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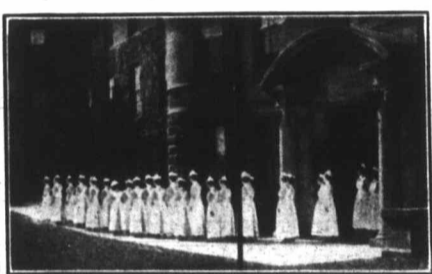
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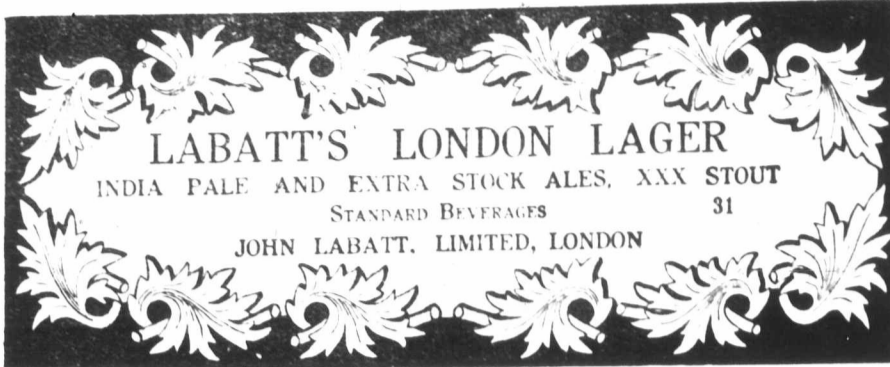
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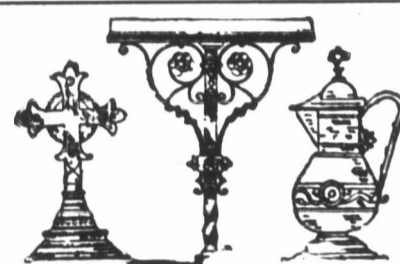
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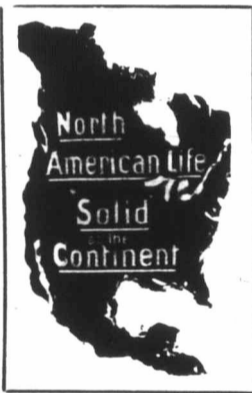
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May 5.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Morning—Deut. 4:1—23; Luke 23:1—26.
Evening—Deut. 4:23—41 or 5; 1 Thes. 2.

May 12.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.

Morning—Deut. 6; John 3:1—22.
Evening—Deut. 9 or 10; 1 Tim. 1:1—18.

May 16.—Ascension Day.

Morning—Dan. 7:9—15; Luke 24:44.
Evening—2 Kgs. 2:1—16; Heb. 4.

May 19.—Sunday after Ascension.

Morning—Deut. 30; John 6:22—41.
Evening—Deut. 34 or Josh. 1; 2 Tim. 2.

May 26.—Whitsunday.

Morning—Deut. 16:1—18; Rom. 8:1—18.
Evening—Isai. 11; or Ezek. 36:25; Gal. 5:16 or Acts 18:24—19:21.

May 27.—Monday in Whitsunday Week.

Morning—Gen. 11:1—10; 1 Cor. 12:1—14.
Evening—Num. 11:16—31; 1 Cor. 12:27 & 13.

Appropriate hymns for the Fourth and Fifth Sunday after Easter, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from the New Hymn Book, many of which are to be found in other hymnals.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 253, 256, 260, 386.
Processional: 440, 636, 650, 664.
Offertory: 165, 388, 577, 583.
Children: 708, 709, 730, 751.
General: 19, 25, 171, 390.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 262, 397, 515, 646.
Processional: 453, 473, 481, 488.
Offertory: 175, 465, 467, 482.
Children: 703, 707, 708, 710.
General: 176, 177, 455, 484.

"Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children, Whom thou mayest make princes in all lands."
—Ps. 45:17.

The Jews have always been pre-eminent among the nations of the earth for loyalty to their ancestors. This is a good trait—for it is a constant reminder of the early ideals and original purposes, of lowly origins and providential ruling and guidance, and of the value of precept and the power of example. But this loyalty may be overdone. A nation cannot dwell in its past. It must so improve the present as to ensure greater glories in the future. Because of Ancestor worship the Chinese have held back the development of rich resources. And oftentimes we spend our time boasting of the glories of our Church and State. What about the present and the future? What are we doing to make our children princes in all lands, and thereby adding to the glory of the Church and the prestige of the Empire? It is a sad sight to see children brought into the world, and allowed to grow up amidst deleterious influences without a vision of princely state. Every parent ought to have this ambition, viz.:—to make his children, the gifts of God, leaders in all lands, in all walks of life. Men and women lead in the world to-day not fortuitously but because they are qualified to lead. The first element in this qualification is the giving of the children to God. God gave a son to Hannah, and Hannah immediately gave Samuel to God. That is one point in Christian baptism. We give our little ones to God. What a wealth of inspiration for the children! They are God's gifts to us. And they have been given to God. The purpose is one, viz.:—that they may become leaders in all lands. The next element in qualification is that the children give themselves to God and to His service. A leader must assert himself. This we do in Confirmation. Samuel gave himself to God and so lived that all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that he was appointed to be a prophet of the Lord. We must teach our children to assert themselves, to claim their responsibilities as well as their privileges. The experience of the world is that the leadership does not depend upon wealth or family. It is a matter of character, and of character asserting itself before all men. Now if we are to qualify our children for leadership in all lands, in all good works, we must give attention to three things. (1) To their physical development. Every child is made in the image of God. Teach them to keep their bodies in temperance, sobriety and chastity. Joseph and Daniel rose to high estate in far-distant lands because they had been taught the lessons of purity and temperance. (2) To their secular education. Illiterates cannot rise to effective leadership. Year by year education is becoming more of a necessity. The ignorant cannot lead. There is no excuse for ignorance today. (3) To their religious education. "The princes in all lands" come out of homes wherein God is honoured and worshipped. Spirituality is essential to effective leadership, for the leader must look ahead. And it is the spiritual man alone who knows his responsibility to God, and who alone can know his duty to his fellows. Are we all possessed of the ambition to make our children princes in all lands? Remember three things—Children are a gift from God; we are to give them to God; we must teach and encourage them to give themselves to God. Thus would we synthesise the history of Samuel. So doing we shall best glory in what our fathers have done for we shall be taking care to carry on in the present their good works, and we shall be ensuring that the

faith and righteousness in which we glory will be handed down throughout the ages.

A Practical Consideration Deserving Serious Attention.

The Church's greatest difficulty seems to be, in the opinion of many, to commend herself at first to those who are unfamiliar with a Prayer Book. Strangers when they begin to understand and use the Prayer Book usually become as fond of it as anyone else. How, then, can the Church meet this difficulty? One way is by diligent teaching on every proper opportunity the distinctive things that an instructed Churchman ought to know. But there is an aid that may support this teaching greatly—viz., some clear, attractive, sympathetic, loyal pamphlet on the Prayer Book, so small and so cheap that it can be employed, if need be, to flood a parish and can be distributed broadcast at conventions, missions, &c., among those who don't know the Prayer Book. Two such pamphlets occur to our minds just now. (1) Canon Hague's little tract, "The Value of the Prayer Book," which in a neat striking form presents many of the strong points of the Prayer Book. (2) Bishop Moule's penny pamphlet "The Story of the Prayer Book," written with all the learning and grace that we are accustomed to connect with Bishop Moule's name. These pamphlets, or such as these, might with great advantage be circulated in tons throughout the length and breadth of the land with the greatest advantage. Two or three dollars' worth of such literature would supply an average parish and do what years of teaching could not do.

The Homes of the Clergy.

The culture and refinement which belong to many a clerical home may be well illustrated by the life-story of the late Rev. S. R. Asbury, B.A., B.D., who served for many years in Huron Diocese, and was a man of extensive learning and large and varied experience. Born in 1833, the eventful year that saw the dawn of the Oxford Movement, he graduated B.A. at the early age of 19 from University College, London, Eng., where he was prizeman in German and English. In 1853 he was at Heidelberg University and later attended Andover Theological Seminary, graduating in 1860 in theology. From 1861-64 he was a missionary in India and conducted a paper in the Hindostani language. He travelled widely and preached in many churches in the United States, and was rector of the church of the Beloved Disciple, Philadelphia, before coming to Canada in 1876. He was rector in Huron Diocese of Forest, Port Rowan, Aylmer, Durham, Delaware, Chesley, Atwood, Onondaga, retired in 1907 and died March 16th, 1910. His careful study of the German language added to his travel and further study in Germany made him proficient in that language. At the suggestion of the distinguished Professor Shedd, of Andover and New York, he translated Ackermann's "Christian Element in Plato," for which Professor Shedd wrote the preface. He translated Lauge's commentary on Jeremiah for Dr. Schaff's edition of that work; and also translated Hengstewberg's commentary on St. John at the request of the great T. and T. Clark publishing house at Edinburgh. Mrs. Asbury (nee Miss Bennett) was a writer of repute as well as an accomplished singer. She was solist in the leading Philadelphia churches and was chosen to lead the choir at the Philadelphia centennial in 1876. She contributed regularly to Frank Leslie's magazine and others, and has left behind her several poems of real merit. One son, Mr. H. E. Asbury is accountant of the Dominion Bank,

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Guelph. Miss Asbury resides in Toronto, and Mr. Ernest Asbury lives at Fonthill. This kind of sketch might be written of many a clerical home. Many cultivated clergy have done their life's work on slender pittance, and all the while their homes have been centres of learning and culture, and refinement. The busy world very often lets them struggle on in the face of varied difficulties and only learns their true worth when they have passed to their reward.

New Housing Plan.

The Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute contains so succinct an account of the new housing plan under discussion among us that it seems worth quoting. It is suggested that a company be formed possessing \$1,000,000 capital. Power is to be given to manage and develop property on co-partnership lines. Land is to be purchased capable of being divided into open spaces, gardens and streets. Fifteen houses per acre is the maximum number, and the buildings may vary in size and style. Tenants must take up five shares in the company's stock, and only shareholders are eligible as tenants. Encouragement will be given to the tenant to purchase stock to the value of property occupied, but payment by instalment is allowed. The company will provide a repair and sinking fund, whilst balance of net profits will be returned to tenants as dividend on rents. Tenants vacating their houses may sell their stock to the company who are willing to act as purchasers. The details of the housing scheme show it to be favourable to the wage-earner. He is given every facility for acquiring a home, starts with a comfortable house and garden, runs no risk as a shareholder by possible depreciation in value of investment, whilst he benefits by any additional value of holdings. Houses are provided at cost price to tenants, while those who acquire stock to the value of their own property find that their rent is thereby refunded to them. Subscriptions individually are to be limited to \$2,000 in \$50 shares. When \$100,000 stock has been purchased application for the charter will be made.

The Easter Message.

The return of Easter brings a message of hope and revival. St. Peter's words (1. Peter i., 3) have uttered the experiences of countless thousands. Christ's resurrection does give men a new victorious hope. St. Paul knew much of the grace of God, but as he waited, a fettered prisoner in Rome, he meditated much on the "power of Christ's resurrection" (Phil. iii., 10), and he knew there were great revivals of God's power yet in the future and greater than any that he had yet seen. History comes to the support of revelation and loudly proclaims "the power of resurrection," in well-ordered lives, under all circumstances. Dean Church, in his great life of St. Anselm, gives us a vivid picture of the state of Normandy in 1035 when Duke Robert the Devil died. His son, Duke William, was a bastard, 7 years old, when his father died, and Normandy was in anarchy. In the same year the great King Canute died in England, leaving that realm in confusion. Little could anyone foresee that the Norman bastard of 7 years would in 31 years be known as William the Conqueror and be the ruler of both countries, and prove himself to be one of the greatest sovereigns of Western Europe. Who can tell the power of a single life? Who can gauge the power of the resurrection? If a man of clear brain and iron will looks to God and does the right, there are great undiscovered or undefined kingdoms that will surely come under his power, and every right-minded Christian may well gather fresh hope and courage at the return of each Easter festival.

The Appearances of the Risen Christ.

The devout student of God's word will, in this Easter time, desire to meditate afresh on the profound meanings of the various appearances of the risen Christ. The first, to Mary Magdalen, surely shows the Lord's tender love for the individual soul. The second appearance to the other women surely foreshadowed the wonderful place and power of women in Christ's Church. Dr. Wm. Clark, in his "Witness for Christ," cites the uplifting of women by Christ's Gospel as one of its noblest triumphs, and the story of Christ's Church would be shorn of some of its greatest glories if the work of women was left out—holy souls like the Mothers of Augustine and Anselm, or saintly lives like Mary Jones or Florence Nightingale or Queen Victoria. The third appearance of Peter is marked out in God's word with a prominence all its own. The two disciples from Emmaus found the infant church in Jerusalem thrilled with Peter's story (Luke-24:34), and before that excitement had subsided Jesus Himself stood in the midst. The Lord's treatment of Peter shows Bishops how to deal tenderly with the fallen minister, and shows the fallen minister that he need not despair. So each appearance speaks its own sweet message to the Church of Christ, and they all come home to the believing heart with resurrection power, when the cardinal truth of our Lord's resurrection has taken possession of our hearts.

Education—Past and Present.

