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Archbishop Temple's "Opinion."

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has apparently given his opinion in the two cases that were referred to him. People have all kinds of mistaken notions as to what is the true state of things in this matter, and an article in the *Vancouver World* a few days ago shews how such a well-informed individual as the Editor of that usually trustworthy daily paper can make mistakes—not one but many.

There is a paragraph in the Preface to the Prayer Book that in speaking of doubts which "may arise in the use and practice" of what is set forth by the Rules of that book, says "the parties that so doubt, or diversly take anything, shall alway resort to the Bishop..... and if the Bishop of the Diocese be in doubt, then he may send for the resolution thereof to the Archbishop."

Acting upon the principle here put forth, the Archbishops stated that they were prepared to hear the arguments in favour of disputed

ceremonies, and two such cases have been heard before the Archbishop of Canterbury. They concern the *ceremonial* use of incense and the *ceremonial* use of candles. The question of the legality of lighted candles has already been settled finally in the case of the Bishop of Lincoln, in which case it was decided that lights on or about the altar during divine service are lawful.

The question dealt with now had reference to lights carried in procession or lighted and extinguished in the course of any Service, as is customary in some churches; and, in the matter of incense also, its use was not called in question, but its *ceremonial* use—the censuring of things and persons during the course of Divine Service.

The arguments for and against these ceremonies were laid before the Archbishop of Canterbury, but he himself distinctly said it was no "Court," but only a "hearing."

His decision then according to his own statement cannot be taken as final. We must wait till we have a true ecclesiastical court before we can have a binding decision.

But his opinion will of course carry great weight, and we may be sure that the two Vicars who had brought their matters thus before the Archbishop will submit to his opinion promptly and entirely, and thus demonstrate how untrue is the charge of "lawlessness."

But no one else *need* make any change in the ceremonies in use in

his church. We should all be only too glad if we could have a decision emanating from a proper CHURCH COURT, and many would no doubt gladly conform to the interpretation of the Archbishop; but there is a grave danger ahead which is this: a Pope at Lambeth. The Church of England does not want to have everything settled by the establishment of an Anglican Papacy; of two evils choose the less, and a greater evil than the present want of uniformity and the marvellous diversity of practice which prevails among us, would be the setting up of an Infallible Archbishop at Canterbury.

The temptation will be great to conform to the Archbishop's opinion after the careful hearing and no doubt most carefully considered decision he had come to, but we question the wisdom of such a course for the reason indicated above, and for a further reason. Such a decision cannot be regarded as closing the case; and another Archbishop may arise who might not see things quite in the same light and his decision might be quite the opposite—and there is a great deal to be said on the side of the ceremonies dealt with—and then a third Archbishop may come with a third opinion, and "confusion worse confounded" would be the result. Nor can we say that such suppositions are altogether idle!

The present Bishop of Lincoln might be the next Archbishop of Canterbury, and he might be succeeded in turn by the present Bishop of Hereford!

The ritual in use at St. James' Church is not touched by the Archbishop's opinion, as here there is neither the "ceremonial" use of lights nor of incense.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Holy Trinity.

SINCE last writing we are sorry to be able to report no progress in the rebuilding of the Church.

We have been waiting for window frames, which are now finished, and we are now waiting for door frames, which are not finished, and when they are I expect we shall be waiting for something else, perhaps for new window frames to replace those which in the meantime have been destroyed by age.

It seems strange that our church should have been amongst the first buildings to be commenced after the fire and yet is not nearing completion, whilst other buildings commenced long after have been finished some time. It certainly tells of a lack of business ability somewhere. If we do not soon get the work completed there will be no need of a church at all, for the congregation is gradually dispersing, which is only what could be expected, and the difficulty will be to get them back again.

As we have no Parish Room, we cannot hold Sunday School until the church is completed; this is an additional reason and a very important one, why a little more activity should be displayed in the work.

The "Whatsoever Society" of Holy Trinity Parish held a Sale of Work, combined with ice cream and strawberries, at the Orange Hall, on Wednesday, July 5th.

