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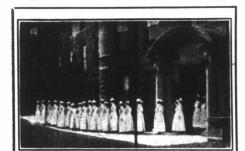
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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." Herein St. Paul states a great principle. The Old Testament was designed for the instruction and confirmation of New Testament believers. At the present time the Church is putting before us some of the wilderness-experiences of the children of Israel. Last Sunday we read of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and on. These men disputed the priestly authority of Aaron, and indeed the leadership of Moscs. The terrible result of this rebellion manifested to the people the rightful authority of Aaron. And the brasen censers of the rebels were beaten into a covering for the altar "to be a memorial unto the children of Israel, to the end that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to burn incense before the Lord." Still the people murmured and a plague fell upon all the people. And this plague was stayed only after an act which further confirmed the priestly power of Aaron. Then came the final confirmation of Aaron's prerogatives. The rod of Aaron budded. The position of Aaron as High-priest, as the chief religious officer of Israel, was established beyond doubt. And the recognition of Aaron as such meant that the religious life of the nation would be upheld. The disputing of Aaron's authority threatened the religious unity of Israel. It was summarily dealt with. But there is another evil besides the disputing of authority, and that is the abuse of authority. To-day's Old Testament lesson (Matins) gives us an illustration. Moses and Aaron are bidden speak unto the rock. But the spirit of Moses is not right, "And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice." Water came forth abundantly but God was not well pleased. "And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believe Me not, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." This abuse of authority also threatened the religious unity of Israel. And the result was that to others was given the glory of leading the children of Israel into the land of promise. Now all these things were written for our learning. Have we learned? The Gospel for to-day speaks of One Shepherd and One Fold. Thank God! We Christians are united in our love of the One Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, the Lord Jesus Christ. But the flocks are many. How has this come about? The Old Testament tells us. Authority has been disputed and abused. Therein lies the interpretation of Church History, from the earliest days to the present. Men have abused the priestly authority and have therefore failed of opportunity and privilege. Others have disputed their authority instead of correcting the abuses. And the result is that altar has been set up against altar. The sin of both is a common one. They have weakened in their faith in God, and have not sanctified Him in the eyes of the congregation. The present condition of Holy Church bids us reflect upon the rightful use of and the rightful attitude to authority. The exercise, and the recognition, of authority have one aim alone, viz.: the sanctifying of God in the eyes of mankind. "Hallowed be Thy Name" is the prayer of those who are called to any office in Holy Church; it is also the prayer of those who are under authority. This unity of conception depends upon our common relationship to the Risen Lord. Clergy and laity alike must bow before Jesus with this confession:-"My Lord and my God." With this confession there must be the abandonment of all self-aggrandisement and selfish pride. The leaders of Holy Church must have but one object, viz.: to bring mankind to the Bishop and Shepherd of their souls. The

laity must have but one ambition, viz.: to enter into the One Fold of Christ Jesus and abide there

Dr. Parkin.

It was a welcome sight to read in an account of the meeting of the Algoma Association in London the name of Dr. G. R. Parkin. Those of old time connected with Upper Canada College in Toronto would be gladdened to find that he was present, and all Canadians would welcome one who was, and is still, a loyal and fervent friend. We need not say more save that Dr. Parkin in his speech showed that he was fully informed of the changes in Canada: its expanding population, the flow from England to our West, and the need to build new churches. "Who was to build them? The vast mass of settlers were hewers of wood and drawers of water, and almost every man looked forward to a keen struggle before he made a livelihood."

The Church in Wales.

We understand that the Primate of England is visiting the Church in Wales this month, and addressing meetings as a tangible token of the deep sympathy the English Church is extending to her tried and troubled sister Church in the ancient principality. Prominent amongst the distinguished advocates of the cause of the Church in Wales is Sir Alfred Cripps, M.P., the well-known King's Counsel. At a recent mass meeting, held at the Royal Albert Hall, Sir Alfred delivered a stirring speech, from which we have taken the following eloquent passage: "The ideal of all Churchmen handed down through a series of ages is a Christian State founded on the union of Church and State under our old Church Establishment. That is an ideal for which we strive now, an ideal for which we will strive unflinchingly in the future. But if, as I deny, it can be shown that the principles of Establishment are inconsistent with the principles of justice, the Christian ideal—the Christian Churchman's ideal-of a Christian State becomes impossible for ever in future. I do not believe that. This veneration for our Church has been born and bred in our bone and blood. We will stand by her now as we stood by her in the past. I ask you as your motto to take the homely words of one of our great Church poets, George Herbert:-

'Do well and right, and let the world sink.' "

Kirkpatrick—Irongray

Is the unusual and romantic name of the parish in Galloway which, legend says, was founded by St. Patrick when he preached in Scotland, and the "Scottish Chronicle" publishes some verses written on this story. But the parish has other claims on public notice of a modern character which have been lauded by the late Dr. Boyd, of St. Andrew's. In his early life he was the minister of the parish, and while there, over half a century ago, he began a long and successful career as a writer by the publication of the "Recreations of a Country Parson." In his last volume he says that he wrote the introduction to this first publication "in a solemn churchyard on a sunshiny morning of July-a churchyard which a guide book to Scotland calls a romantic cemetery on the banks of the Cairn. I see the great daisies widely opened in the morning sunshine. That churchyard was never locked up, God be thanked. It was a cheerful and beautiful place; and pilgrims without number visited it for the sake of her whom Sir Walter made known to all the world as Jeanie Deans. The clear, swift river ran by it on two sides; on the other sides were oaks four hundred years old. From what was once my little vestry window the beloved Bishop Thorold, of Winchester, looked out and wrote that the view up the valley is serone and lovely."

Buying and Selling.

That was an apt and searching quotation made by Sir Edward Fry at a meeting of the Secret Commissions and Bribery Prevention League, held recently in the Town Hall of Manchester. The words were those of Ben-Sira, taken from the 27th chapter of Ecclus., Verse 21 "As a nail sticketh fast between the joinings of the stones, so doth sin stick close between buying and selling." Ben Sira, to use a modern expression, knew what he was talking about when he uttered these wise words, and put in the form of a homely and telling proverb a truth that is as old as the days of Jacob and Esau, and, in its practice, is as strong in its hold on humanity to-day as are the clinging nails tightly wedged between the mortared stones. The practice of deceit by word of mouth-or, (in plain English, lying-and of taking advantage of your neighbour for your gain and his loss, or cheating, whether it be the act of an individual or a nation, is simply abominable. Those who call such a practice by the honest name, "business," have stifled conscience and imperilled their own souls. Honesty is the will of God; dishonesty is the work of the devil.

China.

The famine now prevailing in China is the worst in forty years in some districts, and it is feared that if help is not sent between two million and four million people will die of starvation between now and the coming harvest. It is, therefore, proposed that Canada shall come to the aid of China at this critical time, when revolution and civil disorders are added to famine. The action of the United States in refunding part of the Boxer indemnity made a deep impression on the Chinese people, and if Canada showed her friendship to China at the present time it would make an equally good impression. A national fund is being organized through which money may be sent and identified as Canadian instead of being sent as a part of the United States contributions now being raised. His Royal, Highness the Governor-General has consented to act as patron of this movement, Mr. R. S. Gourlay, ex-president of the Toronto Board of Trade, being chairman, and Mr. W. D. Gwynne, barrister, honorary secretary, with offices at 546 Confederation Life Building, Toronto. The treasurer of the fund is Mr. Joseph Henderson, of the Bank of Toronto, through which bank remittances may be made. Already over \$14,000 have been subscribed in Canada, and an instalment of money has been cabled to the international committee in China having charge of distributing relief. The conditions in these famine districts are appalling, and any help sent by Canadians will not only be good as an act of humanity, but from the standpoint of international good-will.

Christian Humour.

There is much to be said in support of the opinions expressed by Mr. H. S. Brewster in his able article contributed to the "Westminster Review" recently with the title, "The Bright Smile of the Master: the Element of Humour in the Words of Jesus," from which we have taken the following extract: "Nothing accounts better for the gloom of Arnold's poetry, and for the cheerlessness of George Eliot's prose than the fact that those writers felt obliged to cast aside much of the richer content of the Gospel of Christ; but neither of these two can lay claim to any special depth of thought, and if humour be incompatible with depth, then Ecclesiasticus has no place in Hebrew wisdom, and Shakespeare is the shallowest of English minds." Any one who has been or is acquainted with a person

who has rejected Christianity and holds materialistic views, cannot fail to have observed the tendency of such person to pessimism and the periods of gloom and despondency to which he is sometimes subject. Christ was, and will be to the end, the Light of the World. "The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not." A sweet and pleasant humour is that with which true Christianity irradiates our human nature. A bright, example of this truth is the Bishop of London oversea.

School Influences.

A writer in the "Nineteenth Century" upon Public school influences, meaning, of course, the great Public schools of England, touches upon aims and ideals which may well obtain amongst ourselves. Perhaps his words on cricket are especially to the point. He speaks of the training a boy must go through before reaching the front rank, by which he learns "to play unselfishly for his side and keep up its reputation; and all the time to remember that a game is never lost till it is won, and may always be saved by the last effort of the last player. And then he finds himself partner in a game conspicuous from all time for its perfect straightforwardness. There is absolutely nothing crooked in its methods and aims. So much was the honour of the thing enshrined in the bosoms of players that a proverb coined in days gone by has been handed down for generations as part of the moral code to condemn any unworthy act in the phrase, 'It isn't cricket; it isn't playing the game.' That proverb runs throughout the British Empire wherever its sons are gathered, whether the game be played or not." Conditions vary, but in all our schools are lads who, consciously or unconsciously, are "leaders." May they, too, not learn "to feel and impress upon others the truth that they are destined to take a place in the national life and to share in the burden of Imperial reponsibility, for which they must prepare by study of the history, geography and politics of the Empire"? May not our boys, too, be "nourished on the doctrine that they have to play the human game in a manly way with a straight bat and shun crookedness"? Be given a "high standard of duty to live up to at school, taught to be jealous of maintaining it whilst there, and to carry it into any sphere of public work in after life"? Our boys, drawn from many classes and from many widely different schools, are our future politicians; but surely in all the highest standard and the keenest sense of honour may be inculcated in the early, impressionable days. Some lines from one of Mr. Newbolt's poems close the article, and are as fitting here:-

"To set the Cause above renown, To love the game beyond the prize, To honour while you strike him down The foe that comes with fearless eyes. To count the life of battle good, And dear the land that gave you birth, And dearer yet the brotherhood That binds the brave of all the earth.

. Henceforth the school and you are one, And what you are the race will be."

The Returned Wanderer.

The "Literary Digest" has condensed a number of opinions as to the religious loss or gain of the day, including one sent to the "Standard" by a "mere soldier," so arresting that we cannot condense it: "One came home expecting to find the England of thirty or forty years ago -a land if by no means perfect, yet still one full of rest, peace, and quietness, in which class had not been set against class and people trusted in their rulers. The Church of England was more united than now, and we had some few great writers and poets left-the land described by Tennyson as:-

"A land of settled government, A land of just and old renown, Where freedom broadens slowly down From precedent to precedent."

"What does one find in England to-day? Most noticeable is a sort of almost universal 'greed' for money existing among all classes-an eagerness to become rich or 'well-to-do' quickly-not a pleasant quality or one likely to do good to discipline or character. Also a prevailing anxiety about health, amounting almost to a mania in many people—a restless discontent, superstition. belief in palmistry, fortune-telling-mascots, as . they are called (imagine Henry Havelock, Colin Campbell, Nelson, John Nicholson, or Florence Nightingale believing in or trusting to a 'mascot'!), indifference to religion, class hatred, selfishness, and pursuit of pleasure. All these tend to destroy what were known as the hereditary virtues of an Englishman-namely, to be Godfearing, truthful, honest, and upright. These are some of the causes of Socialism. I would attribute all this to the following causes: 1. Neglect of the Bible, family prayers, grace before meals (connecting the daily blessings of men's lives with God in any way, or giving thanks for them), though most men call on God when in peril. 2. The desecration of Sunday. 3. Failure to carry out the commands: (a) To deny ourselves; (b) to give alms in secret; (c) to love one's neighbour as oneself. 4. The influence of bad books. Shortly after taking up residence in England I myself saw in a respectable public lending library a book which had been thrown out of a military mess. 5. The Divorce Act, which as an Oxford clergyman among your correspondents says, 'strikes at the very root of family life itself' (family life-the best asset of a nation!). Yet, even now, an extension of that Act is contemplated in order, as one of our papers said, 'to give the poor the same 'privileges' as the rich!'. 6. The want of religious teaching in our schools, and possibly in the homes of many of our upper and middle classes also. Head masters discuss the plan of a 'Bowdlerized' Bible. Let them read in a recent book, 'Dulce Domum,' how Bishop Moberly, during all his thirty years as head of Winchester, taught his boys the Church Catechism."

Begin with the Children.

