Disbursements No epor	S. H. Harvard, t J. Boston,
Holy Trinity	Receipts \$12,444.69 Disbursements 12,424.90	Dr. J. A. Worrell, K.C., H. P. Blachford, C. J. Agar.	St. Simon's	Receipts \$15,685.00 Disbursements No repor	t W. D. Gwynne,
St. James'	Receipts \$38,232.50 Disbursements 35,568.6	Col. Grassett, A. H. Campbell, Principal Hutton.	St. Stephen's	Receipts \$ 7,651.5 Disbursements 7,596.5	M. Rawlinson. 3 Dr. Pepler, 5 Wm. Cook.
St. John's, West To	r- Receipts \$ 4,795.84 Disbursements 4,624.4	T. W. Murray,		Receipts \$19,225.0 DisbursementsNo repor	C. A. C. Jennings.
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	Disbursements . 5,855.4	2 D. Henderson, R. McCausland.	PETERBORO:—	Disbursements No repor	t John Morgan, Hugh Chambers.
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Millman, C. Brent.

Harvard, Godfry. Hodgins, . Gwynne,

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John Read.

April 3, 1913. CHURCH. FINANCES. LAY DELEGATES. HAMILTON: Margaret's, West Hamilton Receipts \$ 408.21 Disbursements .. 339.77 St. Stephen's, Mountain Receipts \$ 516.97 Disbursements ... 515.09 St. Mark's Receipts \$ 2,064.40 Henry Vernon. Disbursements .. 2,068.28 Christ Church Cathedral Postponed. St. George's Receipts, \$ 6,834.99 D. R. McLennan. Disbursements . . 6,834.99 St. Peter's Report postponed. Church of Ascension .. Receipts \$12,750.00 F. T. Smye. Disbursements ... 12,717.82 MILTON:-Grace Church Adjourned meeting. Victor Chisholm. LONDON:-St. Paul's Cathedral ... Memorial Church F. P. Betts, K.C., W. Scarlett, A. E. Welch. Christ Church M. McElheran, H. R. Franks. St. John's Evangelist .. Receipts \$ 4,200.00 Col. C. H. Fisher, Disbursements .. 3,925.00 Hy. Macklin. St. James' Report postponed. Judd, R. E. Davis. Church of Redeemer . Receipts \$ 1,300.00 David Borland, Disbursements .. No report St. George's Financial report adjourned. J. K. H. Pope, T. F. Dexter. GALT:— Trinity Receipts \$ 7,000.00 Colonel Biscoe, Disbursements .. No report J. H. Hancock. BRANTFORD:-St. Paul's John R. Varey. St. Jude's W. N. Andrews, D. E. Coster. St. James' C. Simmonds. St. John's F. E. Morrison. STRATHROY:-St. John the Evangelist M. Rapley, L. H. Dampier. SARNIA: St. John's Adjourned. PRINCETON:-St. Paul's A. Norris. THAMESFORD:-St. John's C. Brock.

CHESLEY:-Holy Trinity No report. David Jochlin, Ed. Hope. S. James' No report. Jas. Smiley, H. Stroud. Alveston and Napier . No report. Wm. Toohill, R. B. Samuel. OTTAWA:— St. George's Receipts \$11,613.30 Charles McNab.

Disbursements .. No report St. Alban the Martyr . Receipts \$ 4,110.05 Lt.-Col. C. A. Eliot, Disbursements ... 4,508.36 H. A. F. McLeod, J. G. S. Hudson. Holy Trinity Receipts \$ 995.56 Disbursements ... 994.14 MONTREAL:-G. E. Drummond. St. George's Vestry adjourned.

Trinity Church Vestry adjourned.

St. Luke's Vestry adjourned.

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	All Saints'	b		W. H. Flann, J. McGillivray.	
	St. Jude's			G. E. Damant, John Forgrave.	
	Church of Good Shepherd			E. C. Pratt, A. P. Tippett. F. Pavier, A. Bailie.	
	Grace Church	Receipts \$ Disbursements	5,022.00 4,597.00	Manning, Dr. Carmichael.	7
	St. Matthew's	. •		F. P. Gibbs, W. Hyams.	,
	St. Mathias'			W. H. Ransome, J. J. Fiske.	
	Church of Redeemer	Receipts \$ Disbursements	1,267.00	J. G. Brock,	

Special Items of Interest from the Vestry Reports

MONTREAL.—St. Luke's, \$1,500 added endowment; All Saints', debt extinguished; Church of Good Shepherd, \$200 increase rector's stipend; Grace Church, Archdeacon Ker resigns after 24 years as rector.

