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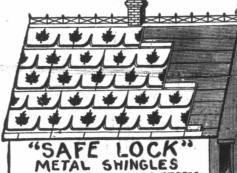
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Disestablishment in England.

Upon invitation of its president, the Duke of Newcastle made an address on Tuesday evening of Holy Week to the Men's Guild of St. Mary the Virgin. As the Duke belongs to the party of uncompromising "Ritualists," it will not surprise anyone that he sounded a note of defiance in connexion with the maintenance of incense and the like. But it is not of this that we wish to say something at present, but of his views on the disestablishment of the English Church. The Duke declares: "I feel, many Catholics feel, that the only remedy for the evil is disestablishment. In the days when every M.P. was at least nominally a Churchman, the connexion

between Church and State was possible; but now, when Parliament contains men of all religions, and of no religion, the connexion is an anomaly, and if Parliament should attempt to revise the Prayer-Book, a contingency by no means impossible, I tremble to think what the result would be. I dislike to see old things disturbed, but my conviction is that we Catholics in England should work for the complete independence of the Church, and you here will, I feel sure, assist us with your prayers." There is, of course, something in this. Theoretically it does not seem the thing to have the Church controlled by an assembly consisting of many who are not its members. But, as a matter of probability, we may be sure that the English Parliament will not think of "revising" the Prayer-Book, but only of enforcing its provisions; and, if any revision shall come to pass, it will almost certainly be the work of the Synod of a disestablished Church. Further, whether revision takes place or not, it is little likely that as much liberty will be allowed to a disestablished Church, as to the one which has been established. If "Catholics" work for "complete independence," as the Duke calls it, they may obtain some illumination as to the practical meaning of that phrase.

The New Bishop of Liverpool.

Everything which concerns the great diocese of Liverpool is of interest to the whole Anglican community, and not least to ourselves in Canada. The appointment of Dr. Chavasse to the seat of Bishop Ryle seems to give more than satisfaction to all parties and the address of the new Bishop (consecrated on St. Mark's Day), may well be weighed by others besides those of his own diocese. It is as follows:

"My dear brethren of the clergy and laity -It is with a heavy heart and with many misgivings that I have consented to take the place of the honoured Bishop, who, for the last twenty years, has guided the diocese of Liverpool. So sudden and unexpected was the call that my first impulse was to decline it, for I can truly say that nothing was further from my thoughts and desires than to be a Bishop of the Church of England in these critical days. But when I had consulted some of my wisest and most trusted friends, on whose impartial judgment I could place every reliance, and they, independently, with one voice declared that it was my duty to obey the call, no room for excuse was left, and I bowed to what I believed to be the will of God.

"And so, like St. Paul at Corinth, I am coming amongst you 'in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling,' trusting that He Who stilled the fears of His Apostle by the vision of Himself, and by strong words of hope and of good cheer, will not fail to guide and strengthen with His Divine pres-

ence and counsel the servant whom He is sending amongst you.

"At this early stage you will not expect me to define a policy or to lay down lines of work. I will only state what I desire to be my guiding principles.

"I can never be all that you hope that I shall be; but I can try to do my duty. The words most often in my mind during the last few days have been those which were uttered by the great Hebrew king at the end of his life, and which embody his experience after years of rule: 'He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.' That is the ideal which rises before me. I cannot hope to please everybody; I dare not even try; but I can seek to remember God and that solmen account which I must one day give.

"There are two great boons which, stranger as I am, I would ask of you:

"I Give me your prayers. One far stronger and more able might well shrink from the oversight of such a diocese as Liverpool. But 'He that calleth is faithful,' and prayer links man's weakness to God's almightyness. With this letter I venture to send a copy of an old Collect from the Order of Consecration of Bishops. It is based upon St. Paul's words to Timothy, and sums up some of the chief needs of a Bishop in all ages.

"2. Be patient with me. Confidence and sympathy are not the creation of a day, but the growth of months or years. I do not ask for them at first. I shall make mistakes. 'A man who never makes mistakes seldom makes anything.' I shall have much to learn. But till confidence and sympathy come, give me a patient trial.

"The consecration is fixed for St. Mark's Day, April 25th. It will take place in York Minster. As it will be necessary for me to remain at my present work of preparing men for the ministry until the last moment, you will not grudge me the interval of a month during which I can go aside and be quiet before entering on my new duties. In the Divine life the wilderness followed the Baptism, and St. Paul after his call to the Apostleship withdrew into Arabia.

"At the end of May I trust I shall come amongst you, and enter on the last chapter of my life's work in the very county where thirty years ago I began the first. Your faithful servant in our common Lord, F. J. Chavasse.

"Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, March 20th 1900."
The following is the Collect above referred to:

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beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example, in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day, he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge. Who liveth and reigneth one God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

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A Serious Charge.

Lynch law is bad enough but it must be confessed that, in certain cases, it is the only way to justice, and then it is better than nothing. But assassination is a very different thing, and the murder of Mr. Goebel, in Kentucky, and the subsequent proceedings have excited consternation as well as indignation. We prefer to let an American paper speak on the subject-as follows: "Kentucky again attracts attention by the sensational trial of the alleged accessories to the assassination of Mr. Goebel. The Republican State officials, whom many believed to be the victims of an outrageous law, have forfeited the sympathy of the nation by their conduct. Such conduct does not affect the legal question as to the election, nor the moral question as to the methods of the election; but it cannot fail to have weight in the withdrawal of the moral support of the people at large. Seldom has there been an event in which political advantages have apparently been so ruthlessly thrown away, as by the course of Governor Taylor and his associates. The evidence at the preliminary examination of Powers and others appears to indicate that there was a conspiracy to murder not only Mr. Goebel, but also enough of the Democratic members of the Legislature to change the political complexion of that body, and that certain of the Republican officials were involved. Of course, at this writing no evidence in rebuttal has been presented, nor is it likely to be until the parties are placed on trial. It is possible that the testimony of Golden may then be overthrown. Unhappily, however, this does not appear probable. We sincerely hope that all guilty parties may be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and that all involved in the conspiracy, if such a conspiracy existed, may be convicted." We shall watch with anxiety future developments.

A New England Governor's Call to Praver.

We have got so much into the way of talk ing of the separation of the civil and religious relations and duties of men that we are in danger of forgetting that, after all, we are Christian nations, as well as Christian men and women. It is therefore refreshing and stimulating to read the address of Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, to the people of his State, inviting them to set aside a special day for prayer and intercession. "When the country was in its infancy," he says, "and dangers surrounded it on every hand, our ancestors felt the need of a protecting and guiding Power. Now that we have attained manhood, now that we are a vigourous, wealthy people, we are apt to forget the strong arm upon which our forefathers leaned. . . Instead of abolishing the fast day, as a worn-out and useless custom. I would call our people to a new observance and a better appreciation of the real significance of the day. I would ask that large body of men who seldom, if ever, cross the threshold of a church, to kneel once more where they knelt as children. I believe that a single honest attempt to cast off the blinding and depressing influences of doubt and materialism, and to look at life once more through the clear, earnest eves of vouth, and in the light of the faith of our fathers. would bring a solace and satisfaction like the benediction that follows after prayer." Such words would constitute a testimony of value, wherever spoken, whether from the Christian pulpit or elsewhere; but they are of quite peculiar interest and significance as coming from the lips of the civil governor of a State founded by the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The Nicaraguan Canal.

Everything affecting the relations of Great Britain and the United States is of the greatest importance; and it is well that we should keep ourselves informed on all such subjects We take the following from an American paper: "We sincerely trust there is no truth in the report which comes from Washington, that a proposition will be made by the United States to the Joint High Commission, which is charged with the consideration of difficulties between England and the United States, to exchange an Alaskan port for the right to fortify a Nicaraguan canal. We have heretofore expressed our own opinon that the canal, if built, ought to be absolutely neutral in war as in peace, and that it would be highly injudicious for the United States to charge herself with the necessity of defending it in case of war with another nation. There may be reasons why a strip of the Alaskan coast should be ceded to England to satisfy Canadian claims. Of that we do not at this time express an opinion. If such is the case, the cession ought to be gracefully made by the United States. That, in our opinion, would be loss enough, without coupling with it the far greater loss in every respect which would accrue from the necessity of fortifying the canal. It is hard to tell where the United States would gain by such

a combination agreement. It is a pleasure to discover that the Senate has ratified the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the estates of citizens of one country dying in the other. This treaty will prevent some abuses that have existed in the past, when our diplomatic service has sometimes not been shown in a favourable light." We have every reason to hope and believe that the amity between the two peoples is now settled on such sure foundations that there is little fear of any disagreement. But it is a great matter to avoid the possibility of any.