The "mere soldier" advocates the bringing back of Christ's religion into the schools and homes of a nation which still calls itself a Christian one. "If the Church Catechism were taught in all our schools, boys and girls would be taught to love God and their neighbour, to keep their hands from picking and stealing, and their tongues from evil-speaking (atheism, blasphemy, and impurity), lying and slandering, to be true and just, and not to covet other men's goods. A real increase in almsgiving and self-denial on behalf of churches, missions, hospitals, and the teaching of religion. Why should not people of all classes (Church of England and Non-conformist) help@to form 'study circles' for reading, learning, and discussing the truths of the Bible? (Green, in his 'History of the English People,' speaks of a time when everyone in England studied the Bible!) In this way the growth of atheism may be stopped and class drawn to class again. Only religion can do it!" Advice which applies equally to us in Canada and to the States. We noted lately how strange it was that no one in a large and influential body in the States, which is zealous to increase the service of God, should suggest the bringing back religious teaching of the young. There is, however, in the States a small national association for religious education composed of excellent people which held its ninth convention in St. Louis last month to which we wish success. And to-day, iconoclasts like Lloyd George and Dr. Clifford, for the glory of God, are straining to ruin the Church in Wales and the Church schools throughout England.

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CHURCH REUNION TO DATE.

The prospects for the consummation of the proposed union between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches seems at present to be somewhat over-clouded. The result of the appeal in the case of the Presbyterians is, we understand, a bitter disappointment to the promoters of the movement, who counted on an overwhelming majority in favour of union. The majority, a little over two to one, is not, so we gather from the utterances of representative men, considered sufficient to warrant the taking of the decisive step. The memory of the "Wee Frees," in the case of a similar movement in Scotland, is still a thing of yesterday, and in this case the minority is very much larger. Should the matter be pressed it is feared that a serious schism would result. The Scotch are a tenacious race, with long memories, and possess a genius for drawing fine distinctions. To this day we are informed a few of the "Auld Kirk" congregations still remain independent, having refused for considerably over a third of a century to accept the basis of union agreed upon by the Canadian Presbyterian bodies shortly after Confederation. The application of the schism by the General Assembly at the present time might mean the formation of what would practically be a new Presbyterian Church, or an increase of the Reformed Presbyterian, and the aggravation and perpetuation of the very evil which the movement was intended to remedy. The Methodists, on the other hand, have voted in the proportion of over seven to one in favour of the proposal. Such a majority is, we think, convincing, so far as they themselves are concerned. But it takes two to make a bargain. The apparent failure, for the present at all events, of the movement, is, in our opinion, to be very deeply regretted. Its consummation would have undoubtedly been, not only to the parties directly interested, but to Christianity generally, a decided gain, and it would have meant the definite beginning of the end of much that scandalizes and impedes religion. In many cases it would have relieved a financial strain that is rapidly becoming intolerable, and which has so often betrayed Churches into false and humiliating positions. The large majorities in the rural districts and smaller towns in favour of union is an evidence of this. In the cities, where the financial strain is not felt, the majority often generally inclined the other way, and in most other cases there was a substantial adverse minority. The strong financial position of the united Church would certainly have eventually enabled it to dispense with indirect and questionable means of raising money, greatly to the gain of our common Christianity. Other advantages would have followed on union, the ministerial status would have risen in more than one respect, and missionary work at home and abroad would have greatly benefited. The position of other religious bodies no doubt would have improved. There would have been an allround gain, difficult to precisely indicate, but easily imaginable. On higher grounds we lament this apparent failure, for it would have been a fine object-lesson to the world of Christian statesmanship and sanctified common sense. Of course, the large, if inadequate, majority in its favour is so much clear gain. The general feeling on the subject is unmistakable, and what the people feel to-day they will have to-morrow. And it is just possible that the movement is none the worse for being delayed. Of its final success we cannot allow ourselves seriously to doubt. The present setback illustrates the difficulties confronting any wider scheme, which would include ourselves. If nothing approaching unanimity can be attained in the attempt to unite such closely allied religious bodies as the Presbyterians and Methodists, between whom there has been a free exchange of pulpits for nearly a generation, what might reasonably be expected in our own case, where in number and

seriousness the points at issue are as ten to one?

SOME EASTER AFTERTHOUGHTS.

Macaulay says somewhere of a certain class of people that they have "just enough religion to make them uncomfortable." Their religion was not entirely a negligible quantity. It did have a place in their lives. But it was only skindeep; and, being skin-deep, it acted as a sort of irritant. It made them restless and dissatisfied with themselves, and there it stopped. It lacked the power to transform their lives. It waked and stirred them up, but left them ill-content and unconsoled. They felt that they could not exactly do without it, but they derived no real, tangible benefit from it. So far as their own happiness and comfort of mind went, they would almost be better off without it. Still, it was impossible to discard it altogether. They continued to cling to it, or it to them, from the force of habit, or by virtue of a vague but imperious instinct that would not down, and which seemed to have just enough vitality to unsettle and disturb, but not enough to suggest and inspire new motives, aims, hopes and ideals. In no respect is this so true as in the attitude of, we fear, a large majority of people towards the great truth of immortality. The vast majority of professing Christians get so very little "good" out of this most consoling and inspiring of all Christian doctrines. They accept it in such a vague, listless fashion. Their ideas of immortality are of such a shadowy and colourless kind. Their belief in it goes no further than a hazy notion of some kind of survival of death. Of a real survival they have hardly ever seriously thought; i.e., of the survival of the entire human personality and all it involves. For this emphatically and in an unique sense is Christian immortality. Mere human survival has been taught in a hundred forms by a hundred religions since the beginning of the world. Christanity through the Resurrection teaches not only the survival, but the continuation and infinite development and evolution of personality. This is the real "inwardness" of the doctrine of the Resurrection, the preservation of personal identity. Our Blessed Lord seemed anxious to impress upon His disciples the fact that, though transformed, he was eventually the same being after as before the Resurrection. He employs every opportunity and method to establish the fact that man, so far as his essential characteristics are concerned, can pass unscathed through the ordeal of the change called Death. This is the explanation of his eating and asking them to "handle" Him. Whatever might be the properties of His resurrection, or "astral," or "psychic," or "spiritual" body, to use St. Paul's words, it was a real body. And so the life beyond is a real life, not the shadowy existence of a disembodied spirit. This, it seems to us, is the very crux and kernel of the Resurrection, and with the great majority of Christian people it is of all doctrines the least utilized. Now, it has been very truly said that Christianity, as compared with all other religious systems, is strikingly reticent as to the details of the future life. While it takes a foremost place among all religions in teaching the truth of conscious human survival, it tells us next to nothing as to the actual conditions of the life beyond. This is undeniable. Christianity maintains a general reserve on this subject because it is desirable that a man should live one life at a time, and while here should play the game according to the rules, it is the most worldly and unworldly system in existence. No religion teaches so effectively the absolute worthlessness and relative worth of this mortal life, and how closely the earth life and the higher are bound up together. Thus this reserve as to details of the unseen world. To reyeal them would be to destroy the true balance between the two spheres of our being. But it was not the Divine purpose that the sense of immortality should be reduced to a vague. formless consciousness of something in the dim,

distant, remote future. Of all doctrines, it has, or should have, the most direct and vital bearing on the everyday life. Is this truth preached enough? We have our doubts. There is such a rage to-day for what is called "practical Christianity," which mainly concerns itself in the improvement of material conditions, that it has become a matter, we fear, of very secondary consideration. We have lost, or are losing, our sense of proportion in this matter of the seen and unseen. Even as Christian teachers, "the world is too much with us night and day," and the hope and expectation of the life beyond has ceased to be an appreciable factor in the lives of many sincerely religious people. The restoration of this balance is one of the most pressing needs of the Church to-day. The Church is ceasing to teach religion.

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FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

Spectator's Comments and Notes of Public Interest.

The situation in regard to Arish autonomy becomes more interesting and astonishing every day. In regard to the principles or details of the bill before the Imperial Parliament we have nothing to say. They who have the bill before them and are familiar with the situation in Ireland and England can alone presumably discuss the question with effect. There are, however, certain features of the situation which give rise to reflections and speculations on the part of the onlooker from afar. First of all there is the organized demonstration against the autonomy bill before the terms of the bill are made known to those who are demonstrating. In this country a demonstration of that kind would not be likely to carry much weight. It was, a protest not against what had been done or was being done, but against what is feared might be done. It was a case of correcting an error before the mistake is made. It is such a nuisance getting excited over political alarms, we would imagine, that when the public finds the bill calculated to safeguard the minority against the ills that were feared, it will be difficult to rally the public to another such demonstration. In the next place it seems extraordinary to us at this distance and in this country to hear the leader of the great Conservative party in England encouraging a section of the citizens of Ireland to resist the legislation of the Imperial Parliament. If Mr. Bonar Law's words in Belfast meant anything they meant his sanction and encouragement to open rebellion because of a law to be enacted by the constitutionally elected representatives of the people of Great Britain and Ireland. So far as we have seen, this attitude of the leader of a party has caused little or no comment. It is taken as a part of the game, and yet we in Canada are supposed by some to be able to learn how to play the game from those same British parliamentarians. What is treason? Is it not the determination to resist the powers that be? Bonar Law does not seem to us to have yet shown the stuff of which true leaders are made. To place himself in the midst of a frenzied multitude and shout with the frenzy of the best of them, is hardly the way to reach the confidence of the sober-minded men who in the end control the destinies of the country. What surprises, and startles us as well, is the way the presumed leaders and statesmen of England and Ireland let themselves go upon this subject. There seems to be no thought of restraint. No calling the people to a calm consideration of the situation. No outcry of horror at the suggestion of violence and the shouldering of arms against the will of parliament. No attempt at a reconciliation of an age-long feud. On the contrary, there is the frank assumption that that feud and hostility must abide forever, and only the show of force

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BISHOP WILBERFORCE ON "EVENING COMMUNIONS."

But whilst I press this upon you, there is one mode of seeking to increase the number of Communicants to which I feel bound to say to you that I entertain the gravest objection. I allude to the introduction of afternoon and evening Celebrations. I have the warmest and most entire sympathy with the purpose and desire which has prompted some to begin or to adapt this custom; I know that it has arisen from a tender longing to meet the difficulties of classes of our people, to whose presence at the midday Celebrations our social habits present a formidable difficulty; but I cannot allow that any difficulties warrant this innovation, and I believe that our difficulties may be otherwise and unobjectionably met. It is right that I should place before you the grounds of my objection to the practice. They are briefly these: -- 1. That it is contrary to the usage of the whole Church, certainly from very early, and most probably from Apostolic times; 2. That it involves an unlawful use of our Liturgy; and 3. That it directly tends to the desecration of the highest Rite of our holy religion. Very few words, I think, will suffice to establish the truth of each of these

It has pleased God that, in the well-known letter of Pliny to Trajan at as early a date as 104 years after Christ, we have direct evidence ujon the first point. "They affirmed," he reports to his imperial master of those whom he had, put to the torture and to death for their religion, "that this was the sum of their fault or error,that they were accustomed to assemble on a fixed day before light, to say responsively a hymn to Christ as God, and to bind themselves sacramento not to any wickedness, but not to commit theft, robbery, or adultery, or breach of faith." Can there be any reasonable doubt what the sacramentum against sin was, wherewith these early confessors said that they bound themselves "very early" on the Resurrection morning, even "whilst it was yet dark," and did but "begin to dawn towards the day"? Was it ever known in the Church of Christ that men should be allowed to take an oath that they would not commit sin. Certainly to the early Church such a notion must have been most strange. They knew full well that not in any vow, but in the closest communing with their risen Lord was their strength against iniquity; and, speaking to a heathen, to whom the secrets of their faith could not be revealed, they would most naturally apply the word sacramentum to the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Doubtless it was for Its Celebration that they thus a sembled themselves before light. And from this time downward we have an unbroken chain of proof as to the practice of the Church. The words of Tertullian, in the second century, are plainly to the point; so are those of S. Cyprian in the third; and in the fourth we have S. Augustine's reference to the practice of Celebrating on one evening in the week; namely, on the anniversary of the Institution of the Lord's Supper in words which prove the universality of the rule to which this was a special exception. Thus we trace up an unbroken custom of condemning late Communions to within a period when the voice of the beloved Apostle must have been instructing the Christian Church in the Lesser Asia.

That the custom of early Communion should have begun so soon suggests, for other reasons than its mere antiquity, that it rested upon Apostolical authority. For the Divine Institution and the first Celebration were after the evening paschal meal. How within so short a period could such a change have been possible had it rested upon any lower authority? For every argument from the convenience of evening Celebrations with which we are familiar must have applied with far more force to them. The social difficulties of servants in Christian households must be nothing compared with those of Christian slaves in heathen families; or indeed. with those of the whole body in times of persecution. Yet, as it seems, these perils were not esteemed sufficient, even in the bloody Decian persecution, to warrant such a custom. The probability then is strong that the inspired Apostles themselves altered the time of Celebration from the hour of the paschal feast to that of the Resurrection of the Lord. And no careful student of the New Testament will doubt that in the abuses which had crept into the Corinthian Church touching the Holy Eucharist, and in St. Paul's treatment of them, they find the occasion and the time of the alteration.

First, then, I condemn these late Communions because they are a violation of the custom of the universal Church, which may be traced to the very first century, and which rests, most probably, on an Apostolic ordinance framed to guard the holy Rite from abuse.