A little sketch in a recent English magazine illustrated forcibly the indictments of our systems of education which meet us everywhere—from parents, doctors, business men, from leading educationists themselves. Granny Ryall, crippled and bed-ridden, but with mind and tongue clear and sharp as ever, was "clapless as a babe; but when it comes to 'memb'ings I reckon I can be even with most on 'em." Doubtless her grandchildren had advantages, but Granny Ryall would "a deal sooner have been a child in them days, than I would now. Why, they're that educated and 'spected and looked arter, they hain't no time to larn to look arter themselves nor nothink else." But "If you think as we didn't larn nothin' in them days, you're jest mistook, for we larned a deal o' the sort o' stuff what's worth knowin'." I remember well 'nough being four yearn old, and my granddad sayin', 'Now, Jane Anne,' he says, 'you be fur years and getting on for a woman.' So 'e stands me up on a chair, 'longside one o' them old cupboard things, and 'e shows me how to polish, round and round, and 'e says, 'Elbow-grease, Jane Anne—there's nothin' but elbow-grease will do it, so you jest shine that up for me to shave in come mornin'.' My granny, too, I can most 'ear 'er sayin', 'There ain't nothin like showin' the children the right way o' doin' things.' I've thought o' that time and time agen, I have." The knowledge she most needed, imparted in the best way, and withal a joyous remembrance of being "off to the fields and dykes," when "come a day with the sun a-shining and the larks singing," the truancy sat as light on the old conscience as it had done on the young. We cannot set the hands of the clock back, nor would we; but a few things well taught, more developing of faculties, less cramming of brains with unrelated facts, might ensure keener wits, and shrewder powers of judgment in later days.

A New Judge.

We are always glad to chronicle well-deserved promotion of any loyal son of the Church, clerical or lay, and we gladly call attention to the elevation of Mr. Haughton Lennox, K.C., M.P., of Barrie, to the High Court Bench. The friends of the late Provost Whitaker, of Trinity University, will be glad to see this promotion, as Mrs.

Lennox is a daughter of the late provost. Mr. and Mrs. Lennox have been very active in the Barrie and Allandale and Innisfil churches, and will be missed from Simcoe County. Mr. Lennox is a lawyer of marked ability and has a large Parliamentary experience which will be of great value to him on the Bench.

Excavated Suffragettes.

One would hardly have thought it but the fact is that they had Suffragettes in the Classic days—when Pompeii was a flourishing Italian city. The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post says that the new discoveries at Pompeii prove that the "Suffragette," or the female canvasser at elections, was, we might say, a known character at Pompeii in the First Century of our era. The wineshop, which is the chief feature of the recent excavations, has numerous electioneering inscriptions on its walls (canvassing was evidently allowed on licensed premises), and one of these bills, asking the free and independent electors to vote for a certain candidate, is signed by a lady named Smyrina and by another lady called Aegle, so the woman who aspires to have a hand in guiding the State plough to-day had her counterpart in the palmy days of classic Italy.

Clerical Stipends.

How rarely do we hear of really worthy stipends being paid to the clergy. Occasionally an appreciative congregation may face the question and run up their minister's stipend to a generous figure as was done for Ven. Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, whose stipend is \$6,000.00, or for Rev. W. B. Heaney, of Winnipeg, whose stipend is \$5,000.00. While isolated cases of this kind may be found, too often the tale is one of faithful service and grinding poverty—a cultured clergyman trying to keep up appearances and educate a family on \$700, or \$800, or \$900, which is far less than the majority of typewriters obtain for their services. The world knows little of what it owes to the homes and children of the clergy.

OUR PRAYERS.

O'er land and sea love follows with fond prayers
Its dear ones in their troubles, griefs and cares:

There is no spot
On which it does not drop this tender dew,
Except the grave, and there it bids adieu,
And prayeth not.

Why should that be the only place uncheered
By prayer, which to our hearts is most endeared,
And sacred grown?

Living, we sought for blessing on their head;
Why should our lips be sealed when they are dead,
And we alone?

Idle? Their doom is fixed? Oh, who can tell?
Yet, were it so, I think no harm could well
Come of our prayer;
And the heart, o'erburdened with its grief,
This comfort needs, and finds therein relief
From its despair.

Shall God be wroth because we love them still,
And call upon His love to shield from ill
Our dearest, best?
And bring them home and recompense their
pain,
And cleanse their sin, if any sin remain,
And give them rest.

Nay, I will not believe it: I will pray
As for the living, for the dead each day:
They will not grow
Less meet for heaven when followed by a prayer
To speed them home, like summer-scented air
From long ago.

The above lines were written and published at a critical time by the late Dr. Walter Smith,

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a distinguished divine of the Free Church of Scotland, the same religious body of which Dr. Horatius Bonar was a member. Although originally selected at this time because of a personal and private loss which our readers know of, they may also express the feelings aroused by the recent disaster and the public as well as personal sorrow and regret.

SERMONS, OLD AND NEW, AND NOTES.

Our Canadian Senate is a funny institution. When it makes a stand and displays a mind of its own, it is denounced as autocratic and obstructive, and is reminded that as a strictly non-representative body its bounden duty is to meekly register the majority vote in the Commons. When, in due course of time it gets into step with the Government, then it is held up to uproarious ridicule and contempt as a legislative fifth wheel. "Why doesn't it do something? Why does it not act, as was purposed by the framers of the Constitution, as a check and a balance?" etc., etc. Truly, we are a politics poisoned, a politics riddled, and a politics cursed people. It was inevitable that the Senate should become an integral part of the political machine, appointed as it is by the party in power. Theoretically intended as a "court of revision," and as a corrective of party tyranny, it has become a mere appanage of the dominant factions. And yet there are some who would like to see the office of Governor-General made elective. Exactly the same state of things has come about in the United States in the case of the "Electoral College." I have been looking over a volume of sermons preached by a great grand-uncle of mine, Rev. Jonathan Boucher, who was a rector in Virginia before the Revolution. They are dedicated to George Washington, a "friend and neighbour" of the author, and they treat mainly of public questions, such as the Peace of 1763, the American Episcopate (1771), Passive Obedience and Non-Resistance, the Toleration of Papists, etc. Boucher was a strong Loyalist, and was finally driven out of the country, and was appointed vicar of Epsom. Once, it is said, he prayed for King George in church under the levelled muskets of the insurgents, and he officiated for months with a brace of pistols beside him. What impresses one most about these sermons is the tremendous labour that must have been expended on them. Each one is as long as a good-sized pamphlet and full of Latin and Greek quotations, with frequent long excerpts from celebrated authors. The size of one of these sermons and the labour expended on them would be in the ratio of about seven to one, as compared with the average modern sermon. One wonders how the old-time parson found time to prepare these stupendous discourses. The mere mechanical work of writing them must have been considerable, and the mental strain severe and exacting far beyond anything experienced or dreamed of by the twentieth century sermon maker. As you read them you cease to wonder at the power and influence of the pulpit in those days. A sermon in the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries, besides being a religious discourse, supplied intellectual exercise, training and entertainment for the congregation, which is now found in the newspaper, magazine, lecture, novel and political speech and other sources of information and mental stimulation. It is impossible for us to-day, without a violent stretch of the imagination, to picture to ourselves what the sermon must have been to our forefathers, living their isolated, hum-drum, monotonous life a century and a half ago. The demand, I suppose, created the supply, and so the parson of the days of the Stuarts and Georges who had any professional ambition, not to put it on any

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higher grounds, put every ounce of his energies, mental and physical, into his sermon. No doubt there were plenty of sermon scampers in those days, but when you come to compare the representative sermons of that time with the discourses of the leading divines of to-day, one cannot but be impressed with their relative marked superiority as intellectual productions. With all the excellent preaching now-a-days, one is forced to the conclusion that there has been both a positive and relative decline in the quality of the sermon. There is a widespread tendency to-day, it has been truly said, to over emphasize rights and overlook duties. People have an idea that they inherit rights, but nobody inherits rights any more than they inherit a good name. A "right" is something that is rightfully ours, something, in other words, of which we have proved ourselves worthy. We are not born to rights, but to the opportunity of making good our claims to them. Thousands of worthless people talk about their rights, who, strictly speaking, have none. Personal worth and personal rights are bound up together. I wonder if we have any of the real old time, full blooded, whole hog Calvinists left in the Church of England, such as I remember in my early youth. Our old vicar in England away back in the late fifties and early sixties, whom I dimly remember as a child perched up in the huge sentry box of a pulpit in gown and bands, once said to my father, "So and so is the biggest liar in the parish. I wouldn't trust him round the corner, but I know that he is pre-destined to eternal life." My brother-in-law, his curate, who succeeded him, was accosted by him as they were disrobing in the vestry with the words, "Young man, who authorized you to say that Christ died for sinners? He died for the elect." The same old man was nevertheless a great preacher, and of a certain style. His sermons generally lasted about an hour, and were varied with a good deal of snuff-taking. We children, of whom there were fourteen, had to sit them out to the bitter, or rather ecstatically welcomed end, without so much as the blink of an eyelid. But our elders used to enjoy them in their sombre, grim mid-Victorian fashion. The service, what with Matins, Litany, ante-Communion, and the sermon aforesaid, lasted so long that there was often barely time for the Sunday dinner before the beginning of the three o'clock afternoon service. On Communion Sundays the old gentleman ate his dinner in the vestry. Those were strenuous days. Now one can say Matins, Litany, and preach the regulation twenty minute sermon, all well within, say, seventy minutes. And yet there is a cry for still shortened services and sermons. There is one bright and redeeming feature about the late coal strike in England, and it is the almost universal absence of violence. Whatever else they may or may not be, the English are a kindly, good-natured race. There will never be a bloody revolution in England. The three revolutions our race has known, the Cromwellian, that of 1688, and the American, have been singularly mild and gentle. They were not exactly made with "rose water," but compared, say, with the French and with all the revolutions of ancient times, how moderate and temperate. On the whole, there is wonderfully little class jealousy in England, because the English, these five hundred years have always been substantially a free people. The iron never entered their souls or corroded for centuries as it did in France. No doubt there are dangerous symptoms here and there in England to-day, but I have enough faith in the moderation, sense of fair play and placability inherent in the English characters to believe that a way will be found out of the present difficulties.

I would like to say here how deeply I enjoyed and how cordially I endorsed every word of Mr. Frank Wootten's obituary notice, and also Spec-

tator's remarks in the last issue of the Churchman. Mr. Wootten seemed to have impressed everyone alike, who enjoyed his personal acquaintance with his rugged honesty, his essential manliness, and his genuine kindness. To know him personally, and to have business relations with him inevitably induced respect and liking, which invariably deepened as time went on. He was emphatically a straight man, and as was so forcibly pointed out in that beautifully written obituary, one of those typical Englishmen, to the force and worth of whose sturdy, well-balanced character, the British race and Empire owes its predominance to-day. Whatever may be the future of The Churchman it is to be devoutly hoped that Mr. Wootten's policy will be maintained. No party organ has the ghost of a chance of success in Canada to-day. The Churchman, under Mr. Wootten, was absolutely impartial, and in its columns every churchman, of whatever stripe, was sure of a square deal. Of course it was impossible to please everyone, but as Thiers said of the French Republic that it was that form of government which divided France least. So we may say of The Churchman under Mr. Wootten's management, "It was the kind of organ that divided the Church least," or in other words, it was genuinely representative.—Fronnix.

PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

Sir,—I hold no particular brief for Prayer Book revision, the the committee has done me the honour of appointing me their secretary. But as it is evident that Mr. Goodier is labouring under some misapprehension in which others may share, perhaps you will allow me to reply to his letter. Having lived 36 years of my life in England before I came to Canada in 1903, I can sympathize with his feelings with regard to what he imagines is contemplated. But the facts do not bear out his apprehensions. In the first place, the title of the committee is "Prayer Book Adaptation and Enrichment" (this showing that revision in the ordinary sense of the word is not the first consideration). In the second place, no change either in text or ruling may be made affecting "doctrine or principle." In the third place only such changes may be made "as are necessary to meet the requirements of the Church of England in Canada." In the fourth place the committee is bound "to keep within the lines laid down in Resolution 27 of the Lambeth Conference in 1908." These are (a) the adaptation of rubrics in a large number of cases to present customs as generally accepted; (b) the omission of parts of the service to obviate repetition or redundancy; (c) the framing of additions to the present services by way of enrichment; (d) the fuller provision of alternatives in our forms of public worship (e) the provision for greater elasticity in public worship; (f) the change of words obscure or commonly misunderstood; (g) the revision of the calendar, etc. The position is, therefore, very carefully safeguarded, and General Synod can always repel any, or all, of the proposals made to it. Why Mr. Goodier should suppose that such drastic changes are to be made in the text of the Prayer Book which, as he says, has been as music in the ears of hundreds and thousands, I do not know. No such changes are contemplated, or even permitted. The Prayer Book is not to be a new one, but an adapted and enriched one. If it be said that it is impertinent to talk of enriching our incomparable liturgy, may I point out that, as a striking proof of at least one need of enrichment, neither in the liturgy nor in any of the prayers is there any allusion to the great obligation of the Church to carry the Gospel to all lands. Is Mr. Goodier content that the official service book of our Church should continue to

ignore entirely this great commission, and to have mission prayers, etc., dragged in as an "extra"?