TORONTO.—St. Aidan's, \$1,245 to missions. St. Ann's, 1,440 communicants on Easter Day, the offertory, \$1,400. Endorsed church unity circular for open pulpits and communions. Missionary offerings, \$2,591. The Church of the Ascension, an increase of 25 per cent. in missionary givings, plan to renovate the church. St. Augustine's, reduced mortgage \$500, spent \$450 decorating church. Christ Church (Deer Park), reduced the building debt \$1,000. St. Clement's, vestry divided to erect a new church at \$25,000, \$9,000 is already in hand, the Easter collection was \$1,750. St. Clement's, Eglinton, raised \$800 on Easter Day towards building fund debt. Church of Epiphany reduced floating debt to \$2,200, the vicar's stipend was increased \$400. St. George's received an anonymous contribution enabling them to build new quarters for the Sunday School, and other parish organizations. Grace Church has \$35,000 in sight for the new church and rectory, the rector's stipend was increased \$200. St. John, West Toronto, parish house funds, \$5,000. St. John the Evangelist, the young men built and equipped additional quarters to the men's club rooms. St. James' Cathedral, missions \$18,240.50, also \$30,000 on a new floor and heating system. The Easter offering for Leaside Church was \$1,600. Church of St. John Baptist increased restor's stipend \$100. The vestry of St. Luke's has purchased the late rector's house for \$8,500 for a parsonage. St. Mark's, (Parkdale), paid \$1,000 on mortgage. St. Martin's are building new church, costing \$35,000. St. Mary's Mission at Earlscourt, contributed \$1,000 to Church revenues. St. Mary Magdalene paid \$1,000 on mortgage. St. Mary the Virgin sold property for \$35,000, and this with the value of present property, amounting to \$30,000, will be devoted to building a new church on Northumberland Avenue costing \$50,000. The amount collected for this fund is \$9,800. Church of Messiah, mortgage reduced \$500. St. Paul's gave \$20,587 to missions, \$700 to the Mission Church at North Norway, increased building fund by \$26,781, and rector's stipend by \$2,000. St. Peter's celebrated their 50th anniversary and raised rector's stipend \$200. St. Philip's, \$531 to missions. Church of Redeemer gave nearly \$7,000 to missions, decorated church \$3,500, and raised rector's salary \$300. St. Simon's reduced debt \$201. St. Thomas' mortgage reduced \$2,300, missionary offerings \$4,314, rector's stipend raised \$300, and curate's \$150. The vestry decided to erect memorials to late Revs. J. M. Davenport and E. King. Trinity East, Sunday School of 1,400 members gave \$679 to missions, income \$1,289.16. All Saints', improvements \$7,800, congregational secretary to be appointed, deaconess' salary raised.

COBALT.—St. James'.—Rector's stipend raised \$300, new vestry built in church and general improvements made.

ORILLIA.—St. James'—The stipend of the rector was raised \$100, and \$1,600 taken off mortgage.

HAMILTON.—Church of Ascension decided to have a vested choir, besides renovating the church and improving the lighting system. It was definitely decided to appoint a curate to take part of the work of the parish. Christ Church Cathedral proposes to enlarge the Sunday School, chancel, and appoint a second curate. St. Mark's is losing Canon Sutherland as rector after 36 years' service. They give the Canon a retiring allowance of \$400. St. Stephen's Mission on the Mountain are planning soon to have their own rector.

PORT DALHOUSIE.—St. James'.—Easter Day there were one hundred and fifty-five communicants, and offering seventy-five dollars.

LONDON.—Christ Church discussed plans for sixtieth anniversary Memorial Church, rector's stipend raised \$500, curate refused \$1,200 stipend, organist salary \$600. St. Paul's Cathedral reduced debt by \$2,000, and added \$1,000 to endowment fund. BRANTFORD.—St. Paul's raised rector's salary \$200, and planned to decorate interior of church. Trinity Church, a mission of St. Jude's, will be set apart as a separte parish in June next. St. James' are installing a new furnace and renovating the church. St. John's will enlarge both church and Sunday School. SARNIA.—St. John's reduced debt by \$540. PARIS.—St. James' will erect a new parish hall, and steam heat the church at cost of \$7,500. ALVES-TON.—St .Mary's, and NAPIER.—St. John's. Rector was granted a month's leave for vacation. Mr. Hooper, people's warden, donated two oak doors. The church has been brick veneered.

The Churchwoman

HALIFAX.-ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL .-The annual meeting of the Cathedral Branch, W.A., was held in St. Luke's Hall, March 14th, with a large attendance of officers and members. Canon Llwyd and Canon Hind were present, the former officiating, and giving an address to the members on various aspects of missionary work, paying a tribute to the work of the W.A., and, in particular, of this Branch. The reports of all secretaries were very encouraging and satisfactory. The amount of money which passed through the treasurer's hands during the year amounted to \$612.82, distributed in part as follows: To Diocesan pledges and appeals, \$280.68; to Canadian appeals, \$26; to foreign appeals, \$86. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership to the recording Secretary, Miss Pooley.

MONTREAL.-G.F.S.-The Branch of this local Society is making great progress, and now proposes to erect suitable headquarters for working girls. A bazaar will be held next autumn for the purpose of raising funds. The objects of the Society are to band women and girls together for mutual help, in both religious and secular matters.

ORILLIA.-ST. JAMES'.-On Tuesday evening, March 25th, at the annual thankoffering gathering of this Branch of the Girls' Anxiliary, the Rev. Alan Greene gave an interesting description of the work of the Columbia Coast Mission, upon which he has laboured for the last two summers, under Rev. John Antle. Mr. Greene's story was illustrated with lantern views.

EAMER'S CORNERS.—The annual meeting of this Branch of the W.A. was held on Thursday, March 13th. A large and valuable bale was packed. The officers each gave a good report of the work done during the past year. The rector gave a short address.

Church Hews

PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

We propose to insert weekly, or as often as may be necessary, a list of all the preferments and appointments in our Church Diocesan Secretaries, Clergy, and Churchwardens are invited to help us to make this information accurate and complete.

BELL, Rev. A. E., to be Rector of Ninga, Man., (Diocese Rupert's Land).

HEPBURN, Rev. C. G., B.A., L.Th., to be Missionary of the Columbia Coast Mission, (Diocese Columbia)

SMITHEMAN, Rev. J. P., to be Rector of Teulon, Man., (Diocese Rupert's Land).

DOBBS, Ven. Archdeacon, to be Chaplain of the Penitentiary, Kingston, (Diocese Ontario).