Further, our own Communion Office, in my judgment, embodies this rule. It is not indeed anywhere expressly said that the Communion Office is a part of Morning Prayer; the reason of the omission evidently being that when our Offices were compiled no Christian man thought of any other time for the public Celebration of the Holy Communion. But though not expressly asserted, this is clearly implied in the very letter of the Office. It may be traced throughout in the rubric, e.g., which orders that "the Collect appointed for every Sunday, or for any Holy-day that hath a vigil or eve, shall be said at the evening Service next before;" which evidently treats the Communion Office as a part of the next day's Morning Prayer; and less explicitly is the same implied in the order that "so many as intend to be partakers of the Holy Communion shall signify their names to the Curate, at least some time the day before:" and yet more plainly in the rubric before the Offertory, which orders, "Then shall follow the Sermon," &c. For the Sermon was then an essential part of the Morning Prayer, and of it

This question being one of the legal construction of our Offices, I have thought it my duty to consult the very learned Chancellor of our Diocese and I am fortified by his opinion that any Clergyman violating herein the motion of his Bishop would subject himself to the penalty of suspension.

Further I am persuaded that if this usage became common it would greatly tend to the desecration of this Holy Ordinance. If it were not a matter of Apostolical injunction, it was, I doubt not, a deep and wise instinct of the Church, which so early associated this great mystery, in which the faithful Christian communes so specially with his Risen and Ascended Saviour, with the first Services of the Lord's Day, that he may give to it the freshness of his spirits and the stillness of his soul before it has been wearied, worn, and soiled by the toils, and anxieties, and earthly dust from which, even on the day of rest, he cannot keep himself altogether free. At present the influence of this spirit is strong amongst us. Who that has dwelt in the bosom of a religious family does not know that a far. more than ordinary measure of thoughtfulness and devotion pervades the whole circle before partaking of that Holy Sacrament? Who can estimate the blessed effect of such a tone of feeling, both as to the immediate result of the devout partaking of that Holy Ordinance, and indirectly on the maintenance of a high standard of Christian doctrine concerning it? But all this must pass surely away if evening Celebrations become common. They must come to share in the normal character of the later Services of the Sunday, which, as compared with the earliest, all observant men amongst us would, I believe, admit to be marked by drowsiness in the afternoon, and in the evening either by weariness or excitement. How great might be the effect upon the next generation, when these influences would have had full time to work out their results, it would I believe, be very difficult to estimate:

Nor can I admit that late Comumnions are the only or even the best mode of meeting the difficulties which they seek to relieve. I can say, from the experience of a large parish, that the attendance of the class who are to so great a degree excluded by our social habits from the midday Service, may be secured at Celebrations

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can procure security. One other peculiarity noticeable in the liish situation is the "unswerying loyalty to the Crown and throne" which is such a prominent part in every resolution and official utterance of the men of Northern Ireland. This protest of "unswerving loyalty" is interjected into every declaration of resistance to the autonomy bill should it be enacted. The "Crown and throne" may sign, seal and deliver the said bill, and the men of Belast may resist it with their last drop of blood, but the world must know that this is "unswerving loyalty." These are a few of the peculiarities of a struggle which interest and puzzle the onlooker from afar. It may not be in the interests of Ireland or the Empire to grant a parliament at Dublin. If such a parliament were desirable the proposed provisions in the bill before the Imperial House may not be expedient. Of these things we do not pretend to judge, but we cannot refrain from commenting upon certain features of the present agitation which strike one as peculiar and even incomprehensible.

There seems to be a growing insistance within the Anglican Church of a greater and more truly Catholic communion in spiritual things with our Protestant brethren. We are constantly hearing of invitations being issued from the chancels of our churches to those in good standing in other communions to join with us in not "our" sacrament, but in the "Lord's." The many definitions of our essential inheritance which sets us apart from other communions is having the effect of making men realize that there must be a flaw somewhere in our contention. The outlook is not large enough for Divine comprehensiveness. The spirit is not Catholic enough. The method of Divine operation is not satisfactory to even our poor, imperfect human standards. If men and women are hungering for the bread of life, then why should we not feed them if the spiritual food is in our possession? Why should we make the way of eternal life more difficult than necessary to any soul that may be facing towards the eternal city? It is easy to say, let them conform to our methods and discipline, and then we will have fellowship with them, but there are thousands who have no objection to our orders and discipline who yet are by no means convinced of their necessity for citizenship in the kingdom. God has given to many people many minds and many viewpoints of life. Has he decreed that all these divergencies of outlook and belief should be negatived and brought into one great organization before He will own them as His? Is not the real Catholic Church that which strives to include all who follow the Master in spirit and in truth, rather than that which seeks to exclude all who do not conform to a certain type? The Anglican Church has the essentials of comprehension within it; why should not these characteristics be extended to those who are not of her communion? Many of our readers will recall, as they read this, very dear friends who are not of our communion. They will not dare to place them upon any lower spiritual plane than themselves. They would not dare dream of entering into the spirit world with any thought of superiority or inferiority. Then what, you ask, separates us in this life? We are only giving voice to the meditations of thinking people. Christ is for the world and the world is for Christ, and somehow the Church must not put obstacles in the way of Christ claiming His people and the people claiming their Christ. "I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church." "Spectator."

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"Home is the head of the river," and an influence, whether blessed or pernicious, exerted there, will affect all its after course. Hence the noble Frenchwoman was right, when, in reply to the monarch's question, "What is needed to secure the prosperity of France?" she said. "Good mothers."



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Huntsville.—All Saints'.—At the annual meeting of this parochial Branch of the W.A., which was held on March 13th, the following officers were elected to do duty for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. M. Kinton; first vice-president, Mrs. Llwyd; second vice-president, Mrs. Harper; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Trimmer. Miss Wilgress was appointed superintendent of Junior Branch No. 4, with Mrs. Hutchins assistant. Mrs. Wieler, superintendent No. 2 Junior Auxiliary, West End; collectors, Babies' Branch, Mesdames Bazett and Wm. Gall. Help was voted towards making up a diocesan bale for Moose Fort, Diocese of Moosonee.

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THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

Halifax.—The 37th meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia was opened on Tuesday, April 9th, by an early celebration of the Holy Communion in All Saints' Cathedral, at which there was a large attendance of clerical and lay delegates. The Syrod opened on the same day in St. Paul's Hall. The Rev. V. E. Harris was elected clerical secretary, and Mr. George E. Nicholls lay secretary. A resolution of sympathy to the family of the late Rev. J. B. Downing, of River John, was passed in their double bereavement in the death of their father and mother within one week of each other. After routine business a canon was adopted raising the W. and O. allowance to \$150 per annum. The Bishop in his charge said the affairs of the diocese were fairly satisfactory. He spoke at length on the subject of the relations between clergy and laity. The clergy, he thought, should be very cautious in how they took up social questions. They must be careful not to be betrayed into compromising attitudes. The position and prospects of the cathedral were satisfactory. campaign for the Church of England Institute and King's College had been most successful, and had almost reached the mark aimed at. The Bishop strongly condemned the practice of preaching "trial sermons." A committee composed of the Rev. Canon Powell and others was appointed to report on the Charge. It was decided to raise \$20,000 this year for missionary purposes. A canon calling for the induction of rectors for seven years was referred to a committee to report upon at the next Synod. The proposal by the Rev. C. W. Vernon to appoint an Evangelistic Council was referred to a committee. The special service was held in All Saints' Cathedral at 8 p.m., the sermon being preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Armitage from Ephesians iv., 13. The service was fully choral, The choir, clergy, and lay delegates, preceded by a cross-bearer, entered the church singing a processional hymn. Archdeacon Armitage's sermon dealt mainly with the divine influence in human history and the historical proof of the resurrection.

Wednesday .- There was present a good attendance of lav and clerical delegates. Reports of the following committees were presented and discussed:—The Divinity Students' Fund, by the Rev. Canon Simpson. A grant of \$150 to suitable candidates for the ministry was decided on. The report of the Assessment Committee, was, on motion of Mr. A. McKinley, seconded by the Rev. R. F. Dixon, received and adopted. Mr. A. B. Wiswell presented an encouraging report of the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. There are now 17 senior and 10 junior chapters at work in Nova Scotia. Mr. H. D. Romans submitted the report of the Church Men's Society which is making steady progress. Canon Vroom presented the report of deceased mem-Two clergymen have passed away during the year, the Revs. A. J. Cresswell of Amherst; and the Rev. J. L. Downing of River-John. By a motion of the Rev. C. W. Vernon the Bishop was empowered to appoint all committees of Synod except those in charge of trust funds. The report on the Bishop's Charge, submitted by the Rev. Canon Powell, suggested the first week in June as the most suitable time for holding the Synod. The Bishop's suggestion for holding a general Diocesan Mission in 1913 was cordially endorsed. The suggestion that the minimum clerical stipend should be raised to \$900 was also approved. The report of the Education Committee, which was read by the Rev. Canon Powell, elicited a long discussion. It was decided to invite a conference of representatives of other churches to consider the question of introducing the teaching of the Bible in the schools. The Sunday School Committee report was presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Armitage. The Rev. R. A. Hiltz, secretary of the Sunday School Commission, addressed the Synod on his work. In the evening a missionary meeting was held in St. Paul's Church at which a magnificent address was given by the Rev. Canon Powell. The Rev. R. A. Hiltz also spoke on Sunday School work.

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FREDERICTON.

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

Crand Manan .- On Easter Sunday at morning service at the Church of the Ascension, North Head, an event took place which will be long remembered by members of the congregation. When the rector (the Rev. Joseph W. O'Donnell) accepted and dedicated a pair of handsome altar lights and an office lectern to the glory of God and service of his Church, the altar lights being presented by the Bell family in memory of Robert Bell, an old settler of Grand Manan; the office lectern by the rector in memory of his mother. They were used for the first time at the morning service and were greatly admired. The attendance was fairly good, the rector taking for his text St. Matthew 28:6, "He is not here for He is risen."

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QUEBEC.

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

Quebec.—The usual annual Vestry meetings were held on Easter Monday evening by the various Church of England congregations, and

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at all of the meetings reports of a satisfactory character were submitted showing that progress had been made during the past year.

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St. Matthew's.—Wardens, Dr. J. Laurie; Mr.

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Wardens, P. G.

A. J. Teakle.

Trinity.—Wardens, C. A. Sewell; A. W. Colley.

St. Petar's People's Warden Mr. Desmond:

St. Peter's.—People's Warden, Mr. Desmond; At an adjourned meeting, which will be held shortly, the rector, the Rev. E. A. W. King, will appoint his warden.

MONTREAL.

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

Montreal.—The reports presented at the various vestry meetings on Easter Monday were of a very satisfactory character, showing that good progress has been made all along the line during the past year.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The proceedings were only formal, the vestry meeting being post-

poned until May 6th. St. James the Apostle.—Wardens, D. D. Mac-pherson and James Mattinson; delegates to Synod, G. J. Crowdy and J. W. Pyke. The re-port of Wardens O. R. Rowley and James Mattison showed that the income had been sufficient to wipe out the 1911 deficit of \$870.56. Offertories showed an increase of \$798, amounting, in all, to \$5,966. The special committee on building schemes in their report recommended that, the site of the present rectory was not suitable, the corporation should obtain a rectory elsewhere, either by building, purchase or rental. This recommendation was adopted. The next recommendation was that the church should be enlarged by removing a wall on the Bishop Street side and add a transept. The estimated cost was \$35,000. The corporation was empowered to carry out the enlargement according to the plans as soon as the way was open financially. A committee was appointed to evolve a scheme for finding more commodious premises for St. Antoine Street Mission and to act in this matter jointly with St. George's parish. There were nearly 1,000 communicants on Easter Day.

St. George's.—Wardens, G. E. Drummond, G. S. C. Smith. The meeting was adjourned till May 13th.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. S. Campbell, C. M. Cameron; delegates to Synod, A. Baile, J. Mitchell.

All Saints'.—Wardens, T. J. Griffiths, A. E. Sennet; delegates to Synod, J. McGillivrary, W. H. Flawn, L. Clark, F. Bailey. The debt on the church is now reduced to \$050, the sum of \$1,400 having been paid off during the past year. It was decided to increase the rector's stipend by \$300 a year.

Church of the Advent.—Wardens, H. B. Mackenzie, G. Farrabee; delegates to Synod, E. C. Pratt, A. P. Tippett.

Grace Church.—Wardens, A. E. Dancey, T. Kinsella; delegates to Synod, W. McWood, C. Manning. Financial statement was very satisfactory.

St. Thomas'.—Wardens, W. McKee, J. Milne; delegates to Synod, J. Campbell, T. B. Lyon.
St. Luke's.—Wardens, H. H. Sinn, H. Beck;

delegates to Synod, T. Stone, J. Elliott. St. Simon's.—Delegates to Synod, J. Armstrong, C. M. Mills.

L'Eglise Du Rédempteur.—Wardens, C. Kingsley, A. Vallières; delegates to Synod, the two churchwardens.

Bishop Carmichael Memorial Church.—Wardens, H. James, H. W. Balton; delegates to Synod, D. G. Lepage, T. Purcell.

St. Matthias'.—Wardens, T. Brophy, H. E. Suckling; delegates to Synod, J. J. Fiske, H. H. Ransom. The financial report was most satisfactory, and the stipend of the rector, the Rev. E. Bushell, M.A., was increased. A resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the services of a curate be procured as early as possible. Arrangements were completed for the opening of the new church on April 28th.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, J. H. Sargent, T. H. Jordan; delegates to Synod, J. Forgrave, J. T. Sadler.