The members of the Society evidently meant business, and they spared neither pains nor labour in making it what it was—one of the most successful affairs that have been held. It is always unwise to particularise, but we cannot forbear remarking how indefatigable

Mrs. Cotton was in seeking to satisfy the demands for strawberries, as also Miss Rose Armstrong in endeavouring to keep her customers cool with ice cream.

The little flower girls were bent on disposing of their wares and plied a successful trade, during the evening.

The Candy Stall was so well patronised that the stock in trade fell short before the close of the Sale.

The President of the Society who is at present away on a holiday, will we feel sure be delighted to hear of the success of the Sale, and will only have one regret, viz. that she was not here to enjoy it with us.

The stalls on which the work was exhibited were tastily decorated and presided over by Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Malins and Miss Armstrong, so there is no cause for surprise that the tables were bare at the end of the evening.

The few boxes of strawberries that remained over and any other little thing that was unsold, were disposed of by public sale, Mr. A. Malins kindly acting as auctioneer.

The proceeds of this Sale go to the fund for providing a new font for our Cathedral, the "Whatsoever Society" kindly undertaking to furnish this. The font is on its way from England and is expected to arrive very shortly, from the well known firm of Whipple & Co., Exeter and London, so we shall need a church soon in which to place it!

The "Whatsoever Society" desire to express their hearty thanks to all those who contributed cakes and strawberries etc. to the Sale.

The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary also gave an "At Home" on Tuesday, July 11th., at the resid-

ence of Mrs. R. Dickinson, which was also well attended and in every way an enjoyable and successful affair. Everything that could be done to please, amuse and entertain the visitors, was done by the energetic hosts, and whilst the craving needs of the lower nature were satisfied by ice cream, strawberries etc., the intellectual needs were not forgotten. The Graphophone so ably manipulated by Mr. Naftel and Mr. Angus was a source of much interest and amusement, and the selections on the piano were thoroughly appreciated.

The magic lantern exhibited on the lawn by Mr. Ed. Cantell was as usual a treat which the younger members enjoyed, and the remarks of the showman—Mr. A. M. Malins—were appreciated by young and old, by those to whom they applied as also to those for whose benefit they were made.

We believe the order has been given to Messrs. Bloomfield and Son of Vancouver, for two of the three memorial windows to be placed in the chancel to our late beloved Bishop. As there is not yet money enough on hand to give the order for the third window, this has been deferred. We may reasonably hope before the others are completed, to be able to give an order for this, and for this purpose we would be very glad to receive subscriptions towards it. Such subscriptions could be paid into either Bank, or the Rector, or any member of the Church Committee would be glad to receive them. We desire to publish the amounts already received, but think it will be better to delay a little while, to give those who intend subscribing a further opportunity of doing so.

Mrs. Rickman and Mrs. C.

Woods continue their labours of collecting for the church, and so far their indefatigable efforts have resulted in \$416.00 paid, and further promises to the amount of \$264.00.

Whilst congratulating these ladies on their success, we yet desire the congregation to remember that this will not be nearly as much as is required, so that we must not yet get slack in our efforts.

We should very much like to be able to say when our church is ready for service, that we can go into our House of God absolutely free of debt.

There are yet members of the congregation whose names do not appear on the subscription list, and so we have every reason to feel that our wishes in this respect may be gratified.

St. Barnabas'.

THE St. Barnabas' Sunday School pic-nic at Central Park, Burnaby, was well attended, there being about ninety children present and with teachers and some of the parents making up a total number of pic-nickers of a hundred and twenty or more. An enjoyable day was spent.

It is our regretful duty to mention the serious illness of his Lordship Bishop Dart since his return to our midst, though we add with pleasure that his health is now much improved. His Lordship has ever shown himself so deeply and particularly interested in the welfare of St. Barnabas Church and has put himself so much in touch with us that the sympathy of the congregation goes out to him in earnest desire for his speedy restoration to strength, and all the more that the illness has been in-

duced by over work in the interests of the Diocese.