Now as to obsolete words. Personally, I have no feeling in the matter, as I am familiar with the meaning of every word in the Prayer Book. But let me tell Mr. Goodier in all humility that there are very many, even among fairly instructed Churchmen, who would be puzzled to give offhand the meaning of some of the more archaic words in the Prayer Book, a fact recognized by the united wisdom of the Church at the Lambeth conference. Would it be an insult to Mr. Goodier's intelligence to ask him offhand to give the meaning of "leasing" in the Prayer Book Psalter? Very few that I have asked have known. Not long ago, in giving an address on this subject, I told of how just recently a copy of a socialist newspaper published in the province of Quebec had been sent me containing a violent attack on the Anglican Church, because, as it alleged, the clergy in England prayed that the King might have plenty of money, in return for his compelling everyone to pay their tithes (the statement being, of course, absolutely untrue in both particulars). This was all based on the words, "Grant him in health and wealth long to live." I explained the proper meaning of wealth in that phrase (well-ness), and at the close of my address a prominent lawyer, a strong and devoted churchman, had the courage to rise and confess that that particular phrase, of which he had never known the true meaning, had always been a puzzle to him and had been cast in his teeth without his being able to reply, by a non-member of the Anglican Church only a few days before I delivered my address. I could give other instances of wide-spread misapprehension of words in the Prayer Book. As to his objection, (5) why should he beg the question so flagrantly? The Church of England, according to my observation, is certainly not losing but rather gaining ground in Canada. As to (6) the Canadian Church cannot help being independent of the Mother Church and the Archbishop of Canterbury would be the first to repudiate any authority over this or any other Church in any of the Dominions, but gratitude, loyalty and allegiance we shall always owe and always pay. But what has that to do with the matter in hand? The Mother Church is herself engaged in discussing the question of revision at the present moment. Did she first, or at any time, consult the Canadian Church as to its wishes? Certainly not, and this not at all through lack of courtesy, but because she fully recognizes that revision is a matter for each Church to decide for itself, as the Irish and Scotch Church have done, and would most assuredly not look upon our action as in any degree disloyal. She is revising for her own needs.

As to the picture Mr. Goodier draws, I can only say (1) that there are several hymn books in use to-day in English Churches, such as hymns A. and M. (old edition and revised), Church Hymns, Hymnal Companion, English Hymnal, &c., so his picture of uniformity in the use of hymn books over there fails entirely; and (2) if the Church in England decides to revise the Prayer Book, as is quite possible, there being a strong committee at work on the subject, and the Archbishop of Canterbury having just appointed a number of expert liturgical scholars to assist them, will he not have to buy a new Prayer Book when he goes there, and is he as aggrieved with the Mother Church, as he seems to be with the Canadian Church, for thinking of revision?

One more word: Mr. Goodier complains that the laity have no voice in the matter. To this I would reply (1) that more than one-third of the committee are laymen; and (2) that about one-half of the papers of answers I have received directly state that they were filled in after consultation with laymen, according to the explicit

direction of the compiler. I humbly apologise, Mr. Editor, for the length of this letter, but it is so important to have it widely understood upon what principles the committee is acting in carrying out the instructions of General Synod, and how very conservative those instructions are, and what a deep reverence, even those who feel that there is some room for improvement in the book cherish for it, and finally that the Canadian Church is only following in the steps of the Mother Church in considering the matter, that I hope you may stretch a point and find room for it.

E. J. Bidwell (Dean of Ontario),

Secretary of Committee of General Synod on Prayer Book Adaptation and Enrichment.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

Spectator's Comments and Notes of Public Interest.

It has been extremely hard to talk or think of anything but the recent horror of the seas, the fate of the Titanic. A committee of the United States Senate has with commendable promptness and vigour opened an investigation into the causes of the disaster, and an enquiry into the manner in which the officers and crew of the ill-fated vessel comported themselves after the ship had been damaged. Hardly had the rescue ship, the Carpathia, been docked in New York, when the committee began to take evidence, and steps were taken to secure the testimony of all witnesses whose testimony was considered of value. Already we have heard the evidence of scores of witnesses, and it may be said with pride that there is not a single man—passenger, officer or member of the crew—whose reputation has been blackened by cowardice or unbecoming conduct on that terrible occasion. The attitude of the American committee, to say the least, has not been a judicial attitude, but rather that of men who were quite sure that someone had to be condemned, and, what is more, they had a strong suspicion who that person was from the outset. Mr. Bruce Ismay was easily the target for the concentrated and reiterated fire of this committee, and to its evident disappointment the accumulation of evidence has shown him to be not in this case a hero, but still a man who took no undue advantage of anyone in a desire to save himself. Had he gone to the bottom with the ship, turning away from a half-filled life-boat into which no more women and children could be induced to go, then we suppose he would have been called a fool. Mr. Ismay, in our judgment, owes the Senatorial Committee a debt of gratitude. Whatever its motive, it has reinstated him not in the admiration, perhaps,

but in the respect of the public. The first impulse of the public was to condemn him and to ask how he found safety when so many passengers, for whom he was responsible, went down. It was a natural and just enquiry and one, we are bound to say, that a friendly tribunal in Liverpool or Southampton, could not wholly dispel on this side of the Atlantic. It has been the failure of an evidently hostile tribunal that has really restored Mr. Ismay to the good will of a once critical public. We are promised all kinds of dignity and decorum in an investigation that will be held shortly in England, but we on this side of the Atlantic will not be greatly moved by that, if the investigation does not really investigate. We should gather from the English press that the determination yonder is to find everybody innocent just as it once appeared that the American Committee had made up its mind to find a good many people guilty of something, and one man in particular guilty of everything. Mr. Ismay has every reason to thank his stars that he has had such an opportunity afforded him of stating his case, for no matter how the English tribunal might whitewash him, public confidence would not be so restored as by the successful passing of an ordeal before an investigating committee that could hardly be said to be friendly.

In their haste men have found fault with various features of the management of the ship when it was known that she was doomed. For example, it has been a source of criticism that so many lifeboats were launched without their full capacity of passengers. At first sight it might look as though there was lack of generalship in this respect. It has, however, been pointed out that the capacity of a lifeboat on the water is one thing and its capacity as it is swung out on the davits is another. To load to its floating capacity a boat that is suspended from either end, in mid-air, is to risk the collapse of the boat. But in this particular instance action had to be prompt and yet not such as to unduly alarm the passengers. Had the full danger of the situation been revealed there would have been a panic, lifeboats overloaded and probably overturned. The assurances of safety on the part of the captain and officers were so effective that a large proportion of the people had absolute confidence in the theory that the ship was unsinkable. It looks to us as though more lives were saved as it was than if the danger had been more fully realized earlier. Then, again, we are disposed to condemn the haste that carried the ship along at full speed amid drifting ice. The presence of icebergs had been reported by other ships, and still the Titanic rushed ahead at almost the speed of an express train. This, of course, is all wrong, but it is only just to place the blame upon the shoulders of the whole public. Public opinion is calling out for fast transportation and is willing to pay for it. There is an immense pressure of public sentiment brought to bear upon a steamship company and its officers to reduce the time required in crossing from port to port. The White Star Line and Captain Smith must bear their share of responsibility for this disaster, but let us not forget that we all have a share in it because of our demand for haste and luxury, and our impatience with care and caution when we do not plainly see the reason at the time. Had the Titanic crept to safety through the ice floes on that calm starlit night a thousand passengers would probably have descended upon the slowness of the White Star Line in general and of the vaunted Titanic in particular. The public does not take account of the dangers which have barely been escaped. They do not know of them. The whole affair was sad and terrible, and its one bright inspiring feature was

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"Haul down our flag from the flaunting peak,
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While we bow our heads in sorrow
For the thousand souls that have passed.
Our ship of pride is a thing of naught;
She lies in the sounding deep
Out of reach of berg or hurricane,
Her thousand brave men sleep.
The sea hath taken her toll again,
And a heavy toll she takes;
And the sailor drowns, and far away
The heart of the woman breaks.
We bow our heads in sorrow,
But the creed in which we were nursed
Makes our pulses speed that the cry of our breed
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—Spectator.

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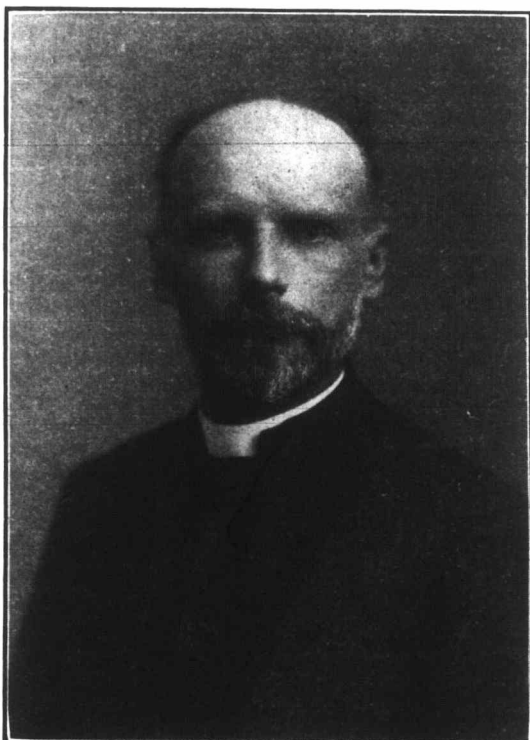
The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada began its sessions on Thursday, April 18th, with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. James' Cathedral. Those officiating were the Most Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg, Man., Primate of All Canada; the Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, Ottawa, Ont., Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, together with the Bishops of New Westminster, Fredericton and Toronto. There was a large attendance of Bishops, clergy and laity, who had assembled from all parts of the Dominion. The business sessions were held in St. James' Parish House, the Primate presiding. The item of business that towered high above everything else from the very beginning was the election of a Bishop to preside over the newly-created missionary district in Japan. The Primate, in his brief address during the Communion service, placed before the delegates the serious nature of the task that faced them, and appealed to them to approach it in a spirit of prayer, that individual differences of opinion might be merged in a general desire to be guided solely by the Holy Spirit. Provision was made early in the first business session for the election, which it was agreed should take place at three o'clock the same afternoon. Among the delegates from a distance, in addition to the Primate and Archbishop of Ottawa, were the Bishops of Nova Scotia, Fredericton, Montreal, New Westminster, Algoma, and Moosonee, the Ven. Archdeacon Robins, Athabasca Landing, Alberta; the Ven. Archdeacon Dewdney, Prince Albert, Sask.; the Ven. Archdeacon Dobie, Regina, Sask.; the Ven. Archdeacon Balfour, Quebec, P.Q.; the Rev. F. H. Graham, Nelson, B.C.; the Rev. Canon Simpson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; the Rev. C. F. Scovil, St. John, N.B.; the Rev. Dr. Powell, Windsor, N.S.; the Rev. Canon Shreve, Sherbrooke, P.Q.; the Very Rev. Dean Evans, and the Rev. A. P. Shatford, Montreal, P.Q.; the Rev. Principal Lloyd, Saskatoon, Sask.; and Messrs. W. H. Wiggs, Quebec, P.Q.; H. A. Machin, Kenora, Ont.; G. B. Nicholson, Chapleau, Ont.; Dr. Davidson and H. J. Mudge, Montreal, P.Q., and the Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Ottawa, Ont. For the first time in the history of the society the Woman's Auxiliary was represented at a meeting of the Board. The ladies present as its official delegates were: Mrs. Patterson Hall, Montreal, P.Q., General President; Miss Gaviller, Hamilton, Ont.; Miss Halson, Mrs. Dr. Cummings, and Mrs. Plumtre, Toronto. In view of the ever-increasing responsibilities being assumed by the society in foreign lands it is becoming more and more apparent that there must be a consolidation of the forces of the Church, while at the same time allowing each department the greatest possible freedom in its work at home. One cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of woman's work, whether at home or in the mission field, and this is becoming more apparent every day. The Primate extended to the W.A. delegates a hearty greeting on behalf of the lay members of the Board. The report of the General Secretary, the Rev. Canon Gould, referred briefly to the immigration into Canada, especially that from the British Isles, and also the situation facing the Christian Church in Japan and China. The most significant features in the latter are the recent change in the seat of government in India from Calcutta to Delhi; the conference of leaders in the cults of Shintoism, Buddhism and Christianity in Japan, and the revolution in China, all of which have had a most important bearing on the work

of Christian missions. The report of the General Treasurer, J. A. Worrell, Esq., D.C.L., consisted of a survey of the income and expenditure of the society for the past year, ending the 31st of December. The total receipts for the year on the apportionments were \$136,758.66, eight dioceses having paid or exceeded their apportionments. In addition to this sum, \$18,917.80 was received for objects not coming under the apportionments, of which \$9,434.47 was for the relief of distress arising from famine in the Diocese of Honan, China. The Reserve Fund, which enables the society to pay seventy-five per cent. of its grants to the Canadian missionary dioceses each quarter, has been increased during the past year by \$2,651.83 from royalties on the Hymn Book, a legacy of \$50 and a donation of \$1,000. At three o'clock, in accordance with the resolution at the morning session, the Board proceeded to elect a Bishop for the Church in Japan. Scrutineers were appointed, prayers were offered up by the Primate, followed by silent prayer, and the vote was taken. In striking contrast with the statements appearing lately in some Toronto papers, the first ballot decided the matter, and there was certainly not the slightest indication of anything in the nature of a "fight." The Rev. Heber J. Hamilton received a substantial majority on the first ballot, and the House of Bishops was immediately summoned. They reported later their concurrence in the election, and a cablegram was at once sent to Mr. Hamilton. The members of the Board re-assembled at eight o'clock on Thursday evening to continue its work. The main item under discussion was a resolution whereby any Canadian diocese which has over-paid its apportionment shall have

of action. This was done subsequently. Three offers of service were reported, one of them accompanied by a guarantee of support. A few matters of routine business brought the meeting to a close.

THE NEW BISHOP IN JAPAN.