Church of the Redeemer.—Delegates to Synod, J. G. Brock, W. D. Clark. Meeting adjourned for a month on account of the change of rector.

St. Martin's—Meeting postponed till April 22nd.

St. Edward's.—Delegates to Synod, R. J. Kenbal and G. Maybury. Meeting adjourned till May 6th.

St. Philip's.-The meeting was adjourned until the second Wednesday in May.

Church of the Ascension.-A brief but satisfactory financial report was presented at the annual Easter vestry meeting, after which the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, the 231d

Hochelaga.-St. Mary's.-Delegates to Synod, R. H. Buchanan, J. Wright.

St. Stephen's.-Meeting postponed for the pre-

Verdun.-St. Clement's.-Wardens, J. H. Farrar, J. Fill Duggan; delegates to Synod, A. G. Mitchell, N, Trowse.

Maisonneuve.—St. Cyprian's.—Wardens, J. W. Jarvis, A. C. Stemshorn; delegates to Synod, A. B. Haywood, J. Goodfellow. A resolution was passed assenting to the deed for purchasing land on Milton Avenue for a new church. The financial statement showed that \$2,022 had been raised during the year for general purposes, leaving a balance in hand of \$152, with all expenses paid. It was decided to raise the rector's stipend by \$100 per annum.

Longueuil.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, G. A. Mc-Coll, G. F. Racey; delegates to Synod, D. T. Kyle, H. Cross, F. J. McClure.

St. Lambert.-St. Barnabas'.-Wardens, S. A. Hedges, W. H. Hooper; delegates to Synod, J. Horsfall, H. Tucker. Assets, \$16,308.62; liabilities, \$3,337.27.

Tetreaultville.—St. Margaret's.—Wardens, W. Barre, E. Clark; delegates to Synod, E. Long and W. Rabs. Receipts, \$500; expenditure, \$425.

Lachine. - St. Paul's. - The annual vestry meeting of this church was held in the new parish hall on Monday evening, April 8th. There was a good attendance, and the churchwardens presented a very satisfactory report, with a substantial balance on the righ side. This meeting was particularly interesting from the fact that a very neat and commodious parish hall, with rooms for janitor and sexton, was built during the year, and occupied since the beginning of October. The report of the Building Committee was very satisfactory. Before the inauguration of the parish hall scheme a special effort was made to increase the contributions to missionary objects, with the result that upwards of \$300 was sent to the M.S.C.C. The following officers were elected and appointed: Wardens, rector's, W. F. B. Henry; people's, A. P. Bastable; lay delegates to Synod, Thomas Allan, W. S. Johnson; auditors, J. T. Rathwell, H. L. Dinning; sidesmen, J. P. Cobb, Melvin Rathwell, J. T. Rathwell, James Tuck, F. H. Tippet, H. L. Dinning, G W. Robertson, J. B. Tullo.

Waterloo .- St. Luke's .- The annual vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th instant. A very gratifying report was given by the treasurer. No liabilities; balance in the bank, \$167.26. Mr. Gardner Stevens was again nominated rector's warden, and Mr. F. Savage was appointed people's warden. Delegates to Synod, Mr. Geo. E. Robinson and Mr. Wm. Moynan; sidesmen, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. C. Moynan, Mr. Frank Duthie, Mr. S. R. Taylor, Mr. W. J. Pearson and Mr. Geo. Moynan; delegate to Dunham Ladies' College, Mr. F. W. Savage. The Rev. Rural Dean Jeakins presided.

Frost Village.—Christ Church.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. The Rev. Rural Dean Jeakins oocupied the chair. The financial statement, which showed a balance in hand, was adopted. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mr. G. H. Durrell, people's warden; Mr. A. Jones, rector's warden; delegates to Synod, Mr. H. N. Rockwell and Mr. Cavin A. Martin.

Montreal.—Christ Church Cathedral.—Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan Gibb have presented a handsome cross to the cathedral as a family memorial, and this was dedicated by Bishop Farthing at the morning service on Easter Day. The cross is three feet six inches in length, and is of chaste design.

Protestant Infants' Home.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided at the 42nd annual meeting which took place at the Home on the Joth inst., and in testifying as to his appreciation of

the excellent nature of the work being done by the institution said that with the rapid growth of the city an effort should be made to get a greater number of the children adopted into homes and thus reduce to a great extent the necessity for building more institutions of that nature. After devotional exercises the secretary's report ands submitted by Mis. Mary B. Fowler who reported that the year had been a very successful one, but that it had also meant a large increase in their work. The number of inmates in the home had almost doubled since the last annual meeting, and owing to the higher cost of hving it had also meant heavier expense. Owing, however, to the generosity of their supporters they had been able to meet all requirements and still carry over a good balance. Although they had had an unusually hot summer the children had kept remarkably well, and no deaths had taken place during the hot season, and this they attributed to the good food, cleanliness and care bestowed upon them by the lady superintendent and nurses. When the last report was presented there were 60 children in the home, 103 had been admitted during the year, 78 had been discharged, 5 had been adopted, 5 had died, leaving 81 children in the home, or counting the staff and the mothers they had for inmates, at the present time. Though \$1,683.50 had been paid in board money for the children, yet at the same time 62 children and 13 mothers had not been paid for, so that this was the cause of part of the increase in the expenditure. Mrs. J. A. Hutchinson, in submitting the treasurer's port, said the balance of the general finances had been at the close of last year \$2,528 .-The income during the year had amounted to \$7,865, and the expenditure to \$8,675.50, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,718.28. building fund showed a balance on hand of \$5,-331.79. The medical report presented was an encouraging one. The various reports were unamimously adopted on the motion of the Rev. Hugh Nedley seconded by the Rev. R. W. Dickie. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. A. Hutchison; first vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Hart; second vice-president, Mrs. S. Carsley; third vice-president, Mrs. Henry Miles; treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Gordon: recording secretary, Mrs. Northey; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Edgar. Bishop Farthing, in referring to the reports, said they showed excellent work done and no mention of any deficit. The women who are leaders in social life of to-day are also the leaders in philanthropic work. There was a great call for this work in Montreal and the call in the future would be greater than in the past. Institutions must increase with the growth of the city and if the population of Montreal was going to increase to one million, as many said it would, their institutions would be taxed to their limit, and there would be every opportunity for philanthropic work. In referring to the growing need for such institutions His Lordship said he did not quite believe in multiplying institutions of this nature but he would instead recommend them to try and get the children adopted into homes. In Ontario this had been done, and as a result they had applications for more children to be adopted than they had children to give.

West Montreal.—St. Phillip's.—This church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the evening of Wednesday April 10th in the presence of a large congregation. His Worship Mayor Ballantyne, of West Montreal, and the members of the Council, attended the service in state. After the dedication prayers, Bishop Farthing gave an address in which he emphasized the universality of the Catholic Church and stated that the Church of England, whether High, Low or Broad, was based on the Apostles' Creed, and the Church was prepared to meet a Council of all the churches in the world at any time on that basis. The musical part of the service was conducted by Mr. E. J. Bedbrooke, choirmaster with Miss Hilda N. Canavan at the organ. Among the clergymen present were: Rev. H. R. Stevenson, the rector; the Ven. Archdeacon Norton, and the Revs. R. G. Ascah, F. A. Pratt, F. L. Flanagan, H. Hewton, and W. Baker. X X X

ONTARIO.

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

Kingston.—The reports which were presented at the various annual Vestry meetings were of an encouraging nature emphasizing the fact that the past year had been one of progress.

St. George's Cathedral .- The two Churchwardens, Messrs. F. W. Spangenburgh and R. Waldron, after many years of faithful service. have resigned their respective positions and Messrs. R. J. Carson and Mr. S. Sutherland, were duly appointed and elected to take their vacant places. On the motion of Canon Starra committee was appointed to consider a memortal to the two retiting officials. Delegate . to Synod, H. Tandy. The sexton's salary was increased. A motion was proposed that in future the tenure of office by church wardens should be restricted to two years. The largest number of communicants attended the Holy Communion on Easter Dav ever known in the history of the parish. Votes of thanks were passed to the Churchwoman's Aid, the Chancel, Guild, the Vestry clerk, organist and choir, and the board of visitors to the Sunday School, for their services during the past year. The latter have presented a lantern to the school, which will greatly add to the efficiency and interest of the teachers and scholars.

St. James'.-The meeting was adjourned for a week.

St. Luke's.-Wardens, A. J. Murray, A. J. Shannon. Delegate to Synod, H. J. Simpson. Receipts, \$1,307.85; disbursements, \$1,300.19.

St. Paul's.-Wardens, R. F. Elliott, A. E. M. Loscombe; delegates to Synod, J. W. Power and the two wardens; receipts, \$4,5)6.92. A committee was appointed to effect the purchase of a new organ.

Portsmouth.—St. John's.—Wardens, S. Watts, J. B. Walklem, K.C.; delegate to Synod for three years, J. W. Henstridge. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks.

Barriefield.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. Sibbit, L. Baxter; delegates to Synod, J. A. Wilmot, W. A. Milton, G. V. Stewart. A satisfactory financial report was presented.

Cataraqui.—Christ Church.—Delegates to Synod, B. Lancaster, J. Heaton. The finances were reported to be in good shape. It is proposed to place a new furnace in the church during the coming year and to carry out some necessary repairs to the fabric of the building.

Consecon.—Trinity.—At the conclusion of the holding of a most successful bazaar and concert which took place lately under the auspices of the members of the Church Guild, the retiring rector, the Rev. S. P. G. and Mrs. Wright, were presented by the congregation with a very handsome mahogany server strapped with sterling silver trimmings. The congregation of St. John's, Carrying Place, also later on entertained their retiring rector at a public dinner, and his brother Masons also bade him farewell. Mr. Wright was the chaplain of the local Masonic Lodge. Mr. Wright commenced work in his new charge at Lyn at the beginning of this

Belleville.—St. John's.—The Vestry meeting which was held on Easter Monday evening was one of the largest in the history of the parish. The Rev. Canon D. F. Bogert presided. The financial report as presented by the wardens showed a satisfactory state of affairs. After all expenses were paid a large surplus remains in the treasury. The contributions to missons were the largest in the church's life. Canon Bogert announced that he was sending in his resignation to the Bishop of the Diocese on account of ill health. This will take effect on April 15th. Accordingly the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks' time. The Rev. Canon Bogert has been rector of this parish for upwards of twentyfive years. He came here from Selby Ont., to take the place of the Rev. R. S. Forneri, now of St. Luke's Kingston. These two have been the only rectors since the foundation of the church in 1876.

St. Thomas'.-Wardens, T. E. Ketcheson, H. F. Ketcheson. It was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a parish hall which is to be erected on the east side of the rectory grounds and a Building Committee was appointed with that object in view.

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Wellington.—St. Andrew's.—Wardens, W. P. Niles, L. Dingman. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. W. P. Niles for his gifts of a brass lectern and prayer desk, and to Mrs. Niles for a brass altar cross. The church walls and ceilings are to be beautifully decorated by a Toronto firm who have already begun their work. The financial report will be presented at an adjourned meeting.

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OTTAWA.

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

Ottawa.—The annual Vestry meetings were held in a number of the parishes on Easter Monday, though in several cases adjournment was held until a later date. Those Vestries that met for business received gratifying reports of both spiritual and temporal progress, and the outlook for the future was never brighter.

St. John's.—The question of securing a new site was the principal one discussed at this Vestry, and a committee was finally appointed to look into the matter. When the work on the new edifice, which will replace that destroyed by fire this winter, will be begun mainly depends on the early selection of a suitable spot on which to build. The financial statement, which was presented by Wardens W. H. Pennock and J. R. Armstrong, showed total receipts of \$7,368.72, the main items being, general offertory, \$1,024.37; pew rents, \$1,090.05, interest on capital, \$3,085.31, and special collections, \$1,509.78. The expenditures amounted to \$7,173.41, so that there was a comfortable balance on hand. All other reports were satisfactory.

St. Alban's.—A notable feature of this Vestry meeting was the offer on the part of several members of the congregation to clear up a deficit of \$344.85, which means that the congregation will enter into the new financial year free of all debt. Two new wardens were elected: E. J. Jarvis for the rector, and H. A. F. MacLeod, for the people. With two exceptions, last year's sidesmen were re-elected. Mr. W. L. Marler left the city and Lieut.-Col. Elliott was elected in his place. Mr. H. Merritt left the parish and P. J. C. MacDonell was elected to the vacancy. Mr. J. G. F. Hudson was elected a delegate to the Synod in the place of Mr. W. L. Marler. The total expenditure for the year was \$4,471.-15, which amount included \$1,053 for missions and other special accounts.

St. George's.—Reports of a year of great success were presented at the annual Vestry meeting of this church, the rector, the Rev. J. M. Snowdon, presiding. The total revenue of the church for the year was \$12,301, as compared with an expenditure of \$11,292. The congregation raised the sum of \$2,163 for missions. The rector re-nominated Mr. George A. Mountain as his warden and Mr. Andrew Haydon was re-elected people's warden for the year. As lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod Col. Fred White, Mr. Charles McNab and Dr. W. F. King were chosen.