BAPTISM:—On July 9th., Eva Annie Mosdenn.

On July 23rd., Lillian Annie Jagers.

BURIAL:—On July 14th., Catharine Davis, aged 27 years.

VANCOUVER.

St. James'.

OUR Annual Sunday School picnic was held on Wednesday, July 19th., and was if possible, more than the usual success. We were fortunate in the weather, securing the last fine day in the week. We made a different arrangement than usual. There was no steamer to be had except the "Rothsay" and we did not feel like venturing on a \$100 excursion, so we made arrangements to take our children on the S. O. E. picnic to Belcarra.

It worked out very satisfactorily. Donations from our friends paid the expenses and there was plenty of room in the orchard, on the beach and in the water, for all to have a good time without interfering with anyone else. The races and sports were admirably conducted, and all the children who won prizes were very satisfied. We wish to thank all those who gave provisions and prizes to make the outing a success, and especially we desire to express our heartiest thanks to the teachers and all who worked and helped in the feeding and amusing of the youngsters;—we were going to particularise, but we refrain—the pleasure of contributing to others' pleasure is worth much more than all thanks.

The Dedication Festival of St. James' Church was held on the

Sunday within the Octave of the Patron Saint, July 30th. The Bishop of Columbia was the Preacher at the morning Service and gave us a most helpful and encouraging sermon. We had hoped to have had his Lordship again in the evening, but he had to take a Confirmation at St. Paul's Church.

The congregations were very good both morning and evening; but there were not nearly as many at the early Services, 7 and 8 a. m., as there ought to have been. We do want indeed more of the spirit of sacrifice manifested by a little more early rising on Sunday mornings, especially on Festivals of the Church.

The singing at the Choral Eucharist was very hearty, but light and shade were rather lacking, and the Communion Hymn of Dr. Bright "And now, O Father" was much too loud; in other respects the Choir acquitted itself satisfactorily.

The collections which were for the church expenses, with a glance at the City taxes, were fairly good, and the churchwardens report all paid up to date; though we all feel it a grievance that we should have to pay \$100.00 in taxes for the church and the ground on which it stands. This system of taxing churches is a blot upon Vancouver. The taxing of church property is all right, but certainly the church building and the land it stands upon ought to be exempt. But Vancouver authorities apparently would argue: the less of religion the better for the community.

The Rector's Garden Party on August 1st. was a distinct success, and he wishes to thank all those who helped to make it so by contributions towards the tea-tables

and by looking after the wants of his many guests. The weather was all that could be desired, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope that some who may have hitherto felt themselves strangers when they came to church, will have that feeling no longer, but appreciate the words of the Psalm "We took sweet counsel together and walked in the house of God as FRIENDS."

The ladies of St. James' Guild have arranged to have a Fancy Fair and Sale of work in the Alhambra on Pender Street, on Sep. 5th., 6th. and 7th. They hope that all our readers will bear these dates in mind and will come themselves and bring their friends and do all they can to make it known.

They also ask for contributions towards the stalls, and we bespeak them a liberal response from all around.

The following ladies preside at the different stalls and will be glad to receive contributions:—

The Conservatory, Mrs. F. S. Proctor, the Misses Gordon, Miss Goodfellow and Miss H. Carter; Paper booth, Mrs. Leighton and Mrs. Taylor; Fancy stall, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Cope; Plain work stall, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Ogle; Ice cream booth, Mrs. de Wolf and Mrs. Buntzen; Candy box, Miss Moore and Miss Boyer; Cake stall, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Randall; Tea and coffee stand, Mrs. Bridgman, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Carter; Dairy, Miss Stitt, Miss Weaver and Miss Carter; Fish pond, the Misses Beattie.

Any contributions will be also thankfully received for any of the stalls by the President of the Guild, Mrs. Thain.

We need \$575.00 for the balance due on the organ and \$1000.00

for enlarging the church. If all work together and work hard, there ought not to be much difficulty about getting together the whole of that.

