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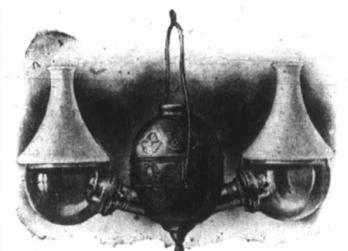
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- (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
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Morning—Deut. 6; John 11, to 17.
Evening—Deut. 9, or 10; Heb. 3, 7—4, 14.

June 4—Sunday after Ascension.
Morning—Deut. 30; John 15.
Evening—Deut. 34, or Jos. 1; Heb. 10, 19.

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Holy Communion: 309, 319, 321, 322.
Processional: 224, 242, 390, 392.
Offertory: 138, 243, 292, 295.
Children's Hymns: 233, 329, 332, 333.
General Hymns: 220, 240, 260, 261.

The Moravians

A writer in the Outlook describes Passion Week as spent by the Moravians, the United Brethren, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We reluctantly condense his article; it is so good, and loses in condensation, but we wish to give our readers some idea of it, and too few of them will see the Outlook. "Three or four times each day the crowds from every point of the compass wend their way toward the great white church on a hill." "Thursday evening business stops. In solemn silence the people enter the church. Noiselessly the large doors on either side of the chancel open, and reverently but with radiant expression come about seventy young boys and girls, who occupy their places in the first pews across the church, to take part in their first communion. With prayer, praise, comprehension at last of what the hour means, every one extends the right hand of fellowship to his neighbours, singing softly:

Every fifth seat is empty and corded off. Down each aisle come two ministers bearing the consecrated bread. The cords are dropped one at a time, and a minister enters the empty pew. Those in front rise, face him, and receive the wafer, one at a time. The minister turns, and those he faces receive the wafer. When all occupants of the pews are served, they seat themselves, joining in the singing—solemn, prayerful, beautiful. When the ministers return to the chancel, all rise and stand with bowed heads. Clearly, reverently, the voice is heard, as though it echoed through the ages: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given you." All kneel. . . . After the blessing of the wine the scene is repeated. . . . Before the last hymn the right hand is given to each neighbour again.

Good Friday Afternoon.

The church is crowded. At three o'clock the vast crowd is kneeling. High above its head in the tower the silver-toned bell tolls—that tolls there only through the year. Not a sound comes from the outside world. "It is finished." A clear, beautiful soprano voice is heard:

"Only one prayer to-day,
One earnest, tearful plea,
A litany from out the heart—
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Saturday, the Great Sabbath.

"At two o'clock the people turned again to the church. The first hymn gave the keynote:

"Peace be to this congregation,
Peace to every soul therein;
Peace which flows from Christ's salvation,
Peace, the seal of cancelled sin;
Peace that speaks its Heavenly Giver,
Peace to earthly minds unknown;
Peace divine, that lasts forever,
Here erect its glorious throne."

Without interruption to music and prayer, large trays with buns and mugs of coffee were passed. The people broke bread together—a family. Again at night they came together for the Easter vigils, a time of meditation and of memory.

Easter.

The words, "The Lord is risen," in tones triumphant, break the hush of the throng, reaching far out into the street. "The Lord is risen, indeed," respond the people. The organ causes the building to quiver as it leads in

"Hail, all hail, victorious Lord and Saviour,
Thou hast burst the bonds of death.

Joyful we with one accord
Hail Thee as our risen Lord."

The people follow the clergy and choir out of the church into the graveyard. In the hymn that follows all the people join. It is a moment never to be forgotten: the trees above just bursting into life, the song of the birds, and the people lined in rows about the low graves lighted by the first rays of the sun, rising slowly over the mountain, the valleys to the west and south still lost in the gray gloom of a yet unbroken night. Was it only the sunlight we saw as we sang, "What are these in bright array, this innumerable throng?"

Spanish Religion.

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New Foes to Face.

A Methodist minister in joining the Church in New York has had to submit to the inevitable interview, and made the following statement: "I have not changed my faith. There is no difference between the faith and doctrine of the Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Churches so far as essentials go. I have given the matter the maturest consideration, and I feel now that I am returning to the faith which John Wesley in reality never left, and from which Methodism gets all its forms and ceremonies. I believe that the Protestant Episcopal Church can be of more use to the world than the Methodist Episcopal Church, and I, as a member of the former, can likewise be of more use to the world. I have observed the parish work, the organization, the mode of government of the Episcopal Church, and in all these particulars the Episcopal Church is superior." We are glad that there is at the present time a greater friendly feeling among all Christian bodies, so that the causes of separation may be examined without passion. Many of these causes are obsolete, and, as Bishop Gore pointed out, there are new difficulties for the Church to face.

The Modern City Parish.

Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, has recently visited Trinity Church in Boston, associated to many with the memory of Bishop Phillips Brooks, and there discussed the past and future of the parish in connection with the coming of its new rector, Dr. Mann. He thought what Trinity needed more than anything else was building up from within—the development of a great parish along the lines of administration work, service and preaching, and that it would be unwise to turn it into a cathedral. The Bishop emphasized the fact that parish ties are less strong than they used to be. People may come six or eight miles to attend "their own church," and in travelling the distance pass by one or more churches of their own faith. "If I had my way," said the Bishop, "they would not do this, but would attend the nearest Episcopal church. But my way is not the modern way, and we must adjust ourselves to modern conditions."

The S. P. G.

The S.P.G. announces that it is to have among its forces in Burma a brotherhood composed of three clergymen, and probably later, of laymen for medical, educational, and other forms of work. Those joining the brotherhood will be unmarried, and pledged to remain so for at least five years. Mandalay is selected for its field of work, as being the point best suited for attacking Buddhism in its very centre and citadel. This is going quite unnecessarily to a distant part of the British dominions. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel need not go further than the newer parts of Canada to find as needed a field as Burma for a settlement. Whether, we

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France.

The impending legislation in France will apply to the Protestant bodies as well as to the Church of Rome. The clauses of the bill as passed by the Chamber provide: "The Republic assures liberty of conscience. It guarantees the free exercise of all religions, with the following restrictions, dictated solely in the interest of public order." And: "The Republic does not recognize, subsidize or pay salaries to any religion. Consequently, from the first of January after the passing of this Act all expenses relative to public worship shall be struck out of the estimates of the State, the departments and the Communes. Nevertheless, etc.," there may be exceptions, and taking these exceptions in connection with the restrictions, the State retains as much control as if it was a Canadian Legislature creating new Provinces. This Act will be a heavy blow to the comparatively small bodies of Calvinists and Lutherans which have been recognized, and whose ministers receive small salaries, none exceeding \$500 a year, but which, small as they are, the congregations will find it difficult to make up. Another instance of the way in which the Government intends to retain power, although all religion is free, is a provision that at the end of two years a fixed rent is to be paid for such churches and residences as are declared to be Government property. The Protestants are, as a rule, quiet, hard-working dwellers in towns and cities. They have gone their own way, keeping to themselves, and have not increased, so, having no political "pull," they look to the future with dismay.

Russian Forests.

Bishop Wilkinson, from whose letters to the Guardian we recently quoted, notices a difference between the English pine woods, with no undergrowth, and the dreary Russian forests, which begin in Courland and stretch eastward. In those, he says, of the far north the ground is one beautiful, varied carpet, thickly set with hummocks of lichens, reindeer moss and mosses of all kinds. Whortle berries, dwarf junipers, and all sorts of bright-leaved plants which, protected from the severe frosts of winter by the trees above, are of a dark evergreen, and brilliantly bright. The ground never, perhaps, altogether thaws deep down, even in summer—certainly not in Siberia. When, therefore, the ice and snow disappear, the face of the country is flooded for weeks, the water being unable to get away below. This is, no doubt, a provision of nature, taking the place of rain. It keeps the earth moist through the scorching three months of summer till the ice and snow come again, providing moisture for the next summer. If the melted snow water could run off—which it cannot do in this absolutely flat country—or could get down through the frozen ground, vegetation would be burnt up.

The University Sermons.

We entirely sympathize with our friend, Spectator, in his lament over the Yankeeism which has crept over our universities. The Canadian characteristics seem to be vanishing—would that they were succeeded by something better! At the time that this lament is taking form we find that our Canadian poets are being credited on the other side with strong individualism. We fear, thanks to the English post-office in great part, that the ideas of the young and the future poets will more and more assimilate to those of the south, as almost all the literature that they get comes from the States now. But there is another institution which has been grafted in, the University sermon. The senates recognize

the very large number of students who flock to the cities with the haziest thoughts of religion, and often no religion. The students' Y.M.C.A. do their best, and yet on Sundays there are many untouched. In Toronto, Wycliffe College has placed their Convocation Hall on Sundays at the service of the University, and for the last two years sermons by distinguished men, preceded by devotional exercises, not the Prayer Book service, have been delivered. We regretfully recognize the necessity and appreciate the intentions of the promoters, who have ended the session for this year by addresses from Canon Kirkpatrick, of Cambridge, and Dr. Grenfell, of Labrador, which ought, and we doubt not, will influence for good the future lives on earth of many of the young who heard them.

The Seabury Society.

Another institution, this time a church one, has come to our notice through the post-office. For eight years a devoted, unpaid band have helped the Archdeacon of New York to establish ten missions in upper New York City, and now aim at larger usefulness by summer vacation conferences in the Leather Stocking country of Richfield Springs and Cooperstown, on the western spur of the Catskills. The conferences are to be held as follows: Women's Missionary, July 20th to 30th; Seabury for men, July 30th to August 6th; Church Workers, August 8th to 20th; Sunday Schools, August 20th to 27th, and Summer School for Church Singing, July 20th to August 20th. Everyone interested should send a postal card for illustrated folder to the Seabury Society, 31 Union Square, New York.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

As one thinks of the missionary committees of to-day, their methods, resolutions, and the outcome, the thought will at times force itself upon us: We hold that we are the lineal descendants of the apostles. We are their true successors. The work which was theirs in their day is ours in our day. It is not the part of Churchmen to doubt their legitimate descent any more than it is the duty of a member of some old family to set about discrediting the family tree. But the main point of the whole matter after all is not how much occasion for boasting long descent can give a man, but how much credit can the man himself add to a family record of which he has just reason to be proud. We cannot help feeling that one of the chief causes of the marked contrast between the methods and results of missionary enterprise in the early Church and in that of to-day arises from a decay of faith. In the early days the Christian believed, and his life consistently and perpetually proclaimed his belief as the staunch, rock-founded lighthouse reveals, in fair weather or foul, the beacon's flashing light. The subtle intellectual web which scholastic culture is persistently weaving about the windows of our faith recalls the imagery of St. Paul: "Now, we see through a glass darkly," and prompts the melancholy conviction that "too much learning" is making the dark glass still darker. Leslie Stephen, in his "Free Thinking and Plain Speaking," in which he discussed the striking contrast between Christian doctrine and character and the views and practice of modern professing Christians, and in conclusion held that "we are not Christians," has said in regard to Christian belief: "The essence of the belief is the belief in the divinity of Christ. But accept that belief, think for a moment of all that it implies, and you must admit that your Christianity becomes dogmatic in the highest degree." This is a plain, easily understood statement of fact by one of the most accomplished scholars and candid Agnostics of recent years, and yet, not seldom, do we hear and read from professing "Christian pastors and

teachers" scornful and heated attacks on dogmatic teaching. These benevolent, broad-minded people seemingly wish to build a house without foundations—a veritable castle in Spain—or it may be to have us build on an accommodating foundation of sand, or, it may be, on chips from German workshops, so that our house theological can the more readily be shifted to accommodate itself to the most recent critical speculation or the latest blast of scientific dogma. How inspiring it is to turn from such an attitude to that of one of the noblest exemplars of the power of Christianity over art, Burne-Jones, of whom we are told in the interesting "Memorials" by his wife that he entered upon his work with the spirit of a religious devotee. In later life he once heard a person say that Christ would have been a more effectual teacher if he had been more cultivated. "As I live," he cried, "these were his very words, and I wanted to smash him with the coalscuttle and wipe my boots on his face, and in a figure of speech I did; and for days I railed at education and pined for the company of cabmen." On another occasion he said: "I never doubt for a moment the real presence of God. I should never debate about it any more than I should about beauty and the things I most love." No wonder that Burne-Jones wielded an inspired brush, and deeply wrought his intense, dogmatic Christian belief into the art of his day. What we want in our missionary committees is the power of dogmatic conviction of the verities of Christian faith and life; a firm, unwavering belief in the Divine authority of Christ and the reality of His mission to men, and a deep, inspiring sense of their great responsibility as the bearers of His mandate—as living, earnest, faithful members of His council—in the war that knows no ending, in which each day has its battlefield, which is gladdened with the joy of victory, or chastened by the sorrow of defeat.