DOHERTY, Rev, G. F. B., B.A., to be Rector of St. Luke's, Toronto, (Diocese Toronto).
HORNE, Rev. C. W. E., Rector of Christ

Church, Calgary HOWCROFT, Rev. Canon, Rector of St. Paul's,

Edmonton. CLARKE, Rev. E. Cox, Rector of St. Andrew's,

ALDERSON, Rev. R., Rector of St. Peter's,

ALEXANDER, Rev. R. W. W., Rector of Im-

manuel Church, Wetaskiwin, and Rural Dean of

HARRISON, Rev. R. D., Rector of St. George's,

CARTLIDGE, Rev. J., Minister-in-Charge of Christ Church, Nanton.
GILSON, Rev. G., Rector of Manitou, Man.,
Rector of St. Alban's, Kenora,

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NOVA SCOTIA.

Clarendon Lamb Worrell, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S.

HALIFAX.—The fine weather Easter was partly responsible for a large attendance at the churches, in fact it is said the congregations were record ones, as in many edifices the seating capacity was taxed to its utmost. In the churches there were from three to six celebrations of Holy Communion, all of which were well attended. At St. Paul's church the largest number on record was present. The offertories were also generous, that in All Saints Cathedral being \$960. At St. Paul's church the collection amounted to \$850. The number attending Communion in the several churches was: St. Paul's, 824; All Saints, 700; St. Mark's, 315; St. George's, 260; Trinity, 212; St. Matthias, 200.

HALIFAX.-TRINITY.-The Bishop confirmed sixteen candidates in this church on Thursday evening, the 20th ult., in the presence of a large congregation.

ST. GEORGE'S-was taxed to the utmost to seat the large congregation which was present. The sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. H. W. Cunningham. The Easter music was particularly bright. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Peck, an Arctic missionary, who arrived in Halifax on the Virginian yesterday morning.

ST. MARK'S .- A large congregation attended the morning service, the sermon being preached by Rev. N. LeMoine. The Band of the R. C. Regiment was present and assisted in the music. In the evening the sermon was given by Rev. R. The music was very creditably I. Langford. rendered throughout the day. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion, at which about 315 were present. This is the largest number who have partaken at this church on any one Sunday.

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL.—There were five services Easter Sunday, all of which were very largely attended. Communion services were held at 6.30, 8, and 9.15 o'clock. The Bishop officiated at the 11 o'clock service, assisted by Canon Hind and Rev. V. E. Harris, Canon Llwyd preaching on the "Resurrection and Light of Life." In the evening, Bishop Worrell preached a university sermon to the students of Dalhousie, who attended in large numbers. His Lordship's text was, "If ye be then risen with Christ, seek the things that are above.

DARTMOUTH.-On Easter Sunday, special services were held in all the churches, floral decorations in some of the churches far exceeded those of previous years, and special music was rendered by the various choirs. In Christ Church the presence of the vested choir gave additional impressiveness to the services. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion at 8, 9.30, and after the 11 o'clock service, conducted by the Rev. S. J. Woodroofe. The chancel of the church was beautifully decorated with palms and Easter lilies, and the beautiful hangings donated by the Mite Society were used for the first time.

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MONTREAL.

John Cragg Farthing, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

MONTREAL.—GRACE CHURCH.—The resignation of the Ven. Archdeacon Ker was officially announced at the Good Friday service in Grace Church by the Bishop. The Archdeacon has been obliged to give up owing to ill-health, and has been unable to take a service for the past four Sundays. He has laboured in this parish for twenty-four years.

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ONTARIO.

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

KINGSTON.—The Bishop is again quite seriously ill, and in consequence has been obliged to cancel all his engagements for the present. On Sunday last the Confirmation services which were held in this city were taken by the Bishop of

KINGSTON.-The Bishop returned home after a trin to Bermuda for his health, and has been confined to bed with serious illness ever since: The Chancellor of the diocese has called a special meeing of Synod for April 22nd for the appointment of a Coadjutor. The Coadjutor will be styled Bishop of Kingston.

BROCKVILLE.— ST. PAUL'S. — Archdeacon Dobbs preached his farewell sermon on Easter Sunday, prior to taking up his duties as chaplain of the Portsmouth penitentiary He has laboured for twenty-three years in Brockville. The new chaplain is expected to take up his duties at the Portsmouth institution on March 28th. The congregation of St, Paul's regret his departure very much, and expressed their appreciation of his ministry among them in an address accompanied with a purse of gold.

DESERONTO.—The Rev. H. Defoe Wagner, rector of the church here, has resigned to go to Edmonton, Alta.

WOLFE ISLAND .- TRINITY .- The parish reported a very successful year's work at the annual vestry meeting. Several improvements were made to the rectory, but in spite of this expense a surplus was left on hand. The delegates to Synod were George Friend and William Fawcett.

TORONTO.

lames Fielding Sweeny, D.D., Bishop. William Day Reeve, D.D., Assistant.

TORONTO.— ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND.—Rev. Canon Morley will preach on Sunday at St. George's, 11 a.m., and St. Philip's, 7 p.m. The Cathedral seems to be demanded to-day both by reverence and utility. As great temples of finance are reared higher and costlier in our modern cities, surely that which is deepest and highest and most permanent in human life should express itself worthily in the erection at diocesan centres of a great, majestic temple to be a House of Prayer for all people, to symbolize essential unity in faith and worship, to plead for a perpetual service of man under the sanction of God's Fatherhood and Christ's Saviourhood, and to witness to man's perpetual need of the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit of Grace."-Advt.