The Fire at Ottawa.

The great fire at Hull and Ottawa is one of the most terrible calamities in the history of Canada. It is hardly possible to write on the subject without passing beyond the due limits of human language. It is hardly possible—it would not even be seemly—in presence of such an awful affliction-to point to a moral or to draw a lesson from what had happened. The burning of a chimney is a not uncommon event, and who could imagine that it should entail such awful consequences over such an extended area? Six miles of inhabited ground were swept by the flames, property to the value of over 15,000,000 dollars was consumed, and eight precious lives were lost. Happily all is not loss, for the evoking of the sympathy of all sorts and conditions of men throughout the Empire must be held to be a great and substantial gain in the midst of so great a loss. Montreal and Toronto have led nobly, and all Canada is following: and not Canada only, but the Mother Country as well, doubtless in nart stirred by the heroism of the men we have sent forth to the war, but also moved by a true brotherhood, has shown itself ready to do its part. We have heavy burdens moon us already, they say—the South African war and the Indian famine: but we must not shrink from the doing of our duty and affording help to Canada. Thanks be to God.

Professor Goldwin Smith.

In common with all our neighbours, we deeply regret the bitter and unreasonable remarks of Professor Goldwin Smith on the war in South Africa. It is said that Dr. Smith cannot forget his old animosity against the Conservative Party and Disraeli. If this is so, it would at least be more dignified and self-respecting on his part to hold his tongue. Mr. Smith's remarks are entirely unsupported by facts or reason, and happily he has no influence here in Canada. Our people will still rejoice that they sent forth their sons to do battle for the Empire and for humanity.

The Late Sir John Hagarty.

It is with deep regret that we write these words relating to one who has been known so long and so affectionately in his own profession as "The Chief;" yet we cannot grudge his rest to one who has "served his time," and more than his time so well and nobly. John Hawkins Hagarty was born in Dublin, December 17th, 1816, and educated at the great University of Trinity College; bul

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he came to Canada (1835), before he took his degree. He was called to the bar at Toronto in 1840, and soon attained to great influence and celebrity in his profession. He became an alderman in 1847, and in 1855 received the degree of D.C.L. from Trinity University. In 1850 he became a Q.C., and was appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas in 1856, and was translated to the Queen's Bench in 1862. In 1868 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and in 1878 Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, receiving in 1884 the title of Chief Justice of Ontario. He declined Knghthood twice, but it was conferred upon him in 1897, as he said, without his being consulted. Chief Justice Hagarty was a man of many accomplishments. He kept himself acquainted with every department of English literature. He possessed and knew the contents of "Punch" from its first number to its last. He was a poet of no mean power, one of his chief productions being, "A Legend of Marathen," a very striking poem. He was a regular attendant at St. George's church, and a warm friend of the rector. He was also a member of the Governing Body of Trinity University, of which he was a constant and liberal supporter.

EASTER REPORTS.

In common with the Anglican public generally, we have seen with the greatest satisfaction the reports of the parishes of our Communion, which have appeared in the local newspapers. From Toronto, from Ottawa, from Hamilton, from London, and from other localities, the reports of Easter Vestries, with few exceptions, declare a prosperous past, a harmonious present, and a bright outlook for the future. No doubt there is something of the rose-colour in these representations. Without being guilty of anything like misrepresentation, the officebearers of these churches may, not unnaturally, have made prominent the brighter side of things, and kept back facts and circumstances that might have lessened the favourable impression. But, even if we make allowance and full allowance for this, it is plain that the mere facts reported do, beyond all question, testify to a very large degree of prosperity among the various congregations and parishes of our Canadian dioceses. Now, there are some reflections arising out of these reports which we feel constrained to put forth; and which, we are sure, our readers will receive—all with patience and some with approval. The first question which suggests itself to the mind, in view of the state of our dioceses generally, is this Have these congregations a right to proclaim their prosperity and to express satisfaction at their income, while the societies and institutions of the dioceses are languishing? If we are asked to particularize, we say, the Mission Fund and the Widows' Fund. The Mission Fund of almost every diocese is actually inadequate to the needs and requirements of the country congregations and missions. As a matter of fact, missions have

been abandoned, churches have been closed; and multitudes of English Church families are left unprovided with the means of grace, so that their children are being incorporated in other Christian Communions and are being lost to our own. We believe that we have no right to be satisfied with such a state of things. But there is something else quite as bad, and, some would say, worse. We refer to the state of the Widows' Fund in more than one of our dioceses. For some time the widows of departed clergymen have been receiving a good deal less than they were promised. We may say, in fact, that the dioceses in which this happens are breaking their contract with the clergy and their widows. They are not paying what they promised to pay, and what they promised was a sum so small that we hardly like to mention it. Now, the question which inevitably rises here is this: What are these prosperous Churches doing? How are they spending their money? They cannot apparently plead poverty and yet they are doing their best (or worst), to starve the widows of their clergy. What is wrong? Where is the money going? Assuredly it cannot be said that it is spent in overpaying the clergy. The clergy of the diocese of Toronto are worse paid than any class of men of the same abilities and the same education within the city. Nay, worse, there are several cases lately in which the stipends of clergymen advanced in years have been considerably cut down, not because they were unfit for duty, not because they wanted to retire from their incumbencies, but because "new blood" was wanted. We do not like to dwell upon this, although we may here be touching on principles which would explain a good deal in the condition of the Church. But we want to understand how it is that these prosperous Churches are leaving their widows unprovided for and are starving the institutions of the diocese. We should be glad to hear something from our readers on this point. It has been suggested that there is a habit growing in our Churches of spending a great deal on music, decorations, and the like. We do not like to join in this outcry. When people are wealthy and are surrounded by objects of beauty in their homes, it is not fitting that they should worship in churches ill-equipped and unadorned. It is also highly proper that, in certain great and leading Churches, there should be magnificent services. There is no reason why all the Churches should be reduced to the same level, any more than all the houses; and besides, each has an excellence and a beauty of its own. The little village church has its own charm as well as the great cathedral, and there are some who may find it easier to realize the presence of God in the humbler fabric. But, all the same, it is our duty to consecrate to God of our best, and in the great cathedrals we endeavour to do so. Still, we must come back to this--that the Churches which spend a great deal upon their own offices and neglect their duty to the poor and suffering members of the Body are guilty of self-indulgence, and are neglecting their manifest duty. How

widows be unprovided for? Let this question be answered.

WHAT THE BISHOPS ASK.

In the beginning of the great Tractarian Movement, one principal thought had reference to the will of the rulers of the Church. It seemed impossible to those men who were looking into the foundations of things that any real and devoted Churchman should ever think lightly of the decisions and commands of the Fathers of the Church. How widely those claiming to be the descendants of the Tractarians have departed from this particular principle it is not necessary for us to point out. Yet we may say that for all this, there is still in the minds of all parties a great desire to show deference to the wishes of those set over them in the Lord. In another column we print a series of suggestions put forth by the Bishops, and we intend, from time to time, to draw special attention to them, although most of them are of a character so simple that they hardly need to be mentioned, much less to be enforced. These recommendations apply specially to the first Sunday and the first week of the year-at least in the intention of the Bishops; but a moment's consideration will show that they bring before us the thought of duties which are of perpetual obligation and to which perpetual privileges are attached. Let us, for a moment, take up the first group of tnese suggestions in the order indicated in the paper. 1. Supplication should be made for the spirit of prayer." This is obviously fundamental—that is to say, if we are to be religious persons and lead religious lives. For the rengious life is a life to God and with God and the means of its sustentation is prayer. There is, of course, vocal prayer and mental prayer; there is public prayer and private prayer; but an are involved in the spirit of prayer. We all admit that public prayer would be of no real value unless it came from the heart, unless it had within it the spirit of prayer. It is, in short, the life of one who lives as in the presence of God, that is the life of prayer. "Thou, God, seest me"—this is the abiding thought, and this thought, by itself, is prayer-mental prayer. But it is quite certain that where this spirit of prayer is found to dwell, there will also be vocal prayer, both private and public. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. We cannot be silent respecting these things which occupy our thoughts and influence our feelings. And perhaps there could not be a better test of our inner state than to consider the manner in which it shows itself in our words and deeds. What time do we spend in prayer and in reading of the Scriptures—in making these exercises a means of communion with God-letting Him speak to us and raising our own thoughts to communion with Him. What of the regularity of these exercises, day by day, and at fixed times? Then there is public worship. Some say they have no particular need of public prayer, and the sacrament of the Body and Blood. Yet these are of

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divine institution, and we are bid not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together; and commanded to observe the Sacrament of the Supper in remembrance of Him. We have gone but a little way into these episcopal suggestions; but they are all of importance and we shall return to them probably often—and in the meantime let us give heed to the first. If this is wrong, much will be wrong. If this is right, much will be right. He who walks with God will walk aright.