FREE SPEECH.

A community in which a man is debarred from expressing his honest convictions on questions of public or private interest lacks the essential element of freedom. This right is as old as the Magna Charta, and obtains wherever the British flag flies. Along with this right goes invariably the right of reply, which, when called for by unwise, imprudent or officious comment, is rarely omitted. We are not in Canada as old and matured a people as we may expect to be a hundred years hence, and, perhaps, for that reason we may lack a certain proportion of the calmness and self-restraint under provocation which would be expected of our elder brother over sea. There is one marked family characteristic, however, which is common to the dwellers in Britain, or in Greater Britain, a propensity, where the occasion demands it, unfortunately not to turn the other cheek, but to pay a rather rapid visit to someone else's cheek. Now, when a British editor or scribe undertakes on our behalf, but entirely without our solicitation, to call Lord Grey to task for a free expression of opinion on topics which are of equal interest to him and to us, the said editor or scribe is doing what the lawyers term "travelling out of the record," and we are somewhat forcibly reminded of the not unwarranted saying that "A lot of unnecessary trouble is brought into the world by the benevolent obtuseness of good-intentioned people." These amiable souls certainly have a propensity for what is somewhat graphically called "putting their foot in it." And while one may strain a point in admiring their pluck, yet, through lack of proper knowledge—and may we add discretion—they remind one of the character in Rabelais, who has amused the world with the phrase, "I am just going to take a leap into the dark." When our noble guest, Lord Grey, transgresses the bounds of courteous,

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decorous, or even appropriate speech, our British contemporaries may expect fair and impartial comment in the columns of our leading papers. Until such time as the comment appears it might be well to stay the editorial hand in the Old Land. So far, if we may presume to say so, our new Governor-General has, bearing in mind as we write, the high expectation we formed and expressed of him, acquitted himself admirably. He has proved himself by unflinching courtesy and tact; by ability, judgment, and sympathy with our hopes and aims; by his just appreciation of our country and people; by his broad outlook, and yet keen and minute observation; and above all by the frankness, manliness and courteous candour which has led him at the outset to take us into his confidence, to give us the full benefit of his honest conviction of our needs and temptations, as well as his due recognition of our energy and strength, a true and loyal friend of Canada and the Empire. He who flatters merely pleases for the moment, but he who faithfully, yet courteously, speaks the truth from his heart thereby proves himself a wise counsellor, a true friend. We cannot fail to be the stronger and better for the presence of Lord Grey; for his example, counsel and influence. He has wisely interpreted our character and discerned our limitations. He is freely placing at our disposal the experience and knowledge gained in high and responsible positions in other portions of our great Empire. He wishes us to take the same lofty, noble, disinterested view of our duties and responsibilities as one of the strong arms of that great Imperial body which clasps so large a portion of the world in its free, just, beneficent embrace. To have no low or selfish aim, but by doing our full duty, bearing our due responsibility, to rise to the full height of our ample heritage, and to quit ourselves now, to-day, and in the days to come as did the men who, in the storied past, by toil, and sacrifice, and blood made the name of Briton famous for every manly virtue, for every heroic enterprise.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

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

The sharp discussion that has been carried on in the American press for some weeks regarding the Rockefeller gift to missions is not without significance. The vigorous protest made by a number of members of the Church benefited indicates a sensitive and healthy consciousness of ecclesiastical responsibility. It is not easy to see how these men may justify the refusal of a gift from one man because of his perfidy, without resolving themselves into a court of review to canvass the character of all its contributors. Two gifts are before them. One is from a man phenomenally successful by means of perfidious business methods; the other is from a man who has followed the same methods but with less success. Shall the one be taken and the other left? Shall the gift of one man be flung back in his face and that of another graciously accepted, when both stand for the same principle? This is the difficulty. But if the men who call for the refusal of Mr. Rockefeller's gift be in error, then they err on the side of rectitude and high ideals. It is a protest against degenerate methods of business that costs something. It cannot fail to make the millionaire realize that men may despise his millions because they value virtue infinitely higher. It is a call to the Christian Church to jealously guard her honour that the Gentiles may have no cause to reproach her.

Spectator imagines that the Church would be none the worse for having its attention drawn to certain features of its influence that may easily be overlooked. It is possible to promote a good cause in anything but a commendable way. It is even possible that the effect of the

advocacy may undo the good looked for in the promotion of the truth. In pursuing with overpowering zeal the high object of our calling we may not always question very closely the full moral bearing of our acts and utterances. Stand aside and observe the methods adopted by enthusiastic advocates of some cherished enterprise in the Church. Probably unknown to the advocate he appeals in half a dozen forms to the lower side of human nature. He tickles their vanity by deft exaggeration of their virtues. He kindles their desire for supremacy by bidding them not to be outdone by their neighbours. He appeals to local pride and ambition, and throws in a word or two that touches the national chord. All these appeals are, of course, accompanied by excellent teaching of the better sort, but the people have not been trusted to rise to the better. The cause itself has not been trusted to stimulate support. The general effect is anything but satisfactory. It may win the desired support at the time, but the work of the Church has not been placed on the proper plane. The people have not been led to the highest sources of inspiration.

Spectator would be very much gratified if he felt that any decided steps had been taken towards preparing the work for the next General Synod. He has hammered at this subject for six months at least. He has invited men of standing in the Church to come forward and express their views on what they would consider the best means of making the Synod a notable assembly of the Church in this country. He has suggested that important business to be brought before Synod should be laid before the public now, so that the fullest discussion may be obtained. He has asked if the committees charged with the responsibility of studying certain important subjects have made a thorough-going effort to give the Church some illumination on the questions they are asked to investigate. He has sought in various ways to get the men who are really interested in the welfare of the Church in this country to give the people the benefit of their judgment in the formation of plans that may bear abundant fruit in the future. He is sorry to say that to all appearances his efforts have not been successful. No one has ventured to say what in his opinion ought to be the attitude of the Canadian Church on such subjects as temperance, Prayer Book revision, theological education and various other subjects that are sure to come up at the next session of Synod. The arrival of an English professor in this country, a chance word on baptismal regeneration, have called forth a whole avalanche of letters, but the topics we have indicated may forsooth stand until called in Synod. "'Tis true, 'tis pity. Pity 'tis, 'tis true."

In course of private correspondence, we have learned from a member of the Committee on Additions to the Prayer Book, that the committee made its recommendation some time ago and sent them to the House of Bishops. If the Bishops approved, we understand, they had the authority to issue a Canadian edition of the Prayer Book, as amended. Nothing more seems to have been heard of the report. In our judgment, the Bishops have acted very wisely in not availing themselves of the authority given. Any alteration in the Prayer Book, either by way of addition or subtraction, is a very serious matter. The adjusting of a liturgy to meet the spiritual needs of a people scattered over half a continent can hardly be consummated between sessions of Synod by a comparatively small committee. It is true that the work contemplated was merely the insertion of a few prayers without altering the present services. But even that ought to be submitted to the public before being finally carried into effect. A suggestion may come from the east or the west or some other

ends of the earth that would modify the whole scheme. We should avoid experimenting as much as possible and shun the habit of tinkering with the Prayer Book.

If we are not mistaken the Canadian Church people are ready for a much larger and more thorough-going revision of the Prayer Book than that contemplated by the last Synod. We not only want the name of the Canadian Church on the fly sheet, but we want the services readjusted to more fully meet our present needs. In our judgment, it is of the utmost importance that this matter should be taken up without delay. To-day our liturgical misfits are shown by the growing disposition to amend our services without authority. Each man seems to be a law unto himself. Were all compelled to follow the services as they are laid down in our Prayer Book, there would probably be an outcry at once. The pressure is somewhat relieved by the liberties we refer to. The Church must fairly face this situation. It cannot afford to say that it has not the wisdom or the courage to undertake it. Its work must be thorough. These things cannot be accomplished at once. The revision of our liturgy would probably take nine years at least to complete and more likely than not it would be twelve or fifteen. From what we have observed in private conversations, clerical meetings of one kind and another in various parts of the country, there is a real and general feeling that revision is a necessity in the near future. Let us speak our minds freely in and out of Synod, and the thing will be done.

SPECTATOR.

THE CHURCH MISSION BOARD.

The Mission Board of the Church in Canada opened its half-yearly session Thursday morning, May 4th, at the Synod Office, Toronto. The absence of the chairman, Bishop Sweatman, was regretted by a sincere resolution which also acknowledged his valuable leadership. The Bishop of Ottawa was called to the chair. Those present included: Toronto—Provost Macklem, Hon. S. H. Blake, Dr. N. W. Hoyles. Niagara—The Bishop, Archdeacon Clarke, and Canon Forneret. Huron—The Bishop, Dean Davis, Matthew Wilson, Charles Jenkins. Ontario—The Bishop, E. J. Pense, R. V. Rogers. Ottawa—The Bishop, C. A. Eliot. Moosonee—The Bishop, Canon Sweeny. Montreal—The Bishop Coadjutor, Archdeacon Ker, A. P. Tippet. Quebec—The Bishop, Canon Balfour. Canon Cody represented Keewatin; T. Mortimer and C. J. James, Athabasca; Canon Welch and C. W. Hedley, Kootenay; Rev. L. E. Skey, Selkirk; Rev. C. N. F. Jeffrey, Rupert's Land; Rev. E. J. Rexford and J. M. McWhinney, Saskatchewan; Rev. T. R. O'Meara, Mackenzie River. The general secretary, Rev. Dr. Tucker, made his half-yearly report. He detailed an almost unbroken succession of sermons, addresses, and canvassing so successful in bringing at the end of the first year \$71,000; at the end of the second, \$80,000, and now promising this year unmistakably \$100,000. The beginning made of missionary loan exhibitions has been highly successful at Montreal and Orillia. The expense account of \$7,261 will be carefully considered and reported upon, but so extended a campaign could not be carried on without great endeavour, attended by cost. The assistant secretary, Rev. J. C. Robinson, missionary on furlough, gave a review of visits, sermons and addresses to children, in support of the mission appeal. Rev. G. E. Ryerson, missionary to Japan, on furlough, gave a report of his work of four and a half years. He had, with the Rev. C. H. Short, entered upon the Province of Echigo, population 1,800,000, Christians 25. Mr. Short had been called to Tokio by Bishop Awdry to work among students, and this led to his (Mr. Ryerson), now taking his furlough, that on his return to Japan a fresh start

might be made in good strength. The board, after discussion, approved of Mr. Short's change of station. The request of the Bishop of Corea for Mr. Ryerson's services had to be denied. It was resolved to include in the annual printed report the names of all subscribers to the \$100,000 fund, and dioceses were requested to make full returns. Upon the grant of \$2,000 to the mission boat, "Columbia," it was pointed out that it came under criticism of some Churchmen, but it was stoutly defended as only second to Dr. Grenfell's vessel on the Labrador coast in promise of usefulness. There were 3,000 miners, lumbermen and fishermen on the Pacific coast, and they had no church or minister. It was reported that Rev. T. B. R. Westgate had been transferred from Ugogo to Usagafa, and Dr. Gould from Acca to Salt, Mount Gilead, and that \$500 had been given for work among the Swedes at Port Arthur. The Bishop of Moosonee's application for further support for three centres of work, for more effective service, made an excellent impression, and will be given as generous response, alike with Bishop Bompas' desire for a coadjutor, as this year's offerings will allow. Miss Spencer was approved for mission duty in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary. Communications from the Bishops of Saskatchewan, Algoma, and Calgary were considered and commended before reference to committees. The board adopted a request to the General Synod for appointment of a day of intercession. The Ascensiontide appeal to the churches, prepared by committee, was adopted for use as the head of each parish deems prudent. Provost Macklem and Rev. T. R. O'Meara were chosen to prepare the Epiphany appeal, and Rev. Principal Rexford to frame the Lenten appeal to children. The C.M.S. expense account was reported at \$1,412, about \$100 less than last year. The arrangement by committee with the Woman's Auxiliary regarding acceptance of their missionaries and candidates was approved. The assistant secretary, Rev. J. C. Robinson, said he had gone into the affairs of the board's missionary journal and found 5,000 subscribers, only one-half of whom were prepaid. A grant of \$600 was necessary to sustain the paper. After a discussion on its usefulness and financial prospects, it was approved as an agency for the Church's good. Archdeacon Ker presented from the Literature Committee a bound volume for general circulation on the Institutional and Religious Work, by Rev. William White and Mrs. White, of Fukkien, China, and a mission pamphlet for Mackenzie River diocese. A sheet calendar is being prepared for 1906. The Sunday School Committee through Canon Sweeny, recommended the consideration of an early appointment of a field secretary for these schools throughout Canada. The report was commended to the General Synod as a prospect of much promise. A Finance Committee was appointed to report upon the board's working expenditure, composed of the Bishop of Ontario, Canon Sweeny, Ed. J. B. Pense, C. A. Eliot, T. Mortimer, and J. McWhinney. The board adjourned till Tuesday, September 5th, to meet at Quebec, prior to the General Synod. The Bishop of Ottawa having resigned as member of the Executive Committee, owing to enforced absences, Bishop Carmichael was appointed in his stead. Hearty thanks were passed for Bishop Hamilton's long missionary services.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

General Secretary, Fred. W. Thomas, 23 Scott Street, Toronto.