St. Barnabas'.—The past year has been possibly the most successful in the history of this parish. The rector's report of his work among the people was most encouraging and the wardens were able to show an excellent financial statement. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Churchwardens, Col. Carleton Jones, Commander Henry Thompson, R.N.; standing committee, rector and church wardens, Messrs. Dell, E. Browne-Wallis, H. Gray, E. Hearnden, J. Norris, J. Butler, R. Lake, H. Timmons, H. McDowell and E. Maling. The Rev. J. E. Revington-Jones, in his concluding remarks, referred to his reasons for resigning from the pulpit of the church, and stated that his successor would be Rev. W. H. Bayley, of Omaha, Neb., who would arrive on May 1st.

St. Mathias'.—A reduction of \$1,500 in the debt, a balance in the bank of \$500, and an increase in the rector's stipend of \$200, dating back six months, were the outstanding features of a gratifying financial statement from the wardens, Messrs. Plaskett and Lockhart who were re-elected. Mr. Plaskett was also re-elected representative to Synod.

Cornwall.—Trinity.—Wardens, T. E. Fletcher, W. Gibbens; delegate to Synod, G. C. Smith. Receipts, \$3,725.93. A balance to the good of \$38.70 was left over after meeting all liabilities. By the special canvass made by the rector last year \$617.50 had been raised, by means of which the rectory debt was extinguished and other liabilities covered. There were 270 communicants at this church on Easter Day. The salary of the rector, the Rev. T. J. Stiles, was fixed at the vestry meeting at \$1,400, which is an advance of \$200. He is also to have one clear month's holiday during the year.

Ottawa East.—Holv Trinity.—The financial statement showed a balance of \$146, and other reports were encouraging. The business was not concluded.

The churches where Vestries only met proformula, and adjourned to a later date were

Christ Church Cathedral, St. Luke's, Grace, All Saints', St. Bartholomew's, St. Matthew's,

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and Ottawa South.

St. Margaret's.—The production of the sacred drama "The Wilderness," at the church hall last week was witnessed by a rarge audience, who showed their appreciation of the splendid work of those who took part by unstitted applicates.

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TORONTO.

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

The reports which were presented at the various vestry meetings, which were held on Easter Monday evening, were most excellent in character and full of encouragement for the future, showing as they did that the past year had been the best in the history of the city. Many of the congregations decided to increase the salaries of the rectors, and new churches will be built in three or four parishes. Several churches which were commenced last year are nearing completion, and it is expected that before the end of the year there will be at least a dozen new churches in Toronto.

St. James' Cathedral.—Wardens, Mr. H. Brock, Dr. F. LeM. Grasett. Receipts, \$41,953.85, which included \$19,193 for missionary purposes; receipts for general purposes, \$17,657.91; expenditure, \$17,522.02. The Parish House was the chief cause, as the amount set for its maintenance proved insufficient. The experience of the past year showed that the annual cost of maintaining it will be \$2,400. The mortgage debt on it was reduced by \$5,000, and now stands at \$38,000; \$1,000 was paid off the debenture debt of the cathedral, which now stands at \$45,000, and falls due in 1914, when the whole indebtedness must be readjusted. It was reported the Easter Day offertory amounted to \$1,824.94. The question of improving the organ and decorating the chancel was discussed, but the matter was left to the wardens to arrange.

St. George's.—Wardens, L. S. McMurray, C. Deverall; delegates to Synod, J. Maughan, Sr., and Messrs. Beverley Jones and G. F. Harman. Receipts, \$8,126.47, all of which was expended. Although situated in the downtown district, the congregation showed a marked increase, and the regular congregations also showed an increase. It was decided to do away with the Finance Committee, and a smaller committee, to be known as the Executive Committee, was appointed, and vested with power to govern the financial and other church matters. The downtown problem was discussed.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, E. F. Crossland, J. C. Forman; delegates to Synod, E. A. Lye, A. E. Guest, R. H. Greer. Receipts, \$5,622.93, which sum was supplemented by a special Easter offering, which had already reached the handsome total of \$2,754.07, "with more to come," as the treasurer encouragingly reported. Expenditure, \$6,132, which included all interest payments. All the various organizations of the church were reported to be in a very flourishing condition.

Church of the Redeemer.—Wardens, G. B. Woods, H. A. Baldwin; delegates to Synod, Dr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., Dr. T. Millman and Mr. W. C. Brent. Receipts, \$16,390.04; \$1,000 was paid off the debt on the parish house. Additional amounts raised for mission and Church purposes amounted to \$4,100. A member of the congregation is paying the salary of a lady missionary in India, and some of the men of the congrega-

tion are sending out a clergyman as assistant to the Rev. R. H. A. Haslam at Kangra, India, in the Punjab. The number of communicants on Easter Day was 710 as compared with 580 last year.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, F. A. Rolph, C. N. Candee. Receipts from all sources, \$71,290. The sum of \$18,604 was given to the cause of missions. The Building Committee reported that Architect E. J. Lennox was confident that the new church should be ready for occupancy in October next, and that the new memorial organ, which is to be the finest in Canada, would be completed during September.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, A. D. Langmuir, E. G. Fitzgerald; delegates to Synod, H. P. Blatchford, J. A. Worrall, K.C., C. J. Agar. Every organization in connection with the congregation has shown growth. The number of communisants on Easter Sunday was the largest on any such occasion in the history of the parish. The total income last year was \$6,577.57, of which but \$1,732.68 was received from the Endowment Fund. The offertories at services amounted to \$3,068.10. The disbursements were \$6,622.13.

St. Thomas'.—Wardens, Dyce W. Saunders, W. Ince; delegates to Synod, H. T. Beck, J. R. Cartwright, C.K., J. H. Paterson. Under the duplex envelope system the offerings of this church for both missions and maintenance have shown a marked increase of over \$1,000 from last year. The total amount raised was \$10,630, of which \$1,764 was in missionary envelopes, \$5,239 in maintenance envelopes, and \$3,625 in loose plate collection. In addition, the mortgage debt was reduced by \$3,400, of which the Women's Guild contributed \$1,074, as well as \$462 for interest. A vote of thanks was passed at the vestry meeting for the splendid work of this organization.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, Dr. G. F. Belden, W. McCaffrey; delegates to Synod, F. J. Stewart, A. J. Russell, R. R. Davis. Receipts, \$10,022; contributions to missionary and other objects, \$2,828.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, C. de W. Green, T. H. Cleghorn; delegates to Synod, R. S. Kingsford, H. S. Strathy, W. H. Worden. The wardens' report indicated a satisfactory advance, the mortgage on the schoolhouse being reduced by \$900. The year's income was \$6,136.33. This left a small overdraft, which was covered by the offertories on Easter Day, the largest the church has yet made.

Church of the Messiah.—Wardens, Grant Helliwell, W. J. Wharin; delegates to Synod, M. Bredin, J. Paterson, H. Mortimer. Receipts, \$6,052 and \$739 for the missionary cause; expenditure about the same.

Church of the Ascension.—Warden (people's), W. T. Kincade. The rector's warden will be appointed later. Delegates to Synod, T. Langton, K.C., R. C. Bickerstaff, R. Kincade. Total receipts, \$4,770, of which \$826 were contributed to missions. There was a good balance left over after paying all expenses.

All Saints'.—Wardens, S. Trees, F. H. Brigden. Receipts, \$7,744.50; disbursements, \$7,572.50. The sum of \$3,280 had been given to the missionary cause during the past year. The offertory on Easter Day amounted to \$1,700. It was decided to spend \$7,000 on installing a new heating system in the church and on the repair of the roof.

Grace Church.—Wardens, L. Rawlinson, D. T. Symons, K.C.; delegates to Synod, J. T. Barber, J. Y. Ormsby and E. Heaton. Although the church has been in its present location only five months, there are already more than one hundred subscribers to the funds by the envelope system. The receipts from October 8th last totalled \$3,932 and exceeded the expenditures by \$66. Grace Church has bought and paid for a lot 200 feet square at a cost of \$11,500 and will erect a new church and rectory upon it. It is estimated that the two buildings will cost \$60,000. Already unsolicited subscriptions amounting to \$7,750 have been received toward the building fund, and a canvass is to be begun at once for the collection of additional subscriptions.

St. Simon the Apostle.—Wardens, W. D. E. Strickland, R. R. Lockhart; delegates to Synod, F. E. Hodgins, K.C., Alderman W. Rawlinson and W. D. Gwynne. The sum of \$8,467 was raised for general maintenance, covering the disbursements with a small deficit. The special collections for missions and all other purposes outside the parish amounted to \$3,455, and there was a balance at credit of \$1,018. The Easter collection was devoted towards reducing the debt of the church, \$1,500 of which would be wiped off. During the year the church had received a bequest of \$2,000 from the late James Hender-



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son. A new pipe organ was also installed and other improvements made in the property.

St. Philip's - Wardens C. Evans Lewis, I. La Bird: delegates to Synod, J. Tanner, S. F. Church. Receipts, \$4,044,41; disbursements, \$4,800,18. It was decided to secute the services of a curate. The mortgage debt was reduced by \$350.

Church of the Epiphany.—Wardens, F. Williams, R. Dawson Harling; delegates to Synod, W. Wedel, Jr., E. B. Biogar, A. C. McConnell. Receipts. \$22,657,46; disbursements, \$21,004.07.

Trinity East.—Wardens, Ross McA. Cameron, H. R. Chambers; delegates to Synod, J. Wilson, J. Morgan, H. Chambers. Although it was one of the hardest winters ever experienced in the parish, because of the severe weather putting so many men out of work, the finances were never in better condition. After paying all expenses and giving \$780.05 to missions and \$233.35 for Synod dues, a balance of \$530.42 was left on hand.

St. Bartholomew's.—Wardens, R. Postans, W. Spencer; delegates to Synod, W. H. Canniff, J. Lowry, R. Postans.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, T. Jenkins, F. Kelk: delegates to Synod, G. Gouinlock, P. H. Drayton, H. Jewell. It was reported that all expenditures had been met and \$40 remained in the treasury. The sum of \$1.482 was collected for missions outside of the usual parochial collections. An Easter Sunday offering of \$000 will be applied on a debt of \$1,000 on the schoolhouse. An advisory committee was appointed to pass upon a scheme of improvement and extension and the purchase of a new organ.

St. Clement's. — Wardens, R. Hanks, W. Phillips; delegates to Synod, A. E. Edkins, C. Temperton, W. Duffield. The congregation expects to spend \$20,000 as a start on a new church building on Jones Avenue, which will cost when completed \$25,000, and will hold 750 people. Towards this amount the church has its present property, valued at \$7,000, and subscriptions of \$1,500. The year just closed was the most successful in the history of the church. Receipts were \$4,800, with a balance of \$142. The sum of \$581 was raised for missions and outside objects. There were 329 communicants on Easter Sunday.

St. Mary Magdalene.—Wardens, A. Pollard, W. P. Thompson; delegates to Synod, P. Dykes, T. J. L. Barnes, W. P. Thompson. The Rev. Charles Darling, the rector, celebrates his jubilee next year, when it is proposed to hold a suitable series of services and pay off a considerable part of the mortgage. The sum of \$500 has already been subscribed for this purpose. This year \$1,000 was paid off the mortgage, which now amounts to \$18,500 on a property valuation of \$55,000. Four years ago the mortgage was \$24,250. Rev. G. D. Child was engaged as curate. The receipts were \$6,842, and expenditure \$6,779.. All the Synod assess-

St. Augustine's.—Wardens, J. L. Campbell, A. W. Croft; delegates to Synod, Major J. A. G. Crozier and Messrs. H. M. Blackburn and H. Etches. Receipts, \$8,108.07, with disbursments about the same.

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St. John the Evangelist.—Wardens, P. S. Patterson, W. H. Hofken; delegates to Synod, A. R. Boswell, K.C., R. MacCausland and R. D. M. Harmon. Receipts, \$5,837.55, with disbursements, \$850 less.

St. Mary the Virgin.—The Building Committee of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin was instructed at the vestry meeting of that church last evening to proceed with the erection of a new church building on the site immediately to the south of the present building, which is just above Bloor Street, on Deleware Avenue. The new building will be on the corner. This action followed the announcement that the mortgage on the present edifice had been wiped out during the past year, and that there was a cash balance of \$2,000 in the treasury; \$2,000 in pledges for the new building fund has also been raised. The congregations have shown a marked increase, and the vestry voted the rector, Rev. A. Hart, an increased salary. Lay delegates to the Synod were elected as follows: Messrs, G. B. Kirk-patrick, S. T. Sheppard and W. A. Langton. Owing to the long discussion on the building proposition the other elections were deferred to an adjourned meeting two weeks hence.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, A. Collins, W. E. Squire. The income from all sources amounted to \$4,482.58, and the disbursements on current account show a balance, after the year's operations, of \$27.91. All the subsidiary organizations of the church are in a flourishing condition. The new church building, to cost over \$20,000, is nearing completion, and it is expected that the opening will take place early

next September. The scaling capacity of the new structure will be 700.