HOMILETICAL HINTS ON THE COLLECTS.

By Rev. Prof Clark, LL.D., Trinity College.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

This, like most of our collects, is based upon a Latin original, and like most of them is expanded and improved in the process of translation. We begin with

i. The address to Almighty God.

Generally we begin our prayers with some reference to the attributes or acts of the Hearer of Prayer. Here He is described as the One "who alone can order," etc.

- I. The affections of men are here described as unruly. (1) So they must be if those of "simiul men." Sin, transgression of law, consequently unruly.
- 2. Man cannot reduce them to rule. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean." So neither can a fellow-man.
- 3. God alone can order them, reduce them to order, make them fall in with the meaning of the world.

ii. The Prayer which follows.

In the address there is an argument, by which the subsequent prayer is enforced. What is that prayer?

- I. For God's aid so that His people may (1) love that which He commands. Thus only can it be well with us. He commands only that which is good, and by conformity to His will we attain to that which is good. (2) Desire that which He promises. No other desire certainly fulfilled. This certainly.
- 2. And for a special end. (1) That our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found. (2) The necessity for this arising from the sundry and manifold changes of the world, that we may be strong and firm where all is changing.

REVIEWS.

The Crown of Christ. Readings for the Liturgical Year. By Rev. R. E. Hutton. Price 6s. London: Rivington's, 1900.

This volume receives a cordial recommendation from the Rev. Dr. Mortimer, who is himself an expert in this department. We agree with him that the work is excellently adapted for its purpose. Clergymen will find materials for sermons here, and all will find food for meditation. The present volume brings the Church year up to Easter (not inclusive). "To use this book profitably," says Dr. Mortimer, "it will not be enough to read the text and admire the beauty of thought here and there. We must ponder on what we read, and let the book teach us, as it is intended, to search more deeply the treasures of the Book of books. In some cases, as in some of the Advent and Epiphany seasons, the teaching follows the Gospels for the Sundays, but generally not. In Lent the Epistles to the Seven Churches are taken up and expounded in a very interesting and edifying manner.

The Food of Immortality; Instructions on the Sixth Chapter of St. John. By Rev. W. B. Trevelyan. Price, 1s. 6d. London: Rivington's,

These "Instructions" are rightly so called, and are sure to be found interesting and edifying to all

who use them in the spirit in which they are evidently written. They will form an admirable preparation for the Holy Communion.

Five Great Oxford Leaders; By Rev. Canon A. B. Donaldson. Price, 6s., net. London: Rivington's; Toronto: Church of England Publishing Co., 1900.

All thinking men are agreed as to the import ance of the Oxford Movement. Some may think it did more harm than good; others may consider its results purely beneficial. But in any case it was a great movement, in which men of great eminence took part, and it has left consequences behind it which are manifest in every English-speaking Christian community. It is, therefore, ot manifest importance that all students of history should gain some understanding of it. The means of doing so are provided in Newman's Apologia, in Palmer's Record, in Church's Reminiscences, and in other books; and here we have a welcome addition in five memoirs of Keble, the beginner of the Oxford Movement; Newman, the editor of the "Tracts," and for long the most powerful influence at Oxford; Pusey, whose name was generally connected with it, and who kept it to the Church of England; Church, who had a quiet but potent influence in the more advanced stage of the movement, and Liddon, who was rather its heir than a part of it, who, perhaps, did more to popularize the better side of Tractarianism than any other man. The volume is, therefore, a welcome one to those who are acquainted with much of its contents, and will be more so to those who were not. It would hardly be possible to make acquaintance, in a more pleasant way, with these men and their work in the English Church, and in the Tractarian movement. Mr. Donaldson has done his work in first-rate style. He has given us a trustworthy account of his subjects, and he has put it forth in a very attractive form.

The Ritschlian Theology; An Exposition and an Estimate. By A. E. Garvie, B.D. Price, 9s. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; Toronto: Revell, 1900.

Of the interest now entertained in regard to the theology of Ritschl and his school there can now * be no question. It is said that he has captured the leading minds of Germany; and assuredly the roll of Ritschlians is now very long. For all that we are greatly opposed to the spread of what we must re gard not merely as a heresy, but as a system subversive of the fundamental teaching of the Christian Church. These are strong words, but what else can be said of an attack upon the foundations of Christian Theology as they appear in the great Creeds. We have had several good books on this subject, notably those of Dr. Orr; but we think the volume before us will meet the needs of the English reader, whether layman or cleric, better than any other which has yet appeared. Mr. Garvie is both sympathetic and critical. He recognizes the element of truth in Ritschlianism, while he points out its defects. It is hardly possible for us here to give even an outline of his argument. He begins with an historical introduction, pointing out the "problem needing solution." He then considers the exclusion of metaphysics from theology, the condemnation of ecclesiastical dogma, the doctrine of the Person and work of Christ, the doctrine of sin and salvation, the doctrine of the Church and the Kingdom, and concludes with a critical estimate of the whole. We have here indicated only the principal heads of his discussion, as being on subjects most familiar to our readers. They may feel confident that these are handled with candour, learning, and ability; and that the reader will obtain more from them than merely a reputation of Ritschlianism.

An important book deal has recently been consummated, whereby the Publishers' Syndicate, limited, 51 Yonge street, Toronto, became the sole Canadian agents for the well-known religious and other publications of Messrs. T. & T. Clark, of

Edinburgh. This agency has in the past been held by the Fleming H. Revell Company, of Toronto. The new arrangement will be advantageous not only to the parties concerned, but to Canadian readers generally, who will thus be enabled to procure conveniently the many choice works issued by Messrs. T. & T. Clark.

Among the most recent of Messrs. T. & T. Clark's ventures is a series of volumes entitled "The World's Epoch-Makers," the first of which is now being placed on the Canadian market by the Publishers' Syndicate, limited. The series will constitute, when complete, a valuable conspectus of the origin and progress of the most prominent movements that have taken place in the development of humanity from Buddha to the present days. The various subjects have been placed in the hands of writers who have made a special study of them, and the important nature of the series may readily be conceived.

The first volume, which is now being issued, is by A. D. Innes, M.A. (Oxon), London, on "Cranmer and the English Reformation." Following it will shortly be ready "Wesley and Methodism," by F. J. Snell, M.A. (Oxon); "Buddha and Buddhism," by Arthur Littie, M.A., London, and "Luther and the German Reformation," by Professor T. M. Lindsay, D.D., F.C. College, Glasgow.

The number of volumes so far arranged for is twenty-eight, and an interesting incident of the series, in a Canadian's view, is the fact that one of the volumes will be written by Prof. Wm. Clark, LL.D., D.C.L., of Trinity College, Toronto, who will have for his subject, "Pascal and the Port Royalists."

WHAT OUR BISHOPS ASK OF US.

The Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion have said that: We suggest further that the first Sunday in each month of the year and the Monday following should be set apart for special and recurrent supplications.

1. General.—(1) For the spirit of prayer; (2) for recognition of our shortcomings and sins—e.g., forgetfulness of God, materialism, luxurious living, intemperance, impurity, gambling; (3) for the realization of the working of the Divine Spirit; (4) for a grateful sense of God's goodness to nation, Church and individual; (5) for wisdom to make use of fresh opportunities.

2. Divisions of Christendom.—(1) For the spirit of brotherly love; (2) for a simple love of truth; (3) for a recognition of diversities of gifts; (4) for grace in the use of gifts.

3. Spiritual Character.—(1) For more Christlike lives; (2) for the realization of responsibility and courage to meet and bear it—e.g., in use of wealth, righteous testimony, abilities, etc.

4. Missionary.—(1) For the heathen world; (2) for the rulers of heathen lands; (3) for missionary workers; (4) for those who administer the affairs of missionary societies and agencies; (5) for the consistent lives of Christians in foreign lands.

5. The War.—(1) The gifts of wisdom and prudence to our leaders; (2) for the sufferers on both sides—the sick, wounded, prisoners, sorrowing, and bereaved; (3) for our soldiers and representatives and colonists-that they may maintain high character and honourable traditions; (4) for the combatants—that no animosities may destroy recoper, (3) for the notive races—that the cause of Christian missions and civilization may be advanced; (6) for a righteous and lasting peace. It is suggested that whatever selections from the above subjects may be made at different times of intercession, due prominence should be given to-(a) confession of sin in the matters which call for prayer; (b) thanksgiving for mercies already received. We commend this invitation to the faithful of our own communion, and to all brethren in Christ who may find it in their hearts to join their prayers with ours, reminding both ourselves and them of the many and clear promises which enall-sufficie men, and

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The Churchwoman.

