

# ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

"Behold I bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy."—Luke II: 10.

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## St. Matthew's Church.

REGULAR SERVICES every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
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DELEGATE TO SYNOD—F. Powell.

[Written for the MESSAGE.]

### THIS EARTH A GARDEN IS.

This earth a garden is wherein are cast,  
The seeds of human life (ah! fateful seeds!)  
Some grow up lovely blossoms, some at last  
Are gathered in as weeds.  
All seek the light while Time like Lethe rolls,  
Imperial oaks, pure lilies, shaking reeds,  
The sweetest flowers are white unfolding souls,—  
The best fruits, holy deeds.

—Robert Elliott.

### THREE THINGS.

In the eleventh chapter of John we find at least three things concerning Christ. We have His death foretold, His love proclaimed; and His power manifested.

In verse 51 we have Caiaphas giving his civil counsel, and declaring it to be expedient that one man should die for the people. The wily counsellor did not intend to proclaim the death of Christ. Yet he proclaimed it; for in the eternal counsels of God it was expedient that one Man should die for the people. The policy of Caiaphas was carried out; and "one Man"—the Man Christ Jesus—died for the people. Yet no man took His life from Him. He laid it down—a willing sacrifice, that you, reader, and I should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In verse 36 we hear the onlookers say: "Behold, how He loved Him!" Here we have the love of Christ proclaimed. He is standing by the grave where Lazarus sleeps—to all appearance his long, last sleep. And as He stands, He weeps. What a great fountain of sympathy is there! Even the cold, unfriendly Jews are compelled to exclaim, "Behold, what love!" They did not intend to become preachers; yet they preached. They proclaimed the love of Jesus. Enemies foretell His death—enemies proclaim His love. Strange witnesses! Yet we accept their testimony. When an admission of Jesus' love is drawn from the reluctant lips of His enemies, then we may be assured that His love was great indeed. Reader, a Saviour of love is the Saviour now presented to you—a loving, sympathizing Jesus. But He is more He is a Saviour of *almighty power* as well as of infinite love. In verses 43 and 44 we behold His power. Hear these words, "Lazarus, come forth!" No sooner has He spoken than the grave delivers up its dead, Lazarus comes forth. What power is there! This is the Saviour you need, unsaved one—a Saviour possessed of infinite love and almighty power. A Saviour of love alone would not avail you; for love alone, while willing to save you, might not be able to save you. Neither would a saviour of mere power meet your case; for there might be power to save, and yet no wish to save. But in the God-Man, Christ Jesus, you have love and power combined. You have a heart of love, and an arm of power. What more would you have? There is One who has died that you might live—One who made His soul an offering for sin. He has a heart for all your sorrows, an ear for all your woes, and an arm of power to save you, even unto the uttermost! Wilt thou have Him? Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

—Phenix Hall Gospel Herald.

### ST. MATTHEW'S AND EMMANUEL

BOTH MAKE A SATISFACTORY SHOWING AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S.

There were present at the vestry meeting on Easter Monday evening: Rev. W. M. Seaborn in the chair, Messrs Clark, Oxley, Coutier, Stratfold, Jean, Chadwick, Phillips, Isaac, Laphorn, Percival, Minhinnick, Murch, Henshaw, Lawson, and Mr. Spicknell, Secretary.

The Church Wardens' report showed a balance of \$105.15. Salaries and current expenses had been paid to date.

Of the amount on hand \$47 surplus of the proceeds of the social held in February had been appropriated to the Building Fund, but considering the satisfactory

financial position of the Church and the bright prospects of the future it was decided to instruct the Wardens to pay off \$100. This leaves \$400 yet to raise and a hope was expressed that a strenuous effort on the part of all interested would result, the coming fall, in freeing the church entirely from debt.

Mrs. Gray was retained as organist and Mr. Murch as sexton the salary of each being increased by ten dollars per annum. The question of the deficiency of \$25 in the pastor's salary which had been overlooked for some time was brought up and Mr. Seaborn retiring Mr. Clark took the chair.

At the suggestion of Mr. Quick, it was decided to raise the amount among those present and the suggestion was met by such a hearty response that the amount was at once collected and handed to the pastor during the evening.

It was further decided to continue the adding of this extra \$25 each year to the pastor's salary, that being St. Matthew's share of the amount deducted from the Mission Grant.

A discussion afterwards took place as to the advisability of raising the pastor's salary two hundred dollars and asking him to give all his attention to St. Matthew's. The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of this change, the fact being mentioned that Mr. Seaborn had the most work for the least pay of any of the Episcopal Clergy of the city. This was largely due to the Reverend gentleman's own disposition in regard to money matters, he at no time resorting to tactics calculated to better himself financially. Those present concluded that it would be well to find out what action the Synod would take as to continuing the full amount of the grant if Emmanuel were cut off from the Parish and a special meeting will be held later to consider the matter.