St. Aidan's, Wardens, P. Waddington, H. J. Wharin's delegates to Synod, Dr. W. F. Chrise and Messis, C. B. Watts and W. Hannah. The reports presented showed a prosperous year. The financial statement gave assets of the value of \$31.004.10. The building fund receipts tetalled \$2.488.08, with a cash balance of \$103.53 over disbursements. Collections for missions, \$4.03 to general funds receipts, \$4.070.32, which balanced the expenses. The Sunday School had a surplus of \$300. The salary of the rector, the Rev. E. A. McIniyie, was increased to \$1,000.

St. Cyprian's,—Wardens, F. Smyth, J. K. Wright; delegates to Syffod, H. G. Rawlinson, L. J. Bland, T. A. Clough. Receipts during the year were \$4,043. The church debt was reduced by \$1,000. The vestry increased the stipend of the rector, Rev. R. Scaborn, by \$200, and the salaries of the organist (by \$50) and of the sexton (by \$00). There was a steady gradual growth in the church work noted.

St. Edmund's.—This church held its first vestry meeting as a separate parish from the Church of St. Mary, Dovercourt, on Easter Monday, when the declaration of the separation by the Bishop was read. All reports presented were satisfactory. Wardens, E. A. Collver, J. Webb; delegates to Synod, F. Smith, C. Smith, F. Phillips.

St. Stephen's.—On account of the illness of the rector, the Rev. T. Wallace, the vestry meeting was postponed for one week.

St. Matthias'.—Wardens, T. Goodwin, J. A. Ready: delegates to Synod, A. H. Rousbey, J. A. Ready, J. O. Elton. The financial report was an eminently satisfactory one, showing a balance of \$135.64, total receipts for the year being \$3.649.97 and disbursements \$3.514.33. These figures do not include the Easter collections, which amounted to about \$150. The church also received several costly gifts: a new lectern from Mr. and Mrs. S. Pudney, a handsome solid oak reredos as a memorial to the late Mr. J. M. Gander, and a beautiful oak panelling for the sanctuary from the Parish Guild. The missionary dues to the extent of \$200 were fully met.

St. Anne's.—The past year was an eventful one in the history of this church. In the twelve months the church completed a new rectory at a cost of over \$8,000, while the new parish house, which is to cost \$42,000, was nearly completed. In addition to giving large sums for both buildings the members and congregation contributed generously to all the other branches of Church endeavour. The report of the wardens showed receipts of \$29,373, with an additional \$48,320 received on account of the loan for the new The cash balance at the end of parish house. the year was \$78.97. The missionary givings for foreign and North-West missions amounted to \$2,654.49. For diocesan missions \$514.38 was contributed. Receipts for the new Sunday School and rectory, including \$48,320 received as a loan, amounted to \$62,456.40, of which \$58,041 was' expended, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,415.19. The wardens, Messrs. Edward Hawse and J. Witchell, were reappointed to serve until a later meeting of the vestry to be held in June next, when the rector, the Rev. Lawrence Skey, returns from his enforced vacation. Messrs. T. N. Sampson, George Lee and T. St. John were elected as delegates to the Synod. Rev. Principal O'Meara, of Wycliffe College, presided.

St. Barnabas'.—Wardens, M. A. Jones, Dr. J. E. Rushbrook; delegates to Synod, S. C. Bur-

E Rushbrook: delegates to Synod, S. C. Burfort, W. H. Wilson and Dr. Clarke. Receipts, \$1,057.62. This church is just completing its new edifice, and the past year has been a busy one for the congregation.

St. David's.—This is the infant parish of the city, and it has only been in existence as a parish since April 1st, although it was established as a Mission five years ago. The Rev. H. A Bracken, M.A., is to be the rector in charge. The reports of this thriving little parish show advancement all along the line. Enlargements were made last summer to the extent of \$5,000. The revenue amounted to \$3,373.70, which was slightly in advance of the expenditure. The total resources of the parish, which was started as a mission by St. Clement's Church, amount to \$14,000, with liabilities of \$4,000. The following officers were appointed: Rector's warden, W. A. Mackenzie; people's warden, A. Garnett; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Harris, Kamm and Mackie. All parochial assessments of the church have been paid.

St. Barnabas'.—April 2nd witnessed the reopening of this church, which is situated at the corner of Halton and Givens Streets, Toronto, not far from Trinity College. The church has been practically reconstructed and added to, so that the roof of the nave is the only part left

intact of the original structure. Nothing but plaise can be sounded for the way in which the work has been carried out, the taste and discrethen shown, the result achieved in this church. which was, internally and externally, terribly dilapidated. Space has been doubled by north and south transcpts; a tower with entrance on the north east corner; an organ chamber and clergy vestry on the south-east, and a commedicus chancel the full width of the nave giving ample room for the choir, sanctuary and aspacious aisle. The dividing arch is wide and Acoustics are excellent. The scheme of decotation in nave and transepts is stucco plaster of pale chrome, offset by the warm red of a brick wainscoting four feet high; also window openings, transept arches and a neat dentil freize below the roof, of the same material. The architecture is Gothic, the pillars of the arches being octagon, in brick, with white stone trimmings. The chancel and walls are in white brick, with a panelled ceiling in natural fir. The east wall of the chancel is pierced by three narrow lights above the reredos, with one broader and lower on either hand. The reredos and altar are of handsome quarter-cut oak. The altar is panelled in Gothic style, and stands on a carpeted dias. The eight choir stalls seat fifty-six. There is room for four clergy in the clergy stalls. Lectern and pulpit are of polished brass. There is electric lighting throughout, with gas ilso in the chancel. A basement will be built later. The opening service was "bright and hearty, the congregations being large. The clergy present were the Archdeacon of Simcoe. Canon Plumptre, Canon Morley, Canon Macnab, Rev. J. Bennet Anderson, Rev. Henry Softly. The Bishop of Toronto preached and dedicated the various gifts, which included the lectern, Bible, alms-basin and books. On Easter Day the congregations were large, and the Easter communicants were three times as many as two years ago, while the offertories were the largest in the history of the parish. At the Easter vestry meetings A. Jones was appointed rector's warden, and Dr. J. E. Rushbrook people's warden; vestry clerk, H. Fisher, and lay representatives to the Synod, Dr. A. M. Clark, W. H. Wilson, and S. C. Burford. The receipts shown were, \$4,334.49. The report of the Building Committee was deferred to a later date.

.West -Toronto.—St. John's.—Wardens, A. E. King, J. E. Scott; delegates to Synod, B. W. Murray, A. H. Richardson, W. A. Baird. The vestry was unable to complete all the business, and, therefore, adjourned for two weeks. The revenue for the year was the largest in the history of the parish, amounting to \$4,759, in addition to \$3,150 raised for a new parish house building.

St. Mark's.—Excellent reports were presented at the annual vestry meeting of this church. The financial status of both the parish church and St. Chad's Mission at Earlscourt was satisfactory. The churchwardens, Messrs. Laughton and Pye, were re-elected, and the delegates to the Synod will be Messrs. Laughton, Heathfield and Channing.

Norway.—St. John's the Baptist.—Wardens, A. M. Stretton, D. V. Lennox; delegates to Synod, S. V. Philpott, A. P. Allen and J. A. Hird. The rector's salary was increased by \$100, making it \$1,500 in all. All reports presented were very satisfactory.

St. Monica.—The people of this church held their initial parochial meeting on Easter Monday evening, the rector, the Rev. Robert Gay, presiding. This parish has been recently taken out of the parish of St. John's, Norway. Wardens, W. Bilby, A. J. Robinson. These two gentlemen, with Mr. B. Lindo, will be the lay delegates to the Synod. Receipts from all sources, \$1,621, and after all expenses had been met there was a balance to the good of \$17.

Chester.—St. Barnabas'.—Wardens, J. Armstrong, W. H. Martin; delegates to Synod, W. H. Martin, Major Thompson, F. W. Thomas. The total receipts slightly exceeded \$2,000, all of which had been expended, and a small debit balance of \$120 was shown. The amount raised for the missionary cause was \$297. It was reported that the attendance at the various services had increased 20 per cent. Contributions to the new parish church building fund in the two years ending at Easter were, from members of the congregation and other individual contributors, \$3,900; from the Ruri-Decanal Extension Committee, \$1,200, on account of a \$2,000 grant passed in 1910.

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Swansea.—St. Olave's.—Wardens, J. Hansford, G. Bolton; delegates to Synod, J. Ellis, W. C. Rogers, F.-G. Coombs. Receipts, \$1,072.96, with a balance on hand of \$61.32. It is hoped to begin the building of the new church during the coming summer.

New Toronto.—St. Margaret's.—By reports presented at the annual vestry meeting the General Fund receipts amount to \$\\$780.90 and expenditures, \$776.44. The Building Fund receipts totalled \$2,226.75, with disbursements of \$2,218.10. The Sunday School report showed total receipts of \$35.35 and expenditures of \$35.94. The Women's Guild showed receipts of \$352\74, with a balance of \$32.47, with all disbursements paid.

Mimice.—Christ Church.—Receipts, \$1,591.59; disbursements, \$1,560.82.

York Mills .- St. John's .- All the reports presented at this meeting were of a satisfactory character. The meeting was adjourned for a week, when the election of officers will take

Weston.—St. John's.—Wardens, G. W. Verral, T. J. Reaston; delegates to Synod, the two churchwardens and T. E. Amble. Receipts, \$1,275.21; disbursements, \$1,262.69. There were 113 communicants on Easter Day, being the largest number in the history of the parish. A Building Committee was appointed, who will present their report to a special vestry meeting, which will be held before long. The rector's salary was increased by \$100 and the organist's by \$75.

Deer Park .- Christ Church .- People's warden, M. Tippets. The rector's warden will be appointed later. Delegates to Synod, M. Tippets, M. Wilson, R. Gagen. Total receipts, \$5,700. There were 212 communicants on Easter Day, an increase over last year of 25 per cent.

Wychwood.—St. Michael's and All Angels'.— Wardens, T. H. Barton, W. H. Crow; delegates to Synod, E. R. Rogers, T. H. Barton and A. Butler. Receipts, \$2,063, with a balance in hand after all expenses had been met of \$71.91. A new pipe organ has recently been erected in this church. The past year has been a most successful one.

Humber Bay.—St. Olave's.—Wardens, F. F. Reeves, G. Rush. The financial report was a very satisfactory one.

Leaside. - St. Cuthbert's. - Warden, C. Cathers, J. McNab Wilson. Receipts, \$1,002.50; disbursements, \$996.62. Everything in connection with this church is going along very satisfac-

Bowmanville.—St. John's.—The Bishop of the diocese paid a visit to this parish on April 10th to dedicate the new parish hall, which has just been completed. The new building is attached to the north-east corner of the church. It is built of brick on a stone foundation, and, with its octagonal end and buttresses capped with stone, presents a very handsome and ecclesiastical appearance. On the main floor is a spacious auditorium for Sunday School and other parochial meetings, with a stage at one end and a gallery at the other. Below is a well-lighted and roomy basement, with a kitchen partitioned off at the farther end. At the opening a public tea was served in the basement, which had been artistically decorated for the occasion by the ladies. A large number of friends and guests partook of the sumptuous repast. At 8.15 p.m. the special opening service commenced in the church. The mayor and town council and other municipal officials were present by special invitation. The visiting clergy were Canon Daniel, Canon Allen, and Rev. R. H. Hindes. The service was fully intoned, and was well rendered by the choir. The Bishop delivered his address from the chancel steps. His remarks were full of energy and inspiration, and were much appreciated. After the Blessing the choir and clergy passed in procession down through the church and then in through the main door of the new building. Here the dedicatory prayers were said,

and after a few additional remarks by the Bishop and Rev. H. Munroe, of the Presbyterian Church, the service concluded with a closing hymn. Thus ended a very happy and momentous event in the history of the church. The cost of the hall and its equipment has been \$3,300, \$300 of which remains to be raised.

Eglinton .- St. Clement's .- The Easter Festival was splendidly observed in this parish. There were three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at which 271 communions were made. The church was crowded to the doors at 11 and 7, and 157 received the Blessed Sacrament at the early services. The service was of a bright order as a result of the painstaking work of Mr. H. Waddington, choir master, and Mr. Robert Boulden, organist. Two handsome brass offer-tory vessels gift of the Guild of the parish, were set apart for sacred uses by the rector. The offerings on Palm and Easter Sundays together amounted to \$1,617.23. The annual Easter vestry neeting was held on Monday, April 8th, and was attended by fifty-four men. Mr. F. Grundy was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. Robert Parkinson people's warden; the delegates to Synod, Messrs. H. Waddington, D. A. V. Radcliffe, and W. T. H. Boyd. The total receipts for the year were \$5,555.53. During the year a splendid piano was presented to the parish by Mr. and Mrs. H. Waddington, which is found to be most useful in the parish hall.

Port Hope.—St. Mark's.—This church has had a very successful year ending with Easter Monday, 1912. A generous gift of \$500 was recently received from Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lowes, of Calgary, half of which is to go towards the re-decoration of the interior of the church, the other half to current account. On Palm Sunday twentyone candidates were confirmed in this church by His Lordship the Bishop of the diocese. The old historic church of Port Hope was filled, floor and gallery, to its utmost seating capacity by a congregation who enjoyed, and were, no doubt, greatly helped by the instructive and forceful address delivered by the Bishop. On Easter Monday the annual meeting of the vestry was held, the churchwardens' statement showing receipts for the year ending March 15th of \$2,003.08, the largest in the history of the church since its re-organization. The expenditure was \$1,993.52, leaving a balance on hand and in bank of \$99.56, and about \$300 on hand in Toronto savings bank for the renovation of the church. Philip H. Passy was elected people's warden, and George N. Patterson was appointed rector's warden. Lieut.-Col. H. A. Ward, K.C., Mr. F. H. Brown, and Capt. A. H. C. Long were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod for the ensuing year.