The election of the Rev. Heber Hamilton as missionary Bishop for Japan will be welcomed widely. The writer of this sketch was his fellow-student at Collingwood Collegiate Institute, where the head master, Mr. W. Williams, kept him back eight years after he was ready for matriculation, desiring him to take the most brilliant course possible. The head master's hopes were not disappointed, for he stood first in general proficiency at his matriculation into Toronto University, and his whole course was a triumphal progress. He is said to have read all the classics prescribed for the whole four years of the university course before he entered; and modern languages and law were also among his specialties. After graduating he entered the law office of McCarthy, Osler & Co., Toronto, but very soon gave up law to prepare for the Christian ministry. His career at Wycliffe College was as brilliant as his university career, and he became dean of his college. On Canon O'Meara's death he was appointed rector of St. John's, Port Hope, but his heart was set on missionary work. The name "Heber," chosen by parents who were themselves active Christian workers, was a constant reminder to him of the mission field. Two of his sisters married clergy, one being the wife of the Rev. Wm. C. Clarke, rector of Monk Fryston, Yorkshire (formerly of Alliston, Ont.), the other being the wife of the Rev. A. C. Miles, of Creemore, Ont. A brother, Mr. W. Hamilton, is a well-known speaker at L.M.M. Conventions. The Church owes much to this one Christian home. Mr. Hamilton's expert knowledge of languages fitted him for language study in Japan, and his service there has now won the well-deserved recognition of the Church. The Rev. Heber Hamilton and the Rev. C. H. Shortt are life-long friends, and there was, and will be, no sort of jealousy or friction between them. The Rev. Dr. Shortt, father of the Rev. C. H. Shortt, was rector of St. John's, Port Hope, of which, after an interval, the Rev. Heber Hamilton also became rector. Either of these two candidates would rejoice at the elevation of the other; and, the choice of the Church having fallen on Mr. Hamilton, he will be supported loyally by every worker in the field. To great learning Mr. Hamilton adds great modesty and humility, such as befit the great scholar and the true Christian. These graces are just as necessary in a Bishop as sound learning; and the charge not to lord it over God's heritage will in his case find a conscientious and cheerful fulfilment.



The Rev. H. J. Hamilton, Missionary Bishop-Elect in Japan.

such excess applied to any deficit in the amount the Society is able to pay on its grant. This, after being shorn of its more objectionable features, was passed. On Friday morning the Board passed on to the consideration of a communication from the Woman's Auxiliary. This brought forth several splendid addresses, which showed unmistakably the desire of all concerned for greater consolidation of our forces and greater concentration on the spheres of activity in foreign lands. Each of the delegates from the W.A. addressed the Board, and contributed very materially to the discussion. It was agreed to ask the Primate to appoint a committee of the Board to consult with the Woman's Auxiliary and endeavour to devise a plan whereby the aim suggested in the communication of that organization might be carried into effect. Other matters brought before the Board in the report of the Executive Committee were: the sending of a deputation to Dioceses of MacKenzie River and Yukon; work among Jews in Canada; recruits and candidates for the foreign field; and the offer of a grant of at least \$5,000 from the men of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, in building and equipping a hospital in Honan, China; and the transfer of property from the C.M.S. to the M.S.C.C. in the district of Kangra, India. The General Secretary was authorized to visit those portions of Western Canada that are filling up most rapidly during the coming summer. The Primate was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate and consider the whole question of work among the Jews in the Dominion of Canada, and to formulate and present a scheme

Home and Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

NEWFOUNDLAND.

L. L. Jones, D.D., Bishop, St. John's, Newfoundland.

St. John's.—St. John the Baptist Cathedral.—The members of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class lately presented Rev. James Bell, the senior curate and Mrs. Bell, with an illuminated farewell address and a gift in the shape of a purse of gold, on the occasion of their leaving St. John's to take up work elsewhere. The reverend gentleman acknowledged the presentations in a few well-chosen words.

NOVA SCOTIA.

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

Dartmouth.—Christ Church.—A mission hall of sufficient size to meet the needs of the church people of North Dartmouth for some time to come, is to be built, work on which will proceed very shortly. This was the unanimous decision reached at a recent meeting of parishioners of Christ Church. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one. Many of those present participated in the discussion, following the remarks of the chairman. A committee of five consisting of Mr. Foote, Robert Stanford, H. D. Romans, and C. W. Waterfield was appointed to work in conjunction with the Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, the Rev.

C. W. Vernon and the two wardens. This committee will look after the details in connection with the building operations. Plans and specifications will be called for at once and tenders for the work asked. The plans will provide for apartments where the members may hold social entertainments to enable them to raise funds to assist in defraying the expenses incurred, in its construction, as well as its maintenance. To Mr. Weir, lay assistant, to the Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, who conducts the services at North Dartmouth, is due in large measure the decision to build. Some two years ago, Mr. Weir placed the matter before the people. The scheme was considered a good one and since then every effort to carry the project to a successful conclusion has been made. It is understood that the Consumers' Cordage Company is to enlarge its plant and by so doing will require a large number of workmen. The company has greatly assisted the Anglican Church members in securing this proposed mission hall. Some time ago they gave them a free site.

FREDERICTON.

John Andrew Richardson, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

Newcastle and Nelson.—The Bishop visited St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, on Sunday evening, April 14th and confirmed nineteen (19) persons which makes a total of seventy-one (71) confirmed within the past eleven months. On the following morning the Bishop proceeded to St. Mark's, Nelson, for the consecration of a new burial ground recently given to the church by Miss Vye, a former parishioner. On Easter Sunday the communicants in this parish numbered one hundred and four (104).

QUEBEC.

Andrew H. Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec, P.Q.

Stanstead.—Christ Church.—Wardens, H. G. Duncalf, W. R. Cowens. A very satisfactory financial report was presented.

Sydenham.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, R. R. Beard, W. T. Shaw; delegate to Synod, J. H. Moore.

East Angus.—Christ Church.—Wardens, F. A. Little, R. J. Mills.

Windsor Mills.—St. George's.—Wardens, J. Stuart, N. H. Slack; delegate to Synod, N. H. Slack. The financial report was an encouraging one.

MONTREAL.

John Craig Farthing, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

Montreal.—Church of the Ascension.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd April, the Rev. J. L. Flanagan, the rector, presiding. Wardens, W. E. Sullivan, J. E. Loiselle; delegates to Synod, Mr. A. B. Caswell, Dr. McKechnie; receipts, \$5,550. A substantial balance was left over after all liabilities had been met.

Stanbridge East.—St. James'.—Wardens, E. C. Knight, J. Perry; delegates to Synod, C. S. Moore, E. H. Baker. A very satisfactory financial report was presented.

Waterloo.—St. John's.—Wardens Dr. King, M.D. and Mr. R. I. Walsh. During the past year Mrs. George Mills presented this church with a handsome chalice.

Noyan.—St. Thomas'.—Wardens, Mr. C. Derick, W. J. Mosher; delegates to Synod, N. E. Derick, W. Hudson.

Bondville.—Church of The Good Shepherd.—Wardens, J. R. Gilliman, W. M. Hillhouse; delegates to Synod, C. P. Hunter, W. M. Hillhouse. It is proposed to build a new rectory in the near future.

Ormstown.—St. James'.—Wardens, A. T. Parkinson, W. T. Rice; delegates to Synod, J. McGenigle, W. E. Morgan. All reports presented were satisfactory.

Dunham.—All Saints'.—Wardens, A. W. Watson, H. H. Lewis; delegates to Synod, J. S. Baker, E. N. Brown; substitute, J. L. Gilbert. Satisfactory reports were presented at this meeting.

St. Jude's.—At the annual vestry meeting of this church, held on April 8, the names of the Rev. J. J. Willis and the Rev. R. L. Carson were submitted to Bishop Farthing for the rectorship, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of the Rev. Canon Dixon. The appointment of Mr. Willis has now been definitely confirmed by the Bishop, and the new rector will assume office on the first Sunday in June. The Rev. Mr. Willis has for some years acted as assistant to Bishop Farthing, and has been very energetic and successful in the church extension work of the diocese. Another appointment just made by Bishop Farthing is that of the Rev. O. Edkins to the rectorship of Aylwin, Gatineau River.

St. John's.—St. James'.—Two memorial gifts have been presented to this church during the past year, viz., a solid silver Communion Service from Mr. Henderson Black, in memory of his late mother, and a very handsome brass cross for the altar from Mrs. Charles Price Green and her sons in memory of her husband and their father, the late Charles Price Green, B.A., a former lay reader in the church and a prominent citizen of this place.

South Stukeley. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen was brought here for baptism recently, the Rev. F. C. Ireland performing the ceremony. The name given was Wilfrid Johnson. This child is the youngest one of five living generations. A photograph has lately been taken of the group, the eldest one in the advanced eighties, the youngest one about two months old. They are all relatives of the several Knowlton families, who reside in South Stukeley.

ONTARIO.

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

Trenton.—St. George's.—Wardens A. T. Hicks, T. F. Rixon; delegates to Synod, W. Booth for one year, Dr. Farncourt for two years, R. H. Spencer for three years; receipts for general fund, \$1,849.76; receipts for mission giving, \$372.90; receipts, parochial guild, \$368.47; total, \$2,591.13. Total expenses, general, \$1,817.81; balance on hand, \$35.83; mission funds, \$369.02; parochial fund, \$236.37; cash on hand, \$132.10; total, \$2,591.13.

Edwardsburg.—Hearty services and good congregations marked Easter Day in this parish. At St. Paul's, Cardinal, there were 20 communicants at the early celebration and 37 at midday. The church was very prettily decorated, and the music under Mrs. H. Brindle, particularly bright. At the vestry meeting there was shown a balance on general account of \$31 and on stipend \$283. E. J. Warrington and Henry Armstrong were appointed wardens, H. Brindle, vestry clerk and lay delegate.

At the vestry of St. James', Crystal Rock, G. Wallace and G. Burchill were appointed wardens. At St. Matthew's, Shanly, W. Wallace and Edward Armstrong are the wardens.

Brockville.—St. Peter's.—The annual vestry meeting was held on the 15th ult., and it was very largely attended. Wardens, Dr. Bowie, Mr. Baynes Reed. The latter gentleman was elected to fill the people's wardenship. His Honour, Judge McDonald, by his own wish, retiring after a continuous service in this position of eleven years. The Judge was re-elected lay delegate to the Synod for a period of three years. The reports presented were all of a very satisfactory character showing that the past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the parish. Total receipts, \$5,300 for ordinary purposes, and a further sum of \$1,200 for missionary and diocesan funds. All indebtedness has been wiped off and a small balance is left on hand.

Trinity.—On Sunday evening, April 15th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation service in this church, when 21 candidates were presented to him for the Apostolic rite, one of whom came from the parish of St. Peter's. The Rev. F. Deeltry Woodcock read the prayers, His Honour Judge McDonald, the Chancellor of the Diocese, read the lessons, and the Bishop

preached. His Lordship also dedicated at this service a handsome font cover, presented by Mrs. Thomas Curry, of Montreal, in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Samuel Barber, who had been a life-long member of the church. The cover was manufactured by the well-known firm of Messrs. Birks & Sons, of Montreal.

Belleville.—St. John's.—At an adjourned vestry meeting of this church which was held on the 22nd April, the wardens protested against the action of Bishop Mills, in which he expressed his determination to close the church. By a narrow majority a resolution protesting to the Diocesan Synod against the Bishop's action was defeated. The church and site will be disposed of.

Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening the 22nd April. Wardens, J. L. Tickell, R. A. Backus; delegate to Synod, W. Alford; receipts, \$4,500. All the reports presented at the meeting were very satisfactory.

St. John's.—On Sunday, April 15th, the congregations at this church at both of the services were unusually large, as it was anticipated that they might be the final services to be held in the church. The Rev. R. S. Forneri, the rector of St. Luke's, Kingston, and the first rector of this church, which was opened for divine service on Sunday, Nov. 12th, 1876, officiated both morning and evening, and in the course of his sermons, both morning and evening, he referred in most feeling terms to the Rev. Canon Bogert who, for the past thirty years, has been the rector of the church. The Rev. Canon Bogert, who was present in the evening, was visibly much affected, and he also spoke shortly in the kindest terms of his predecessor, the Rev. R. S. Forneri, with whom he had been on terms of the closest friendship for the past half century.

Kingston.—St. George's Cathedral.—At the annual convocation of Queen's University, which took place on the 24th April, the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred, amongst others, upon the Very Rev. E. J. Bidwell, the Dean of Ontario.

St. George's Cathedral.—The floor of the Lady Chapel in this Cathedral has been stained and the chapel seated with suitable chairs. It is expected that the new reredos will be erected shortly.

Oxford Mills.—A public farewell was taken of the Rev. W. G. Swayne and Mrs. Swayne recently by the parishioners in the Town Hall. The rector of Kemptville brought greetings from the sister parish. After a pleasing musical programme had been performed, Mr. G. Ross Ferguson then arose on behalf of L.O.L. No. 72, Oxford Mills, to read a complimentary address to Mr. Swayne, as their retiring Master. Mr. Robert Lindsay made the accompanying presentation of a gold-headed cane, inscribed as follows: "To Rev. W. G. Swayne, L.S.T., W.M. of L.O.L., No. 72, Oxford Mills, April 8th, 1912." Miss M. V. Davis next read a beautifully worded address to Mrs. Swayne, from the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, on behalf of whom Mrs. Todd presented Mrs. Swayne with a well-filled purse. Then on behalf of the Anglican congregation of Oxford Mills and Acton's Corners, the wardens (Messrs. Beckett, Christie, Lewis and Scott), made formal farewell. Mr. H. E. Christie read the address and Mr. Wm. Beckett made the presentation of a purse of money. Mr. Jas. A. Sanderson, as executive head of the municipality then made his closing remarks of appreciation and farewell. The retiring rector and Mrs. Swayne were visibly affected by these expressions of esteem and affection, but found fitting words of thanks in reply. The mixed congregation joined hands in "Auld Lang Syne." Then the National Anthem was sung and the gathering broke up. The rector and his family left next day for their new home in Athens.