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NIAGARA W. A.

A large assembly of delegates attended the four-

teenth annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan

Board of the W.A., held on Tuesday and Wednes-

day, April 24 and 25 in Hamilton. At the introductory service, in the Cathedral on the evening of the 23rd the Lord Bishop of the diocese preached most eloquently from the text, "Desire of Me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." After the celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning, business was commenced in the schoolhouse, with the president, Mrs. McLaren, in the chair. Again, His Lordship the Bishop, greeted the members in his genial way, and thanked the W.A. for their special work for himself, namely, \$400 granted him for diocesan missions, and told in what way the funds thus placed at his disposal had been applied. The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, being in Hamilton, also spoke to the meeting. His leading thoughts on meditation and prayer were received with earnest attention. Mrs. DuMoulin, honorary president, read a welcoming address to the delegates, to which Mrs. Sheppard, of Queenston, made reply. Before business was continued, Mrs. DuMoulin was presented with a life membership on the diocesan board by her friends and fellow-workers in the diocese. It may be said, here, that four more life members were added during the meeting. Reports of senior branches were read, showing great progress. The reports of the diocesan officers, briefly summarized, are as follows: The recording secretary reported seven senior branches organized, making a total of 47; number of members in the diocese, 1,102; and the grand total, including juniors, 1,701. The corresponding secretary gave an account of letters written during the year, chiefly referring to speakers, etc., for board meetings, and reported also that the school course of Heath Gander, whose education has been given him by this W.A., is now finished. The organizing secretary told of new branches started under favourable auspices at Hornby, Port Maitland, Port Colborne, South Cayuga, Burlington, St. George's Church, Hamilton, and in Welland. The Dorcas secretary's branch of work showed increase 38 missions helped, 87 bales sent out and \$1,440.76 expended. The secretary for juniors reported a total of 599 members, \$441.40 received, and 19 bales sent, besides parcels. The "E. C. D." treasurer has received \$39.69, from which help has been sent to several missions. The treasurer's grand total receipts amounted to \$2,367.83. A tabulated statement of the work of the branches was also prepared. The Literature Committee's receipts were \$268.36, and Letter Leaflet circulation over 850. The president in her address reviewed the year's work and gave kind encouragement. She spoke very feelingly of those of the members who had been removed from our midst. During the meeting three excellent papers were read: Some Difficulties of Junior Work and How to Overcome Them," by Mrs. G. F. Glassco, secretary for Junior; "The Duty of Giving," by Miss Baxter, of Thorold, and "The Church in South Africa," by Miss E. Smith, of Oakville. At a missionary meeting on Tuesday evening interesting addresses were given by Ven. Archdeacon Mackay, of Saskatchewan, and Rev. Ihsan Ullah, Lahore, India. Short addresses were also given on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Williamson, president of Toronto W.A., and Miss Halson, provincial Dorcas secretary. Mrs. Wade opened the second day's session with a very helpful Bible reading. It was again decided to grant to the Lord Bishop of Niagara \$400 for diocesan missions, and \$120 was voted to the education of a son of Rev. A. H. Allman, Algoma diocese. The life membership fees, for the year, amounting to \$235, were voted in part to make up a deficit of \$88 in the amounts pledged by the board to various objects, and the remainder towards a new wing in Lytton Hospital, New Westminster. The sum of \$33.35 was found in the "Thankoffering Box" at the close of the meeting, and of this, \$26.45 being undesignated was voted to the Algoma Sustentation Fund. This most successful meeting concluded with an enjoyable "At Home," held in the schoolhouse of St. Thomas' church. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. McLaren; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Wade; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Leather; recording secretary, Miss Amy Gaviller; corresponding secretary, Miss Ambrose; organizing secretary, Mrs. Houston; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Sutherland; secretary for junior branches, Mrs. G. F. Glassco; literature secretary, Miss E. Counsell; "E. C. D." treasurer, Mrs. Sewell; treasurer, Mrs. Webster; Leaflet Editor, Mrs. T. W. Reynolds. Mrs. DuMoulin, Mrs. Webster and Miss Ambrose were elected members of the provincial board.

OUR LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

(From our own Correspondent).

Being a matter of Imperial importance I gladly begin my letter with a reference to the movement known as the Junior Clergy Association in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Starting in London in the year 1892 the organization has spread through the length and breadth of the Motherland until there are now as many as 67 local associations, and a total membership of 3,720. The aim is to imbue the younger clergy with the true missionary spirit, and to find outlets for their enthusiasm in more definite and thorough work for the society at home, and at the same time to encourage some of them to volunteer for ministerial, or evangelistic, or educational work in some distant part of the Empire. To foster the latter design, I remember hearing the Rev. Bernard Wilson advocate the formation of a foreign order of service. This idea has borne fruit, and the inauguration of this Foreign Service scheme, under the aegis of the United boards of missions of the provinces of Canterbury and York, marks an epoch in the stay of the movement. For some years such a scheme had been our aspiration. It is now a reality. No one denies that the Federation's share in promoting the formation of the scheme is the lion's share. It remains, however, to be seen whether the members will be equally forward in claiming for themselves the joy of being foremost in responding by offers of personal service to the appeals for men, which have reached, and are reaching, Mr. Baines in large and increasing numbers. "The matter has come to a point. Are the junior clergy going to respond on a large scale to the efforts which the Church has made to meet their suggestions?" Let us hope that this question will not be asked in vain. During the year 1890 as many as thirty were accepted for this work, as against 28 for 1899, and 36 for 1897. The response is not in any way equal to the demand. Yet every encouragement is given, the Bishops promising that service abroad shall be counted as equal to service at home. I hear that over 300 ciergy volunteered as army chaplains for South Africa. Is not work in the colonial or in the mission field more noble? And the call more immediate and undeniable? Anxiety about the war, and the calls on churchfolk for practical sympathy are overshadowing for a time any resolute preparation for the S.P.G. Bicentenary. But I happen to know that much is quietly and steadily being done to make the unique event worthy of the occasion. Two American Bishops are coming to take their cordial and grateful part in the commemoration. And the

venerable society, ever the friend in need, has already voted £3,000 to supply the pressing needs of the South African clergy. It is fully recognized that the demands on the society from that quarter of the world after the war is sure to be large and pressing, and the hope is widely felt that the response to the society's appeal will be prompt and liberal. It is a grand occasion for Church and nation—the two Empires—the secular and the sacred—to show their gratitude to the God of their fathers and the Saviour of men. Sixteen new hymns have been specially composed for this fourth jubilee, and six of them have been set to new tunes by such well-known men as Sir John Stainer, Sir George Martin and Sir F. Bridge. If the war in South Africa is helping us to realize the unity of the Queen's dominions, surely the bicentenary commemoration will serve to bring out into strong relief the oneness and the wideness of the Anglican Communion throughout the world.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

FREDERICTON.

Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

Easter passed very joyously. The happy and assuring thought of Resurrection, not only was expressed in the Church's Article of Faith, but impressed a character of joy upon all the services. One can say that almost without exception every effort was made both in outward form and in spirit to make the public services what they ought to have been. Of course there was variety in the decorations of the altar, but not so much on account of differences in taste in the matter of ritual, as of difference in the circumstances surrounding respective congregations. Some could not obtain what they desired, and what others had no difficulty in gathering. But even in many of the smaller parishes, we notice Easter lilies were provided, and the floral decorations were rich and beautiful. In some parishes the services were choral; in some semi-choral; in every parish the music appears to have received special attention. In this province the roads are generally in the worse condition of spring at Easter. This materially detracts from the festival, especially in parishes where the distances are great, and the people scattered, but this year Easter-day was beautiful, and the congregations generally reported large. There is little in the way of business to report. The Easter Monday meetings passed off quietly, as usual.

Richibucto.—St. Mary's—The wardens' financial statement was the best ever presented in the history of the church. Wardens, Wm. Hudson and Wm. J. Dickinson; representatives, Wm. Hudson and John Stevenson.

Sussex.—Trinity Church.—The churchwardens' financial statement was very satisfactory, and it showed an increased attendance. Wardens, Major T. E. Arnold and Col. E. Beer; representatives, Major T. E. Arnold and Col. E. B. Beer.

Moncton.—St. George's.—The financial statement submitted to the vestry showed all the departments of the church were in a flourishing condition, largely due to the excellent work of the rector, Rev. E. B. Hooper.