It is to be hoped that all Brotherhood members will note the change in address of head office as above, and address all communications to new office.

In Hamilton on Thursday last a good meeting of the Local Assembly was held at Church of Ascension schoolhouse. Chas. W. Hewing, president Local Assembly Council, was chair-

man, and a most interesting item was the presentation to a Brotherhood man who leaves shortly for active work in the mission field. Other speakers were Rev. Canon Wade, Walter A. Noble, Reginald Morris and W. Ferrar Davidson, of Toronto.

The Travelling Secretary has returned from his trip to the West, attending to office work until Saturday, 6th inst., when work will be undertaken in the Ottawa district, commencing at Almonte, Sunday, May 7th.

A most encouraging meeting was held in Winnipeg at All Saints' schoolhouse on April 20th, when Archbishop Matheson, who was chairman, delivered a stirring address, wishing every blessing and all success upon the work of the Brotherhood. The meeting was a thoroughly representative one, members being present from the different parishes, and a Local Council was formed to include Rat Portage and Portage la Prairie, which will do much for pushing on the work in Winnipeg and neighbourhood. Members of Local Council elected were: F. W. Thompson, E. A. V. Mitchell, F. Chapman, E. H. Peters, Ernest Green, and R. S. Seddon.

The Dominion Convention, to be held this year in Ottawa on October 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, is already receiving careful attention by the Brotherhood men of that city, and the Local Council and other committees are hard at work arranging plans, so that nothing will be left undone to make this a most helpful and successful convention. The presence of delegates from the Far West and the visit of the new president of the Brotherhood in the United States will help to make it an interesting convention.

New charters granted are: "St. Agnes," Carberry, Man.; "St. John's," Indian Head, N.W.T.; "St. Michael's," Grenfell, N.W.T.; "St. Andrew's," Hartney, Man.; "St. Stephen's," Swift Current, N.W.T.; "St. John's," Saskatoon, N.W.T.; "St. John's," Carman, Man.; "St. Luke's," Winnipeg, Man.; "Christ Church," Macleod, N.W.T.

The dates of the Inter-City Convention, to be held in Toronto, are Saturday and Sunday, May 27th and 28th, and every effort will be made to secure the attendance of members from nearby points, in addition to the large number expected from the city of Hamilton.

The men of the Calgary Chapter are doing excellent work, inviting men who are strangers into the parish hall at the conclusion of evening service each Sunday. From twenty-five to fifty men meet together each Sunday evening.

Active work has again been taken up at Fredricton, N.B., the Chapter at the "Mill district," now the "St. Margaret's Mission Chapel," starting off with ten members and five probationers. Thirteen meetings have been held, with average attendance of nine members, and a Bible class is held weekly, with average attendance of twenty-two.

Eight young men have formed a probationary Chapter at Prince Albert, N.W.T., as a result of the visit paid by the Travelling Secretary, and have entered upon definite work.

A member of the Chapter at Granville Ferry, N.S., who is removing to Calgary, N.W.T., writes to head office, enquiring for name and address of Brotherhood director there, so that he may connect himself with the Chapter and continue in active work.

St. George's Chapter, Moncton, N.B., now consists of eleven active members, and is doing good, effective work in that railroad centre.

The Churchwoman.

OTTAWA.

Morrisburg.—The annual business meeting of the W. A. was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at 3.30 p.m., in St. James' Hall, the rector presiding. After the opening exercises the regular order of business was proceeded with. All re-

ports presented by the different committees, the treasurer, and the Dorcas secretary were most satisfactory, and showed that the past year was the most successful in the history of the Morrisburg branch. Election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. R. H. Bradfield; president, Mrs. Anderson; first vice-president, Mrs. Stuart; second vice-president, Mrs. Connolly, Sr.; recording secretary, Mrs. George Merkley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. A. Summers; treasurer, Mrs. Brady; secretary of Dorcas work, Mrs. Hepburn; Leaflet Committee, Miss L. Baker; Committee for E.C.D. Fund and Literature, Mrs. Holden; delegates to annual meeting in Ottawa, Mrs. H. H. Bradfield and Mrs. Stuart; substitutes, Mrs. Brady and Miss Maxwell. During the session the following resolution of condolence was passed: "Moved by Mrs. Stuart, and seconded by Mrs. Anderson, that the members of Morrisburg Branch of the W. A. desire to place on record their deep sorrow caused by the awful accident at Kingston, which has taken from our congregation two good Churchmen; and also to extend to the bereaved sisters, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Gillard, an expression of their sincere sympathy for them in this their hour of great trial; and they pray that He who takes care of the widow and the fatherless will draw very near to them in their affliction, and enable them to drink the bitter cup which in His wisdom and His love He hath placed to their lips as patiently and as submissively as their Saviour, at this season, drank the bitter cup of His passion."

Cornwall.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Trinity Hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 18th. A large number were present. Rev. Rural Dean Houston occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Fight the Good Fight," Missionary Litany and prayer. The officers presented encouraging reports for the year—all pledges fully paid and a small balance on hand. Membership, 51. The president, Mrs. Houston, made fitting reference to a late member, Mrs. Squire, and asked the members to sing the hymn, "On the Resurrection Morning." A resolution of sympathy was passed, a copy of which is to be forwarded to Mr. Squire and family. Officers for ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. Bruce; president, Mrs. Houston; first vice-president, Mrs. Poole; second vice-president, Mrs. D. Carpenter; general secretary, Mrs. V. L. White; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Cunningham; Leaflet and Literature secretary, Mrs. Wood; treasurer, Mrs. C. Graveley; Extra-Cent-a-Day treasurer, Mrs. Conliff. Buying and Cutting Committee—Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Garlow, Mrs. Conliff. After the usual vote of thanks, the rector pronounced the Benediction.

Children's Auxiliary.—The sixth annual meeting of the Children's Auxiliary was held in Trinity Hall on Saturday afternoon, April 15th. Mrs. Houston presided. Interesting and encouraging reports from the officers were read and adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Millie Culbertson; first vice-president, Miss Muriel Eamer; secretary-treasurer, Miss Grace Bender; Dorcas secretary, Miss Phoebe Sugden. Dorcas Committee—Misses Lily Garlow, Olive Myers, Emma Conliff, May Silmsier, Lilly Denis. Membership for year, 30. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting was closed with prayer.

NIAGARA

Hamilton.—The nineteenth annual meeting was held last week in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral, and there were more delegates present than ever attended the opening session before. The room was well filled. The president, Mrs. Leather, was in the chair, and the following sat upon the platform with her:

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From our own Correspondents.

NOVA SCOTIA.

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

Crapaud.—St. John's.—The finances of this parish are in a very healthy condition, and indicate favourable progress. Wardens, W. H. Inman and Fritz Moore.

St. Paul's.—At the vestry meeting Mr. Pope submitted the financial statement, upon which he was deservedly complimented. Wardens, L. B. Miller and Percy Pope. The decision to erect forthwith a new Sunday School of stone at a cost of \$10,977, apart from heating apparatus, etc., was unanimously endorsed.

St. Peter's.—The reports submitted at the vestry were most gratifying. The wardens refer particularly to the erection last year of a rectory, and say: "We have now, in addition to a well-appointed church, a beautiful chapel, a guild and schoolrooms, a sexton's house, and this convenient residence for the priest-incumbent—surely much for which to be thankful." Mr. F. P. Carvell, chairman of the Rectory Building Committee, submitted a statement, showing that the total cost of the house and land was \$3,982. The report was accepted, and the thanks of the meeting were unanimously given the committee. Messrs. W. H. Stewart, Fred R. Foster and L. E. Brecken were unanimously elected churchwardens, and Messrs. A. J. B. Mellish and W. L. Cotton were appointed delegates to the Church Convention, to be held when Bishop Worrell comes to the Island, in July next.

New London.—The Easter vestry meetings were well attended. The parish finances are in good condition, St. Thomas' and St. Mark's showing a substantial balance in hand, and the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging. A call was extended to the Rev. Alfred W. Nicholls, of Guysboro, N.S., who has accepted, and will soon enter upon his duties. The following were elected as wardens for the ensuing year: St. Mark's, Kensington, H. A. Leslie and W. Thompson; St. Stephen's, Irishtown, W. Paynter and W. Profit; St. Thomas', Irishtown, R. Piliman and J. Profit.

St. Eleanor's.—Wardens, B. Tanton and Henry Compton. The meeting resolved to erect a new fence around the church yard during the summer. The year's accounts were passed and votes of thanks tendered.

Truro.—St. John's.—The "mite boxes" of the pupils of this Sunday School were opened at the special service, and they were found to contain contributions amounting to \$40.69, a record return in connection with the liberal offerings of this School.

Annapolis Royal.—St. Luke's.—The Lenten services, which had been well attended, closed with the Story of the Cross, told to a congregation that taxed to its utmost the Sunday School house. The children have during the whole winter manifested the deepest interest in the magic lantern addresses. These were attended by all classes, regardless of either creed or colour. The same is true at Le Quille and Lake La Rose. Large congregations were present in St. Luke's on Easter Sunday. The Willing Workers had very tastily decorated the church with choice flowers. The tone of the service was in marked contrast to those of Lent. The music showed that the choir had taken much pains at their several practices. Many laudatory remarks have since been heard concerning the precision and expression. The tenor duet was taken by Messrs. Abbott and Elliott and the bass by Joe Gorm-

Mrs. Tilden, Ottawa, president of the general society; Miss Halson, Toronto, general secretary of the Dorcas Society, and Mrs. Patterson Hall, Quebec, general corresponding secretary. This morning at ten o'clock Holy Communion was celebrated in the cathedral. The Rev. Frank Du Moulin, Chicago, son of Bishop Du Moulin, preached an eloquent sermon. After the devotional exercises Bishop Du Moulin delivered his annual address. He gave an interesting account of how he had spent the \$400 the Auxiliary gives him every year to divide as he likes. The ladies indicated their approval of the way the money had been spent by hearty applause. He said he had still \$52 left, and he wanted to give that to St. Philip's parish, which is trying to build a church. The Bishop said all the money had gone to help rectors. He remarked that the average stipend paid to clergymen was \$600 a year. It had remained at this, though the cost of living had advanced 35 or 40 per cent. He had brought the matter before the Synod last year. Mrs. Du Moulin, honorary president, welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Barnum, Cayuga, replied. At noon luncheon was served in the drill hall. At the reception at St. Thomas' Church last night there was a large attendance of delegates. It was an informal reception. The rector, the Rev. E. J. Etherington, made an address of welcome. Light refreshments were served, and piano exercises were given by Miss Frances and Miss Alice Bull. Mesdames Grossman, Kittson and J. M. Stewart received the delegates.