Cananoque.—Christ Church.—The Rev. Walter Cox, the newly-appointed rector of this church, was born in the city of Birmingham, England, and was educated at King Edward School in that city. He received his theological training at St. Paul's College, Burgh. Mr. Cox was brought up a Quaker, but subsequently became a member of the historic Church of the English speaking people. For five years he was engaged as a lay missionary in the Diocese of Winchester under the present Archbishop of Can-

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Madoc with Queensborough.—Week-day services were held in St. John the Baptist's Church during Lent with congregations in excess of last year. Wet weather and bad roads interfered with the attendance on Easter Day. The church, however, presented a bright appearance, Easter lilies and other flowers being tastefully arranged at the altar by ladies of the Guild, while the offerings of the congregation considerably exceeded last year's. Vestry meetings were held on Monday in Easter week at Madoc, and on Wednesday at Queensborough. Messrs. Gottle and Tufts were re-elected wardens at the former, and W. H. Wilkinson and James Moore at the latter place. The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church gave a tea in Easter week at which a sum of \$30 was realized. The half-yearly meeting of the Hastings Deanery will (D.V.) be held at Madoc next month. The church in this parish has sustained severe losses during the past year, notably by the decease of W. H. Hungerford, Esq., M.E., a life-long member of the Anglican communion, and well known as a consistent and liberal supporter. The vestry of St. John's Church at its annual meeting passed a resolution of condolence and sympathy with his widow. Two families of Wiggins, life-long residents of Queensborough and members of the church, recently left the parish for the West.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Archbishop, Ottawa.

Navan.—The Rev. Geo. J. Bousfield, B.A., incumbent of this parish, has been unanimously invited by the vestry of the pro-Cathedral of the Redeemer, Calgary, Alta., to take up the work of second assistant priest in the Cathedral parish. Mr. Bousfield expects to leave for his new sphere of work about the end of May.

TORONTO.

James Fielding Sweeny, D.D., Bishop. William Day Reeve, D.D., Toronto.

Toronto.—St. Anne's.—The Men's Association of this church, the largest of its kind in Canada, elected officers on Monday evening, the 22nd April, as follows:—Patrons, Bishop Sweeny and Mr. R. H. Coleman; Honorary President, Rev. L. E. Skey; Honorary Vice-presidents, Rev. F. Saywell, Rev. F. A. Bracken, Mr. Edward Hawes, Mr. J. E. Featherstonhaugh; President, Mr. E. F. Hitchman; First Vice-president, Mr. H. Mumford; Second Vice-president, Mr. W. J. Sykes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. Isell; Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. E. Sawtell; Executive Committee, Messrs. Moon, Tolley, King, St. John, Jackson, Harris, Rogers, Sanson, Corner and Bird. Reception Committee, Messrs. Spencer, Lowery, Harriston, Gorbell-Lynn, Abraham Norton, A. W. Smith, Stanbury, McCurdy. Musical, Messrs. Miller, Cave and Reinhold. The President, Mr. Hitchman, was presented with a gold watch. St. Paul's Methodist Association paid a fraternal visit.

St. Mary the Virgin.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the 23rd April, and at this meeting something over \$2,000 was subscribed within twenty minutes by the members who attended the meeting, to go towards the building of a new church building. This amount brings the total subscription towards that end up to \$6,500. The resolution which was passed at the meeting on Easter Monday to build the new church on the property adjoining the present premises was rescinded, and it was decided to sell or lease the property on the corner of Bloor and Delaware Avenue. A new site for the church has not yet been selected. Mr. A. M. M. Kirkpatrick was elected rector's

warden, and Mr. S. T. Sheppard people's warden. The Rev. Anthony Hart, rector, presided. The Right Rev. Dr. Courtenay gave an address to the members of the Ministerial Association in Association Hall on Monday last at midday on the subject of "Christian Unity and Union." He left the same afternoon for New York.

The Right Rev. Dr. Courtenay preached the University sermon in Convocation Hall on Sunday morning last.

St. Luke's.—The Right Rev. Bishop Courtenay, the present rector of St. James', New York, and previous to that for a number of years the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, preached a most eloquent sermon in this church last Sunday evening in the presence of a large congregation.

Church of the Redeemer.—The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Septimus Jones celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding day on Sunday last, April 28th, and on the following day both in the afternoon and evening they were "At Home" to their friends, a very large number of whom took the opportunity of calling upon the venerable couple who were the recipients of very many most hearty congratulations throughout the day.

St. George's.—The Right Rev. Dr. Reeve gave an interesting address to the members of the Men's Club of this church on Monday evening, April 22nd, on the subject of missionary work in the Diocese of Mackenzie River.

Trinity College.—The first session of the society ended on April 1st. All through it has been most successful. The attendance has been good and the essays and speaking have been of a very high standard. We hope that the Society will progress until it becomes one of the features of Church life in Toronto where clergy of "all sorts and conditions" can meet and discuss the vital questions of the day. The prizes offered by the Society have been awarded as follows:—"Boyle" prize (for best essay read before the Society), Mr. F. W. Collolon; 1st prize for prepared speech, Mr. C. Paterson-Smyth; 2nd prize for prepared speech, Mr. G. F. Kingston; prize for speech from floor of the House, Mr. P. H. Streeter.

St. David's.—This church, which is situated on Englewood Avenue, has now an independent status as a congregation in the Anglican communion of Toronto. On Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., the Rev. H. A. Bracken, M.A., was inducted as the first rector of the new parish by the Right Rev. Dr. Reeve, the Assistant Bishop of Toronto. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Bushell, rector of the parish of St. Clement, Leslieville, of which St. David's had been a Mission since it was started in 1906. There was a large congregation.

Wycliffe College.—The annual commencement was held in the Convocation Hall of this college on Thursday evening the 25th April, and it was very numerously attended. Dr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., was in the chair. Mr. F. C. Jarvis, the treasurer, announced that the college authorities desired to round out the endowment of Wycliffe to an even \$500,000, to do which would call for \$170,000. Rev. Dr. T. R. O'Meara, principal, spoke of the year's work and Ven.

Archdeacon Cody presented the graduating class, composed of the following: Messrs. L. C. Banks, J. Lyman Cotton, B.A., C. O. Pherrill, B.A., W. A. Earp, B.A., Rev. W. G. Wakefield, G. R. Bracken, B.A., L. A. Dixon, B.A., J. A. Shirley, B.A., W. J. H. Petter, E. Morris, W. S. A. Larter, H. H. Greene, Frank S. Ford, C. S. Ferguson, B.A., and W. Ellis, M.A. The Chapman memorial medals were presented to the successful contestants in reading; Mr. C. S. Swanson being awarded the gold medal and Messrs. G. W. Tebbs and J. Davies the silver medals. Mr. H. H. Wallace was awarded the silver cup for the cross-country run. The Hon. S. H. Blake made an interesting and a telling speech in the course of which he mentioned that one-half of one per cent.—or four millions among eight hundred millions—is the proportion of the Christian converts to the heathen population of China, India and Japan, according to the latest statistics, and 5 per cent., or ten out of the 200 Wycliffe graduates, are in the foreign mission field. These facts were brought out by Mr. Blake in contradiction to the criticism made a few minutes before by the Hon. W. H. Hoyle, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, on the subject of the sending of men to the foreign field when it did not seem possible to get enough men to supply the country churches in Canada. After Mr. Blake's address Dr. Hoyle called for a few moments' silent prayer and asked the Rev. Canon H. C. Dixon to close with prayer. The audience, which crowded the Convocation Hall, was then invited to repair to the new chapel to inspect it and to view a new painting just hung there. It is by the famous Norwegian, Exel Ender, and is a portrayal of the Resurrection. The original is said to be one of the greatest paintings in Europe, and this is a replica, by the artist himself, done specially for Wycliffe College and presented by a friend.

The Rev. Dr. Griffith Thomas and Mrs. Thomas are now on their way to England where they will spend a four months' vacation, and the Rev. Canon O'Meara, the principal of the college, accompanied by one of his daughters, left this city on Friday last for New York en route to the Mediterranean Sea. Dr. O'Meara will also be absent from Toronto for a period of four months.

Prayer Book Revision.—At a meeting of the Business Committee in regard to the contract with the Cambridge Press for the printing of the proposed Canadian Prayer Book, the secretary, Mr. Matthew Wilson, K.C., presented the agreement for a working arrangement between the Oxford Press and the Cambridge Press in regard to printing both the Hymn Book and the Prayer Book; and the interested parties thanked the Business Committee for their mediation between the two great printing establishments whereby an arrangement for interchange of printed sheets between them was made possible. The terms of the printing agreements are now finally settled and all difficulties overcome and matters made satisfactory to all parties.

Peterborough.—St. John's.—At the Sunday morning service the rector, instead of a sermon, read an encouraging report of the work accomplished during the past year. Reference was especially made to the successful efforts of the Men's Association within the parish, and to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which had greatly stimulated interest in Missions. Afterwards a list of 30 members of the congregation who had died during the year was solemnly read, the congregation standing, after which the hymn "On the Resurrection Morning" was sung, and the prayer for the Church militant was said.

Peterborough.—St. John's.—A strikingly impressive memorial service for the passengers and crew of the S.S. Titanic was held in this church on the evening of the 21st April. The Peterborough Examiner says the church presented the appearance of a besieged city, only a portion of the great crowd gaining admission. The Sons of England and St. George's Society attended, and two "Dead Marches" were played by the Regimental Band. The service taken was that for the "Burial of those at Sea," with additions, the rector explaining that as their fellow-Christians were denied the privilege of burial at the time of the disaster, they were now assisting to give it. The sermon was from the text "Ye shall die like men and fall like one of the princes." Canon Davidson pleaded for the cultivation of duty, self-sacrifice, and courage as part of our British heritage and mission, which also acted



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as a national instinct prompting Britons naturally to protect and care for the weak. The choir of St. George had not been out of order for months. The interest and feeling evidenced throughout the service was intense and the effect thrilling, especially during the hymns, the "Dead March," and at the recital of the solemn words commending the bodies of the dead "to the deep" and their souls to God. The pulpit was draped with the national flag and appropriate hymn-tunes were played on the chimes.

Chester.—St. Barnabas.—At a farewell social gathering on Friday evening last the congregation of this church presented the Rev. Frank Vipond, the retiring rector, with a purse of gold and an illuminated address, expressing their personal loss at the termination of his ministrations amongst them and that it should have been occasioned by the necessity for rest after the exhausting and ceaseless effort required to bring to completion the beautiful church in which they now worship. During the years of his rectorship there had been many changes, but always one broad, unbroken path of progress. Mr. A. Parker, the people's warden, presided, and the address was read by Mr. James Armstrong, the rector's warden. The rector thanked them, and referred to the faithful band of workers whose loyalty and spirit of self-sacrifice, he said, had never been surpassed, and to whom was largely due the extension of the Church of England in North Riverdale. The Men's Social Union, the Young People's Society and the Woman's Auxiliary presented a study table and chair, a clock and an easy chair. Photographs of the chair and Cricket Club were also given.

Lakefield.—St. John the Baptist.—The reports presented at the vestry meetings were very satisfactory, and declared to be the best in the history of the parish. The assessments have been practically met for the first time. The stipend of the rector, the Rev. H. A. Ben-Oziel, was increased \$100 by a unanimous vote. The highest appreciation was expressed for the faithfulness of the organist, Miss Atwood, and her salary was increased by two-thirds. The improved singing of the choir was highly commended. The wardens, Messrs. E. Rolleston Tate and Wm. M. Graham, were re-instated, and O. A. Langley, B. C. L., H. G. Fitzgerald and J. M. Biggott were elected delegates to Synod.

NIAGARA.

W. R. Clark, M.A., Bishop, Hamilton, Ont.

Hamilton.—St. Mark's.—The Archbishop of Ottawa celebrated the Holy Communion and preached at the 11 o'clock service at this church on Sunday, the 21st April. He also preached in the evening at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The Archbishop's visits are greatly appreciated in this diocese, where he is still lovingly remembered as their sometime Bishop until his translation to the See of Ottawa.

Jarvis.—The Rev. J. H. Ross, rector of Chipewewa, has been appointed rector of this parish.

HURON.

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

St. Thomas.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting took place on Wednesday evening, the 24th April, the rector presiding. The auditors' report was submitted by Mr. A. Sutherland and everything was shown to be in satisfactory order. The sum of \$3,785.62 had been raised by the various organizations of the Church during the past year. It was decided to have the various reports printed and circulated among the congregation. The arrangements for the anniversary supper were left in the hands of the Ladies' Aid Society, and the date on which it is to be held will be published in due course. The rector will arrange for eminent speakers for the occasion, among whom will be Canon Tucker, of London.

Trinity.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 22nd ult. All reports presented were of a satisfactory character. The salary of the curate, the Rev. H. P. Westgate, was increased from \$800 to \$1,000, and the allowance of the janitor, Mr. Yeo, was increased by \$25 annually.

Wingham.—St. Paul's. After twenty-nine and a half years of continuous service as organist of this church, Miss Houghton has resigned on account of illness. We believe for length of time, efficiency of service and faithfulness in the discharge of her duties, her record is unsurpassed in the diocese or even in Canada. During all that time she has been teacher of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, and has the unique experience of having missed but one session of the Sunday School in over twenty-nine years, except when on her vacation. In all the departments of Church activity she has always taken a leading part, and for many years has had complete charge of the Christmas entertainment, and been the convener of the A.Y.P.A. programme committee. At Eastertide the A.Y.P.A. presented her with an address and purse of gold, the proceeds of a concert gotten up for the special purpose. At the annual vestry meeting a resolution was passed by a standing vote expressing deep regret at her resignation, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a suitable testimonial to her faithful and efficient services in the past.