Chatham.—St. Paul's and St. Mary 8.—The usual appropriate services were held in these churches on Easter Sunday, and were attended by large congregations. At the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's, at 8 a.m., there were 39 communicants, the largest number at any early celebration. The services in St. Mary's were at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The usual musical selections were well sung by the choir. The children of the Sunday

school attended the evening service, assembling in the schoolroom and proceeding to the church through the western door while the Processional Hymn "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus," etc., was sung The rector addressed the Sunday school children who occupied the front seats in the church. The offerings on Good Friday and Easter were as follows: Bishop Blyth's Missions in Jerusalem and the East, \$10; St. Mary's Repairs Fund, \$42.25; Sick and Needy, \$52.50; Parochial Fund, \$17.00; children's Lenten offerings for Diocesan missions, \$21.16; total, \$143.57.

Shediac.—Easter was the seventh anniversary of the beginning of the ministry of the present rector. Rev. A. F. Burtt, in this parish. Sixty-seven new names have been added to the roll of communicants in this period. There were six who communicated for the first time on Easter. A debt of \$700 has been wiped out, and voluntary subscriptions much increased. The Easter Monday meetings were well attended, and the old officers re-elected at St. Martin's and St. Andrew's churches. At St. Martin's church a committee was appointed to take first steps toward the renovation of the interior of the church, and the repair and painting of the rectory buildings.

QUEBEC.

Andrew Hunter Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec.

Magog.—St. Luke's.—The wardens' report submitted to the vestry was very encouraging. Wardens, B. Verity and J. R. Wilcox; representative, A. J. Whitehead.

Sherbrooke.—St. Peter's.—At the vestry meeting ing H. S. Lawrence and H. R. Fraser were elected wardens. The revised plans for the new church building were approved of, and the meeting adjourned for ten days to receive a further financial report. The annual meeting of St. Peter's Guild was held in the Church Hall, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Wm. Farwell; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. C. Price, Mrs. E. C. Fraser and Mrs. R. N. Robins; sec.-treas., Miss Woodward.

MONTREAL.

William Bennett Bond, D.D., Bishop, Montreal, Que

Montreal.—St. John the Evangelist.—Bishop Dunn gave a very interesting and practical talk upon parish work to church workers in the parish hall, the Rev. Arthur French occupying the chair. He spoke of the danger of disintegration, or each society or organization thinking only of its own work in churches where there were many societies without anything uniting the whole together, pointed out the importance of this uniting together, if the Church was really to prosper, and showed, at some length, how he had successfully accomplished this during his charge of the parish of South Acton, London, with much benefit to the parish.

Hudson Heights.—St. James.—The churchwardens' report on the whole was eminently satisfactory. A vote of thanks was tendered the Guild of St. Mary for their donation of \$300 towards the restoration of the church. Wardens, Dugald, Pyke and Wm. D. McNeill; representatives, J. H. Schneider and H. W. Thompson.

Chambly.—St. Stephen's.—The financial statement submitted to the vestry was most satisfactory. The total receipts were \$1,020. Wardens, J. W. Howard and Wyndham B. Austin; representatives, J. W. Howard, A. W. W. Steytler.

Edwardstown.—St. Matthew's.—The churchwardens' report showed that the finances of the church were in a prosperous condition. Wardens, Geo.

Toynton and Robt. McComb; representatives, Jas. Stacey and T. C. Baskin.

Point St. Charles.—The death took place on the 21st ult., at this place, of Mr. and Mrs. John Mc Guire, each dying within a few hours of each other and each being of the same age, namely, 74 years. Mr. McGuire had suffered for some time past from asthma, and when his physician came to see him about midday on Saturday, Mrs. McGuire also complained of not feeling well and died in a few minutes after speaking. Mr. McGuire died about five o'clock the same afternoon. Both of the deceased were natives of Ireland and members of Grace church.

Cowansville.—Trinity Church.—The wardens' report showed after a very considerable outlay in repairs in addition to the usual current expenses, there was a handsome cash surplus in the treasury. Wardens, Dr. C. L. Cotton and E. Buzzell; representatives, J. Mackinnon and E. Buzzell; representative on the corporation of Dunham Ladies' College, Jas. Mackinnon.

Havelock.—Trinity Church.—Wardens, Jeremiah Roberts and Alexander Waddell; representatives, Joseph Roberts and Col. T. Cole. The wardens' report was most satisfactory.

Montreal.—L'Eglise du Redempteur.—The Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to ten candidates in this church fast week. Through the kindness of Mrs. M. H. Gault, president of the ladies' committee, the church had been tastefully decorated with potted plants. At the close of the address the candidates were severally presented to the Bishop by the Rev. D. Lariviere, and after being confirmed they were each presented by the Archdeacon of Montreal with a handsomely inscribed Bible, the gift of Mrs. M. H. Gault.

ONTARIO.

John Travers Lewis, D.D., LL.D., Archbishop of Ontario, Kingston.

Kingston.—St. Paul's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, the financial report showed an increase of \$300 over last year's revenue. Messrs. Goodearle and Oram were appointed wardens. Resolution expressing deep regret at the retirement of Mr. Ball, sexton, after forty years' service, was unanimously passed. At the W. A. meeting the following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President, Mrs. Daly; vice-president, Mrs. Percival; treasurer, Miss Malone; secretary, Miss Hentig; representative to annual meeting in Brockville, Miss Hentig; alternative, Miss Pipe; superintendent junior branch, Miss Power.

St. George's.-Women's Auxiliary held their annual meeting last week. The secretary, Mrs. Wilkinson, being ill, her report was read by Miss Muckleston. The report of the year's work was fairly satisfactory. The report of the treasurer, Miss Annie Muckleston, was most satisfactory, showing a total of \$384 received and disbursed. The election of officers followed: Mrs. Smith, president; Mrs. Waldron, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Deacon, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Wilkinson, secretary; Miss A. Muckleston, treasurer. Mrs. Deacon was elected delegate to the annual meeting to be held in Brockville in June; Mrs. Starr substitute. At the junior branch of the Women's Auxiliary the report of the secretary, Miss Smythe, was very encouraging, showing a goodly sum of money raised, and much useful sewing done. A bale containing clothing and three quilts will be sent in May to the Wawanosh Home for Indian Girls, to be opened at Sault Ste. Marie this spring. The treasurer's books showed a balance on hand, with all expenses paid, of \$40, which was distributed at the meeting by vote of the members, among various missionary organizations. Besides the total amount raised for missionary pur-

poses, \$69.71, a neat sum was given to the organ fund by the cathedral. The election of officers followed, and resulted in the re-election by acclamation, of the superintendent, Mrs. Norman Fraser, and the secretary, Miss Smythe. Miss Ida Sutherland was elected treasurer, and Miss White, delegate to the annual diocesan meeting to be held in Brockville in June; Miss Beard, substitute. A resolution of thanks to the retiring treasurer, Miss Bureau, was carried by a standing vote. At the close of the business meeting, the diocesan J.W.A secretary, Miss Lewin, gave a bright little address.

The Rev. Wm. H. Smythe, father of Dr. E. H. Smythe, Q.C., died at his daughter's home, Ottawa, last week. The deceased was born near London, Eng., over eighty years ago. He was ordained a deacon in the diocese of Tennessee in 1860 by Bishop Lewis, and was made a priest in 1860 in the diocese of Michigan. From 1860 to 1863 he was missionary at St. John's, Kelener, Arkansas. His first parish in the Kingston diocese of the Anglican church was in Tamworth, where he took charge in 1804, remaining five years. From 1865 to 1886 he was missionary in Lexington, Michigan, and Cos, Samilae and Hur. In 1887 he was missionary at Wellington, Ont., remaining there until 1890, when he was superannuated. Surviving him are three children: Mrs. George Perley, wife of an engineer in the Public Works Department, Ottawa; Dr. E. H. Smythe, Q.C., and A. E. Smythe, bailiff.

Tamworth.—Christ Church.—The Easter service was well attended, despite the unfavourable state of the roads, all parts of the parish being represented. The church was prettily decorated with Easter lilies and other flowers. A very successful vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, when all matters of business were attended to for the ensuing year. W. D. Mace and Gilbert Harkness were re-elected wardens and Andrew Coulter representative.

Brockville.—St. Peter's.—The Rev. H. H. Bedford-Jones took all the services on Sunday, as the venerable Archdeacon was confined to his room with a severe attack of bronchitis. At the close of the evening service, Dr. W. Fred. Jackson, chormaster, invited a number of the choir and their friends into the vestry, when after a few introductory remarks he presented the juvenile choristers with their well earned prizes, for good conduct, diligence, improvement and attendance at Easter. After the presentations and a few remarks from the curate the gathering dispersed.