The contract for the erection of the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr on Howland Avenue has been let to Messrs. Elgie and Page, the firm which is building Sir Henry Pellatt's mansion. The new edifice will cost over \$500.000. The Finance Committee, associated with the Residentiary Chapter, decided to go on and construct the cathedral as far as their present funds would permit. This means the contractors will carry the whole building up to the window sills, which will be about four feet above the flooring. The flooring will be put in place, and all the work done this season will be of a permanent character. The Baptistry is being pushed forward to completion, and will be ready for a formal opening in June.

ST. ANNE'S.—A magnificent meeting in connection with the Men's Association of this church was held on Monday evening last, when a large number of out-of-town delegates attended. The Rev. Dyson Hague and Mr. C. S. McDonald, of Brampton, were the speakers. The meeting was to further the interest in social work among Churchmen.

ST. LUKE'S .- This church was filled on Monday evening last to witness the induction of the new rector, the Rev. G. F. B. Doherty, B.A. The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Reeve, in the place of the Bishop of Toronto, who was absent from the city. The Rev. Canon Plummer, the Precentor of the Cathedral, sang the service, the fiat of induction was read by the Rev. E. C. Cayley, the special Lessons were read by the Rev. Provost Macklem, and the Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Tucker, D.D., Mr. Doherty's late rector, who chose for his text 1 Corinthians 4:1. About twelve visiting clergy were present at the service in their robes and several others were present amongst the congregation. The Rev. G. F. B. Doherty has been seven years in Holy Orders, and is a little over 30 years of age. He is the son of the City Solicitor of St. Thomas, Ont., where he was born. He graduated at Toronto University and afterwards took a Divinity course at Trinity College, where he specially distinguished himself. For the past three years he has been at St. Paul's Ca-thedral, London. At the close of the service an informal reception was given to the new rector and his wife in the school-house by the members of the congregation. This was largely attended and a pleasant time was spent.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND S. S. ASSO-CIATION, TORONTO.—Children's Service and Presentation of Lenten Offerings.—This service will (D.V.) be held in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, April 5th, 1913, at 4 p.m. Addresses will be given by Rev. Provost Macklem and Rev. D. T. Owen. A large attendance of children and teachers from every Sunday School is expected. Be sure and make all necessary arrangements for attendance at this service. J. S. Barber, General

WESTON.-ST. JOHN'S.-Special music was rendered at the services at this church on Sunday. The evening sermon, entitled "The Resurrection," was preached by the Rev. Hughes-Jones, the rector.

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service for young people being well attended. At Christ Church a three hours' service on Good Friday was held. On Easter Day there were large congregations at both churches. The church at Dunsford is in need of a font. The Bishop will hold a Confirmation on April 27th.

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W. R. Clark, D.D., Bishop, Hamilton, Ont.

JORDAN.—ST. JOHN'S.—The annual vestry meeting of this church showed the receipts were \$50 in excess of last.

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HURON.

David Williams, D.D., Bishop, London, Ont.

ST. THOMAS.—ST. JOHN'S.—The Livingstone centenary was fittingly observed on the evening of March 19th by a service conducted under the auspices of the Nelson Boys of the Sunday School. A liberal offering was given for mission work in German East Africa. At the three hours' service on Good Friday the Rev. T. G. A. Wright, Huron College, gave a devotional address on the words from the Cross. At the Easter Day services the Rev. Professor E. H. Young, M.A., of Huron College, preached in the evening. Mr. J. Burford, lay reader, gave an address at the Sunday School service in the afternoon. The Lenten offerings of the School for missions amounted to \$93, an increase of \$40.

GALT.— TRINITY.— EASTER DAY.— The Easter services were as usual very bright and hearty. Large congregations, and, best of all, the largest number of communicants in the history of the church, at the early and mid-day services.

OWEN SOUND.—The Easter Day services in this church were largely attended. Services were held at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The rector, the Rev. J. Ardill, conducted the services and preached on each occasion. There were about two hundred communicants during the day, and the special Easter thankoffering was very good. In addition to the foregoing services a children's service was held.

LUCAN. — HOLY TRINITY. — The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening in the parish hall. The wardens' statement showed the finances in a satisfactory condition. The vestry adjourned for two weeks to receive the auditors' report. At the close of the vestry meeting the registered voters elected Mr. Cris. Hodgins and Mr. T. H. Coursey delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

CLANDEBOYE .- ST. JAMES'.- The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 25th. The wardens' report was very satisfactory. The rector was voted an increase in salary. At the meeting of the registered voters Mr. Omer Cunningham was elected lay delegate to Diocesan Synod. The vestry adjourned to Tuesday, April 8th to receive the auditor's report.

WATFORD.—The new church here was opened on Sunday, March 30th. At the 11 a.m. service Bishop Williams dedicated the building and preached. He also preached in the evening. In the afternoon Rev. R. S. W. Howard, rector of Christ Church, Chatham. There was special music at all the services, with the choir vested for the first time. The building is a fine structure of red pressed brick on imitation stone foundation, built on the latest ideas in church archi-

GRANTON .- ST. THOMAS' .- A meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held in the schoolhouse on the 18th of March, the rector, the Rev. W. J. Eccleston, presiding. The Rev. Wm. Lowe, rector of Trinity Church, Lucan, gave a very interesting address on "St. Patrick."

RUPERT'S LAND.