Calit.—Trinity.—The adjourned vestry meeting which was held on the 22nd ult., showed that the total receipts from all sources for the year were \$8,502.17, the largest in the history of the parish. \$3,500 of this was given in response to the first call towards the new Parish Hall. The new wardens are: Messrs. J. H. Hancock, and William Baird, who enter upon the year and most encouraging auspices. Kindly reference and a most hearty God-speed were given to Canon Ridley, the rector, who leaves on a well-earned holiday trip for England on Tuesday, May 7th.

Ingersoll.—St. James'.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 22nd, when the financial report, which proved to be most satisfactory, was presented. A pleasing feature of the meeting was that by a unanimous vote the stipend of the rector, the Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, was increased by the sum of \$200 annually.

Strathroy.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., when the reports of the different societies were received and ordered to be printed. James Saffier and W. M. Manigault were appointed substitute lay delegates to the Synod of Huron.

St. John's.—"Vested" choirs are becoming the real thing in Strathroy churches. And why not? Any one who has attended St. John's Church lately must surely have noticed the quiet dignity the white vestments lent to the services. Where before was a medley of colours and a distraction of shapes, and sizes, plumes and flowers, there is now a quietness such as is fitting should reign when man approaches the All-Powerful. "Forms, forms, forms!" may be continually cried down, but it is forms on which the whole world of religion and business is based. And they are not empty forms for merely garish show, either—"Strathroy Age."

Tara.—Christ Church.—The Easter services were continued on Sunday, April 14th, and were well attended. The postponed annual vestry was held on Monday, April 15th, a goodly number being present. The following business was transacted: Rector's warden, Andrew Trelford; people's warden, George Trelford; vestry clerk, John Brunton; lay delegate, W. Whitworth; treasurer, D. A. Paine. The rector named the above officers and J. White as members of the select vestry; J. Wolfe, Thos. Morran, W. Brunton, W. Trelford, H. Cooke, and Arthur Lee were duly elected. Thos. Morran was elected substitute lay delegate. Sidesmen, D. A. Paine, Stanley Griffin, W. Whitworth, and R. Fenton; choir sidesman, Linton Brunton. An annual increase of \$50 was voted to the rector's salary. It was decided to install a new lighting system in the church as soon as possible. A committee was elected, with Mrs. Cooke as chairman and convener, to take the necessary steps in preparation for a garden party on June 18th. The financial report for the year was most satisfactory. Messrs. John Brunton and D. A. Paine were appointed auditors.

St. Stephen's.—The annual vestry was held in Arkwright Town Hall on Thursday, April 25th. Wardens, Thos. Tippin (rector's), and Henry Lowes, lay; delegates, Jacob Lowes; vestry clerk, Geo. Langstaff; select vestry, T. Tippin, H. Lowes, J. Lowes, Geo. Langstaff, W. Lambert, C. Middleton, Isaac Morrow; sidesmen, W. Cann, Albert Bvers. Since holding the services in Arkwright, the attendance and offertory have both

increased, and the financial statement for the year showed a balance of \$30 in hand, with about \$10 more to come in. It was decided to canvass the members for subscriptions towards building a new church in Arkwright, and to take any other steps that might be found necessary. Mrs. T. Tippin was appointed to form a committee to prepare for a garden party on her grounds on June 25th.

Ingersoll.—St. James'.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has approved of the election of the Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, the rector of this church, as the Rural Dean of the County of Oxford. Mr. Perkins was elected to this office by his brother clergy of the Rural Deanery. It is nearly 35 years since a rector of this church has been elected to this position.

Dutton.—The new rector of this parish, the Rev. R. J. Murphy, and his wife, on leaving their last parish (Thamesford) received many tokens of affection and esteem. Thamesford and Crumlin each presented a purse of money amounting to \$500.00. The Masonic lodge presented a gold fob and chain, the Orange lodge presented a gold fountain pen and a Royal Arch purple gold pin. The Women's Institute and their friends gave Mrs. Murphy a Persian lamb stole (value \$30.00), and the Woman's Auxiliary a dozen valuable dinner knives. In each case appreciative addresses were presented. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy carry with them the hearty goodwill and affectionate esteem of a large number of friends to their new field of labour and we bespeak the same kindly and warm-hearted loyalty to them in their new parish.

Clencoe.—Not long ago this parish wiped out a debt of 17 years' standing and the beautiful and commodious church was consecrated at a hearty service. The rector, the Rev. C. H. P. Owen, has called a special meeting of the vestry to consider the building of a rectory, which now seems not far off. Mr. Owen has a good record as a builder, having built the splendid rectory at Creemore, the new church at St. Helen's, and enlarged and beautified the Hamburg church, and left a substantial fund for a new rectory there.

Wyoming.—On Monday morning, 15th April, this community was startled by the terrible accident that befell the Rev. John M. Gunne, rector of Wyoming, Camlachie, and Wanstead. The reverend gentleman was instantly killed by the discharge of a double-barrelled gun. On Thursday, 18th April, the remains were interred at Wyoming Cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of clergy and laity from near and far. The Revs. W. T. Hill (Petrohia), S. P. Irwin (Watford), S. F. Robinson (Strathroy), T. B. Clarke (All Saints, London), F. G. Newton (Sarnia), V. M. Durnford (Hyde Park), A. H. Rhodes (Point Edward), and Mark Turnbull, were the bearers to and from the church and to the cemetery. Long before the hour of service the church was packed to its utmost capacity, many standing all through the service and address. At 3 p.m. Canon Davis, of Sarnia, (who had previously conducted a service for the relatives at the rectory), read the words of the Processional Anthems, which were followed by the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" by the great congregation. Psalms 39 and 90 were read by the Rev. Rural Dean Robinson, and Canon Craig (London), respectively. The reading of 1 Cor. 15, was assigned to the Venerable Archdeacon Richardson (London), who read in his usual impressive manner. After the Lesson, hymn, "My God, My Father, While I Stray" was sung by those who could sing, for many were too overcome by emotion, which was generally visible and audible. These tokens added to the bank of beautiful floral designs in wreaths, crosses, etc., bore eloquent testimony to the deep regard and high esteem in which the suddenly removed rector and friend was held by all gathered there. Canon Davis evidently struggling to control his grief, paid a noble tribute to his friend of more than 30 years. "For 26 years," said the Canon, "we were neighbours in our Lord's vineyard, engaged in contiguous parishes. We had often helped one another. Rev. John Gunne was one of the most optimistic men I've ever met—always looking on the sunny side, always of a buoyant, cheerful and happy spirit. Born and bred in this County of Lambton, where he had been in charge of the only two parishes he served since his ordination. More than 30 years ago, he was known by every person throughout the county and loved by every one—no one harboured an unkind thought of him. His feet were swift wherever

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there was distress to be alleviated; his hands always extended in benevolence to the needy; his tongue quick to express sympathy and kindness to the sorrowing, and encouragement to the desponding. You have, for a while, lost a faithful pastor, and a bright, warm-hearted friend, but remember his kindness of heart, buoyancy of spirit, goodness and kindness when in your midst, and let those speak eloquence in the future to induce you to follow his footsteps in so far as he followed the steps of Christ." At the cemetery, the "Committal" was said by Canon Davis, and the "Benediction" by Venerable Archdeacon Richardson.

Elsmere.—The Redeemer.—Owing to the heavy rain, only the rector and wardens were present at the vestry meeting on Monday, April 22nd. Consequently no business of importance was transacted.

Blyth.—Mrs. Thompson, née Miss Elizabeth H. Tanner, who had relatives residing in this place, and wife of Dr. L. H. Thompson, of Attica, Indiana, died yesterday morning, about nine o'clock, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Lafayette, to which place she had gone two weeks before to take treatment for heart trouble. Last Saturday Mrs. Thompson contracted a cold and the day following pneumonia developed. She continually grew worse until the end came. Her daughter, Miss Marie, had been at her bedside almost all the time since Monday morning. Her two sons, Jack and Louis, of Duluth, Wis., reached Lafayette shortly after noon yesterday, and the three children accompanied the remains to this city yesterday afternoon. The arrangements for the funeral had not been perfected at the time of going to press, but it will probably be held tomorrow afternoon from the Thompson home on East Monroe Street. Mrs. Thompson was about 50 years old and was born in Watford, Canada. After her marriage to Dr. Thompson they moved to Danville, Ill., coming to Attica from the latter city about 18 years ago. Mrs. Thompson was a woman of good education and refinement. She loved her home and her family, and there is where her chief interest centred. That she succeeded as a home builder all will agree. Mrs. Thompson was an active participant in the Mothers' Meetings and did much towards making these meetings interesting and helpful to others. Mrs. Thompson will not only be missed in the home but in the community as well. She is survived by a husband and the following children: Jack and Louis of Duluth, Wis.; Misses Helen and Marie, Charles and Paul, yet at the parental home. The following is a tribute to the late Mrs. L. H. Thompson, which was written by a resident of Attica: "Mrs. Thompson lived in this community so long and so well, that when we come to speak words of eulogy, our effort seems feeble; for no work of eulogy can add luster to the good name she has left. She has reared a monument more stately than marble or granite, in the impress of her character which is stamped on the hearts of her friends and loved ones. She was a woman of high ideals and the baser things held no attraction for her; her life was centred in devotion to her family and yet the influence of her living spread far beyond the borders of the home she loved. Her conception of life was that of a steward working at a God given task; the thought that God had a plan for her to work out, was the dynamic that led her to great achievement as a wife and mother, and the sons and daughters and husband to whom she ministered and for whom she lived, will rise up and call her blessed, when they remember her devotion, her love and her sacrifices made for them. In the training of her children for lives of usefulness, Mrs. Thompson laid the foundation broad and deep; she was a Christian mother who taught her sons and daughters the principles of a religious life, and for her children she sought first, the Kingdom of God and righteousness. She was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Church, and her children were taught to love "the habitation of God's House." Her broad mindedness and her love for the Kingdom of God led her to look upon her friends of other denominations as brothers and sisters in Christ; when she was deprived of the privilege of worship in her own church she willingly cast her lot with the worshippers of other churches. When she was needed to do something for the Kingdom of God she was ready to go any where that seemed to be the path of duty. And, not one, but many of the churches of this community have had her assistance and service. I found Mrs. Thompson as much interested in my work as a minister as any member of my church,

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her words to me were always words of encouragement. Mrs. Thompson stood loyally for the three great institutions which stand for morality, religion, and education, the home church and the school had no more loyal friends than Mrs. Thompson. Four children who have been graduated from the High School and another who will soon graduate, show wonderful fidelity to the intellectual training of her family. I can not speak of her devotion to her husband in sickness and health; his loss is beyond all human comprehension."

ALGOMA.

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

Sudbury.—Church of the Epiphany.—On Monday, April 8th, the annual vestry meeting was held, the Rev. Canon Boydell, the rector, presiding. Wardens, R. Dorsett, James Purvis. Receipts, \$3,119.18; disbursements, \$2,355.97. The following resolution was moved and seconded by Messrs. Jas. Purvis and R. Dorsett, and carried unanimously: "That this vestry hereby authorize the wardens to increase the rector's stipend two hundred dollars per annum, commencing April 1st, 1912, and that the increase be paid forthwith." This being the last vestry meeting held in the church, feeling references were made by Canon Boydell and the older members of the congregation, such as Messrs. Dorsett, Purvis, Dr. Arthur and others, all expressing regret at the demolition of their beloved little church, which had been the religious home of several of them for upwards of twenty years, all agreed though in sounding a hopeful note for the future, expressing the hope that a new and more spacious church would be completed by November next. Services in the meantime will be held in Victoria Hall, which has been very kindly placed at the church's disposal for use of Sunday services by Nickel Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Callander.—St. Peter's.—Vestry meeting reports showed satisfactory financial conditions despite late diminution in Church families and services. Activity in railway construction in vicinity thus enhancing property for industrial and tourist purposes, auger well for future importance of Church work. Wardens, A. Taylor and H. Jervis; sidesmen, A. Scanlin and J. Reid; vestry clerk, Wm. Litchfield.

Ravenscliffe.—St. John the Baptist.—The annual meeting of the vestry was held on April 15th at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. L. Sinclair presided. Mr. William Hopkins was re-appointed clergyman's warden; Mr. John Tipper elected people's warden; Messrs. William M. Sinclair and J. May, sidesmen; Mr. George May, vestry clerk, all re-elected. The report of the W.A. and Sunday School were encouraging and the year begins with a small balance, and the work goes on harmoniously.

Novar.—St. Mary's.—The wardens, Messrs. John Locke and Fred. Thomas retain their office of clergyman's and people's warden respectively. The Rev. L. Sinclair is in charge.

Parry Sound.—Trinity.—Wardens, E. J. Vincent, A. L. Greensides. All the reports presented were of an encouraging nature. Meeting adjourned to Tuesday the 23rd inst.

Huntsville.—All Saints'.—The dawn of Easter morning, here, as in many places, was ushered in with a steady downpour of rain. The mild weather of Good-Friday had changed and a cooler atmosphere with moisture, in the shape of rain and snow prevailed. The Easter services, however, were well attended and a large number made their Easter Communions at the 8 and 11 o'clock celebrations. For the first time, in the history of the parish, the choir of thirty-seven appeared in vestments. At the children's service in the afternoon, the junior choir were also vested. The singing of all, especially that of the well-trained fresh young voices, was much appreciated. Our thanks are hereby tendered to Mrs. Llwyd, for years of painstaking effort in this connection, together with the hearty co-operation of our bright young organist, Miss Irene May. Mrs. H. Booth, president of the Altar Society, assisted by a band of willing workers, arranged the cut flowers and potted plants with chaste effect. After the 2nd Lesson at the 11 a.m. service a handsome memorial brass was dedicated by the rector and unveiled by Mr. L. H. Ware, bearing the following inscription:—"To the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Charlewood Llwyd, the blind son of the Venerable Archdeacon Llwyd, D.C.L., who for many years occupied the position of organist in this church, most acceptably and faithfully. This organ was given as a memorial by his mother, Emma Llwyd, November 3, 1911." The brass tablet which has been placed on the wall to the right of the vestry door is an appreciation of the congregation for the gift above alluded to. Captain Thomas Llwyd, as his custom is, when at home, read the lessons at both services.