Merrickville.—The services on Easter Sunday were very hearty. The singing was much better than in previous years. There were large congregations at all the services and many communicants. The floral decorations were very handsome, and arranged with much taste. The children's service was very hearty and the singing under Mrs. Forneri's training was much admired.

Bancroft.—At the annual vestry meeting held by the congregation of St. John's church, Messrs. George Jorman and William Morrison were elected wardens, and Mr. Harry Baldrick, lay delegate. The wardens' report showed a balance in hand of \$15 Satisfactory reports were given by the different organizations in connection with the church. Votes of thanks were passed to the Sunday school superintendent, organist, etc. At the conclusion of the meeting an address was read by Mr. D. H. Morrison on behalf of the congregation, and a purse of \$50.50 presented to Rev. T. Leech, who has been incumbent for the past six and a half years, and who is appointed by his grace the Archbishop to the Mission of Lansdowne. At Coe Hill Mission R. S. and Allen Tivy were re-elected wardens, and Mr. Harry Johnson lay delegate. Here also an address was given and purse presented to Mr. Leech. Something will surely soon be done to put this large mission in a more workable condition.

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OTTAWA.

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

Maberly.—The Easter Sunday services were well attended, and very hearty. Frontals, tastefully painted by Mrs. Wm. Milliken and Miss Loetitia Hughes, and material provided by Mrs. John Hughes, adorned the prayer desks, lectern and pulpit of St. Albans. At St. Stephen's church, Bathurst, there was a large congregation, and Miss Minnie Hogg, of Perth, most kindly and efficiently played the harmonium in the absence of the organist, Miss Susie Cameron. The missionary in charge has had much to encourage him lately in his arduous but noble work for the Master.

Almonte.—St. Paul's.—The church was beautifully decorated for Easter, and there were large congregations. The choir rendered special music. At the vestry meeting the financial report showed all liabilities had been met, the rectory partially renovated, and a small balance on hand. The Sunday school showed a gratifying advance in numbers. Wardens, T. A. Thompson and David Williams; representative, Jos. Ainley. The reports of the Parish Guild and of the Junior Women's Auxiliary were very gratifying, and testified to the zeal and energy of the women of the congregation.

Carleton Place.—St. James'.—The wardens reported the church free from debt and a balance on hand of \$286.23 in the general fund. The ladies' guild put in incandescent lights, costing \$300, a new polished brass lectern, costing \$114, and paid towards freeing the rectory of debt \$648, all during the past year. Wardens, Messrs. Graham and Fulton were re-elected; representative, J. McArton. The rector's salary was increased by \$100. There were 33 baptisms, 26 confirmed, 18 marriages and 11 deaths during the year.

Cornwall.—Church of the Good Shepherd.—Wardens, R. Casson and G. W. Runnions; representative, Dr. E. A. Graveley.

Wales.—St. David's.—The wardens' report showed the finances to be in a healthy condition. The receipts totalled nearly \$2,000. It was decided to wipe out the small debit balance of about \$380 this year, and thus start the century with a clean slate. Towards this end, the rector announced that the ladies had decided to hold a grand century bazaar in December next, for which preparations had already been begun. They recognized his services in the work of church restoration by passing a standing vote of thanks, expressing deep appreciation of his earnest interest and unsparing labours in the work. Much appreciation was also expressed for the able services of the churchwardens, C. Markwell and O. Raymond, in their office during the past year, and votes of thanks were passed to them, and to the other officers of the church, to the Church Helpers' Guild, and to Miss Ada Eamon for her efficient services as voluntary organist. Wardens, C. Markell and J. C. Adams; sidesmen, L. E. Eaman and F. H. Ransom; auditors, W. J. Ransom and F. Warren; vestry committee, rector and wardens (ex-officio), G. Adams, D. Ransom, O. Raymond, G. Gillard; delegate to Synod, C. S. Baker. Various matters of business were disposed of. The meeting was brought to a close with a spirit of thankfulness and satisfaction at the happy state of things prevailing.

Moulinette.-Christ Church.-The churchwardens' statement of accounts showed the past year to have been one of steady progress and prosperity. The total contributed for all purposes was over \$1,200. The church hall debt had been reduced from over \$600 to \$200. Wardens, T. W. Carpenter and S. S. Brownell; sidesmen, J. E. Fyckes and J. Fleming; auditors, W. G. Bennett and A. Murdock; vestry committee, rector and wardens (ex-officio), W. G. Bennett, C. Robertson, J. E. Fyckes, H. Waldorf. The churchwardens, W. G. Bennett and S. S. Brownell, were heartily thanked for their very efficient services, and votes of thanks were also passed to the other officers, and to the organist, Mrs. D. Raymond, for her free and efficient services. The vestry decided to make a vigourous effort to wipe out all remaining indebtedness this year.

Clayton.—At the annual vestry meeting in connection with the parish the financial reports showed up a good condition, balances to the good occurring all round. The wardens are the same this year as last, Mr. Hugh C. Bowland being appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

Cornwall.—On Tuesday morning, the 17th ult., a large number of church workers assembled in Trinity church for corporate Communion. Rev. Rural Dean Houston was assisted by Rev. Canon Mountain and Rev. S. G. Poole, of Cornwall, and Rev. Mr. Whalley of St. John the Evangelist, Lancaster. The latter gave an able address. At 2.30 p.m. the annual business meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took place in Trinity Hall. The reports for the year were most encouraging. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Bruce; first vice-president, Mrs. Poole; second vice-president, Mrs. Houston; recording secretary, Mrs. V. L. White; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Stiles; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Wallace; assistant, Mrs. Cunningham; Leaflet secretary, Mrs. Wm. Barnhart; treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Robertson; buying committee, Mrs. D. Carpenter, Mrs. Conliffe and Mrs. MacCormick. Mrs. Houston read an interesting paper, "A Brief History of the Sarcee Indians." Two bales were sent away during the year, the first to Rev. Mr. Holmes, Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, and the second to Rev. D. Currie, Peace River, Athabasca. The outlook for the ensuing year is

Crysler and Newington.—The attendance at the Lenten services was on the whole fairly good; owing to the long distances between the different parishes, services were held only on Wednesdays and Fridays, i.e., outside the regular Sunday services. On Easter Day we began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m. At All Saints', Newington, and St. John's, Crysler, at 11 a.m., St. Paul's, Avonmore, at 3.30 p.m., and evensong at All Saints', Newington, at 7.30 p.m., the incumbent driving 43 miles to take these services. At all three places there were more communicants than last year, and the congregations were very large. The annual vestry meetings were held on Monday and Thursday with good attendance. The accounts submitted by the wardens showed the parishes to be in a good position financially.

TORONTO.

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

St. Paul's.—The ceremony of turning the first sod for the addition to this church was performed by Prof. Hirschfelder, the oldest member of the congregation, having been connected with the church for fifty years. The ceremony was begun by the singing of the first verse of "The Church's One Foundation," after which Prof. Cody read appropriate passages of Scripture. A dedicatory prayer was then offered by the Bishop, who addressed the gathering on the circumstances which had made the addition to the church necessary. Much interest was lent to the words of the Bishop by the fact that he was for six or seven years a parishioner of St.

Paul's on first coming to this city. During his remarks he reviewed the history of the church since. its inception. The original structure, a frame building with a tall spire, was erected on East Bloor street, in 1841, by J. G. Howard, architect. The spire was made of four pine trees, each 85 feet long, presented to the church by Hon. G. W. Allen of Moss Park, and was put together on the ground and then raised into position. This frame building was opened for divine service on Sunday, June 12, 1842, by Rev. Charles Matthews. The land was deeded by Hon. Mr. Allen and the late James Henderson. In 1852 the frame building was replaced by the present Gothic structure, at a cost of \$25,000. The frame church was removed to the north side of West Bloor street, and the two congregations continued as one until the westerly one was organized as the Church of the Redeemer. The clergymen exchanged pulpits each Sunday, each man preaching in the other church in the evening the sermon he had preached in the morning. In closing he remarked that several churches had been erected or enlarged in a spirit of speculation, but he was glad to know the enlargement in the case of St. Paul's was a work of necessity. Bishop Sweatman added a few words of tribute to the worth of the present rector, Rev. Prof. Cody. Addresses were also made by the churchwardens, Messrs. Thomas Mortimer and R. B. Harcourt, and the chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Stapleton Caldecott. The latter spoke of St. Paul's as being the oldest in Toronto, with the exception of St. James' Cathedral, and told of the events leading up to the proposed enlargement of the edifice. Mr. Caldecott thanked the members for the generous response which, in a few weeks, placed \$7,000 in the hands of the Building Committee, and closed by making an appeal for the remaining \$1,000 required to keep the new portion clear of any debt.