Samuel P. Matheson, D.D., Archbishop and Primate, Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG.— The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, accompanied by Mrs. Matheson, is at present at Victoria, B.C. The Archbishop's visit, owing to his recent illness following an attack of influenza, will be a very quiet one, and, although it is anticipated that he will remain for some three weeks, he will not preach during that time, but will spend the holiday in resting and recruiting his strength.

WINNIPEG.—HOLY TRINITY.—On Easter Monday evening, the 24th ult., a special social gathering was held in Trimity Hall, the occasion being the celebration of Ven. Archdeacon Fortin's 37th anniversary as rector of Holy Trinity Church. Mr. E. D. Martin occupied the chair, and, comparing the present position of the church to what it had been thirty years ago, commented upon the fact that they were faced with the problem of what to do with the rapidly increasing numbers. Mr. Martin expressed his pleasure at the church putting up a splendid building, which would greatly benefit the young men of the parish. The Very Rev. Dean Coombs had nearly completed thirty years' service in Winnipeg. Three things were very obvious in the congregation of Holy Trinity. The first was aspiration, the second was inspiration and the third was the second was inspiration, and the third was perspiration. The Rev. F. C. C. Heathcote, rector of All Saints', spoke. Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, in a few remarks, thanked those present for the hearty welcome they had given him.

WINNIPEG .- ST. THOMAS' .- The people of this church received a cheque for \$100 last week from the congregation of St. Luke's Church for the new Church Extension Fund.

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SASKATCHEWAN. Jervois A. Newnham, D.D., Bishop, Prince Albert, Sask.

PRINCE ALBERT.—The Bishop and Mrs. Newnham returned home on March 19th, the Bishop having assisted Archbishop Matheson in Winnipeg on the previous Sunday. Mrs. Newnham has benefited from her visit to Eastern Canada, but is not yet able to undertake any engage-

ALBAN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL. — The Easter services were very encouraging, the number of communicants exceeding two hundred. The rector, Rev. J. I. Strong, R.D., preached both morning and evening. On Good Friday the choir rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion."

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—The services at this church were also encouraging, and showed evident signs of increased vitality in this little

DIOCESAN STIPEND FUND.—Earnest efforts are now being made throughout the diocese towards the reduction of the debt on the fund. Each Deanery has been assessed at a certain figure and the amount distributed among the various parishes and missions.

NORTH BATTLEFORD.—The Rev. A. D. Wrenshall has resigned his post as rector. The wardens are now looking for a suitable man to succeed him.

CALGARY.

William Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., Bishop, Calgary, Alta.

CALGARY. — MEETING OF SYNOD. — A change of date has had to be made, since the Paget Hall is not available for the date previously fixed. The Bishop has decided to call the Synod a week later, viz., Tuesday, July 15th, Paget Hall.

CALGARY. - PALESTINE EXHIBITION. -The Palestine Exhibition was a decided success. The treasurer reports all expenses met and a substantial balance in hand to be sent to the London Society for Promoting Christianity among

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EDMONTON.—ALL SAINTS' GIRLS' HOME. —Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd has conveyed for the use of the Church of England in Edmonton the "All Saints' Girls' Home." The thanks of the diocese were conveyed to Mrs. Lloyd by a resolution of the Executive Committee.

DEDICATIONS.—St. Peter's Mission Chapel, Peigan Reserve (by Archdeacon Tims); St. Mary's Church, Lethbridge; Church of the Blessed Virgin, Bassano.

CONFIRMATIONS.—Since last bulletin the Bishop has held Confirmations at Edson, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Nanton, Taber; Calgary, Pro-Cathedral (two), Macleod, Lundbreck, Calgary, St. Stephen's; Edmonton, All Saints', and Castor.

LAY READERS LICENSED.—Honorary—Mr. C. C. Milnes, Langdon; Mr. W. Gidman, Tober. For Church Camp Mission—Mr. H. A. Jones.

M. S. C. C. THANKOFFERING.—Up to date the treasurer reports having received not quite \$350 for the work of M.S.C.C. The diocese is pledged to raise \$1,000 thankoffering this year. Please send in your amounts to Mr. Manson at

FORWARD MOVEMENT.—The work of raising the \$15,000 in the diocese in connection with the Forward Movement is progressing. One parish (St. Cyprian's, Lethbridge), has already sent in the full quota of the amount allotted to it.

ROGATION DAYS.—The Bishop again wishes to impress on the clergy and Church people the necessity of a due observance of the Rogation Days, and directs that wherever possible the authorized service shall be used on those days.

HIGH RIVER.—The Bishop has appointed the Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin to perform the duties of Rural Dean for the present.

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COLUMBIA.

J. C. Roper, D.D., Bishop, Victoria, B.C.

VICTORIA .- ST. BARNABAS' .- The Bishop on March 16th dedicated the new organ at this church. The organ which was brought here last August, was originally built by Denman, of York, and for many years was used in a church at Bridlington, Yorkshire. Last year, however, the instrument was rebuilt by Abbot & Smith, of Leeds, prior to being sent out to this church. The Bishop left Victoria for the East on Wednesday, March 26th, en route for England. On April ard he will attend the semi-annual meeting of the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada, which is to meet in Ottawa, sailing on April 5th from New York to England. He will remain in the Old Land until the early part of July, returning once more to Victoria by the end of that month. During the Bishop's absence the Dean will be in charge of the diocese as commissary.

VICTORIA. - CHRIST CHURCH CATHE-DRAL.—Forty-four Confirmed.—On Wednesday evening, the 19th March, forty-four candidates were confirmed by the Bishop at the Cathedral, eleven of the candidates being men, four boys, and twenty-nine girls and women.

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MACKENZIE RIVER.