We have heard definitely from the Rev. B. Haslam and he may be expected to begin work in the parish on Sep. 1st. We shall be delighted to welcome him and hope that his coming may bring many blessings upon the parish and the work of the Church in Vancouver, and throughout the Diocese.

The Bishop of the Diocese has been resting since his return, with the result that he is considerably better and has hopes of being able to resume work by degrees in a short time. Meanwhile he has extended his commission to Archdeacon Pentreath, who will continue to act as Commissary General of the Diocese for the present.

The Bishop of Columbia has kindly undertaken all necessary Episcopal work as far as he is able, and began by holding Confirmations at St. Michael's and at St. Paul's Churches, Vancouver, on July 30th.

The Rector of St. James' took advantage of the Confirmation at St. Michael's to present a candidate, Maud Amelia Harvey, who through sickness had missed her confirmation in May.

The Rev. W. E. Gover has given up the care of souls at Grand Forks, and is about to remove to Midway and make that place the centre of his missionary district. Midway is going to be a Divisional point on the south branch of the C. P. R., so that it will rapidly become a place of no mean importance.

The pretty lawns adjacent to St. James' Church never looked prettier than they did yesterday after-

noon, when the Rector, Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, received his parishioners. In his onerous but pleasant task he was most materially aided by Sister Frances of St. Luke's Home and her attendant white-capped satellites. The weather was ideal and the lawns were thronged with ladies and children, not to mention the occasional male guest, 'who, if not ornamental, at least proved himself useful in relieving the nurses as much as possible of their administrative offices at the tea tables. —*News Advertiser.*

BAPTISMS:—On July 2nd., Richard Garbutt, son of Piers and Caroline Eliza Owen.

On July 6th., James Evelyn Huia Boscawen and Herbert Llwellyn Terua Boscawen, twin sons of James and Catherine Valentia Maud Skitt-Matthews.

On July 9th., Anna Elizabeth Wynn, daughter of Charles Edgar Wynn and Mary Mabel Johnson.

On July 12th., Ruth Mary, daughter of Edward Ernest and Ada Margaret Richards.

On July 16th., Bertha Louisa, daughter of James and Margaret Fox.

On July 16th., Norman Leslie, son of John Farquharson and Sarah Ann Armstrong.

On July 23rd., Harold, son of Gabriel and Matilda Lycett.

On July 26th., Agnes Beatrice, daughter of Charles and Clara Ballard.

MARRIAGE:—On July 26th., in St. James' Church by the Rector, William George Gray and Edith Freeman Gray.

BURIAL:—On July 29th., Cicely Niven, aged six months, called suddenly from this life. "Jesus took a little child."

St. Luke's Home.

At Easter Nurse Alice started for England to enter Guy's Hospital, London. She found her duties there at the start very varied and novel, and her letters were full of amusing details. Being a Canadian she was intensely struck with the poor dirty class of patient, and as a probationer she had numerous duties connected with them. I think that if British Columbia nurses had to go through as thorough a training in this respect we should not so often hear the complaint regarding household matters which now a days are spoken of as housemaid's work. I myself have several times received the answer from a new probationer "Oh I did not know that was for a nurse to do, I call that house work and not fit for a lady." Needless to say, she does not suit. Well, Nurse Alice had to set to work polishing all the bright articles from the inkstand and scissors to door-handles; then later, after washing so many backs and feet of incapables, she had the ward to sweep; this she incidently says takes an hour, and this tired her the worst, as she fairly ached after her sweeping, but she as cheerfully adds, "I shall soon get used to it as all the others have." Of course she had to be a month on probation and was very anxious as to whether she would suit. Imagine her surprise when the Sister in charge told her if she liked she could go in for the medical examination, and if she passed it would shorten her time of probation by a few months, while if she failed it would not tell against her as she had not attended the previous lectures. She then worked hard; all her spare moments had to be devoted to her

books and writing, she had only time to write and tell me she was going up, and I anxiously awaited the result. Last week she writes, "I came out in the first 8, 100 nurses went up;" she had felt it was almost nonsense for her to think of passing. Now she is through her medical work and begins her lectures in surgery.