The Bishop of Algoma preached in St. James' Cathedral last Sunday morning, and in the evening in St. Luke's Church.

Peterborough.—The Easter festival was joyfully celebrated in this parish; communicants, St. John's, 262; All Saints', 138. The financial and general reports presented at the vestry meetings were most gratifying, small balances being carried forward after effecting several improvements. Wardens, St. John's, McFarlane Wilson and F. D. Kerr; All Saints', E. Good and Jas. Mulholland; lay representatives, A. P. Pousette, H. Rush and J. H. Mc-Clellan. The number of communions during the year at St. John's was 2,000, an increase of over 600, the increase at All Saints' being correspondingly large. On April 24th the new addition to St. John's school house was publicly opened, transforming it into a complete parochial building. The addition includes basement, kitchen, class rooms, etc. The building was opened free of debt. Ven. Archdeacon Allen delivered an appropriate address.

Lloydtown.—The vestry meetings in this parish were of a most satisfactory character. The various reports received seemed to indicate that substantial progress was being made in every department. During the year two Sunday schools were organized, 31 baptisms performed, 42 candidates presented for confirmation. The total receipts for the year were \$1,178. After meeting all obligations there is a balance on hand of \$67. A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. J. E. Hand, who is now entering upon the third year of his ministry in this parish.

NIAGARA.

John Philip DuMoulin, D.D., Bishop, Hamilton.

Hamilton.—Christ Church Catnedral.—There was a large attendance of these societies, the Sons of England and the Irish P. B. Society, at the service in this cathedral. Bishop Courtney preached a very able sermon from the text, 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, 1 and 2. He spoke of the vision which was held up before the astonished eyes of the horde

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All Saints.—Bishop Courtney preached a most eloquent sermon in this church on Sunday morning. The Bishop of Niagara was also present.

Milton.—Grace Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held in the school-room, on Tuesday evening. The wardens' reports show the amounts received from all sources for the year, including the balance from the previous year, to be \$1,722.49, enabling them to reduce the church debt by about \$500. The church officers for the year are as follows: Wardens, Dr. Anderson, rector's; and S. Dice, people's; vestry clerk, William Panton; lay delegates, E. W. Boyd, H. G. Heaven: advisory committee, H. Naisbitt, F. Hamilton, G. Joyce, H. G. Heaven; sidesmen, E. Wilson, H. Naisbitt, W. Sheppard, H. Moore. Votes of thanks were passed to all workers, and special mention made of Mr. Dice's services. A letter of encouragement from the Bishop was read, and received with applause. The meeting closed with prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for His great goodness, and imploring His continual help.

Omagh.—Christ Church.—The annual vestry meeting, held on Easter Monday, was well attended, and all reports were encouraging. The following officers were elected: Wardens, Robert Fox, rector's: R. Biggar, people's; lay delegate, G. Robinson; vestry clerk, J. Gibson; sidesmen, J. Gibson, W. McCartney, F. Dent, G. Robinson; building committee, W. T. Beaty, G. Robinson, E. Askin, W. Patterson.

Harriston.—St. George's.—The Easter services were unusually bright. The church was tastefully decorated and special music was rendered by the choir. At the vestry meeting, the churchwardens presented a very encouraging report, showing a surplus on hand. The wardens were both reelected and a hearty vote of thanks tendered them; also the organist, choir and Sunday school superintendent.

HURON

Maurice Scollard Baldwin, D.D. Bishop, London

Brantford Grace Church -The wardens' report Smitted to the vestry, showed the Church to have made most encouraging progress during the year. Mr. A. J. Wilkes submitted a very encour asing report of the trust committee, who have to deal with the mortgage fund. This fund has grown until it has now reached very considerable propor tions. A report was also received from the special sub-committee, of which Mr. A. K. Bunnell is chairman, with reference to the financial administration of the parish. Wardens, E. D. Cameron and A. K. Bunnell. The vestry passed a very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of the congrégation, who have worked so faithfully during the year, and who have donated many costly interior fittings. A very hearty vote of thanks was also tendered Rev. C. W. Hedley, who leaves shortly for Rossland. The Bishop held a confirmation in this church last week.

Sarma.-St. George's.-The financial statement of the wardens was very satisfactory to the vestry. Wardens, J. T. Fowler and T. J. Gordon. A reso lution of sympathy with the rector in his illness was very heartily carried. Hearty votes of thanks to Dr. Clement, choirmaster; Mrs. Blunden, organist; the choir, Sunday school officers and the various societies were passed and the vestry adjourned for two weeks awaiting the auditor's re-

St. John's.—The wardens' report showed total receipts, \$817.31. Wardens, John Knowles and W H. Hicks. Representative, John Rainsberry.

West Brantford.-St. John's.-The Bishop, on Sunday, 22nd ult., consecrated this church, in the evening. The church was crowded to the doors. The Bishop preached a powerful sermon showing the ancient foundation of the Church of England, and her continuity with the primitive Church, the Church of the Apostles and of the Scriptures. The Church of England to-day, the Bishop said, is the reaffirmation of primitive Christianity. So long as she is true to this foundation, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her." The Bishop warmly congratulated the wardens, Mr. S. Suddaby and George Leinster, and the congregation, and thanked them personally, mentioning the work of the Sunday school, as an illustration of what children can do. The amount contributed by the Sunday school in seven years, chiefly through the Lenten self-denial boxes of teachers and pupils assisted by their parents amounted to \$924. The rector added his congratulations to those of the Bishop and the services concluded by the Benediction and an Easter hymn. The singing of the choir was excellent and the service was very hearty.

Ingersoll.—St. James'.—The financial report presented at the vestry meeting showed the finances of the church to be in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition. Total receipts, \$3.330, leaving a balance of \$213 on hand. Wardens elected, H. Vann and S. King. Representatives, J. Crawford and Wm. Beckes.

ALGOMA.

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

Port Arthur.—The Patriotic Fund amounted to \$11.20. The Lenten services were well attended daily. Church history lectures, which were very instructive, on Friday evenings, were illustrated by lantern slides; a great number of them were most kindly supplied by Mr. Forde. The Sunday evening addresses were upon "Wesley and Methodism," "Catholic and Protestant." On Passion Sunday, Rev. I. P. Smitheman, rector of Ropport and Nepigon took the duty. Maundy Thursday, com-

municants' meeting, subject, "The Sacrificial Aspect of the Holy Eucharist." Good Friday, Rev. T. I. Hay, in the morning; offerings for Bishop Elyth's mission. Lantern service on the Passion and death of our Blessed Lord. There were four services on Easter Day. The rector was assisted by two lay readers. The musical portion of the services was very good.

North Bay.—An interesting vestry was held in connection with St. John's. The retiring wardens, Messrs. G. Lyddle and Dr. McKnight, submitted a most satisfactory statement, showing that \$1,552 were raised in the mission, and \$200 contributed from the diocese during the past year for current expenses and towards the reduction of the building debt, which now stands at \$2,640, great credit being due to the W. A., who contributed \$430 during the year. Messrs. Dr. McKnight and J. McKenna were elected wardens; Messrs. G. Lyddle, G. Hutchison, C. Rorabeck, G. Depensier, sidesmen. A strong advisory committee. consisting of Messrs. M. Muir, J. Reynolds, J. Hannew, and W. Bailey were appointed to assist the above-named officers during the year. Mrs. Cebb presides over the W. A. On Sunday morning a considerable number of the members assembled at the early service, and the largest-known morning congregation, at St. John's, witnessed the solemn adminstration of the Apostolic Rite of confirmation, the church being filled to the doors. The evening service was likewise well attended. those present listening eagerly to the wise counsel of their beloved father in God, whom God assists in his untiring zeal on behalf of Algoma.

QU'APPELLE.

John Grisdale, D.D., Bishop, Indian Head.