Messrs Isaac, Phillips and Jean were appointed auditors to receive last year's accounts. Mr. Stratfold was appointed auditor for the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Clark seconded by Mr. Minhinnick it was decided to present the Vestry book to each of the members of the congregation in order to give all an opportunity of adding their names to the list of those subscribing by the envelope system.

The result of the election of officers will be found in first column.

Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Oxley the retiring warden, Mr. Gardener the Choir Master, and the Choir and Mr. Herbert, the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

#### EMMANUEL.

The Vestry Meeting of Emmanuel  
(Continued on page 3.)

# ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

## St. Matthew's Message

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### AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

One of the most interesting features of our Society's Meetings is the "Question Drawer" which has created many lively though good natured discussions.

In answer to a question asked recently as to the signification of the word "honor" as used in the fifth commandment, in the passage "Fear God: honor the King!" and in the marriage ceremony, the President took the novel stand that the word was not used as a synonym of "respect" but as equivalent to "be an honor to." Taking this view the commands do not refer to our attitude towards our parents, those in authority over us, or the one to whom we are joined in wedlock; but enjoin on us a proper attitude towards all others in consideration of the position we hold towards these. Thus freely we might render the scripture passages: "Live righteously that you may be an honor to your parents!" and "Be a good citizen that you may be an honor to the King" and in the portion of the marriage ceremony. "Wilt thou be virtuous and thus be an honor to—etc." The position is at least quite in accordance with the spirit of Christianity and seems to widen the purport of the passages. It seems more reasonable too that we might look for length of days in return for exercising our whole active duty towards all mankind rather than for simply feeling a respect toward any particular persons.

Mr. Gardener and others opposed the President's position in a spirited manner and it was suggested that the subject be again referred to when all will have had more time to consider the question.

The Society will welcome all interested in the study of the Scriptures at any of its meetings trusting that all points will be considered prayerfully and all discussions carried on reverently and earnestly. We hope much profit will be the result.

The meetings of our Society of Christian Endeavor are creating a growing interest and we have a larger attendance than many Societies in the larger churches.

Mr. Gardener has given us a very earnest paper on "Our Pledge," and Miss Smith took up the subject of "Forgiving," at another meeting and read a very carefully prepared paper. At our next Monday evening meeting Mr. Depotè will lead the discussion with a paper on the topic "Hallowed be Thy Name."

There were baptised during the past month by the Pastor: Bessie Summers, Irene Louise Isaac, and Gertrude Louisa Quick.

## OUR PARISH PEOPLE.

Mrs Standfield, we are pleased to hear, is well again.

Mr. John W. Shoebottom's child is much better.

Miss Childs has returned from a pleasant visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Childs, of Hamilton.

We are glad to be able to announce Mrs. Lashbrook's recovery from her recent illness.

The son of Mr. John Shoebottom, on the Townline, still continues very low, and two of his daughters have the measles.

Miss Jane Shoebottom of Ballymote has been ill with rheumatism, but, we are pleased to hear, is recovering.

William Richard Daniel Martin, died April 7th. Deceased was buried on April 8th, the Rev. W. M. Seaborn, conducting the service.

On April 2nd there were two marriages at the Rectory. The contracting parties were: John McIntosh to Elizabeth Crawford, and James S. Spence to Caroline Short.

Our Easter services seemed to be a decided success in every particular. The practical and interesting discourses by the pastor were deeply appreciated by the congregations, which were large both morning and evening.

Mr. Coutier displayed his usual interest in the success of everything connected with St. Matthew's welfare in the decoration of the Church at Easter by donating several designs in cut flowers.

Messrs. James Gammage & Sons, Florists, Oxford street, deserve the hearty thanks of St. Matthew's for their generosity in offering a large number of potted plants for the decoration of the Church at Easter.

On Monday Evening, May 13th, the programme of our Society's meeting will be varied by a debate. Subject: "Resolved that children and young people have more pleasure in life than those of mature years." No doubt there a big crowd will turn out to hear the debate.

Gertie, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. Robert Quick, is lying in a very critical condition from inflammation of the bones of the legs, the result of skipping. Gertie's playmates will hope and watch anxiously for her recovery, and the many friends of the family will be glad to rejoice with them on their daughter being restored to health.

The Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Mitchell, delivered a very entertaining and instructive lecture on Tuesday evening, 30th ult. in the East End Town Hall, on the subject of "Habit." A large and appreciative audience greeted Mr. Taylor and were amused and edified by the discourse. The lecture was supplemented by interesting chemical experiments by Misses. Giobons and McCammon, under the supervision of Professor Seaborn.