Nurse Louise has taken temporary charge of a hospital in Washington, taking Nurse Bessie with her to help. It's a little Church hospital of 16 beds, under Bishop Barker's auspices. Nurse Louise is Acting Matron till the middle of this month, and I have a very gratifying letter of thanks for sending such capable help. They are in the midst of a logging district, so nearly all the work is surgical and a good many accidents received.

Nurse Lilian has gone still further and is travelling in California with an English lady. Nurse Margaret has taken her holidays and gone for a month to Cranbrook. Mrs. Bentley who was here a short time has gone to Columbia to live, so here at the "Home" we have been very short handed, especially as Nurse Ruth went up the line and before she could return Nurse Edith was called out, so I have had to take my share. Nurse Edith is with Mrs. Mc Phaiden, one of our dearest and oldest Church friends who is very seriously ill, but we pray and hope she may be spared to us.

We had very grand services in St. James' for our Festival, the Bishop of Columbia was our guest for a few days. And we were so glad of the opportunity of having one of our little girls confirmed, as she was prevented by illness at a previous Confirmation: so on the Sunday afternoon of the 30th., we

drove with the Bishop to St. Michael's Church, Mount Pleasant, and had a very nice little service.

I could not help thinking of my last service in that same little church, and of the curious coincidence that I drove with our dear late Bishop Sillitoe and took one of the candidates with me from the Home while he held a Confirmation here, the last before his death.

I must not forget in mentioning our household to speak of "Peter;" next week he will be two years old, he can run about and speak baby language and is a very great pet. I must thank Mrs. Orr for a very nice parcel of clothes for him, which transformed him into a very dainty dot. We have had several visitors this summer, one especially welcome, Mrs. Dove-Freely, a very old member of the St. Agatha's Guild, so we had a full meeting to welcome her.

Speaking of the Guild, Nurse Alice was deputed to purchase the Font Ewer, and I now hear it has arrived. We are giving it to the Cathedral in memory of our late Bishop; we shall see it next Sunday at the Guild meeting, and then arrange for its presentation.

Revelstoke, St. Peter's.

THE principal items of interest in our parish this month have been the dedication of the chancel on St. Peter's Day, and placing in the sanctuary the handsome cedar altar in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Ford. The altar was used for the first time at the services on July 23rd., it was built by J. E. Wood of Revelstoke. A few of the ladies of the "Talent Society" gave a musical and dramatic entertainment at the house of one of the members, Mrs. Holton, thereby

realizing some dollars towards the church bell they are working for just now.

Archdeacon Pentreath took the services at St. Peter's on the 16th. inst., the Vicar, Dr. Paget, being at Trout Lake City on duty; good congregations were present at all services, and the discourses both morning and evening were considered "attractive in their sympathetic tone of thought."

"I am with you alway."

WHAT a strong promise for all who profess the name of Jesus to cling to! "with you alway," and this said by Him Who is not only with us, but gone to prepare a place for us, that where He is we may be also.

But how must we live so as to feel that nearness that is promised, and then when the time of our departure comes, to hear Him say "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou." For was it not He, Who worked out all through His great love for man, Who said "I am with you alway" under all circumstances, not just while we are in His house or on our bended knees, but present alway amidst our joys and sorrows, and He knows our every thought as well. How must we live so as to feel this presence? We must be near Him and not afar off; go where He went; where there is need of a look of love, a word to soothe and a Hand that healed. We can do so much to help others who need a little of this kind of loving charity, not only moving among our fellow beings in person, but in spirit entering with them in their gladness and adversities, taking with us through this world sunshine that will break over the shadowed path

of many, not ashamed to take in the rough by-paths with the smooth, forgetting ourselves in our love for others, never allowing any unkind speech to fall from our lips when we feel a little out of temper, or carrying it along with us until we have made someone else feel uncomfortable by our sharpness that wounds where no wound was. If Jesus would appear to us just then as He did to the two disciples and ask what is the manner of our communication, how would we feel? I fear we would feel we had forgotten His presence; for He is quite as present now as then only our eyes are holden. If we would live near we must follow near even to the touch of His garments.