John R. Lucas, Bishop-Designate.

HAY RIVER.—The Bishop-Designate writes that in connection with the Diocesan boarding school at Hay River, Great Slave Lake, a serious problem has arisen. In order to meet the requirements of the Indian Department, which makes a substantial grant towards the school, it is imperative to erect new buildings for the accommodation of the children and staff. The existing buildings were put up in sections and added to from time to time as the work grew. The accommodation thus provided is now pronounced to be totally inadequate by the Government inspector, and notice has been given that building must be commenced at once in accordance with plans approved by the Department. This is the serious problem. The diocese has no funds to devote to such an object. It, therefore, earnestly appeals to the friends of the Indian and of the work throughout this Far North to come to its aid at this critical juncture. Although the strictest economy will be practised, the building must satisfy the Government authorities. The cost of material and erection will be at least \$12,500. Towards this \$1,000 are in hand. "He gives twice who gives quickly." This is especially true in this case, as with but four mails per annum, orders for building materials to reach in August or September must leave by the December mail previous. A whole year's delay may be saved if friends will but respond quickly to this appeal. Gifts, great and small, marked "Hay River Building Fund," may be sent to the Imperial Bank, Athabasca Eanding, Alberta, Canada.

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Wm. C. White, D.D., Bishop, Kai Feng, Honan.

KAI FENG.—There are eighty boys in St. Andrew's School this term.

ST. MARY'S HALL.—St. Mary's Hall was opened after the Christmas and New Year vacation on January 22nd in the new foreign building outside the south gate, which has been occupied for some months by the pupils of St. Andrew's School and College. There are seventy pupils enrolled, four of whom are from Kwei-te Fu. These four are the first to come to the Girls' School as a result of our evangelistic work in an out-station. It is hoped that their opportunity of attending school will result in much good, not only to themselves, but also to other girls and women in Kwei-te, for we hope they will return with a desire to tell all they have learned. It is rather interesting to know that the brightest of these girls is the daughter of a former opium shopkeeper. Early in December four girls, who were the first to express their desire to become Christians, were admitted to the catechumenate. They are all very bright, earnest girls, and we hope may prove true witnesses for Christ.

Correspondence

WOMEN ON THE VESTRY.

Sir,-In view of the fact, that the matter of "women as members of the vestry," has been referred to the Synod for decision, shows, that the late effort, which has obtained the opinion of over 1,300 women of this diocese, in a very short time, and under many adverse circumstances, has had the effect of convincing the Executive Committee of the Diocese, that it would be advisable to refer the matter to the Synod. This, therefore, gives the opportunity of a supplementary list of signatures, from those who had already signified their regret, that time and circumstances had prevented them from obtaining many more. To meet this extended opportunity, it has been proposed to place such supplementary lists in the hands of a lady, or ladies, interested in the matter, such as most rectors have already done so successfully. These lists may be obtained from Mrs. E. M. Tilley, 554 King Street, London, and are to be returned to her when filled.

This method might commend itself to such parishes, as have been prevented by the time limit, from sending in returns, meanwhile, we would remind those rectors who hold copies of the original petition, that we are still hopeful of a reply from them, either, in the more satisfactory form of signatures to the same, or for an expression of the difficulties which have arisen to prevent our hearing from them at the date previously given.

To you, Mr. Editor, we would tender our grateful thanks for the kind words in the "Canadian

Churchman" of March 13th, and which I quote herewith. "This appeal has our cordial sympathy. There ought not to be two opinions on the subject."

Faithfully yours, E. M. Tilley. London.

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WOMEN ON THE VESTRY.

Sir,—I am pleased to note that the importance of women taking a fair proportion of actual responsibility in the business of the Church is being discussed in the columns of the "Churchman."

That "it is not good for man to be alone," is a general truth, and includes the administration of church affairs, as well as other relations, social and otherwise, which affect the welfare of human-

It strikes me that when St. Paul gave the Deaconess Phoebe carte blanche to the churches, as we find recorded in the last chapter of his epistle to the Romans, that we in our administration of church business, minus women, have departed lamentably from the apostolic example, verb, sap.

Yours truly, Sarah F. Tracy.

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SHORTAGE OF CANADIAN CLERGY.

Sir,-I have been very much interested in the letters which have recently appeared in the "Canadian Churchman" in reference to the shortage of Canadian clergy. It is a grave matter. There is surely something radically wrong when it is necessary for our Western Bishops to go across the water to plead for men to fill the Missions which are being constantly opened in the several dioceses. "I have frequently felt like hanging my head in shame," writes the zealous and indefatigable Assistant-Secretary of the M.S.C.C., "when asked by Western clergy, Englishmen, who have taken pity on the Church in Canada, why more Canadians are not entering the ministry." Mr. Allin's statement is well borne out by the statistics quoted by Dr. Speechly. Now, sir, the same thing exists in reference to women workers. How few are offering themselves for Mission work. Let us try to get at the root of this thing and remedy it. How many parents in this Canada of ours speak earnestly upon the subject with their growing sons and daughters? How many clergymen keep a watchful eye for suitable candidates amongst the younger members of their congregation, and speak individually to them?

The whole thing in a nutshell seems to be that "worldliness" has us in its grip, and that means we lack "spirituality."

Some time ago the writer found herself at a dinner party, the occasion being the "Deamery meeting" in a Western town. Eight clergymen were around that festive board—not one Canadian. The subject "Shortage of Canadian-born clergy" was discussed, also the great difficulty in getting Canadian women to fill positions on boarding schools for Indians, and to take up work on Indian reservations. One of the clergy turned to me and asked: "When did you come over?" Thank God, I was able to reply: "I didn't 'come

over,' I was here.'' I happen to be one who can say with Jean Blewitt:

"Something sings it all the day:

Canada, fair Canada!