TORONTO.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Guild Hall, McGill Street, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 3rd, 4th and 5th. On the Tuesday evening before the members of St. Luke's branch gave a reception for the delegates, which was largely attended, and afforded an opportunity for all the members to meet each other. The general secretary of the M.S.C.C., Dr. Tucker, said a few words of greeting in a most happy speech. On Wednesday at 10 a.m. the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Lord Bishop of Ontario, who was assisted by the Rev. Canon Welch, Rev. Canon Cayley, Rev. Canon Macnab, Rev. Canon Sweeny, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, Rev. J. Cooper Robinson and Rev. Derwyn Owen. The Bishop of Ontario preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "Go, work, to-day, in My vineyard." The communicants numbered over 500. After the service the delegates assembled in the Guild Hall, and the opening prayers were read by the diocesan president, who afterwards introduced the president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, treasurer and recording secretary of the General Board, the president and Mrs. Tilley of the Huron W.A., the vice-president of the Algoma W.A., and Mrs. Gardiner, of Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Ryerson extended greetings to the visiting delegates, and, in the absence of Mrs. W. Cartwright Allan, of Millbrook, Mrs. Carry, of Port Hope, replied for the visitors. Greetings were also read from the Bishop of Algoma, Mrs. Osler and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Dioceses of Ottawa, Quebec, Huron, Niagara and Fredericton. The president then read her annual address, in which she expressed thankfulness for the progress and work accomplished during the past year, and spoke words of encouragement and hope for the coming year. The annual reports of the diocesan officers were read, showing progress in every department of the work, with a surplus on hand of \$320 after all pledges had been fulfilled. This balance was voted to the following objects: 1. Towards the Church at Ueda, Japan, \$100. 2. To the hospital at Shoal Bay, B.C., under the charge of Rev. J. Antle,

\$100. 3. To the Church of England Zenana Society, \$120. A few changes were made in the Diocesan and Parochial Constitutions. Letters were read from the Rev. J. Sadleir, of Queppé, Chile; the Bishop of Algoma, Mrs. Stanley Stocken, Miss Edgar, Rev. J. Gilmour, Rev. J. Pherrill, Mr. H. Battersby and Mr. Spencer. Most interesting, helpful addresses were given by the Lord Bishop of Moosonee, Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, Miss Archer, Miss Etches, the officers of the General Board and Mrs. Broughall. A valuable paper upon "Woman's Influence" was read by Mrs. Davidson, followed by a practical and eloquent address upon "Methods of Missionary Study," by Miss Cartwright. The president stated the result of the ballot upon the following funds: Century Fund, \$153. Towards the parsonage at Young's Point. E. M. Williamson Memorial Fund, \$162. Towards the support of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes. Life Membership Fund, \$1,050. This was divided according to the proportion of votes given, as follows: \$700 towards the churches at Hudson and Hartley, Temiscamisque, and \$350 to the support of the school at Queppé, Chile. The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund, amounting to \$44.52, was voted towards the appeal from the Bishop of Saskatchewan for assistance towards building a church at Prince Albert. The ballot for the election of officers resulted in the former officers being elected, with the exception of the corresponding secretary. Miss Fannie Jones was elected to fill that post, vacant through Mrs. Willoughby Cummings' resignation. Miss Lea, the former librarian, to be secretary-treasurer of the Literature Committee, and Mrs. Cummings to be second vice-president. Two pleasing incidents of the meeting was the presentation of a silver tea service and salver to Mrs. Willoughby Cummings from the members of the Toronto W. A. as a token of their deep appreciation of her faithful services as corresponding secretary, which position she has filled for eighteen years, and Miss Roger, seven years secretary-treasurer of Booklets, was the recipient of a life membership on the board. On Wednesday evening a missionary meeting, which was largely attended, was held in Association Hall, under the auspices of the M.S.C.C. and the W.A., when addresses were given by the Coadjutor-Bishop of Montreal, Ven. Archdeacon Ker and Rev. Egerton Ryerson, of Japan. On Thursday evening a successful conference of the Girls' Auxiliary was held in St. Stephen's schoolhouse, when discussion took place upon "Methods of Missionary Study," led by St. George's branch; "Our Responsibilities as regards Pledges," led by St. Alban's branch; "Methods of Preparing the Annual Reports," by St. Anne's branch; and addresses were given by Miss Archer, Miss Osler and Miss Cartwright. On Saturday, May 6th, at 2.30 p.m., the Junior annual meeting was held in St. James' schoolhouse, and was attended by more than 300 children, the older members of the Babies' branch being also present. Eighty-five prizes were given for regular attendance, two of the young recipients being members of All Saints' branch, Peterboro. It is a great pleasure to record that, during the meeting, the president, on behalf of the board, presented Mrs. Forsyth Grant, who has been for so long a valued Auxiliary worker, both on the Junior Committee and as second vice-president, with a life membership on the General Board. The Lord Bishop of Moosonee then gave a most delightfully interesting address to the little workers in the great cause of missions.

—The strength of a man's determination and desire almost decides his destiny. If he does not desire earnestly and strongly to be a really good man, he has a poor chance of becoming so. That poor, cold, languid half-wish that is all many men's religion ever rises to is seldom worth anything. At any rate, it cannot lift him into the higher regions of the religious life.

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ley and Al Orde. Miss Arnaud took the soprano solo in the morning anthem. There were 133 communicants, of whom 57 received the sacrament at the eight o'clock service. The offertory was \$113.71, of which \$21 were for parochial charities; \$5 for the rector, and a similar welcome gift for new books for the efficient choir. At the vestry meeting the retiring wardens presented a very satisfactory showing, which earned for them many richly-deserved congratulations. Messrs. Thos. M. Buckler and A. G. Herbert reported the receipt of \$2,097.87, and a consequent surplus of \$7.37 over all possible claims, in addition to which the rector reported that the People's Mite Society had \$105.55, and had on deposit \$164.29; that the parochial charity \$192.43 had been received in cash and valuable gifts, \$191.15 expended; that St. Alban's Cemetery Fund had \$56.02 in the bank, and some outstanding sums (\$36) due. John F. Whitman was appointed treasurer of the later fund. A. G. Herbert was re-elected warden. The same vestry were reappointed. Mrs. How's salary as organist was increased by \$25.

FREDERICTON.

Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop,
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St. Martin's.—Holy Trinity.—Wardens, Cudlip Miller, Jr., and J. B. Hadsmythe; delegates, Cudlip Miller, Sr., and M. R. Daly.

MONTREAL.

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

Montreal.—The annual convocation of the Diocesan Theological College was held in the Convocation Hall on Friday evening, April 28th, His Grace the Archbishop, Primate of all Canada, presiding. The Primate was supported by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Bishop-Coadjutor, the Board of Governors, and by representatives of McGill University and of the affiliated theological colleges. The hall was filled by an interested and representative audience. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Pratt, B.A., president of the Alumni Association, who also preached the Convocation sermon in the college chapel at morning prayer the same day. The principal reported the last year of work in the history of the college. During the year the college has been the recipient of numerous benefactions and donations, among which may be mentioned: The Gault Estate, \$12,000; the Braithwaite Estate, \$4,400; Mrs. A. F. Gault's provision of the Gault gold medal, and the Gault Scholarship of \$200, open to graduates in Arts, tenable for two years, and a \$20 prize for elocution, presented by one of the Alumni, the Rev. Mr. Heeney, of Belleville. During the evening the Bishop-Coadjutor announced that Mr. A. P. Willis, of St. George's Church, had expressed his intention of establishing a Library Memorial Fund of \$4,000 (in memory of his late wife) for the benefit of the college library. The valedictory was given by Mr. W. O. Raymond, B.A., who won the Gault gold medal, and the address to the graduating class was delivered by Professor Howard, B.D. There were two points in the principal's report which attracted special attention. First, the thoroughness and high standard of the course of study in the college as indicated by the fact that since 1897 all students receiving the testamur of the college, with one exception, had been graduates in Arts; and secondly, that a large increase in the annual revenue of the college was required in order to maintain the work of the college.

College Sermons.—The first and second Sundays after Easter have been set apart for college sermons in the city churches, setting forth the work and the needs of the Diocesan Theo-

logical College. The Rev. Principal Rexford, M.A., LL.D., preached in Christ Church Cathedral in the morning, and in St. Stephen's in the evening, and Professor Howard, B.A., B.D., preached in St. James' in the morning and in St. Jude's in the evening. The principal emphasized two points: First, that the work of the Diocese of Montreal could not be carried on successfully without the work of the college; and secondly, that any one familiar with the conditions of Church work in the West must admit that the training of men for work in these western fields is the most urgent and most important need of the Church at the present time.

Clerical Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the city clergy was held at Bishop's Court, Montreal, on Monday evening, May 1st, His Grace the Archbishop in the chair, supported by the Bishop-Coadjutor. The Rev. Frank Charters read a very practical and suggestive paper upon the supply of suitable candidates for holy orders. The paper was followed by a very interesting discussion, which was opened by Rev. Professor Howard.

Church of St. James the Apostle.—The annual Easter vestry of this church was held in the schoolroom on 24th April, the Rev. Dr. Ellegood, the rector, in the chair. The financial statement for the year was adopted. The rector appointed Mr. Henry Frost as his warden for the ensuing year, and the vestry elected Mr. O. R. Rowley to represent them as people's warden. The sidesmen elected were Messrs. J. L. Marber, J. Edgar, W. H. Weir, Lieut.-Col. Hibbard, S. O. Shorey, A. M. Crombie, J. W. Pyke, E. J. Coyle, Edgar Judge, G. J. Crowdy, C. E. Smyth, H. Russell, C. F. Notman, W. C. Thomson and G. H. Carter. Messrs. A. M. Crombie and E. J. Coyle were reappointed delegates to the Synod. The forty-first anniversary services of this church were held on Sunday last when the Ven. Archdeacon Ker, rector of Grace Church, Montreal, preached in the morning, and in the evening the Right Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Montreal, occupied the pulpit.

Westmount.—Church of the Advent.—The Rev. A. J. Doull, rector, presided at the vestry meeting of this church, at which Mr. E. C. Pratt was chosen as rector's warden, and Mr. J. G. Brock as people's warden. Messrs. A. P. Tippet and Ernest Smith were elected delegates to Synod. The warden's financial statement for the year was very satisfactory, the debt having been reduced by \$1,300 and all expenses promptly paid. The total revenue amounted to \$6,925.

St. John the Evangelist.—The satisfactory announcement was made at the vestry that this church was now free of debt. A resolution of condolence was passed on the death of the late James S. Thomson, who, at great personal sacrifice, had secured possession of the land on which the church is now built. The officials for the year were re-elected: Mr. W. H. A. Eckhardt as rector's warden, Mr. T. N. Roberts as people's warden. The delegates to the Synod, J. J. Pangman and A. G. Brooke Claxton. A circular issued by the committee of this church says: "On the 24th of June, 1905, our beloved rector, the Rev. Edmund Wood, will (D.V.) complete fifty years' service as deacon and priest in the Church of England, forty-seven years of which have been spent in self-denying labour in the city of Montreal. A general desire having been expressed that this event should be celebrated in a befitting manner, a meeting of the congregation was held on October 31st last for the purpose of discussing the form which this celebration should take. The rector's warden announced that he was convinced that the greatest desire of Mr. Wood's heart would be realized if the efforts of his congregation and friends should result in the church being freed from debt, and consecrated, thereby ensuring the permanence of the work to which he has given his life. It was, therefore, unanimously

decided to endeavour to re-arrange the present mortgages on the church and school buildings in such a manner as to relieve the former from liability, thus permitting of its consecration by the Archbishop on the 24th of June, the rector's day of jubilee. The matter was placed in the hands of the committee named below, who are now able to report that, in order to carry out the desired object, the sum of \$10,000 will be required. The committee are assured of the active, earnest and generous co-operation of all members, young and old, of the congregation, but they feel that while this endeavour must appeal most strongly to those at present belonging to St. John's, yet there are many others who, having been connected with the church in the past, or having known Mr. Wood's work in the community, will be glad of this opportunity to show their appreciation of his life-long labour of love and help, which has been freely given to all who needed it, irrespective of creed or condition. Those wishing to subscribe are asked to notify the secretary-treasurer by means of the enclosed form as early as possible. Contributions may be made at the convenience of the donors, and in instalments, if so desired, but the last payment should be made not later than May 1st, 1905. Cheques to be payable to the order of 'The Rev. Edmund Wood Jubilee Fund.' The committee is as follows: Sir George A. Drummond, K.C.M.G., chairman; Messrs. G. G. Foster, K.C., vice-chairman; W. H. A. Eckhardt, P. W. St. George, J. J. M. Pangman, C. E. L. Porteous, W. Sutherland Taylor, Robert Harris, C.M.G., R. R. Macaulay, A. G. B. Claxton, E. M. Roberts, E. F. Hebdon, A. Browning, C. S. Fosbery, Stuart Howard, F. S. Lyman, K.C., C. E. Reiffenstein, H. Mould; Mrs. Fred Howard, president of the Guild of St. Anne; Mrs. Henry Collins, president of the Guild of St. Luke; Miss Emily Waud, president of the Guild of St. Mary; Lady Drummond, president of the Women's Ward of Mercy; Mrs. D. A. Poe, president of the Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. W. W. Stuart, director of the Children's League; F. T. Short, secretary-treasurer, 290 Pine Avenue.