Jesu the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast,
But sweeter far Thy Face to see
And in Thy Presence rest.

M. T.

•CORRESPONDENCE•

Editor Church Record :

DEAR SIR :—You question the utility of the publishing of a list of Lay Delegates to the Synod, with the name of the congregation to which each belongs.

I do not know who is asking for it, but would it not be a great saving of expense in bringing men from far off districts, if we could know beforehand whether or no one congregation could carry all before it in Synod? It would be better to stay at home surely.

A list of names also would help those who had some definite end in view, seeking support for this or that, or it might be useful to any who might wish to send private letters with questionable reflections on the sinister objects of others. There are other uses to

which I have heard on most excellent authority a list has been put to.

GEO. DITCHAM.

Editor of Church Record :

DEAR SIR :—Could anyone versed in ecclesiastical law or the common law of England be persuaded by you to give us as tersely as possible a description of the standing we as a Church possess? I find extreme difference of opinion.

With only the light of the illumination within, my own opinion is that the connection that we have with the Church of England is simply one of Catholic principle not legal beyond Catholic custom. If I am an Englishman I am an English Churchman, say by baptism. I come to British Columbia and find I am not a member of your Church unless I sign your Canonical Declarations, although I am in communion with you. If I am, you have no right to keep me out of Synod because I refuse to sign your Declarations.

An Australian Bishop told his Synod that he found he had no jurisdiction beyond that which his Synod gave him in its Constitution and Canons, unless the Synod passed a Canon conferring upon him the same legal status and powers as a Bishop of the English Church.

I find this opinion also held, that if your Canons do not touch any question you are governed by the English Ecclesiastical law. I rather hold that you have no case unless your Canons deal with it.

This of course has nothing to do with the official acts of the Clergy as such; these they have by consecration and ordination, but has a Bishop, Dean, Archdeacon or Priest any legal powers beyond

those given in your Canons? You may say, in England they have, or in the East; that may or may not be so, but here I mean, where there is no Provincial Synod, and the Church is no part of the nation by Establishment.

LEGALITY.

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The Church.

THERE are strange ideas prevalent about the Church. An editorial in the *New York Sun* recently says that Dr. Briggs, in attacking the Scriptures, assails the foundations of the Church. There may be some modern Churches which look upon the Scriptures as their foundation-stone. But the Apostles did not so regard the matter, nor does the Church Catholic. The Church is "a witness and keeper of Holy Writ" (Articles of Religion, xx), but the Scriptures are not a keeper of the Church. In one of our prayers we say that God built His Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets [not their writings], Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone (Office of Institution). This is the exact phraseology of St. Paul in one of our Lessons (Eph. 2 : 20). The one essential thing about the Church in the teaching of the New Testament is its relation to Christ. The Church is the building upon Christ as the chief Corner-stone; upon Christ as the Foundation (I Cor. 3 10, 11); the Church is the Bride of Christ (Rev. 21 : 2, 9; Cor. 11 : 2); and the Church is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1 : 22;

5 : 23; Col. 1 : 29). Moreover, the Church was in existence and doing its work before a single book of the New Testament was written. The Apostles show great reverence for the Old Testament, chiefly on its Messianic side. But the terms of admission to the Church were not faith in the Hebrew Scriptures, but belief in Jesus Christ.

The Churchman traces his lineage to a Person, not to a Book. Our religion is based on a Person, not on a Book. Yet we do not underestimate the great value of the Scriptures. No article of faith can ever be imposed unless it is clearly Scriptural; and the Church is forbidden to ordain anything that is "contrary to God's word written" (Article xx.) The Church would be, if the New Testament had never been written; the Church would be, if that precious collection were destroyed. But the Church is far stronger and richer than the Scriptures were written; and as their keeper and witness, it will see that they are not destroyed.
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