Innisfil.—St. Paul's.—Churchwardens, Messrs. John Leonard and Samuel Blackmore. St. Peter's.—Churchwardens, Messrs. Robert Sproule and Charles Northgraves; lay delegates, Messrs. W. J. Coulter, Albert Purvis and Wm. B. Sloan. Total amount of money raised in the

parish, \$5,100.88.

Peterborough.—St. John's.—The seasons of Lent and Easter have been marked by many events this year. Lent was ushered in by a most interesting missionary conference participated in by the three Peterborough parishes, the sessions being held in St. John's school house as a convenient centre. Dr. Gould, Mr. R. W. Allin, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Vale were the

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leaders and succeeded in giving widespread knowledge and inspiration. As one result nearly one hundred men from the three congregations of St. Luke's, All Saints', and St. John's assembled at an enthusiastic banquet after Easter, under the auspices of the L.M.M., when rousing addresses were delivered by Mr. Allin and representatives of the three congregations. A stalwart supporter of St. John's, Dr. Boucher, died recently after a lifetime of devoted service to the church. Archdeacon Warren took the funeral services in the absence of Canon Davidson, who was conducting the Buffalo noonday services during that week. A letter expressing warm appreciation of Canon Davidson's services was received afterwards by the wardens of St. John's. Stainer's "Crucifixion" was effectively and devotionally rendered on Good Friday evening by the combined choirs of St. John's and All Saints numbering 70 voices under the direction of Mr. R. J. Devey. This was its fifth annual performance. On Good Friday afternoon a citizens' service was held in the Armouries by the Ministerial Association, Canon Davidson presiding, Rev. F. J. Sawers was one of the three speakers. The hymns were led by a band and much interest evidenced by the large crowd who stood throughout. Heavy and continued rain reduced the number of Easter communicants from 437 last year to 355. The services, however were inspiring throughout and the music up to the usual high standard, ending with the "Hallelujah Chorus" in the evening. Archdeacon Warren was the preacher of the day. At the Easter Vestry meeting a balance of some \$150 was reported in the treasury. Nearly \$900 had been given to missions. Warden W. F. Johnston retired after giving most effective service in a devotional as well as in a business way for two years. The new wardens are Messrs. A. H. Stratton, Mr. H. W. Morpret, who has been a valued worker in the choir. The lay delegates are Messrs. Jos. Mills, T. H. McClellan and W. F. Johnston. The meeting adjourned for two weeks.

All Saints'.-Wardens, J. Hogan, F. Dawson; delegates to Synod, J. Hogan, J. Edgar and L. Howden. This church is prospering in every way. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. T. H. Hooper for bearing the expense of the staining of the chancel furniture, also to Mr. Wm. Comstock for erecting a screen at the end of the organ. The Easter offerings on Sunday reached the magnificent sum of \$1,100.00. The chancel in the present parish hall has been re-decorated and grained and presents a very attractive and pleasing appearance.

Ashburnham.—St. Luke's.—Wardens, T. H. Adams, J. J. Turner, Jun.; delegates to Synod, E. A. Peck, W. Maurice, T. H. Adams. A satisfactory financial statement was presented by the wardens. By a unanimous vote the stipend of the rector, the Rev. F. J. Sawers, was increased by \$100. The meeting was adjourned for a couple of weeks.

Toronto.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made three appointments to parishes in Toronto and vicinity on Friday last. The Rev. Robert Gay is to be the first rector of the new parish of St. Monica, a rapidly growing district near the eastern city limits on Gerrard Street; the Rev. H. A. Bracken is appointed rector of St. David's, North Leslieville, the new parish carved out of St. Clement's, while the Rev. Eustace A. Vesey is made first rector of the new parish of St. Edmund's, the northern portion of the cld parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Dovercourt. Various committees of the Anglican Church met on Friday last, to organize in preparation for the Church Congress which is to meet in Toronto in 1914. Last Sunday was "Lord's Day" Sunday in the Anglican Church. Bishop Sweeny preached at St. Stephen's in the morning and held a confirmation service at St. Luke's in the evening. Bishop Reeve preached both morning and evening at Uxbridge.

St. James' Cathedral -Miss Ruth Rouse, secretary of the World's Christian Students' Federation, who has visited forty countries and is still going, gave an address to men in the parish house at noon on Friday last. Miss Rouse spoke of woman's life in Japan, China and India. In no less than 35 colleges the Y.W.C.A. was conducting Bible study groups among the students. In Tokio there were 15,000 women students, and the Y.W.C.A. was trying to better their social life by building and equipping hostels. Seeking assistance for the building of additional hostels, Miss Rouse visited Ottawa recently, and was rewarded by the city's promise to build one. Montreal has also given aid, and

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now Toronto's aid is sought. In introducing Miss Rouse, Mr. N. F. Davidson K.C., said that she was to the women students of the world what Dr. John R. Mott was to the men-students. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. A. Paterson, K.C., at the close of the address.

St. Matthias.-On Wednesday, April 10, the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop visited this church for the purpose of dedicating several Easter gitts, After Evensong, the music at which was faultlessly rendered by the choir under the able direction of Dr. S. Dickenson, His Lordship dedicated a handsome oak reredos "in pieus memory of John Michael Gander," a former church warden and lay representative; a gradine or re-table, the gift of a lady in the congregation; oak panelling in the sanctuary to match the reredos, the gift of the Parish Guild; and a handsome brass lectern, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pudney, members of the congregation. The Parish Guild has also re-cently given handsome new oak choir stalls. The Rev. Provost Macklem preached an appropriate and very helpful sermon, speaking in the highest terms of the Christian character of the late Mr. J. M. Gander, whom he had known intimately for many years. The reredos, gradine and panelling were designed by Mr. W. Rae, of the firm of Symons & Rae, and the work was executed by the Valley City Seating Co., of Dundas, Ont., while the lectern was the work of the James Morrison Brass Manufacturing Co. of Toronto.

St. Stephen's.—The sermons and celebrations at this church were taken on Easter Day by the Rev. Professor Cosgrave, B.D., on account of the indisposition of the rector. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by the assistant, the Rev. W. G. O. Thompson. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and other flowers.

Collingwood.—All Saints'.—A number of valuable improvements have recently been made to this church. The church has been laid with a beautiful new carpet. Two coloured prismatic glass windows have taken the place of the former windows. One of these is placed in the north and the other in the east transept. These add materially to the comfort and lighting of the body of the church. A new brass lectern or reading desk, intended to be a Whitsuntide gift, has been presented by Mr. D. J. Collier in memory of his wife who died about a year ago. A new brass pulpit has also been added. The latter is given by Mr. Laughlin Hamilton and Mr. W. A. Hamilton in memory of their father, the late Mr. W. B. Hamilton. Both the lectern and the pulpit are of exquisite workmanship supplied by the well-known house of Keith & Fitzsimons Toronto. This church is making splendid progress under its new rector the Rev. R. Macnamara, whose advent appears to have quickened every department of the church's work into new life.

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Hamilton.—The reports presented at the various annual Vestry meetings which were held in this city on Easter Monday evening last indicated a year of activity and marked progress.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Wardens, J. G. Allan, J. P. Bell; delegate to Synod for three years, P. J. Myler; receipts, \$15,149.65, with disbursements about the same. Progress unprecedented in the history of a normal year's work was the outstanding feature of the reports which were presented at the meeting. The congregation gave to missions during the year the sum of \$2,323.

Church of the Ascension,-Wardens, J. A. Henderson, F. W. Snige; delegate to Synod, F. F. Dalley; receipts, \$11,375.48; disbursements, \$11,274.38. Both Canon Wade and the Rev. Dr. Renison, the retiring and the incoming rectors, were present, and Canon Wade had charge of the meeting at the outset. After expressing his regrets at having to sever his connection with the parish, he expressed his most sincere good wishes for its success. James Henderson, in replying on behalf of the congregation, paid a flattering tribute to the retiring rec-For twenty years Canon Wade had faithfully laboured for the parish, and the result of his great strength and earnest effort was that the church was to-day enjoying a period of prosperity. It was indeed an imperishable record. The speaker also lauded the new rector, Rev. Dr. Renison. Alfred Powis, in moving that the

thanks of the congregation be extended to Canon and Mrs. Wade, referred to their most etneent services, and expressed the hope that Canon Wade would be restored to good health in the near future. During the rectorship of Canon Wade a debt of \$17,000 had been paid. That was striking evidence of Canon Wade's ability and faithfulness. The motion was signified by a unanimous standing vote. The Rev. Dr. Renison also said a few kind words of Canon Wade. He said that the rectors of the Church of the Ascension had been big men of strong character. He could not comment with any but a farewell view, and hoped that he would be able to do as well as his predecessors. During the evening many kind words were said both to the Rev. Canon Wade and Mrs. Wade who are greatly beloved by all. By a unanimous vote of the congregation it was decided to grant an annuity of \$500 to the Rev. Canon Wade. By another unanimous vote the sum of \$150 was given to Mr. F. J. Smye in view of the splendid services which he had rendered during the past year as the people's warden. On a motion by Mr. Herbert Brown the secretary was authorized to forward a resolution of thanks to the Rev. T. H. Perry who for three years was assistant to Canon Wade, but at present was rector of another parish. His work while here was very good, and the members present showed their apprecia tion by heartily endorsing the resolution. The question of missions was taken up, and the new rector urged the members present to work harder. He stated that of 425 members only 125 were giving to missions. He suggested that teams be formed and a canvass of the parish effected. He thought ten teams could do the work in one week, and thought a noon luncheon of the workers would prove beneficial. He also urged the adoption of the duplex envelope, and explained that it was easier to give each Sunday than once per month or year. The duplex system prevented that. A large Committee, of which Chas. Powis was appointed convener, was selected to investigate the matter.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, J. E. Waller, S. G. Richardson; delegates to Synod, J. A. Zimmerman, O. T. Davis, W. Hazel; receipts, \$2,-085.23. A small balance was left in hand after all the liabilities had been met. The stipend of the rector, the Rev. J. W. Ten Eyck, was increased from \$1,300 to \$1,680. An important discussion arose during the evening on the advisability of erecting a new church. After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the wardens, who will report back to the members of the church, and, if possible, secure an option on a desirable piece of property.

St. Thomas'.—Wardens, Major T. W. Lester, H. H. Francis. George C. Coppley resigned the latter position, as his duties in the Sunday School, the Synod and other church work did not allow him time enough to look after the work properly. Attempts were made to induce him to retain the position, but he declined. Mr. G. C. Coppley was elected lay delegate to the Synod for a period of three years. Receipts, \$7,376.75. Over \$10,000 was raised in the parish during the past year for all runners.

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All Saints'.—Wardens, D. D. O'Connor, G. E. Main; delegate to Synod for three years, G. Bristol: receipts, \$4,461.78. There was a deficit of \$807.61, but Mr. Main, the people's warden, explained that there would be no trouble whatever in clearing it off, and stated that in all probability it would be cleared off the sheet by June. There was no need to be discouraged for the outlook for the coming year was a bright one.

St. George's.—Wardens, H. Wingfield, J. M. Williams; delegate to the Synod, W. Marsden; receipts, \$2,231.22, with a balance in hand of \$124.80.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, W. H. F. Whateley, H. G. Wright; receipts, \$2,064.94; disbursements, \$2,054.94. The amount given to missions was ten per cent of the total receipts. This church will celebrate its 35th anniversary in some suitable manner in August next (D.V.) The appreciation of the members of the congregation of the services of Mr. Shaw as voluntary organist of the church was manifested by an appropriate testimonial which was acknowledged in a brief address by the recipient.

St. Matthews'.—Wardens, A. C. Mason, T. Comwell; delegates to Synod, Dr. Brandon and Messrs. A. B. Cuttriss and W. J. Atkinson; receipts, \$2,911.20. All liabilities were met and there remained a surplus over and above all. The Easter offering amounted to \$167, and the receipts for the year were very largely in excess

of those of last year, and over twice as much as for the year 1910.

St. John the Evangelist:—Wardens, E. J. Ellis, E. Hockaday; delegate to Synod for three years, B. J. Throop; receipts, \$3,832.40, with a balance in hand to the good, after all debts had been paid, of \$73.50.

St. Phillip's.—Wardens, A. Aldridge, W. J. Caison; delegates to Synod, D. McCoy, C. W. Heming, for three years; receipts, \$2,127.62, with a balance of \$154.80 on hand. It is proposed to enlarge the parish house. The past year has been one of growth and prosperity for this congregation. During the past year pews were installed in the church and also a chancel screen, the latter donated by the ladies' auxiliary. A new pipe organ has been ordered and will be installed shortly. The money has been raised and was not included in the general statement of receipts.