Episcopal Visitations.—The following dates have been arranged for the Most Rev. the Lord Archbishop of Montreal: Sunday, May 21st, Vandreuil, Rev. H. Bancroft, M.A. (Hudson Heights); Monday, May 22nd, St. Andrew's, Rev. A. E. Mount; Tuesday, May 23rd, Grenville, Rev. A. C. Asch; Wednesday, May 24th, Papineauville, Rev. J. A. Carpendale, B.A.; Thursday, May 25th, Buckingham, Rev. J. Ellis Ireland; Friday, May 26th, Lachute, Rev. Herbert Charters, B.A.; Sunday, May 28th, Lakefield, Rev. L. T. Miller, B.A.; Monday, May 29th, Mille Isles, Rev. Wm. H. Nicholson; Tuesday, May 30th, Morin, Rev. Wm. H. Nicholson; Wednesday, May 31st, Arundel, Rev. H. A. Naylor, B.A.

Huntingdon.—St. John's.—The financial statement of the wardens was presented, showing the total receipts \$1,234.96, with an expenditure of \$1,168.87, which, when a few amounts are settled, will leave a net balance of \$22.48. Wardens, Robert Henderson and Isaac Helm; delegates, J. C. Bruce and Robert Henderson. A generous offer having been made by a member of the congregation towards increasing the stipend of the rector, the meeting thanked the generous donor, and unanimously decided that a further increase be made by the congregation, and the rector's stipend increased to \$900 per annum.

ONTARIO.

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

Deseronto.—St. Mark's.—At the Easter vestry meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 25th, H. W. Woodall was appointed rector's warden, and E. T. Davey people's warden. H. Briscoe was reappointed as secretary-treasurer.

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Portland.—Emanuel Church.—The congregation of this church presented the Rev. F. G. Kirkpatrick, the energetic pastor of New Boyne, with a purse and an appreciative address in recognition of his services during several months last winter when that church was without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick was taken completely by surprise, but in appropriate words thanked the people for their thoughtful kindness.

Gananoque.—Christ Church.—The vestry meeting was held in the parish house. The financial statement showed total receipts of about \$2,500. After paying all the expenses and assuming a debt of \$431 from last year there was still a debt of \$240.31, so that on the year's operations there was a gain of \$190, which it is hoped will be increased this year. Mr. W. J. Gibson and Henry A. Sims were elected wardens, Mr. C. V. Ketchum was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. G. L. Johnston was re-appointed lay delegate to the Synod.

Barrie.—St. Mark's.—The churchwardens' report showed the church to be in a satisfactory position. The general liabilities have all been promptly discharged, the canonical collections punctually raised and paid, and, in addition, the expenses of painting and repairing the tower, making improvements in the furnace necessary, and also the last balance of debt on the organ have all been met within the year. Wardens, J. Sibbit and Jos. M. Stuart; delegate, G. V. Stuart. Votes of thanks were tendered the churchwardens and choir for their efficient services.

Wolfe Island.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in Trinity Church on Wednesday, April 26th. Messrs. G. Friend and W. Fawcett were reappointed wardens. G. Friend was elected delegate. The following resolution was passed: "We, the members of Trinity Church, at our annual vestry meeting held in Trinity Church on Wednesday, April 26th, have heard with regret the statement of our rector, the Rev. J. W. Forster, that he has handed in his resignation to our Bishop. We regret that the state of Mrs. Forster's health compels him to take this step. We gladly acknowledge that Mr. Forster is not only a splendid preacher and faithful in the discharge of his duty in declaring to us the Gospel of Christ, and that he has been kind and faithful to us in time of sickness and trouble, and we wish this resolution to be entered on the minute book." Much important work has been done in Mr. Forster's time. The outside of Trinity Church has been restored, the dilapidated fences replaced by Page wire fencing and iron gates, a new oak seat for the prayer desk, new altar linen and surplice, made by Mrs. Forster, a superfrontal and fringe for the altar, a new oak pulpit for Christ Church at the foot of the island. The rectory was supplied with a furnace. The verandah was repaired and painting done. The church and cemetery were consecrated last year by Bishop Mills.

Kingston.—The Bishop of the diocese held Confirmation for the Bishop of Toronto in the Church of the Ascension on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when fifty-seven were confirmed. Part of the number were from St. John's parish. On Wednesday morning the Bishop preached at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese, held in St. James', when there was a very large number present, and 535 received Holy Communion. He also attended the meeting of the General Mission Board on Thursday. On Sunday, the 7th, the Bishop held Confirmation at Parham in the morning, at Olden in the afternoon, and at Ardendale at night, where a very handsome new church was opened for worship. On Tuesday the Bishop began his regular itinerary through Prince Edward county: Sun-

day, May 14th—Milford, 10.30 a.m., Confirmation; Waupoose, 3.30 p.m., Confirmation; Picton, 7 p.m., Confirmation. Monday, May 15th—Gerow Gore, 10.30 a.m., Confirmation; Wellington, 7.30 p.m., Confirmation. Tuesday, May 16th—Hillier, 10.30 a.m.; Consecon, 3 p.m.; Carrying Place, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, May 18th—3 p.m., Harrowsmith; 8 p.m., Sydenham. Friday, May 19th—11 a.m., Storrington; 7.30 p.m., South Lake. Sunday, May 21st—11 a.m., Trinity Church, Brockville; 7 p.m., St. Peter's. May 28th—Sunday, Tamworth, Marlbank, Enterprise. May 29th—Monday, Harlowe, 3 p.m.; Cloyne, 7.30 p.m. May 30th—Tuesday, Flinton, 10.30 a.m.; Yarker, 7.30 p.m. May 31st—Wednesday, Camden East, 3 p.m.; Newburgh, 7.30 p.m. June 1st Holy Thursday, Napanee, 10.30 a.m.; Selby, 7.30 p.m. June 2nd—Friday, Kingsford, 10.30 a.m.; Strathcona, 7.30 p.m. June 3rd—Saturday, Odessa, 7.30 p.m. June 4th—Sunday, Bath, 11 a.m.; Sandhurst, 3 p.m.; Adolphustown, 7.30 p.m. June 5th—Monday, Emerald, 10.30 a.m.; Stella, 7.30 p.m. An error occurred in last week's issue in reporting the financial returns at the Easter vestry meeting of St. George's Cathedral. The amount reported was \$4,700 which represented only the returns from envelopes and pews, whereas the total return for the year was nearly \$8,000. The Young Men's Club of St. George's Cathedral gave a complimentary banquet to the St. George's hockey team, which won the city championship and Flanagan trophy this year. Canon Starr presided, and capital speeches were made by the representatives of the different teams comprising the league. Routley's orchestra furnished music during the evening.

A most successful sale of work and entertainment was given by the congregation of St. Paul's, Kingston, in the city hall. The proceeds amounted to over \$300.

St. James', Kingston, and Christ Church, Cataraqui, have held successful meetings in St. George's Hall since Easter.

OTTAWA.

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

Morrisburg.—St. James'.—The annual vestry meeting was held in the parish hall, and there was a very good attendance. The financial statement showed a balance of over \$60 on the right side, whilst the Insurance and Improvement Fund had a balance of over \$60 on the credit side. The rector stated that it was, indeed, most gratifying and encouraging to him, after fourteen years' ministry in Morrisburg, to know that the congregation is unanimous, and that the church is in such a flourishing condition. Over 200 made their Easter communion in the two congregations. Wardens, A. F. Merkley and Harry H. Bradfield.

Trinity Memorial.—The report of this church showed a balance on hand of over \$28, which was a most unusual financial condition for the church to be in. Mr. Anderson addressed the vestry at some length, and among other things pointed out that it was very discouraging to a clergyman when he saw the members of the congregation neglectful and half-hearted. He urged all present to be regular and systematic in the performance of their religious duties. Warden, Allan Loucks.

Clayton.—At the annual vestry meeting of this parish the financial report showed the receipts to be over \$800. Wardens, H. Savage and H. C. Bowland; delegate, H. C. Boland.

Cornwall.—Trinity.—The vestry meeting was held in the hall, and was largely attended. The financial statement showed receipts of \$2,694.03, exclusive of the special fund for the building of the rectory, which amounted to \$2,178.50, the principal items being: Pew rents, \$635.50; enve-

lopes, \$658.22; offertory, \$765.97; rectory endowment, \$158.10. The rector presented his report of matters connected with the congregation, this being the eleventh year of his incumbency. Among the suggestions offered were a change from rented to free pews, and the appointment of a select vestry, to act in conjunction with the wardens, and by frequent meetings bring more of the congregation in touch with the working of the church. Allusion was made to the completion of the rectory, which is one of the best in the diocese, and a marvel of comfort and convenience. During the year there were 40 baptisms, 9 marriages and 15 burials. There were 420 communicants. It is expected that the rite of Confirmation will be administered in June. The rector intimated that he had resigned the office of Rural Dean, which he had held for the past twelve years, as he found it to interfere to too great an extent with his parish duties. Wardens, G. A. Stiles and J. Sugden; delegate, C. W. Young.

Church of the Good Shepherd.—The reports showed the church to be in a good financial position, and the congregation is steadily on the increase. Wardens, G. W. Runions and H. Iveson; delegate, H. Iveson.

TORONTO.

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

Toronto.—St. James'.—There was a good attendance at the adjourned vestry meeting. The wardens, J. H. G. Hagarty and A. H. Campbell, were re-elected. R. O. Montgomery and H. G. Kingstone were appointed as Tribunal Committee. The Finance Committee was re-elected as follows: The rector and churchwardens, W. T. Boyd, W. Barwick, C. A. B. Brown, Allan Cassels, Lieut.-Col. C. A. Denison, R. N. Gooch, Lieut.-Col. Grasett, A. Nordheimer and J. G. Ridout; Investment Committee, rector and churchwardens, Hon. J. K. Kerr, Lieut.-Col. Grasett and Lieut.-Col. C. A. Denison. The rector presented his report. He stated that his ministry in the parish had been five years of unalloyed happiness. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late George Gooderham, and this was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded.

Brighton.—St. Paul's.—At the vestry meeting the financial report indicated that the parish is progressing, and is in a good position. Wardens, C. C. Bullock and L. P. Flagler; delegates, T. W. Fitzgerald, L. P. Flagler and C. W. R. Proctor. The work of renovating the church building will be continued during the year, and it is hoped completed without any debt before next winter.

Apsley.—Last week a figure which has been identified with this village for the last thirty years passed away suddenly. It was that of the Rev. Canon Harding, who for some time past had shown signs of that decay of the natural faculties which age brings. On Easter Day he had been present in St. George's Church, and, in company with his daughter, Mrs. Grant, and other friends, had received the Holy Communion, appearing to be in his usual state of health. But on Wednesday morning, April 26th, he announced his intention of going out. Mrs. Grant, who lives with him, and who has for some years devoted herself to the care of her father, tried to dissuade him, knowing that it was not safe for one so infirm to go out walking alone. He, however, stood to his resolve, stating that he was "going to get Mary" (his wife), the late Mrs. Harding, who died a few years ago. Seeing that it was of no use opposing him, and being unable to attend him herself, Mrs. Grant sent a young grandson with him. They had scarcely passed through the village when Mr.