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Continued from first page.

Church was held April 23rd.

Present: Messrs R. A. Powell, Frederick Fitzgerald, Henry Shoebottom, Richard Shoebottom, John Shoebottom, E. Turner R. Armitage and others. Mr. F. Fitzgerald chosen Minister's Warden, Mr. R. Shoebottom People's Warden, Mr. F. Powell Delegate to Synod.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON NOTES.

A very short paper is here given of the Sunday School Lessons; earnestly hoping the parents will see that their children learn the Golden Text, Collect, etc. Parents do well to read all the parallel passages with the children, or the elder brothers and sisters with the younger ones.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1889.

TITLE:—THE COMMAND TO WATCH.  
St. Mark xiii. 24-37.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.—Mark xiii. 33.

Christ is coming again and this time in power and great glory, and all are to see Him. It is to be as a thief in the night, as sudden as a flash of lightning. The blessedness of being ready.—“Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.”

COLLECT:—Second Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1889.

TITLE:—THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY.  
St. Mark xiv. 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT:—She hath done what she could.—Mark xiv. 8.

Mary loved Jesus because of His mercy to her, and she made a great sacrifice to show her gratitude, the vase and the perfume were the most precious. Do we so love Jesus Christ for His mercy in dying for us? It symbolized her faith in Jesus as Messiah and her hope in Him as the resurrection and the life. Judas called it “waste” Many now might think any thing done for the dear Redeemer waste; but not if they had spent the amount upon themselves or their selfish gratifications.

COLLECT:—Third Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1889.

TITLE:—THE LORD'S SUPPER.  
St. Mark xiv. 12-26.

GOLDEN TEXT:—This do in remembrance of me.—Luke xxii. 19.

Jesus was “troubled in spirit” at the painful thought that one of “His own” should betray Him. He is always grieved for the sin that is done in the world and especially for the sin of those that know and should do better. The declaration on the part of Jesus Christ that one of them should betray Him produced deep sorrow to the eleven disciples; but only hardened the heart of the traitor as he defiantly asked, “Master, is it I?”

COLLECT:—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1889.

TITLE:—JESUS BETRAYED.  
St. Mark xiv. 43-44.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?—Luke xxii. 48.

The character of Judas and his treachery. What a commentary on the ingratitude of human nature and of the blighting power of the love of money. All his higher being was sacrificed, all His sacred opportunities made worse than useless. How many sacrifices all for wrath, for pleasure, for sin.

COLLECT:—Fifth Sunday after Easter.

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## THE TUITION OF SPRING.

The downy wrappings of our year remove,  
And Robin trips again the emerald lawn;  
Now humankind tread slowly, languid,  
wan,

God's love to all by solar channels move.

We pause amid the turmoil of our day  
To learn endeavor, definite and grand,  
Of the Eternal One who reigns, whose  
hand

Robes the mute landscape of our pilgrim  
way.

Endeavor now, not as Corruption's thing;

This glowing time tells an eternal one;  
With Christ live thou in holy unison,  
To speak to men more than a soulless  
spring.

—Sydenham Thompson.

April 16th, '89.

—The wicked man in private life will never prove the virtuous counselor toward the public.—*Æschines.*

—A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this; that, when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.—*Tillotson.*

—Christianity consists of the teachings of Christ, and of the life, individual and social, which is based upon His teachings and nourished by communion with Him.—*Gladden.*

—Jesus antedates all modern science by declaring in the simplest form, as in the most intricate, that there is One Power, and one only in all that we call Force or Attraction or Law.—*Rev. E. E. Hale.*

—If you wish to know whether you are a Christian, inquire of yourself whether in and for the love of God, you seek to make happy those about you by smiles and pleasant sayings. Are you a comfortable person to live with? Are you pleasant to have about?—*Gail Hamilton.*

—It is a painful thing, this pruning work, this cutting off of the over luxuriant shoots, in order to call back the wandering juices into healthier and more living parts. In religion it is described thus: "Every branch in Me that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." The keen edge of God's pruning-knife cuts sheer through. No weak tenderness stops him whose love seeks goodness, not comfort, for his servants.—*F. W. Robertson.*

—What does it matter after all? Humble as it may be, my path is my own. Lowly as may be my lot, it is what God has given me. Faint as may be its accents, my voice has my own accent. Be of good cheer; my soul! Love, adore, labor! The glory of God is over all; in a blade of grass as well as in the stars. Be of good cheer; heaven opens its portals to all who ever feel that they have wings. Be of good cheer; spread out your wings, and lift yourself upwards!—*Madame de Gasparin.*

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