St. Luke's:—Wardens, W. H. Rewbury, C. Hardman; delegate to Synod for three years, B. Walling, receipts, \$3,700. A Building Fund of \$5,000 for a new school house will be raised by offerings and donations. Already \$900 has been subscribed this year. Operations will not be begun until a larger amount is raised.

Mount Pleasant.—St. Stephen's.—The members of the congregation of this church held a very enjoyable re-union in the Mission Hall a short time ago on the occasion of the holding of their annual tea and concert. The Rev. George Pugsley, the rector, occupied the chair. Everything passed off very well and a very pleasant evening was spent by all who were present.

West Hamilton.—St. Margaret's.—This Mission Church held its annual Vestry meeting on Easter Tuesday evening. The Rev. Canon Howitt, the rector of the parish, presided. Total receipts, \$151-18. After all expenses have been paid there is a balance remaining over of \$43.50.

Hagarsville.—At the Easter Vesiry meeting it was decided to repair and improve both the church and the parish hall. An enthusiastic move has been made to raise the sum of \$1,000 for this purpose, Both the Diocesan and the M.S.C.C. apportionments were exceeded by about 18 per cent.

Milton.—Grace Church.—Receipts, \$1,344.85, with a balance in hand of \$5.25 after all liabilities had been met. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks when the various officials will be appointed for the new year.

Guelph.—St. George's—The annual Vestry meeting will, in all probability, be held on Monday, May 13th.

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BISHOP HOLMES' APPEAL.

Sir,-In answer to the letter in your issue of March 14th, enquiring if all the churches for which the late Bishop Holmes appealed have been provided, I desire to say that the Bishop asked for sums of money towards the erection of twenty churches, to the extent of \$250 each. I have received \$1,988 (nineteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars) in response. This money has been passed to the Church Building Account under the control of the Rev. Canon Smith. Eight churches may, therefore, be proceeded with. I understood, however, from letters received from the late Bishop that he anticipated gifts practically covering the entire appeal, and from letters which have come to me I am led to expect further help in due course. It will be seen that I am not able to say definitely that all the churches are provided for. I take this opportunity for thanking all who have come to our help in this present time of great and immediate opportunity for the spiritual care of the ever-increasing numbers of settlers in this new land.

> E. F. Robins, Commissary Diocesan Treasurer.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

They who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

British and Foreign

A gift of \$10,000 for domestic and foreign missions has been made the American Board of Missions by the widow of the late Bishop Mackay-Smith of Pennsylvania.

Dr. A. J. Mason has announced his intention of resigning the r. 1stership of Pembroke College, Cambridge, which he has held since 1903, at Michaelmas next, as he desires to devote himself more completely to ecclesiastical work at Canterbury, where he holds one of the canonries of the Cathedral.

stretches from Panama to Cape Horn. The Bishop urges that with the opening of the Panama Canal a supreme effort ought to be made to make pressed into the service of the British influence paramount in that Church for open-air gatherings. This

tary speeches were exchanged be-tween the English Bishop and the might happen. Old Catholic prelates.

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away back in classic times, was asked what was most difficult, he replied, "To know one's self"; but when he was asked what was most easy, he answered: "To advise another."-Selected.

The swing-door of prayer stands always waiting for the least touch of faith to press it back. If our Father's presence chamber were opened to us only once in a year, with how much greater reverence would we enter, how much more store would we set on it! We should anticipate the honour and privilege of that interview for the whole year, and eagerly avail ourselves of it. Alas, that familiarity with prayer does not always increase our appreciation of its magnificence!—F. B. Meyer.

We shall live to see airships seems to be the opinion of the Vicar The Right Rev. Dr. Bury, Anglican of Selston, Notts., who, on a recent Sunday, preached from the roof of Bishop, acting in Northern and Cen- the church tower, while the choir led tral Europe, was present at the con- the singing from the roof of the secration of Dr. George Moog as church, the congregation being seat-Bishop-Coadjutor for the German ed on the grass and the tombstones Old Catholics at Krefeld on March in the churchyard. The vicar said 6th. He was also a guest at the sub- it had been remarked that he would sequent banquet, when complimen- be preaching next from an airship,

> A memorial window of two lights was recently dedicated in St. Marpresents Bishop Ken, who was rector of this parish from 1669 to Wykeham holding in his arms a after to-day, * * * but if we bear model of the cathedral at Winchester. The first light was erected to the memory of Bishop Ken by subscrip-Spicer family in memory of the Rev. ourselves and fellow men, we shall Newton Spicer and Matilda, his have built up for ourselves characters wife. The whole window forms a of divine finish, divine beauty and very beautiful memorial of these two divine glory. former rectors of East Woodbay. This window, the Bishop Ken window, has been placed in the church to celebrate the bicentenary of the death of the Bishop, who was one of the seven Non-turning Bishops who were committed to the Tower by James II. The Bishop was the writer of well-known morning and evening hymns, and one of these, "Glory to Thee, My God, this Night," was sung at the dedication

An interesting link with the past was revived recently by the unveiling in Belton Church, Loughborough, of the restored tomb of Rohesia de Verdun, the foundress and first Abbess of Grace Dieu. The ruins of Grace Dieu Nunnery are still considerable and interesting to the student and antiquarian. Grace Dieu was extra parochial to Belton, which in 1140 had passed into the possession of Norman de Verdun. The manor passed in 1281 to Rohesia de The land-Irrigated-Cleared and Verdun who had married about 1224, at the earnest solicitation of the King, one of the Irish Butlers. Between 1236 and 1242 she founded at Grace Dieu a nunnery of the Order In a country where Apples average the of St. Austin to the honour of St. Mary and the Holy Trinity. She died in 1248, and was buried at Grace Dieu, but had a fair monument, which, at the dissolution of the nunnery, was removed to Belton Church. The Vicar of Belton (the Rev. H. C. Deane) interested himself in the restoration of this monument, and the cost has been defrayed by Sir Joseph Verdin, Bart., and his brother, Mr. W. H. Verdin, the living representatives of the Verdun family. The unveiling was performed by Sir Joseph Verdin. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address, in which he said that in 1839 the Rev. J. Eddowes, Vicar of Belton, gave his consent to the remains of the foundress being removed to the Roman Catholic chapel at Grace Dieu. The tomb had already been

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opened when the Vicar found that he had not been acting within his rights, and withdrew his consent the same day. After the unveiling Mr. W. H. Verdin gave a short address on the Verdun family.

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And her age was half-past three; And she lived in a house on Wellington street.

In the yard with the walnut trec.

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith Was almost half-past four;

will find the Letters of Credit and Travellers. And he said, when they gave him a Checks, issued by The Dominion Bank a great baseball and bar.

That he'd "play with the girls no

Gwendolen Jones, she gazed through the fence,

At an end were all life's joys, As she saw the friend of her youth depart

"To play with the great big boys."

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith, Up to the field marched he;

But his eye was blacked and his head was whacked,

And his ball no more did he see.

And the boys called him "Baby," because he cried, Did Teddy, and Willie, and Tim;

An they chased him away when he threatened to tell,

An said they'd "no use for him."

Gwendolen Jones came down to the

And her face wore a joyful smile, When Harold Percival Marmaduke said

He'd play with her "once in a

-St. Nicholas.

DETECTIVES.

Nancy put down "Sherlock Holmes" Canadian Epworth Era. with a long sigh of regret. "I wish I were a man. I'd be a detective," she declared.

"Why not be a woman and a detective?" Uncle Porter asked smilingthe picture of Nancy with her dimples and her daintiness as a Sherlock Holmes was certainly one to please the my sheep which was lost."

Nancy tipped her head and looked and, though not often credited with at him doubtfully. Uncle Porter was paying attention, ten-year-old Hilda a joy, but nobody ever d d know just had listened rather thoughtfully to when his remarks would bring one her teacher's explanation and pictur-

"I am sure that would not be at all to the Shepherd by the little lamb the same thing," she replied. "But straying, and His joy and gladness you may tell me—I can see that you when He had brought it safely home. are aching to."

"Well," Uncle Porter declared with a twinkle over Nancy's penetration an illustration of it, which she was not "there are a great many women de- likely soon to forget. It was mid-sumtectives. Some of them specialize on mer, holiday time, and Wednesday of dirt; they could 'run down' a speck that same week mother was extra busy of dust in the dark. Others are re- planning to take her flock of four to markably skillful in seeing the faults a picnic next day, and Hilda was left of other people; I've heard them say to "keep an eye" on little Tom, her that they knew there was something brother, who owned two-years' and wrong about such and such a a half. person—they just felt it"—Nancy, for Now Uncle Jack had once said that some reason, colored brilliantly— "minding small boys was not one of "and of course, very soon they dis- Hilda's talents"; but then he was alcover the terrible thing. That I am ways a tease, and had had the grace

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tection; almost anybody can learn to est child in the world to look after, do it in three lessons. But there's being, despite his tender years, an accomplished explorer."

> Certain it was that the last time Hilda looked up from her story, Tom was playing all right in front of the house, and, when she had found "how it turned out," he was nowhere to be

Quickly she jumped up, and ran to the end of the street, but no sign of the blue "pinney." Perhaps he had gone into the house without her noticing, so back she flew. Mother was standing at the door, having come out to call them to dinner.

"Whatever is the matter, Hilda, child?" she said, as the little girl, breathless and excited ran up the garden path.

"O mother, is Tom in the house? I can't find him and he was here a minute ago."

"How long is a 'minute ago'?" asked her mother.

saw a child of God in everybody. "Just while I finished the chapter, Sometimes it takes genius t do that really, mother."

"Well, we must go at once and look "Yes," Nancy answered, softly. for him, for he is not in the house"; and she added, glancing around, "His little cart is gone. With whom was he playing?"

"With Tony, I think."

"Run over, then, quickly, and see if he has gone home with him."

"Rejoice with me for I have found Hilda needed no second telling, for she felt a bit guilty and mother looked

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ed, and all sorts of dreadful possibilities suggested themselves to her mind, though she tried to keep calm and to give instructions to the others. One was left on duty at home, while the rest started off to look in all likely and unlikely places for the missing chil-

Just as Hilda was starting, she spied her father coming up the street, and ran to meet him, ca'ling:

"Tom is lost, father!" and panted penitently as she drew nearer, "It's all my fault."

Mr. Meyer only waited to hear just how things stood, and went at once to inform the police; for the City by the Sea held many dangers for such youthful wandcrers, as, beside the risk wharves, and the Park lake not far ing hard. away; yet, like his wife, he hoped their fears would soon be set at rest.

But it was not to be. All through the long hot afternoon the families of party to-night?" the children, with their friends and neighbours, searched, coming back to the house at intervals to see if anything had been heard of them.

Poor little Hilda was like some wild thing, and about five o'clock returned once more with her father, only to hear the same discouraging words-"No tidings yet."

It seemed as if she could not move another step, and her father did Meanwhile Mrs. Meyer prepared to everything short of insisting—for he nature—to coax her to stay quiet for a while; but, being a bit of a Spartan, off she started with him again.

They had only just rounded the street corner when they were met by However, when Hilda came back a procession of boys of the neighbourwith the word that Tony, too, was hood, triumphantly carrying the two

> Little Tom spied them at once and held out his arms to his father, and, somehow, as Hilda, half crying, followed them up the garden path, there flashed into her mind—"And when He found it He layeth it on His shoulders, rejoicing"; and a big lump came in her throat.

long the family were all at home; the for one day? but what made you ask?" mother, crying and laughing by turns, "O, only that, in the lesson, when and hugging her wee laddie for pure the sheep was found they called their

The poor little chap looked actually thin from his wanderings, for he had been found in the lower part of the town, more than a mile from home, hand in hand with his little chum, his hat gone, likewise the cart, "which," he said "I los' in de into bed.

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"Not exactly, just a custom of that country, dear; but, indeed, I think all our good friends and neighbours do rejoice with us to-night. Don't you?" "Yes, mother but, do you know, I've been thinking that if it is, as water"-a statement which made his Miss Johnson says, we really stray mother shudder. But except that he from the Good Shepherd when we are had seen a big boat and a man had careless, then I was the one who gave told him to "go home" the child all the trouble, and not Iom; for he could tell very little of his expedition, did not know any better, and it was and as soon as posible was tucked all my fault; and what if they had never found him!" she added, with a There had been so much excite- kind of gulp, for then the pent-up failed. ment at Tom's home-coming that no feelings gave way and she burst into

but after their somewhat irregular. Gently the mother comforted and

bed, when the mother tried to explain She looked up as her mother came that all the anxious time they had had was the tender Shepherd's way of seeking to show that He would have all His children faithful, even in little things. And Hilda grasped it, at least in part, for she said as she laid her weary little head on her pillow: "That must be the meaning of the lesson hymn-

> " 'Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me.'

"I have so often been careless, and

Then, unable to get it all quite distinct, and thinking again of her father and Little Tom, she added,

"And on His shoulder gently laid. And home rejoicing brought me'" while somehow, to the mother's heart, as she kissed her little girl goodnight, there came a deeper realization of the Good Shepherd's love for all His lambs; and with a quiet, heartfelt thanksgiving for His special The time to use such restorative care of her dear ones, she breathed treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food a prayer for all wanderers that night, is when the headaches, sleepless- and asked that at the great Homecoming her own precious flock might persistent treatment is then sufficient be forever gathered safe in His Ever-Lillian Brock.

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