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Harding fell to his knees. His grandson rushed to his assistance, and endeavoured to raise him, but only to find his grandfather inanimate in his hands. He gently laid him upon the grass at the roadside and went for assistance. Neighbours came, and the village physician, Dr. Alex. Bell, but life was extinct. They found only the body. Doubtless the spirit of him that had departed hence had found "in joy and felicity" her for whom he had started upon his quest. The funeral took place on the following Saturday at St. George's Church, Apsley, at ten o'clock. It was attended by a large number of Church people and other friends from all parts of the Mission, who sorrowfully came to pay the last tribute of affection and respect to one who had lived and laboured so long among them. Besides the incumbent, the Rev. C. Lord, there were present, as representing the clergy of the diocese and to assist in performing the obsequies of the departed, the Revs. Rural Dean Davidson, E. A. Langfeldt, and G. Warren. The morning was cold and rainy, but soon after ten o'clock the funeral cortege was received at the churchyard gate by the clergy and conducted into the church, which was soon filled with mourners. All of the clergy participated in the Burial Service, Mr. Langfeldt reading the lesson, Messrs. Davidson and Warren in two short addresses emphasizing the evident devotion of the departed to the work of laying the foundations of the Church in the Apsley Mission, and expressing confidence in the rising again of the Church as a spiritual power manifesting the mind of the risen Christ in the lives of His members, and Mr. Lord, the incumbent, reading the words of committal at the grave, which is situated in the churchyard, between the chancel and the road. The Rev. Philip Harding was born in England, and, coming to this country, was for some years engaged in agriculture previously to his ordination to the diaconate in 1876, when he was made incumbent of the Apsley Mission. He was made priest in 1877, and was for a number of years a well-known figure at the Synod, and a member of the Mission Board. When the Cathedral Chapter was formed some years since the Bishop, in recognition of his services, made him a Canon of St. Alban's. A little more than a year ago he was superannuated on account of age, but continued to live in the glebe house at Apsley. He leaves behind him two daughters, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Willis, and several grandchildren. At the time of his death he had reached the ripe age of eighty-six. For thirty years he has worked in one of the most difficult and inaccessible of the missions of the diocese. He has been instrumental in the extension of the work and the building of churches in the remoter parts of the mission, and has laboured devotedly without at any time seeking for personal advancement. He was a man of decided views, perhaps a little too much so for the outlying parts of our diocese, but he leaves behind him an example of devotion and fidelity, of steadfastness and personal sacrifice, and has for many years remained at a post from which not a few would have shrunk. The visiting clergy were most hospitably entertained, two by Dr. Bell and one by Mrs. White at the Mission house.

Norwood.—The annual vestry meeting was held at Christ Church on Easter Monday, and adjourned to Monday, 1st of May. The total income for the year was \$528, and, after all expenses were paid, a balance of \$30 was carried over till next year. Regret was expressed at the departure of Mr. L. J. R. Richardson, whose services in the choir will be very much missed. Mr. W. J. Flemming was appointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. E. P. Cuffe people's warden; lay delegates to Synod, Messrs. A. M. Dymond and E. P. Cuffe.

Grafton.—St. George's.—Wardens, Geo. Hall and Alfred T. Cole; delegate, Lieut.-Col. Rogers.

Surplus in treasury, \$85; surplus in Parish Guild, \$122; total surplus, \$207; total parish treasury receipts, \$909; total Parish Guild receipts, \$191; extra parochial offertories, \$98; parochial offertories, \$222. An encouraging increase. July excursion to Stoney Lake netted \$74; stone work in basement cost \$65; porch to basement, \$20—gifts of the ladies. We contemplate fencing the rectory grounds anew.

Centerton.—St. John's.—Wardens, R. B. Holland and John Gordon. The new horse sheds have been practically completed, costing about \$150, towards which \$110 or more have been paid in. Extra parochial contribution, \$22.76, an increase of about \$5. When promised subscriptions are fully gathered in the treasury will show a surplus. Miss Holland's offer to put a wire fence and hedge along the two sides of the church property was gratefully accepted.

Bowmanville.—The Easter services in St. John's Church were very bright and well attended. The special music by the choir was particularly good. The Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m., and also at the 11 o'clock service. There were sixty communicants. The offertory for the day was \$488. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. Mr. W. J. Jones was elected people's warden. Dr. Bonnycastle was re-elected rector's warden. The following were elected lay representatives to the Synod: Mr. T. H. Spry, Mr. W. W. Tamblin and Mr. W. Geo. Eakins, of Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

Humber Bay.—St. Olave's Church has recently lost one of its most valued and respected members in the death of Mrs. Hannah Hicks, who had been connected with the church from the date of its establishment in 1886; also a resident of this place for over thirty years. Mr. Fergusson, of Trinity College, who is in charge at St. Olave's, conducted the service at the late residence of the deceased, Lake Shore Road, on Thursday, the 20th ult., and after reading the beautiful and impressive burial rites of the English Church, very feelingly commented on the affectionate disposition of Mrs. Hicks as a kind and gentle mother and a true friend to all with whom she was acquainted. She leaves a husband, seven sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. Among the beautiful floral tributes from members of the family bearing loving inscriptions and a profusion of lilies and white roses from sorrowing friends were a crescent of lilies and heliotrope, delicately sprayed with smilax, from members of St. Olave's Church, and a heart of lilies of the valley and violets from the Ladies' Guild. At the close of the service Mr. Ball, organist of St. Olave's, led in the beautiful hymn last sung by Mrs. Hicks on the Saturday evening preceding her death, "My God, my Father, while I stray," in which all present joined. A large number of relatives and sympathizing friends, both from the city and neighbourhood, followed the remains to the last resting-place, the cemetery of Christ Church, Mimico. Canon Tremaine read the last part of the service at the grave.

Sutton West.—St. James'.—The extra services during the season of Lent were very well attended. There was an eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday, and a daily celebration in the church in Holy Week, excepting Good Friday. The Easter Day services were bright and hearty. At the eleven o'clock service the Rev. J. McKee McLennan, rector, celebrated, assisted by the Rev. G. J. Everest. There were seventy communicants. At 7 p.m. there was a special service and address for children, at which the Sunday School scholars brought their pyramid boxes. This self-denial was solemnly offered on the altar, after which it is to be given to Indian Homes in the

North-West. Entering the vestry in Easter morning, a little surprise awaited the rector. He found a new clergy surplice (Sarum shape) hanging there. On examining it he found a little note attached, bearing the inscription, "To the Rev. J. McKee McLennan. An Easter gift. From the Ladies' Aid of St. James' Church, with kind wishes."

Weston.—St. John's.—The Bishop of Huron (for the Bishop of Toronto) held a Confirmation in this church on Friday evening, May, 5th, in the presence of a large congregation. The number of candidates was fifteen, eight males and seven females. His Lordship addressed the candidates most impressively from 1 Cor. 3:11-13, and pointed out the importance of character-building. The Rev. J. Hughes-Jones, M.A., the rector, presented the candidates to the Bishop to receive from him the apostolic rite, after which the Bishop presented them with cards of Confirmation, and the late Bishop How's Holy Communion (Preparation and Compassion); given by the rector. A lovely white dossal and carpet for the rector's vestry were presented to the church last week.

NIAGARA.

John Philip Du Moulin, D.D., Bishop, Hamilton.

Fort Erie.—St. Paul's.—The vestry meeting was well attended. The total receipts from all sources were \$2,065. After all disbursements for missions, salaries, and all expenses a handsome balance remained on hand. Wardens, A. Coulthurst and E. E. Riseley; delegates, Henry Lewis and John Mann. This congregation recently presented the Rev. A. W. Woods with a purse of \$487, and Mrs. Woods with one dozen heavy sterling silver spoons, and the Auxiliary with one dozen beautiful knives and forks, thus showing to some extent the high esteem in which both are held by the people, who deeply regret their early departure. The Rev. A. W. Woods has been appointed rector of Mount Forest. The report of the clergyman in charge showed 500 church population, 180 communicants, 110 actual communicants, 24 confirmed during year, 45 baptized during year, 12 of whom were adults, 27 marriages and 16 burials.

Stoney Creek.—At the Church of the Redeemer the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: David Corey and Minor St. John, wardens; Walter Dunne, delegate.

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At St. Mary's Church, Bartonville, John Tregunno and G. B. Lenz, wardens; G. B. Lenz, delegate.

At St. James' Church, Van Wagner's Beach, W. Shawcross and W. Tune, wardens. Total revenue in the three churches for past year, \$1,919.18.

HURON.

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

London.—Meetings in Synod Week.—Every year during Synod time a number of the clergy reside in Huron College. Last year a movement was begun to make the time as profitable as possible. A small committee was appointed to arrange a programme for a gathering on Wednesday morning after breakfast in the college. This committee, consisting of Revs. T. B. Howard, A. L. Beverly and F. G. Newton, has arranged with Dyson Hague, M.A., to give a paper on "How to Prepare the Confirmation Class," to be followed by discussion, led by Rev. C. H. Buckland, of Listowel.

Dutton.—The Ven. Archdeacon Hill has recently made a canvass of this parish and Bismarck in order to improve the financial position of the churches. The Archdeacon has met with a gratifying response to personal requests for support. The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Nativity has just held a most successful sale of work and handkerchiefs. The proceeds amounted to about \$80. They are planning to clear off the mortgage indebtedness this year.

Kingsville.—Epiphany Church.—The annual vestry meeting of this church shows things to be in a healthy and thriving condition. All liabilities met and finances in good shape. Wardens for coming year, Dr. Allworth and C. S. Miller.

Graingers.—St. James'.—Annual vestry meeting held Easter Monday. Wardens for coming year, Charles Grainger and W. B. McGorman. A new Communion set has been added to the church's property, and finances are in good condition, all liabilities met and balance in hand sufficient to paint the church and do other necessary repairs, which is to be done at once.

Pelee Island.—The Rev. H. J. Condell, who has laboured so faithfully and successfully for six years in his present charge, has been appointed by the Bishop to the incumbency of Point Edward, in the county of Lambton. Mr. Condell is a loyal Churchman, and his many friends in his present charge hope that the blessing of God may crown his labours in his new field as it has in the one he is leaving. And should he visit this place again his many friends are saying:

"Come ease or come travail,
Come pleasure or pain,
My worst word is welcome,
And welcome again."

Blyth.—Trinity Church.—During the winter months Mrs. T. W. Scott has held meetings for sewing every Saturday afternoon with the little girls in connection with the Sunday School. The beginning of this month (April) this little sewing circle resolved itself into a society known as the "Beehive for Israel," with the following staff of officers: Queen bee, Mrs. Scott; assistant queen, Mrs. Frank Metcalf; secretary, Miss E. M. Metcalf; treasurer, Miss Edna Carder. The society now comprises nearly every member of the Sunday School. On Wednesday evening, April 26th, the Bees held their first bazaar at the residence of Mrs. Scott. A short programme

was excellently rendered by the little girls, and then they proceeded to dispose of the articles for sale. The proceeds amounted to over \$10, which is to be devoted to the Christianizing of the Jewish children. Much credit is due Mrs. Scott for her untiring efforts in preparing for the bazaar.

Wingham.—St. Paul's.—The wardens' report, presented at the vestry, showed the finances to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total receipts for the year were \$1,835.13; liabilities all removed. The following officers were elected: Rector's warden, Thos. Bell; people's warden, Wm. Corbould; vestry clerk, Frank McGuire; auditors, C. N. Griffin, A. J. Alderson; lay delegate to Synod, C. J. Hollister. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks. The congregation is prospering under the pastoral care of Rural Dean Lowe.

Owen Sound.—St. George's.—There was a good attendance at the vestry of this church, representative of the growing congregation. The financial report of the churchwardens was presented by Mr. S. J. Parker, the rector's warden. It showed a most satisfactory financial condition. The receipts on revenue account were \$3,071.02; for Dominion and foreign missions, \$381.65; Bible Society, Poor Fund and Lord's Day Alliance collections, \$26.85, which, with the balance on hand from last April (\$381.73), made a total of \$3,801.25. The expenditure on revenue account was \$2,170.82; on capital account (payment on mortgage), \$250; to Huron Synod for missions, \$381.65, making a total of \$3,261.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$540.54. The surplus of assets over liabilities on the revenue account is \$696.92, and the surplus on capital account \$22,700. The salary of the rector was unanimously increased \$100, bringing it up to \$1,400. Mr. John Robinson was appointed vestry clerk and treasurer at a salary of \$125. The election of officers, which was then proceeded with, resulted as follows: Church wardens, D. R. Duncan and J. R. Wainwright; assistants to the church wardens, W. T. Lee and John Parker; sidesmen, A. E. Rankin, Thomas Sivil, H. C. M. Jenkins, Charles Lee, Percy Lee, William Hanbury, S. J. Parker, John Parker, W. J. Heming, H. B. Smith; auditors, W. T. Lee, W. J. Heming; delegates to the Synod, H. B. Smith and W. T. Lee; vestry clerk, John Robinson.