Port Carling.—St. James'.—At a well-attended meeting of the congregation held in the church at Port Carling on Easter Monday, April 8th, at 7.30 p.m., the following resolution was moved by Mr. F. D. Stubbs, seconded by Mr. R. C. Harris, and carried unanimously, viz.:—"That inasmuch as the present building of St. James' Church, Port Carling, is in bad condition and cannot be economically repaired; inasmuch also as the present site can be sold and a more suitable one purchased at less cost; This meeting desires permission from the Bishop and Executive Committee of the diocese to sell the present site forthwith and to build a new church when sufficient funds are in hand." The same resolution was officially passed by the vestry later in the week. At the public meeting on Easter Monday a Ladies' Auxiliary Building Committee was chosen to help the Vestry Building Committee. The Ladies' Committee consisted of Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Sutton, and Mrs. Holland, with power to add to their number. Tentative plans are already under consideration, and when preliminary matters have been arranged it is hoped to at least lay the foundation during the coming summer, as considerable funds are already in hand, the outcome of the efforts of the Ladies' Guild during the past seven years.

Aspdin.—St. Mary's.—On Wednesday, April 10th, 1912, Mr. James Gordon Clarke and Miss Kathleen Edith Lawrence were united in the holy state of matrimony by the Rev. Lawrence Sinclair. The bridesmaid was Miss Jean John Lawrence, the second maid Miss Edna Clarke. The groomsmen were Captain William James Lalor, and the second Mr. Percy Lawrence. Miss Lawrence presided at the organ. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. L. Percy Lawrence.

North Bay.—The Easter vestry meeting of the Mission of St. Simon's met on the 10th. Since its recent organization encouraging support has been received, and it feels hopeful of gradually reducing the mortgage and also contributing \$50 per annum to the support of the assistant in the parish. The wardens for the ensuing year are Messrs. Foreman and Wright, with Messrs. Legge and Johnson as sidesmen, and G. Smythe as vestry clerk.

At the Church of St. John the Divine Easter services were especially bright and successful. The number of communicants, it is judged, the largest yet, and the offerings unusually large. The services for the day, including one at the mission church of St. Simon's, amounted to six, and were all splendidly attended. On Easter Sunday night at the vestry meeting a most satisfactory report was presented showing reduction in indebtedness. Mr. A. C. Rolbeck was re-appointed rector's warden; Dr. A. E. Ranney elected people's warden;

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sidesmen were as follows:—Geo. Hutcheson, R. Tyner, W. Jones, Geo. Cocksedge, Jas. A. Smith, W. H. Hutchinson; and vestry clerk, T. J. Cracey.

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

Winnipeg.—St. Matthew's.—Wardens, J. L. Elvin, F. Watkinson; delegates to Synod, J. L. Elvin, J. J. Rooney, J. M. Hargraves. Total receipts, \$7,441.10. To the cause of foreign missions nearly \$2,000 had been given during the past year, a missionary having been supported in China, and another in India. During the meeting a Building Committee was formed to proceed at once with the arrangements for the new church building, which will be erected on the corner of Maryland Street and Livina Street. A subscription was taken up which resulted in \$5,400. It was also decided to increase the rector's salary from \$2,400 to \$2,700.

Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday night, the 22nd April, in the schoolhouse, H. Fry occupying the chair, in the absence of the rector, the Rev. Sydney Garrington Chambers, who is indisposed. Sympathy with the rector was expressed frequently during the meeting, and a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to convey to Mr. Chambers the sincere regret of his parishioners at his continued illness and their earnest hope for his speedy recovery. A motion by C. A. Flower, seconded by J. H. Carleton, was carried unanimously, raising to \$2,000 the stipend of the rector, the increase to take effect upon Mr. Chambers's resumption of his duties. The annual financial statement showed a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$61,311.39. The total expenditure during the year was \$5,468.21, most of which was for salaries and interest. The rector's annual report was received, as were also reports from the senior W.A., the Sunday School and the 18th Winnipeg Boy Scouts. All the officers were elected by acclamation, as follows:—Rector's warden, H. Fry; people's warden, J. H. Carleton; vestrymen, F. H. Agnew, H. E. Burbidge, Dr. Burnham, J. E. Coates, R. Crumpler, J. Donnelly, C. A. Flower, W. A. Follitt, R. Jacob, W. H. Stone, R. Underwood, A. White; delegates to Synod, H. Fry, J. H. Calder, C. A. Flower; auditors, John Taylor, J. E. Coates.

St. Peter's.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the parishioners of this church on the 22nd ult., with the Rev. Dr. De Mattos, presiding, it was decided unanimously to sell the site on which the church at present stands, and move to a new site. The rector appointed as his warden, W. B. Francis, and J. G. S. Pratt was re-elected by acclamation by the congregation. The following were elected as vestrymen: Messrs. Cowley, Cullerne, Guthrie, Hague, Holt, Little, Moorehouse, Paul, J. Thornton, Towle, Wade, and Vicker. Considering the fact that this church has been vacant for one year, the financial report was most encouraging, and a thoroughly optimistic spirit prevails, so that the parish begins the new financial year with splendid prospects.

Minnedosa.—St. Mark's.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, the 15th April. The reports of the various departments of the church were presented, and all were found to be in a most satisfactory condition, showing credit balances in each case. The work of every Guild of the church for the past year has made excellent progress. A substantial reduction of the church debt has been effected. The communicants on Easter Sunday, 1912, was twice the number who communicated at the same service last year. The rector and officers are confident that, with the assistance and loyal support of members and adherents, the year commencing will be a further improvement upon that just closed. As a mark of appreciation of the work of the rector, a substantial increase was made in his salary.

Brandon.—St. Matthew's.—At the annual Easter meeting of this parish the reports presented showed the most prosperous year in the history of the parish. Total receipts, \$7,300; expenditure, \$6,800; credit-balance, \$500. A resolution was passed advising the select vestry to ask for sealed tenders for the purchase of the present church property. When this has been sold the new church will be built at once. The action of Archbishop Matheson in deciding on the division of the diocese was strongly endorsed, and every co-operation will be afforded in the movement. The

following officers were elected: Churchwardens, A. R. Irwin, H. W. Ball; lay delegates, Hon. G. R. Coldwell, J. P. Curran, K.C., and Dr. Harcourt; parish clerk, R. F. Umcume; sidesmen, Messrs. White, Hamley, Robertson and Whitehead; select vestry, Messrs. Coldwell, Harcourt, Coleman, Curran, Cornell, Middleton, Percival, McDonald, Williams, Cody, Trambell and Julian. Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, K.C., member for Brandon, delivered an inspiring oration under the auspices of this church on Friday, April 10th, taking for his subject, "What we would wish Canada to be." The annual meeting of the Parish Guild was held on Wednesday, April 17th, when a revenue of \$700 was shown for the year, of which \$230 remains as a balance. This was the most successful year in the history of the Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. F. Maley; vice-president, Mrs. Reeve; secretary, Mrs. C. Cooke; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Todd; membership secretary, Mrs. J. Lisle.

Winnipeg.—The reports which were presented at the various vestry meetings were of an uniformly encouraging character showing marked progress all along the line.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, J. G. Dagg, J. C. MacNab; delegates to Synod, G. F. Carruthers, H. M. Belcher and E. D. Martin. Receipts, \$20,008; disbursements, \$8,567. The wardens' report referred to the beginning of work on the new Sunday School building and parish house, and stated that a contract had been let for the excavation work and the basement wall. Plans are being prepared for a new organ for the church, and also one for the auditorium in the school house.

All Saints.—Wardens, D. A. Clark, T. R. Whiteley; delegates to Synod, G. W. Baker, W. J. Tupper, W. M. Tupper and W. M. Crichton. Receipts, \$8,898, with disbursements about the same. Action was taken on the proposal to erect a new church. The building which has stood on Broadway for so many years, and which has been used by All Saints' congregation for more than a quarter of a century, will be taken down during the summer, and a new \$60,000 edifice erected in its place on the same site. During the period of building the congregation will meet for worship in the parish house. Three services a day will be held, at 10 and 11 in the forenoon, and at 7 in the evening. If it is found necessary, two services will also be held in the evening. A mission of help will be conducted for the congregation in October, under the direction of the Rev. Charles Hopher, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. This mission will necessarily be held in the parish house, which it is feared will be altogether too small. The report of the building committee showed that over \$16,000 was in hand for the new structure, and recommended that a contract be closed for the erection of a building at a cost of \$60,000. The King Edward settlement house reported receipts of \$2,346. A plan is being prepared to have the house taken over by the Anglican churches of the city, so that its exclusive connection with All Saints' will cease.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, J. L. Elvin, F. W. Atkinson; delegates to Synod, J. L. Elvin, J. J. Rooney, and J. M. Hargraves. The financial report was a most encouraging one. Nearly \$2,000 has been given during the past year to foreign missions by the members of this congregation who support missionaries both in India and in China. During the meeting a building committee was formed to proceed at once with the arrangements for the new church building, which will be erected on the corner of Maryland Street and Livina Street. A subscription was taken up which resulted in \$5,400. It was also decided to increase the rector's salary from \$2,400 to \$2,700.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, A. Edwards, J. E. Briggs; delegates to Synod, the two wardens and J. Gerard. The debt of this church has been entirely wiped off, and it is now planted on a sound financial basis. All the reports presented were of a satisfactory character.

St. John's.—Wardens, Sheriff Inkster, F. J. C. Cox. The question of the erection of a new cathedral was broached, and it was stated that already \$40,000 had been subscribed for this purpose, but it was decided to defer action until after the meeting of the second Synod in June, when it is hoped that the project will receive the support of that body.

St. Peter's.—The new rector of this church, the Rev. Dr. De Matteos, was given a warm welcome by the members of this congregation lately at an informal reception which took place in the schoolhouse.

The vestry meetings of St. Luke's and St. George's will be held later.

Brandon.—St. Matthew's.—The Easter services were very largely attended, and the music sounded the note of rejoicing in harmony with the great fact of the season. There were 250 communicants on Easter Day, and 300 within the octave. The Easter offering amounted to \$850, of which \$530 was contributed at the services. The Rev. W. P. Reeve, rector of the parish, was assisted at the administration of the Communion by the Rev. N. Hewitt, M.A. The death occurred on Good Friday evening of Mr. J. J. Hall, a devout Churchman and member of the vestry of this parish. The burial of this worthy member took place on Easter Monday, when there was a large attendance of parishioners and friends of the deceased. The vestry of St. Matthew's attended in a body. Mr. Hall was in his 57th year, and was one of the best known citizens of the community.

St. Mary's.—This church was packed full on the occasion of the farewell sermon of the Rev. Dr. De Matteos prior to his leaving to take up his newly-appointed work as the rector of St. Peter's, Winnipeg. The sacred edifice was far too small to accommodate all of those people who desired to be present on this occasion. During the day the offertories amounted to over \$500, which sum of money was devoted to paying off the debt on the church in full, and this was a great relief to the rector, and he took occasion to sincerely thank all of those who were present for their generosity. Dr. De Matteos chose for his text the words from Holy Writ, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

St. George's.—People's warden, P. H. Clarke. The appointment of the rector's warden was postponed.

QU'APPELLE.

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Regina.—St. Paul's.—On Sunday, April 21st, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle held his ordination in this church. Five candidates were ordained to the diaconate and one to the priesthood. The preacher was the Rev. W. B. Parrott, of White-wood. After alluding to the recent disaster to the "Titanic" he appealed to the laity to do their part in supporting the work of the ministry by providing the appropriate atmosphere in which the clergy may do their work. It was for the laity to treat their clergy as men of God and to expect them to live up to their vocation. Those ordained were the following: The Rev. H. Bucklee, vicar of Outlook, priest; the Revs. H. Hinton East (gospeller), H. E. Moxon, S. P. Reade, H. J. Allen, W. Jackson, deacons. All except the last-named are or have been students at St. Chad's Hostel, Regina. This week sees the break-up of the Hostel party. The vestry ordained leaving for their parishes, and the students for various points where the diocese has summer Missions.

Moose Jaw.—Sunday School Convention.—A very successful Convention was held in this city on April 17th and 18th. The Convention began with Evensong on April 17th, and the Holy Eucharist on April 18th. Papers were read on "The Provincial School Ordinance as it applies to the Clergy," by the Rev. E. N. Knowles, (secretary of Synod and examining chaplain), who pointed out the opportunities that lie before the clergy by virtue of this ordinance; on "The Psychology of the Child and the Lad," by the Revs. R. J. Morrice and H. A. Lewis; on "The Font Roll," by Mrs. J. H. H. Young; on "The Teacher Outside the School, (Visiting and Lesson Preparation)," by Messrs. Rothwell and Sharpe. A specially interesting item of the programme were the Model Lessons given by Miss Stevens and Mr. Barrett. It needs "nerve" of no ordinary kind to give a lesson on a public platform to children whom the teacher has never even seen before. The number of delegates attending was disappointingly small, but the Convention was very distinctly successful. A full programme was dealt with without undue haste, and yet without any annoying waste of time on trivialities. Much regret was expressed at the approaching departure of the secretary, the Rev. D. P. J. Biggs, to St. Mary's, Brandon. The success of the Convention was chiefly due to his untiring effort. The thanks of all are due to the Bishop who was present for the whole of the proceedings, opening the Convention and preaching at Evensong.