And the pride thrills through and through me,
'Tis my birthplace—Canada!"

"Oh," said the only Irishman present, "You must be the guest of honour."

Anna Asenath Hawley. The Reserve, Fort à la Corne, Sask.

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CAST-OFF GARMENTS.

On account of the large amount of sickness this winter, many of the poor people have got behind in money matters and unable to procure clothes for the children. If any of the readers of the Canadian Churchman have cast off garments that they can spare, they would be most acceptable to us, and as wisely distributed as possible. They will not be given away, but a small sum charged that prevents pauperizing, and the little money received from them used for their benefit in another way. We are badly in need of all kinds of clothing, but more especially children's boots and garments. On receipt of a card, they will be sent for to any part of the city. Scores of children are kept from school every Sunday for want of boots.

H. C. Dixon,

Trinity Rectory, 417 King East, Toronto.

Books and Bookmen

Preachers are frequently enquiring for help in their sermon preparation, and attention may be called to "The Sermonizer," a monthly homiletical magazine, published at \$1.00 per annum by F. J. Boyer, Reading, Pa., U.S.A. Judging from the number we have seen it should prove suggestive and helpful to preachers and teachers. It contains sermons, extracts from current literature, a number of illustrations, and suggestions for prayer meetings and other gatherings. A specimen copy will be sent to any applicant.

"Northern Lights" is the name of a little fourpage paper, published in the interest of the
Chooutla Indian School, Carcross, Yukon, and
of Yukon Diocese generally. It will probably be
published quarterly till it becomes self-supporting, and the price is 25 cents a year. Subscriptions
may be sent to Rev. T. G. A. Wright, 95 Maple
Street, London, Ont. The first issue contains a
newsy description of the Carcross School, written
by Mr. E. D. Evans, Principal (since resigned),
and also many interesting items regarding Yukon
Diocese, written by Bishop Stringer from a sickbed in a Toronto hospital. Those who want to
further the good work done by Bishops Bompas
and Stringer are invited to subscribe for this
bright little paper, which Bishop Stringer desires
to be widely circulated.

Owing to the pressure upon our space caused by the Easter Reports a large amount of Church News, Correspondence, etc., is held till next issue.



Personal & General

Hon. S. H. Blake and Mrs. Blake are home again from their Meditteranean trip.

We regret to hear of the illness of Canon Renaud of St. Thomas' Church, Montreal.

The last spike on the Hudson Bay Railway bridge across the Saskatchewan River was driven March 26th.

The death in Rome of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the great financier and a devoted Churchman, has just been amnounced.

The meeting of the Prayer Revision Committee will take place in Ottawa, beginning Friday, April 4th.

The new secretary of the Church Missionary Society is Canon E. H. M. Waller, of Allahabad. He is a brother of Principal Waller of Huron College.

On Maundy Thursday evening, Holy Communion was celebrated in St. James' Cathedral. Canon Plumptre gave an appropriate and impressive address.

Seventeen whales from Southern waters turned into Burrard Inlet March 26th and were the centre of attraction. They may become stranded there.

It is very interesting to note that among the liberal contributors to the St. Alban's Cathedral Fund are the names of Sir John Gibson and Mr. John C. Eaton, a Presbyterian and a Methodist.

Bishop Mills is seriously ill. He was to have held confirmation at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Sunday, but Bishop Farthing came from Montreal and took the confirmation service for him.

The steamer "Natashquan" left Quebec, March 31st, for Seven Islands, Anticosti and other Gulf ports, with passengers, mails, and a Apri

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general cargo, being the first outward merchant steamer this season.

The Rev. R. J. Moore, the rector of St. George's, who has been confined to his bed for some time past with an attack of bronchial pneumonia, has now taken a turn for the better and is gradually improving.

The Duchess of Albany paid a surprise visit to the Church Army's Children's Sanatorium at Fleet, on her birthday, taking with her half her birthday cake for the little inmates' tea, and playing with them.

At the evening service on Easter Day the Bishop of Toronto administered the Holy Communion at the Church of the Epiphany to a number of his old parishioners from St. Philip's.

Mr. George J. Byrnell is in Toronto from England, completing the arrangements for the great Palestine Exhibition to be held shortly in this city. A large meeting of the Executive Committee was held on his arrival in St. James' Parish House.

Mrs. Marsh took a bite of the cake and laid it down hastily. "Norah," she said, "did you follow the recipe or do as you usually do and guess?" "Sure, mum, I followed the recipe, only I put in six eggs instead of four, because two was bad, and I wanted to even 'em up."

The "Canadian Churchman" was so interested in the Rev. Mr. Tebbs' article on the "Hespeler Irish Boys" Home," that they paid a visit there on Saturday, March 22nd. Mrs. Tebbs gave a most kindly welcome, and showed them all over this splendid Church institution.

The following famous soldiers acted as pall bearers for Lord Wolseley's funeral at St. Paul's on Monday:-Duke of Connaught, Lord Roberts, Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Grenfell, Sir C. H. Brownlow, Lord Kitchener, Lord Methuen, Lord Nicholson. Over six thousand troops formed the military escort.

The friends of our foreign missionsaries and other readers will be interested to know that Rev. R. J. Tosscus, Metcalfe. Ontario, is collecting foreign stamps to sell for the M.S.C.C., and may be willing to help. When approval books are ready for collectors, an announcement will appear in our advertisement columns.

The Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia arrived March 20th at Liverpool, on Board the "Empress of Britain." Prince Arthur went aboard the ship and greeted his parents. The Duchess is not looking well, and was rarely seen during the voyage from

Canada, although she said she had a good passage.

The strangest excuse for "extemporaneous speaking" is given in a story told by Dr. George L. Perin of the Franklin Square House. While traveling he formed the acquaintance of a clergyman who was fond of "talking shop." "Never prepare your sermon in advance," counseled the cleric. "Why?" asked Dr. Per-"Well, if you put it into writing the devil can look over your shoulder and will then go and nullify in the hearts of your people every word you have uttered. As for me, I never put pen to paper. I just make for the pulpit, and the devil himself doesn't know what I'm going to say!"

On Thursday evening, March 27, 1913, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of organist and choirmaster of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, the rector's warden, Mr. A. D. Langmuir, on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. A. R. Blackburn with an illuminated address expressing the high esteem he is held by them, having filled the position with every satisfaction for thirty years, also a gold watch and chain was presented as a slight token of their affection for him. The members of the choir presented him with a diamond pin. Sunday being Mr. Blackburn's last Sunday the Easter music was repeated with orchestral accompaniment, which was of the very highest order of church music and very much appreciated by the large congregation present.

Mr. Henry Frowde, the publisher to the University of Oxford, is at his own wish retiring after thirty-nine years' active work as manager of the London businesses of the Oxford University Press. Mr. Frowde was born in 1841, and when he first became associated with the Oxford Press as its London manager, the classical and learned works of the Clarendon Press were published by Messrs. Macmillan, but in 1880 the delegates transferred them to their own warehouse and Mr. Frowde became "Publisher to the University." There were only about a dozen employees at the London warehouse thirty-nine years ago; now upwards of three hundred are engaged at Amen Corner. One of the most striking incidents in the recent history of the Press occurred on the morning of May 17, 1881, when the Revised New Testament was first published. The run on the Oxford University Press on that occasion was without precedent, the doors, as in the case of the Cambridge University Press-the Revised Version being the joint property of Oxford and Cambridge, the two Universities

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Daryl started for school, still puzzling over the question. She had not gone far when she met Edith Rayfield, and told her what she had been thinking about.

us do something to make her happy," she said. "Easter will soon be here; perhaps we could do something at that time."

"Let's think about it to-day, and talk about it again after school tonight. We might ask Ralph and Harry for their opinions, too," said Edith.

"No, it would be better to settle on our plan first, and let them into the secret after it is all settled."

When the girls again met after school, Daryl exclaimed, "Oh, I have just the jolliest scheme if only we can

work it—at least I think it's jolly—and if all the others will join in."

"Well, do let me hear it quick. I'm dying of curiosity," replied Edith.
"We could give her an 'Easter shower.' We'll tell all the boys and girls whom we know would be anxious to be in the fun. Each one is to buy her a little gift which will be appropriate for Easter, and each gift must be the result of self-sacrifice. We can decide later how and when to give them to her."

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Daryl told her mother about the plan, and she promised to help in carrying out the surprise. The boys and girls wanted to get their gifts into Aunt Patty's house without her knowing it. So Mrs. Thompson invited the dear little lady to spend the night before Easter in her home. Easter morning bright and early boys and girls might have been seen coming from all parts of the town, each with a mysterious package of 'most any size or shape, and all were headed for the same place-Aunt Patty's house. Mrs. Thompson had managed to get the key, and a merry time the young people had distributing their gifts. They wanted Aunt Patty to have a series of surprises, so some were left in the kitchen, some in the pantry, some in the parlor-in fact, some in every room of the little house. When all was ready the young people

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Mrs. Thompson told Aunt Patty that they would start a little early for church, so that she could stop to see if everything was as she had left it at home. Mrs. Thompson had the key again, for Harry had taken it to her after they had used it. As Aunt Patty walked into the parlor she spied a large bowl of beautiful violets on the centertable, with this little verse attached to it:-

"I wanted something sweet to send

And the violets asked if they would do."

Greatly mystified, she passed out into the next room and found on the floor by the bookcase a vase of longstemmed American Beauties, which several had clubbed together to buy.

"What in the world does all this mean?" she asked.

"Let us go into the other rooms and see if there is anything more to discover," answered Mrs. Thompson.

In the kitchen was a basket of fresh eggs. On the dining-table were coloured eggs, and a pretty potted plant with flowers in full bloom stood at either end, while a beautiful Easter lily with several blossoms and a number of buds was in the centre. On the dressers in the bedroom was a large basket of pansies of delicate colours. and by its side a prettily bound book of Easter poems.

Long before Aunt Patty came upon the last of her surprises the tears were rolling down her cheeks-tears of happiness, not so much because of the gifts themselves as because of the great love which she knew must be in the hearts of some people for her, to prompt such a generous shower of blessings. But who were the givers? As she asked this question a sound of sweet music came to her ears, and she stood spellbound, for it was coming from somewhere in her own home. It came nearer and nearer, and soon

the boys and girls had gathered in the doorway singing that grand old Easter hymn:-

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day," Sons of men and angels say:

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

They sang it through to the end. As the last notes of the music died away, the boys and girls filed past Aunt Patty, and each in turn threw an arm around her neck and kissed her, then passed quickly and quietly out of the house. Aunt Patty's face and Aunt Patty's tears were rich reward for all they had done for her, and they were so glad the Easter surprise had been such a success.—Helen E. Princeton, in S. S. Times.

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