Brantford.—All Saints'.—At the vestry meeting of this church the Rev. Mr. Rounthwaite presided. A balance of about \$40 was shown, and the officials elected were Messrs. Mordue and Briggs as wardens and Mr. Robt. Anderson as delegate to the Synod.

St. Paul's.—The vestry meeting of this church resulted in the following selection of officials: Wardens, A. Ginn and J. Varey; delegate, J. Creasser.

St. Jude's.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Jude's was held on Monday, April 24th. There was a good attendance of members, and every interest in the affairs of the church taken. The different organizations of the church sent in reports showing increased growth over previous years, with cash balances on hand in each case, totalling, in all, \$213.75. The rector, Rev. Rural Dean Wright, presided, and appointed Mr. Geo. W. Westbrook his churchwarden. The vestry elected Mr. Geo. Whitwell. The sidesmen of last year were re-elected. The select vestry consists of Messrs. Jesse Ash, E. Thornton, G. G. Lambton, Wm. Moss, Chas. House, Edwin Hunt and P. Senn, with the rector and wardens. Mr. Fred Adams was appointed choirmaster, and Miss Ethel Wright organist. Altogether the year ending April 1st has been the most prosperous in the history of the parish. The vestry voted an increase in the rector's stipend. Mr. G. West-

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brook and Mr. G. G. Lambton were elected delegates to Synod.

Trinity.—This Mission was opened by St. Jude's congregation about a year ago. The vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 25th April, and was well attended. The rector, the Rev. T. A. Wright, presided. The congregation has been thoroughly organized. The Sunday School has grown rapidly, averaging fifty-three for the year. The congregation is also growing, and a goodly sum has been raised for a Sunday School room and chancel to the church. These are now being built. When completed the church will seat 300. The rector appointed Mr. Leslie Wood his warden, and the vestry elected Mr. H. Noble. After the election of sidesmen and a select vestry the meeting adjourned for a week. Mr. Geo. Ward was elected delegate to Synod.

Strathroy.—St. John's.—At the vestry meeting the rector's report showed that there were in the neighbourhood of 120 families looking for the church's ministrations. During the past year 105 Sunday services had been held, and 35 on week days; 20 public celebrations of Holy Communion, the highest attendance at any one being 67; six private administrations of Holy Communion, 2 marriages, 12 burials, and 14 baptisms. The report also showed that the church societies were in a healthy condition, and the choir, though having lost a number of its members, still retained its efficiency under the leadership of Miss Stevenson. Wardens, Jas. Sadlier and H. C. Pope; delegates, A. E. Kinder and M. Rapley.

Watford.—St. James'.—His Lordship Bishop Williams made his first visit to this parish last month. Services were held at St. James' Church, Brooke, at 2.30 in the afternoon. The attendance, considering how busy the farmers were, was good. The services were read by the rector, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Shore, rector of Warwick. The Bishop preached an admirable, practical, and impressive missionary sermon from Ex. 14:15, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward," pointing out the duty of the Church to go forward in bringing the services of the Church within the reach of the settlers who are pouring into our great North-West. After the service was concluded the rector, wardens, and secretary of the committee presented an address to the Bishop. The Bishop replied in fitting terms, thanking them for the address, pointing out his great need of the sympathy and prayers, and aid of the people over whom he was placed as Bishop; also their duty to uphold the hands of their clergyman in praying for him, and aiding him in his efforts for their spiritual welfare.

Trinity Church.—There was a crowded congregation at the service of this church. The Bishop preached a telling and forcible and able missionary sermon from St. Matt. 28:19, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." He gave as an illustration of the benefit resulting from foreign missions the large congregation present, for our

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London Township.—St. John's.—At the vestry the churchwardens' account was submitted, which showed a substantial balance on hand. The cemetery report was read; also that of the Woman's Auxiliary. The rector's report was presented by himself, showing the number of services, communions, baptisms, marriages and burials and pastoral visits. Easter services and Communion were especially largely attended. All these were received as most satisfactory. Wardens, G. A. Carlyle and F. Burton Hodgins; delegate, R. Ambrose Powell.

Emanuel Church.—The churchwardens' report of the church showed all accounts paid and a good balance on hand. The rector expressed his pleasure at the large attendance at Lenten week day services; also the large Easter Communion. He spoke of the excellent work being done by the Women's Aid, which had now more than thirty members. Also the new and commodious extension of the church sheds and other matters, which told of healthy church prosperity. Wardens, F. Fitzgerald and Wm. Shoebottom; delegate, W. H. Shoebottom.

Forest.—Christ Church.—Wardens, W. J. Porte and J. N. Gordon; delegate, M. A. Smith.

Ridgetown.—Church of the Advent.—The vestry meeting of this church was well attended. W. B. Graham, on behalf of the congregation, thanked the rector, the Rev. Mr. Brownlee, and Mrs. Brownlee for the way they had worked for the good of the congregation, and complimented them on the success attending their efforts. The financial report showed that the wardens had received \$887.20 from all sources, and had a balance on hand of \$46. Mrs. Dauphin, president of the Ladies' Guild, reported that \$212.31 had been raised and \$50.40 expended by them, leaving a balance of \$161.91. Mrs. W. U. Little, on behalf of the King's Daughters, reported raising \$40.74 and expending \$30.26. Miss Backus reported that the W.F.M.A. had received \$40.15 and expended \$37.57. Superintendent Graham reported that the Sunday School had an average attendance of sixty-two. They had received \$63.06 and expended \$55.06. Wardens, E. E. Newman and A. Delmage; delegate, W. B. Graham.

Berlin.—St. John's.—The Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, rector, presided at the Easter vestry meeting on the 24th April. Very satisfactory reports were received from the various organizations carrying on the church's work in this parish. Mr. E. P. Gower presented the financial statement, showing increased receipts over the previous year, and left no debt legacy for his successor. The Ladies' Aid collected about \$200, which was principally applied to the purchase of a lot of land adjoining the church. The Young People's Anglican Association, under the presidency of Miss Mary Connor, is doing excellent service in that department of the church's work. Mr. E. P. Gower, having served four

years as warden, declined re-election. Mr. C. D. Freeman was chosen his successor, while Mr. J. Cook was appointed by the rector as his representative. Mr. John Fennell and Mr. J. Cook were elected Synod delegates. The business of the vestry was conducted in a pleasant, harmonious and energetic manner, showing interest in the prosperity of the congregation and the good-will prevailing between pastor and people.

Seaforth.—St. Thomas'.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Thomas' was held on Tuesday evening with a good attendance of representative members. The Rev. John Berry, the new rector, was in the chair, and thanked the congregation for the kind manner in which he and his family had been welcomed to the parish. The churchwardens' report showed the church to be in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise. Mr. G. E. Parkes was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. F. Holmsted elected by the people. Messrs. Bullard, Counter, Tiernan, Peters and Roberts were elected sidesmen, Mr. N. Peters vestry clerk, and Messrs. Coleman and Parks auditors. Messrs. G. N. Parks and H. Bullard were elected as representatives to Synod. The organist's salary was doubled in consideration of the satisfaction she has given in conducting the musical part of the service. The meeting adjourned for two weeks to receive the auditors' report.

ALGOMA.

Geo. Thorneloe, D.D., Bishop, Sault Ste. Marie.

Port Arthur.—St. John the Evangelist.—Easter morn, and indeed all day, was beautifully bright. The church was plentifully decorated with cut flowers, fittingly all white, chiefly lilies, carnations and tulips. The altar was thronged with worshippers at the 11 o'clock service, and doubtless at the early service also. The choir was in excellent training, several new voices having very much strengthened it. The beautiful old lessons were ably and feelingly read by Mr. Feldman, who, our readers will be sorry to learn, is going to the Motherland, possibly not to return. The financial statement, prepared by the auditor, Mr. Thomas Fisher, was most gratifying, showing the congregation to be in a better position than last year by \$822.68. . . . the net debt, which stood last Easter at \$2,536.70, has been reduced \$1,714.11; the envelope subscribers have increased to ninety-three, guaranteeing \$34.65 per week. The report of the Woman's Auxiliary secretary, Mrs. W. A. Burrows, showed total receipts of \$785.65, of which \$567.82 was paid towards repairs to the rectory and reduction of the old debt. The report of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, read by Miss Maud Johnson, including balance on hand from the previous year of \$101.30, of which \$81.75 had been paid towards repairs to rectory. Votes of thanks were given to H. S. Goodier and T. R. Boyce, organist and choirmaster, respectively.

RUPERT'S LAND.

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

Rev. A. L. Murray, M.A., has been appointed incumbent of Morris, Man.

Rev. T. J. Wilson, who has filled the curacy of St. George's, Winnipeg, for the past year, has tendered his resignation, and has accepted the missionary charge of Swan River, in the northern portion of the diocese.

Rev. F. B. Smith, M.A., has resigned the cure of All Saints', Winnipeg, and will remain in England, where he has been for the past few months.

Rev. Canon Coombes has gone to England for a six months' rest.

On Easter Sunday Mrs. Walton presented St. John the Baptist Church, Manitou, with a beau-

tiful oak credence in memory of her grandson, John Wm. Walton, son of Rev. Wm. Walton, of Bathgate, N.D.

His Grace the Archbishop held Confirmation services at St. James', Neepawa, last Sunday.

A \$12,000 rectory is to be erected in Winnipeg by the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church. This was decided upon at the Easter vestry meeting.

Winnipeg.—St. John's.—From the reports read at the Easter vestry it is very evident that the past year has been a very prosperous one, and the prospects for the current year are of the brightest. The financial report showed a balance of \$311 to start the ensuing year with. Very satisfactory reports were read by Mr. Avery on the work at St. Martin's Mission, and by Rev. R. C. Johnston in St. Cuthbert's Mission. Wardens, Sheriff Inkster and Mr. Bruce.

St. Luke's Sunday School is now comfortably settled in their new quarters, constructed out of the former church building, which was recently moved over to its site adjoining the new church, and has been remodelled thoroughly. The membership has so rapidly increased, however, that it is necessary to hold the sessions of the junior and senior Bible classes in the new church.

Westbourne.—The Rev. R. DeMattos has arrived from Chicago to take charge of the Church mission in this district. He conducted the services at St. George's Church here on Sunday, and has already made a very favourable impression. Though born in America, he received his education in Scotland, and as the name indicates is of Huguenot extraction.

Swan River.—The Rev. A. L. Murray, M.A., who for two years has had charge of the Swan River Valley Missions, conducted his farewell service here Easter Day. The Rev. T. J. E. Wilson, late of St. George's Church, Winnipeg, will take charge, assisted by Mr. G. F. Clarke, late of the Church Army, England. For the past two years the Rev. Mr. Murray, assisted by students, has conducted services in seven Missions.

Recently Minitonas has been formed into a parish, a vestry and W.A. has been formed, lots procured, and immediate steps will be taken to build a church.

St. James' Parish, Swan River, at their annual meeting Easter Monday reported a good balance in the treasury, and presented the retiring incumbent with an address of appreciation as a clergyman and citizen.

On Sunday, April 30th, the Rev. T. J. E. Wilson announced his new pastorate in Swan River, and the Rev. A. L. Murray entered his duties in Morris, Manitoba.

QU'APPELLE.

John Grisdale, D.D., Indian Head, N.W.T.

Indian Head.—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle held a general ordination in the Church of St. John the Divine on Sunday, April 9th, when Foster Stewart, lay reader, of Welwyn, Assiniboia, and Arthur Wells, lay reader, of Buffalo Lake, Assiniboia, were admitted to the Diaconate, and the Rev. Lionel D'Arcy, of Abernethy, Assa.; the Rev. Douglas Briggs, of the Parish of Balgonic, Assa.; the Rev. Frank Lewis, of Lumsden, Assa., and the Rev. T. R. Martins, of Esterhazy, were admitted to the priesthood. The Bishop himself preached the ordination sermon, taking for his text 2 Tim. 1:6, 7. A large congregation was present, and joined heartily in the singing and responses. The beautiful pastoral staff, presented by the Right Rev. and Hon. Adelbert Anson, Canon of Lichfield, and first Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, was received by Rev. Nelson Dobie, the

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

John Dart, D.D., Bishop, New Westminster, B.C.