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A memorial to the late Bishop Ellis (of Aberdeen and Orkney) is to be erected in St. Paul's, York Place, Edinburgh, of which he was rector for many years.

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Miss Olivia Phelps-Stokes has given the sum of \$15,000 to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York for the purpose of erecting an out-door pulpit. This sum of money she has given in memory of her sister, Miss Caroline Phelps-Stokes.

The death took place lately in London of the Rev. A. W. Hutton, the rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. He was a well-known clergyman and was appointed to the rectory of St. Mary-le-Bow in 1903 by the present Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Rev. D. Turnbull Huntingdon D.D., and the Rev. Henry St.

George Tucker, D.D., were duly consecrated Bishops of Wuhu and Kyoto respectively on the Feast of the Annunciation. The former was consecrated at Shanghai and the latter at Kyoto.

A beautiful set of iron gates have been erected at the main entrance to St. George's Church, Deal, as a memorial to King Edward VII. Special permission was granted for the use of the Royal monogram. The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Bishop of Dover.

Miss Amy Townsend has given an endowment fund to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at New York, the income of which is to provide in perpetuity the flowers to adorn the altar in memory of her parents. The memorial flowers were used for the first time on Easter Day.

The Rev. W. L. Cadman, who for the past four years has been pastor of the Methodist congregation in Millbrook, N.Y., has withdrawn from that body and, with his wife, has received the rite of confirmation. The Bishop of New York has received him as a postulant for Holy Orders.

The Rev. Canon Denton Thompson was duly consecrated Bishop of Sodor and Man on the Feast of the Annunciation in York Minster by His Grace the Archbishop of York, assisted by no less than 14 other prelates. The Rev. G. S. Streatfield, rector of Godington, Bicester, preached the sermon, taking for his text II. Corinthians iv., 5-6.

At the congregational social meeting which was held at Crieff this year a presentation was made to the verger, Mr. David Boyd, who has held that office for 46 years. The gift took the form of a handsome silver salver bearing an inscription testifying to his "loyal and loving service," and also a purse of sovereigns. A handsome brooch was presented to Mrs. Boyd. The salver and the purse were handed to Mr. Boyd by Mr. Patrick Keith Murray, Bart., on behalf of the congregation.

Acton has lost one of its oldest inhabitants in the death of Mr. George Ilsley, of Victoria House, Bollo Bridge Road, who for over fifty years had been a ringer in St. Mary's Parish Church, and by whose kindness a set of muffers for the bells was presented to the church. They were used for the first time on December 31, 1911, to "ring the old year out," the second occasion of their use being at the time of the funeral of the deceased, when the ringer rang a muffled peal. As a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, a society of bell-ringers, the late Mr. Ilsley had taken part in bell-ringing contests in various parts of England.

On Easter Day the new porch, tower, and peal of bells in Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., were dedicated by Bishop Tuttle. The service marked the completion of the task undertaken when the first stones of the church were laid early in 1860. After great difficulties and delays, partly due to the war, the building was brought to a condition in which it could be used, but minus vestibule and tower as contemplated

in the plans. One year ago the porch and lower part of the tower, the latter set off as a baptistery, were finished and opened for use. The work then proceeded on the upper portion of the tower, including the peal of three bells hung in it. The vestibule is made, by the desire of the congregation, a memorial of James B. Gazzam, who for forty-three years, from 1866 to his death in 1909, was treasurer of the parish. The bells are in memory of Henry Clarkson Scott, a member of the Chapter and for many years a strong supporter of the parish, whose death occurred on January 14, 1911. They are given by his wife.

It is mentioned in the St. Alban's Diocesan Gazette that during the past month the foundations of an ancient, round church have been discovered at West Thurrock round the base of the (15th century) tower. It would appear that on the same site there stood a very early round church, about 31 feet in diameter, with walls 3 feet thick, mainly built with rubble, with courses of Roman brick, two of which remain. There are similar remains of an ancient round church at Ludlow. There would thus seem to have been six round churches in England, viz., in London, at Cambridge, Northampton, Little Implestead, Ludlow, and West Thurrock, two of which were in Essex. A highly interesting brass has been found at Barking on the site of the old Benedictine Abbey in perfect condition and in the original matrix of a priest in chasuble, alb, maniple and stole. The inscription (in Latin) shows it to be that of "Master Richard Malet, Bachelor in Canon Law, Chaplain of the Chantry, of Thomas Sampkyns, who died on October 20th, 1485." Close to it there was found at the same time an incised slab of Purbeck marble bearing the name of "Martinus Vicarius," and beneath it a large-sized portrait of the first recorded Vicar of Barking, A.D., 1315-1328. Such incised portraits are rare in England.

A large number of gifts and memorials have recently been furnished by the members of the congregation of St. Stephen's, Olean, N.Y. The women of the parish have made within the past several months over one hundred separate pieces of altar linen, and embroidered them with their own hands; over forty women were engaged in the work; and the result has been the making of suitable sets for all the early and later celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Besides, numerous special donations have been made of useful and necessary articles pertaining to the sacred office, and memorials of rich and varied workmanship have been presented. Among the many tokens of interest and devotion has been the placing of a new silver-toned bell in the tower of St. Stephen's, and the gift of twenty-four Hymnals in red binding for the choir, the former by St. Margaret's Chapter of the Guild, and the latter by the choirmaster, Mr. Harry Hills; also a Litany Book in red leather binding, a baptismal memorial of Roger Cameron Lutz, presented by himself. The list of donations and memorials intended for the altar services is long, but may be briefly described as comprising one set of altar linen of nineteen pieces, French embroidered and trimmed with Venetian point lace, presented by Mrs. N. V. V. Franchot; white embroidered silk brocade purse and veil, by Mrs. F. W. Higgins; a set of green damask hangings consisting of superfrontal and antependia with burse and veil, richly embroidered, together with four Bible markers, by Miss Anna Huson; purple damask burse and veil, by Mrs. G. F. Bell and Messrs. C. and T. Jebb, a memorial of Mrs. Frances Jebb, mother of the donors; red brocade burse

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Children's Department

THE ELDER TREE.

It is strange how the elder, so well known to us all, so handsome and so useful, has been in the past surrounded by cruel legends, that while it has been such a boon and blessing to thousands of homes, it should have borne such an ill name amongst the superstitious and ignorant. It speaks well, though, for the good properties of the tree, or for the common sense of many of us, that it has at last triumphed over its evil reputation and is now only remembered for its good one.

Judas Iscariot was said to have hung himself on an elder-tree, and in one great historian's time it was said the very tree was still to be seen in the Holy Land. In Scotland, the story ran that the Cross on which our Lord was crucified was made of elder, and for that reason the elder-tree has never since grown to more than a bush. But it has also been said that the Cross on which Jesus suffered was made of the wood of the aspen-tree, and that the leaves have never since ceased quivering with horror of the deed. Shakespeare speaks of Judas having hanged himself on an elder-tree. I wonder if any of my nephews and nieces can tell me where he mentions it? I know many are readers of Shakespeare.

Another proof of the tragic story is, so they say in the west of England, that the berries, which once were white and very good to eat, are now black, and the robin—the Holy Bird, as some call him, never will touch them. Human beings, I suppose, have more blunted feelings than Master Robin, for we use the berries freely for wine, and the buds for pickles, and the flowers for wines and medicines, and all manner of useful things. In fact, they say that there is no disease "from head to foot" that the elder will not heal.

It will show how foolish the old superstitions are when I tell you that in some places it is considered unlucky to bring elder into the house, yet it is supposed to protect one from storms and evil spells. Must one stand and hold it out of the window, or hang it up outside the house, I wonder! They say, too, that a fire will not burn if a bit of elder is amongst the sticks used in it. Well, that we can easily prove, cannot we?

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THE NEW NEIGHBOUR.

"Mamma," cried Louise, running in from play one day, "some one is moving into the big house."

"Is that so?" said Mamma Baker, smiling.

"Yes, and they have a little girl about my size, and I saw her sitting on the porch."

"Well, that is nice. You will have a little girl to play with now."

"Yes, but they are rich, and have such nice things, and the little girl has such a nice dress. I don't think she will want to play with me. I 'spect she's stuck-up."

"You must not say that, dear. You must not judge too soon," said mamma, gently. Mrs. Baker turned to her sewing and Louise ran out to watch the little girl at the big house.

Every day she had something to say of the new girl, but she did not like her any better than at first.

"Mamma, I just can't stand that girl," she would say. "She is so

proud of her nice dresses and pretty playthings."

"You do not know her well yet. You will like her better when you know her," her mother would say.

"No, I won't. I don't think I will ever like her."

One day, about a week later, it had had to stay indoors. But it stopped about noon, and she went out to see the pretty rainbow that spanned the western skies. Directly she came running in, carrying a pretty white kitten which was very wet.

"Oh, mamma," she cried, "look at this pretty kitty! Isn't it pretty? May I have it for my own, mamma?"

"Yes, dear, if you cannot find the owner. It may be some one's pet, you know, who wants it as much as you do."

Louise's face fell.

"I want to keep it," she pouted.

"Well, at any rate," said mamma, cheerfully, "you may keep it until it is dry, and then you had better take it to the big house. I expect it belongs to that little 'girl.'"

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and she is going to get me one, and she wants me to come to see her every day. Mamma, I will never call anyone 'stuck-up' again"—Dixie Girl.

FOR MOTHER.

He was only a mite of a boy, dirty and ragged, but he had stopped for a little while in one of the city's free playgrounds to watch a game of ball between boys of his own and a rival neighbourhood. Tatters and grime were painfully in evidence on every side, but this little fellow attracted the attention of a group of visitors, and one of them, reaching over the child's shoulder as he sat on the ground, gave him a luscious golden pear. The boy's eyes sparkled, but the eyes were the only thanks as he looked back to see from whence the gift had come, and then turned his face away again, too shy or too much astonished to speak. But from that time on his attention was divided between the game and his new treasure. He patted the pear, he looked at it, and at last, as if to assure himself that it was as delicious as it appeared, he lifted it to his lips and cautiously bit a tiny piece near the stem. Then with a long sigh of satisfaction and assurance he tucked the prize safely inside his dirty little blouse.

"Why don't you eat it, Tony?" demanded a watchful acquaintance.

"Eat it? All meself? Ain't I savin' it for me mother?"

The tone, with its mingling of resentment and loyalty, made further speech unnecessary. Whatever else Tony lacked—and it seemed to be nearly everything—he had learned humanity's loftiest lesson; he had another dearer than himself, and knew the joy of sacrifice.—Baptist Young People.

A NATURAL POET.

The father of Isaac Watts was determined that his boy should not become a poet, and when he caught him making rhymes, after tiring of remonstrating with him, he flogged him. As he applied the whip young Isaac cried out:—

"O father, do some pity take,
And another rhyme I shall never make."

This provoking the father still more, he applied the last with more severity, and young Watts cried out:—

"O my father, do spare my back from pain,
And I shall never make a rhyme again."

The father, thoroughly discouraged in his vain attempt to beat the poetry out of the boy, sent him away to school with a special request that the principal flog the boy if he caught him making rhymes. The first morning at the chapel exercise the boy Watts, looking up at the ceiling during prayers, saw a rat



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coming down the bell-rope. He laughed so loudly that the teacher, stopping in his prayer, demanded

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why he laughed. The boy tremblingly answered:—

"Well, teacher, there were no stairs,
The rat came down the rope to say his prayers."

The teacher discovered the genius of the boy, and encouraged his rhyme-making, and his hymns to this day are sung the world around.—Literary Digest.

MARTHA ANN'S SONG.

Martha Ann was out in the backyard hanging up the weekly wash of the Brown family. As she toiled she sang loud and clear a merry little song.

The grocer's boy, trudging along in the dusty street, heard it, and whistled the same tune, forgetting that the basket he held was almost too heavy for him to carry.

Mrs. Brown heard it, too. Poor Mrs. Brown! She was always at work in her stuffy little house, and always tired, but the song flew in

through the open window, and she smiled at it, because it was a careless, happy little thing; and before she knew it she was singing as she moved about—something she had not done for many a weary day.

Baby May heard the rippling sounds. Her little white teeth were pushing their way up into sight. They hurt the little maid, those hidden teeth, so that she fretted uneasily and cried to be comforted. But the merry song laughed at her, and she listened and cooed and dimpled with delight, and she reached out her pretty arms as if she would catch and hold it fast.

A little girl who had been shut in for several weeks, and was down-hearted and blue because she could not go about, also heard the song and unconsciously hummed the merry tune.

Just a little song, such as any one might sing, quickly sung and quickly sinking into silence, but what a pleasant mission it had in the world!

It is worth while to be a Martha Ann, to drop a little oil of gladness on the grinding wheels of life, to make them run a little easier and a little smoother. Even you and I can do that.—Comrade.

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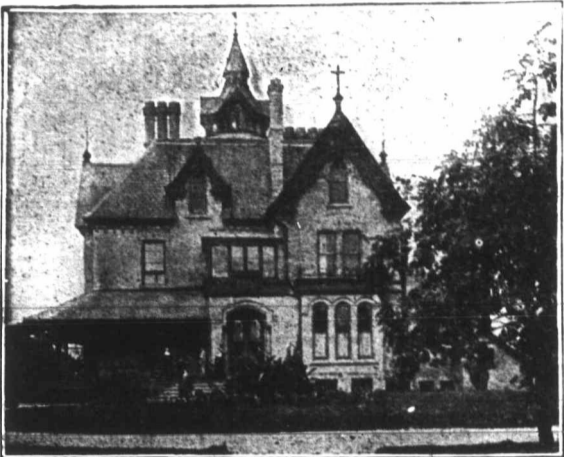


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