Vancouver.—Christ Church.—The report submitted by the churchwardens at the vestry meeting was very favourable. Wardens, Dr. O. Weld and J. D. Hall; delegates, H. J. Cambie, G. H. Cowan and A. P. Judge.

St. Michael's.—From the report presented at the vestry it seems that \$2,123.21 was received from all sources. Wardens, A. Sykes and Henry Birmingham; delegates, Dr. Lawrence, J. Birmingham and Mr. Pavier.

Holy Trinity.—Very encouraging reports were also received at this vestry, showing that the church had passed through a very successful year. Warden, T. F. Barton.

KOOTENAY.

Rossland.—On Easter Day the rector of St. George's Church introduced a "boys' choir." The services were very hearty, and the congregation so large that a number of persons had to go away for lack of room.

Trail.—Archdeacon Beer officiated on Easter Day. Unusually large congregations were present, and more would have attended had it been more generally known that there would be service on that day. Monday evening the vestry meeting was held, and the wardens joyfully reported that the debt on the church building was now entirely paid off. The Archdeacon appointed Mr. Blaylock as clergyman's warden, and Mr. Atkinson was elected for the people.

Nelson.—St. Saviour's Church.—Bright and hearty services, and a large number of communicants. At the vestry meeting on Monday the financial standing of the church was found to be excellent. Mr. G. Johnstone and Mr. F. Irvine were elected as wardens.

Enderby.—Rev. F. Venables reports more communicants on Easter Day than ever before in the history of the parish.

GENERAL SYNOD—INCREASED REPRESENTATION.

Sir,—In your last issue "Spectator" remarks that "there seems to be some difference of opinion concerning the number of delegates each diocese is entitled to in the next General Synod." I do not think there ought to be any doubt upon the subject. At the end of the Basis of Constitution (Journal of the Third Session, 1902, page 203) it is provided: "N.B.—No change in the Basis of Constitution shall be considered unless a majority of each order is present, and no change shall take place unless unanimously adopted by both Houses, or until affirmed by a two-thirds majority of the Upper House and a two-thirds majority of each order of the House of Delegates, and in the latter case it shall stand over for confirmation till the next meeting of Synod, when it must be affirmed by similar majorities." From this it is plain that only in the latter case is it necessary for a change to be confirmed at a subsequent session of the Synod. On referring to the minutes (pages 40 and 41) it will be seen that the proposed change in the Constitution regarding increased representation was adopted in accordance with the former, and not the latter case, it being distinctly stated that "there being a majority of each order present, the motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote." Subsequently it is recorded (page 47) in Message No. 22 from the House of Bishops "that the Upper House concurs in Message O (respecting increased representation) from the Lower House by a unanimous decision." The provisions of the Basis of Constitution were thus carefully complied with in order that the increase in the number of delegates from each diocese might come into effect at the next meeting of the Synod, that is in 1905. I may add that several dioceses, viz., Montreal, Fredericton, Qu'Appelle and others, have already elected an increased number of delegates in accordance with this change in the Basis of Constitution.

CHARLES J. S. BETHUNE,
London, Ont. Hon. Clerical Secretary.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Sir,—In the interesting comments by "Spectator," a suggestion is made that the work before the General Synod should be discussed in your columns. This is an admirable idea. There is no public opinion in the Church of England in Canada owing to the absence of any method of forming or expressing it. Our General Synod meets every three years, and between times we are speechless. We do not know the sound of each other's voices until we hear them again at the General Synod. Yet much water runs under the bridge meantime. No one who attended the meeting in Montreal in 1902 could fail to be struck with the earnestness and tone of the debates. This year, in September, much the same situation awaits the Synod. But things have advanced a stage. The work is not only formative but constructive. We are sure to have to deal with the result of awakened enthusiasm and must proceed to direct and systematize it. In the forefront, I think, stands the recognition of our Church as a Canadian institution. It must be brought into line with our national development and needs. For that reason, I regard the question of a new name a very important one, not so much for itself, but as furthering the impulse which brought about the distinctive organization, now electing its own Archbishops and defining its own doctrine and discipline. The very spirit of loyalty to the mother Church, which has sustained us thus far, gives the best hope for the solidity and permanence of our own Communion, and a distinct realization of our attitude will help us greatly in fitting our Church to do the work which lies before it. As part of this duty, the issue of a Canadian Prayer Book, containing the old, but providing for the new, and a Canadian Hymn Book are sure to

occupy the Synod. As to the former, the Rev. Mr. Pickford has contributed some admirable ideas in your columns. While these things in their place are important, and indeed necessary, there are others even more vital to our success. There is the raising of a Beneficiary Fund for the superannuation of the clergy and for the insurance of their lives for the benefit of their wives and children. The Rev. Mr. Farthing's valuable work in connection with reciprocity between dioceses is a necessary preliminary to this. The present method of parish management should receive a thorough overhauling. A select number of men should in each church be clothed with the responsibility now assumed practically by one man—the people's warden. This is advisable, as responsibility and authority breed interest in any undertaking, and the present system is unsuited in every way to our present conditions. There is much more to do, and I hope some others will follow this letter up with suggestions.

FRANK E. HODGINS.

CRITICISM AND FAITH.

Sir,—I read with much astonishment and much amazement Rev. Cayley's letter in your issue of the 27th ult., under the caption of "Criticism and Faith." In the first place, I was astonished that such a letter should appear in the columns of an orthodox weekly like the Canadian Churchman; and in the second place, I was amazed at the statement of Rev. Cayley, that "few instructed clergy believe that the Bible is the 'dictated' word of God." When a prominent clergyman (and at one time professor in Trinity College), should give utterance to such a sentiment, it is not to be wondered at that the disciples of Tom Paine and Bob Ingersoll are rapidly increasing in this Christian land of ours. Does not every clergyman ordained into the Church answer the question? "Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?" to which comes the audible answer: "I do believe them." How does Mr. Cayley reconcile this declaration with the statement he makes (in the Churchman), that "few instructed clergy believe that the Bible is the 'dictated' word of God?" Mr. Cayley may shield himself under the cover of ignorance at the time of his ordination—that his knowledge of the Scriptures then was but meagre compared to what it is now, but all the same he must confess that there is a mighty difference. And again he says: "It is our duty to help our people to see that God may inspire men without making them infallible." If God inspires man, it is no longer man, but verily the living God Himself who speaks through man, just as He made the dumb ass speak and rebuke the madness of the prophet. Such teaching as that set forth by Rev. Cayley, must shake the Church to its very foundation. It will rob the dying of his fondest hope—that the "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation," as the sixth Article declares, and to which Mr. Cayley gave his assent. Now-a-days the vanity of mankind is such that they love to be classed amongst the "Higher Critics," as an index of great attainments—as men of deep research. A prominent clergyman of the city of Toronto once said, when denouncing those who held similar views as those promulgated by Mr. Cayley, that "he would rather put his children into a den of rattlesnakes than entrust them to the teaching of such men." If the Bible is only to be taken in fragmentary parts, who will have any faith in it at all? Disbelieve one part, and suspicion must rest on all of it—no credence, whatever, can be put in it. Away with such a delusion that "the Bible is not the 'dictated' Word of God"—"that it is not infallible." Our future happiness depends on our belief in it, and with holy Job, the dying Christian, out of the fulness of his heart, exultingly exclaims: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, etc., etc." GEO. HENDERSON



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Children's Department.

A LEGEND OF THE ROBIN.

The old Britons had a beautiful legend of the robin which embodies so much of tenderness and religious sentiment that it ought to be preserved as an evidence of the softening influence of Christianity on this warlike people.

When our Saviour went forth, bearing His cross, and with the crown of plaited thorns piercing His brow, a little bird, touched with pity for His sufferings, plucked from the crown one thorn, which carried with it a drop of blood.

"This blood, 'tis said,
Down dropping, dyed the tender bosom red."

Since this time, the legend runs, the bird has borne a charmed life, for the little creature had "done what she could" for her Master.

"Since then no wanton boy disturbs her nest,
Weasel nor wildcat will her young molest,
All sacred deem the bird of ruddy breast."

This tradition is, perhaps, the foundation for the high favour, amounting almost to reverence, in which the "red-breast," as they lovingly call it, is held by the English people to this day.

THE ONE-TALENT GIRL.

"I wish I had a million dollars," sighed Marion.

Her father glanced from his paper to the sweet, flushed face. He laid down his paper. "What would you do if you had a million dollars?"

"I've been reading about Miss Helen Gould and the good she has done. I would build an orphan's home and educate poor children," she answered.

"Marion, have you ever read the parable of the ten talents?"

"Why, yes, father."

"Who did the most good?"

"The one with the most talents, of course. He had something to do with," answered Marion.

"What did the man with one talent do?"

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swered. She patted him tenderly on the head and left the room.

Mrs. Brewster was at the sewing machine, and Mamie sat before a table. She had an open book before her, and was moving her hands as if at a piano. There was a low knock at the door, and Mrs. Brewster looked around. "Come in, Miss Marion. Mamie, give Miss Marion that chair. She has been playing that table is a piano ever since she heard you play last night."

"Does she love music?"

"Oh, yes. She can play a little by ear, and doesn't know anything about music," the mother answered. And then Marion heard a little sigh.

"Will you let me give her lessons?" asked Marion.

"I'd like to, Miss Marion, but I can't spare the money."

"Oh, I don't mean that way. I want to give her lessons without any money," cried Marion. "I've studied music for six years, and I think I can teach her."

Tears came to the widow's eyes. "You don't know what that means to us, Miss Marion. I want Mamie to have every advantage, and God will bless you. I can't thank you enough. Mamie, do you hear? Miss Marion is going to give you lessons."

Marion slipped out as quickly as possible. Thanks always embarrassed her. There were to be sacrifices, she soon found. She must miss walks with her girl friends. Sometimes she didn't feel well; but she persevered, and little Mamie learned fast.

Marion's girl friends were surprised when she began teaching Mamie. They knew her father's income did not require her aid.

Finally Stella Lawton, Marion's closest girl friend, found out the secret from the little dressmaker. She told the other girls. "And Marion never said a word about its being free."

When they spoke to Marion about it, she quietly told of the talk she had had with her father.

"I've been wondering what I could do. I don't even know what my one talent is," sighed Stella.

"There is your elocution training, Stella. Granny Wilson will be so glad if you would read to her. Your articulation is so clear that she could understand you well. You see, since father opened my eyes I have seen opportunities I didn't see before," Marion answered.

"What can I do?" questioned Bessie Morris.

Marion thought for a minute. "When I had pneumonia last winter mother said she would feel safe when she left you with me. You could help nurse the little child at Mrs. Baker's."

Bessie's clear laugh rang out. "I've been thinking, too. I sat up there last night," she answered.

Marion's father came in the gate and straight across the lawn to the

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They told him.

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"Have those boys been throwing stones at you again?" asked Mrs. Squirrel.

"Stones?" repeated Mr. Squirrel, with an angry whisk of his tail. "They were rocks! They were as big as apples!"

"Rocks are bigger than apples," said Mrs. Squirrel. "Still I must say it is a shame. You have never done anything to hurt those boys."

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel, who who really angry.

"And our dear little ones are not yet big enough to hunt nuts," said Mrs. Squirrel. "They might starve if you never came home."

"Boys don't think of that," said her husband.

"You are so little and they are so big," said Mrs. Squirrel.

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel.

"Don't they know how to think?" asked his wife. "Perhaps they are stupid, after all."

"They think it fun to see me run," said Mr. Squirrel. "And that seems to be all the thinking that they are able to do."

"That is like a baby," said Mrs. Squirrel, gravely. "It is very sad to grow to be stupid. I am glad our children know more than that."

Mr. Squirrel whisked his tail over his head, and took up a nut from a pile in the corner. But Mrs. Squirrel was not thinking about her dinner.

"Poor boys!" said she. "How dreadful to be so stupid as not to be able to think!"

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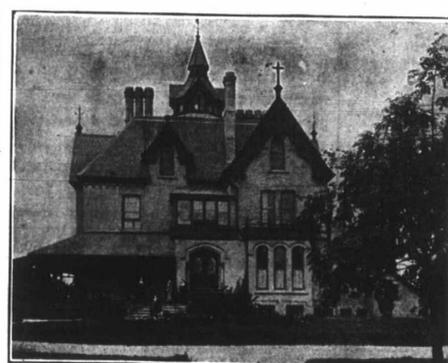
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