Whitewood with Broadview.—The festival of Faster was duly kept here after the solemn observances of Holy Week. The tiny church of St. Mary's, Whitewood, was becomingly adorned with Easter texts, bannerettes, and the window ledges were filled with moss and prairie crocuses, the spring being unusually early this year. We were unable to afford the luxury of flowers from Winnipeg, but a contribution from house plants partly made amends for this, and the white frontal and the altar lights all seemed to betoken joy. Holy Eucharist was celebrated twice, at 8 and II a.m., when twenty-eight persons communicated, a slight advance on last year. The incumbent, Rev. J. Williams, conducted the services, and preached from St. Luke xxiv., 34-the appearance of Simon. A special service for children was at 2.30 p.m., when an address was given from the Gospel for the day. The children brought their Lenten collections and offerings for the Patriotic Fund, which amounted to over \$6; shortly after wards, the incumbent drove away for evensong, to Broadview, the next town on the C.P.R., 15 miles west, where a large congregation completely filled the church of St. Luke. The altar was beautifully adorned with four vases of choice white flowers, given by the congregation, and lit up by the four vesper lights, looked, indeed, the centre of worship for the "Queen of Festivals." Evensong was choral, and the same clergyman preached from the Easter message: "Peace be unto you." The service was heartily entered into by the congregation. The Easter communions were held on Low Sunday (evening communions being a thing unknown), when two opportunities for reception were given. Communicants, however, in this part of the parish are few, and besides this some were away, so that only twelve communions were made, making forty at the two churches. The effort made on a small scale in this parish for the Canadian Patriotic Fund resulted in the sum of \$22.60 being recently sent in to Ottawa. This was the proceeds of Lenten collections and offerings and done tions on Easter Day. It is a pleasing feature of Church work in this parish that no less than four

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

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

St. Barnabas'.—At the vestry meeting the wardens' report showed the total receipts, \$1,376. The vestry decided to make an addition of a new chancel to the church at a cost of \$500; \$400 of which is now on hand. Wardens elected, F. Nastel and R. A. Chapman. Representatives, De W. Haszyard, H. A. Eastman and J. B. Ashby.

British and Foreign.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society has received a donation of £5,000 from "A Friend."

The Rev. Chancellor R. J. Shaw-Hamilton, rector of Tynan, has been appointed Dean of the Cathedral church of St. Patrick, Armagh.

Mr. Geo. Denison Faber, M.P. for York, has sent to the Dean a cheque for £1,000, with the request that he will allot £800 to the restoration of the Minster Fund and £200 to the Organ Fund.

The Rev. Robert C. Caswell, formerly of the diocese of Toronto, has now left Tennessee, and moved to Buckhannon, West Virginia, to take charge of Buckhannon and Sutton.

The fourth mosaic in the northwest quarter dome of St. Paul's Cathedral has been unveiled. It represents the Ascension, and the cost has been defrayed by the Mercers' Company. The three others represent the Crucifixion, the Entombment, and the Resurrection.

The Rev. Canon Valpy, who defrayed the cost of the completion of the central portion of the great altar screen in Winchester Cathedral, has presented a new cross for the choir altar, the former cross being considered inadequate for its new surroundings.

Brierley Hill Parish Church has been reopened after complete restoration. A sum of £5,000 has been spent upon it, of which Mr. John Corbett contributes £2,500, providing a similar sum is raised by the parishioners. Within £400 of the figure has been reached. The Bishop of Lichfield preached.

At many churches on Sunday services of benediction of palms were held. At St. Paul's Cathedral a number of large palm branches, brought specially from the Holy Land, the gift of Dr. Freshfield, were arranged behind the crucifix on the altar in front of the reredos, but were not carried in procession.

In the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral the Bishop of London (Dr. Creighton), lately unveiled a memorial brass to the late Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, subscribed for and erected by the Association of Lay Helpers for the diocese of London, of which body Mr. Spottiswoode was a member for upwards of thirty years,

The sum of £3,000 has been voted by the S.P.G. for distribution in South Africa, at the discretion of the Archbishop of Capetown. The society also passed a resolution to the effect "that in the distribution of the funds to be raised during the bicentenary year the needs and development of the South African Church, which has been so specially the Society's field of work, will be considered in the most sympathetic spirit."

The Bishop of Korea speaks some home truths, He said there has been of late so much talk about missions, that many people are convinced that the Church has been doing its duty to our colonists and the heathen. He shows how far we are falling short of even a moderate fulfilment of that duty: "While the increase of the colonial and missionary episcopate, the foundation of flourishing and independent churches in connection with the Church of England in Canada, Australasia, South Africa, the West Indies, India and elsewhere, shows that the Church has never formally denied her responsibility to her children in the colonies, or to the native races amongst whom they dwell, yet I venture to say that no impartial ecclesiastical historian of the nineteenth century will acquit the Church of England of something far worse than lethargy. And now, in South Africa, we are reaping what we have sown.

I have not a word to say against the Church in South Africa of to-day. She has her own sorrows and shortcomings as well as her own glowing triumphs of faithful endurance. Nor have I a word to say against missionary societies like the S.P.G. and the C.M.S.—societies which have been for 200 years as the salt which has kept the Church of England from entire corruption. But if in the first half—one might almost say the first three-quarters—of this century, the Church had recognized her duties in the colonies and Mission field . . . we should have been spared this war, the Jameson raid, and a great deal more that is now being said about Englishmen who have made fortunes at the expense of the spiritual welfare of

Airikanders and Natives."

The four Easter services at St. George's Stuyvesant Square, New York City, were not only largely attended, but were marked by reverent heartiness and spiritual power. The first celebration of the Holy Communion, with carols, was at 7 o'clock. The 1,417 communicants at the service included most of the 208 members of the class confirmed on Palm Sunday evening by Bishop Potter. At the mid-day service every available seat was occupied and many persons stood throughout the two hours. Dr. Rainsford, preaching from the words, "Thou shalt show me the path of life." pointed out that the dominant desire of men to-day is for life in its fulness. Not a long life only, or a busy life only, or an easy life only, but life in its wholeness is what men ask. That desire is completely satisfied as they come to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And as He shows His iollowers the path of life, He asks that they shall allow the life within them to find expression. For in every man and woman there is the power to serve, the power to be, the power to love. The Risen Christ, as the Lord of Life, will, if men will but place themselves in right relations to Him, cause these hidden, and sometimes unsuspected powers to bud and bloom into the full beauty of Christian character. In the afternoon 1,100 of the younger Sunday-school children and their friends kept their Easter festival. And at night the main school occupied the body of the church while the fathers and mothers crowded the galleries. Between five and six thousand persons were present during the day. One of the most significant features of each congregation was the wide diversity of social privilege and personal attainment represented. At the morning service Dr. Rainsford announced that the fiscal year just closed had been most satisfactory. The total offerings were over \$112,000, the largest amount ever given by the parish in any one year.

Family Reading.

TOO LATE.

She kissed the old man; she showered upon him kisses and tears. She told all the people how good he was. I thought if she had only given two of those kisses per quarter for the last ten years how the tender-hearted old gentleman would have smiled through his

He was dead. He was old and poor, and she was young and rich. She had ten rooms, but no room for father. Yet he made room for her when he had only two. The old man was not educated. She was—at his expense. He had fed and clothed her for twenty years at home and at college until she had risen into more refined and cultured society, and married among them. The old people's address and dialect were too coarse. She kissed him and buried him in a beautiful coffin. Dear father is to have a costly marble monument. A warm kiss while living is better than cold marble when dead.

BY SELF-SACRIFICE.

Looking out of one's self is poor business. Forgetting one's self in the pursuit of whatever is worth living for, or worth dying for, is a very good business. He who spoke as never man spoke said that "whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it." This truth needs saying over and over again, because it is contrary to the wisdom of this world, while it is in accord with the wisdom which God approves.

THE SHÁDOWS OF A CLOUD.

What He does we know not now, but we shall know hereafter. I remember on a glorious day of all but cloudless sunshine passing in view of a well known line of bare and majestic downs, then basking in the full beams of noon. But on one face of the hill rested a mass of deep and gloomy shadow. On searching for its cause, I at length discovered one little speck of cloud, bright as light floating in the clear blue above. This it was which cast on the hillside that ample track of gloom.

And what I saw was an image of Christian sorrow. Dark and cheerless often as it is, and unaccountably as it passes over our earthly path, in heaven its tokens shall be found; and it shall be known to have been but a shadow of this brightness, whose name is Love.—Dean Alford.

MAN'S IMMORTALITY.

It is the glorious teachings on the subject in the New Testament, the constant burden of it, that to you at least who have known the name of Christ a great possibility is given —that is to say, you are offered the life of the resurrection, the eternal life. It is offered to you in such a way that you can refuse it; you can judge yourself unworthy of it as it is said. Evidently you can refuse it, but it is offered to you in such a way that you can accept it and make it yours, and Christ in you becomes the hope of glory. You pass from death unto life; there comes into your being the power of an endless life, and you begin to live in this world in that power. You are conscious each day that you are immortal. Every action requires significance. You dare not pollute your mind, because it is an immortal mind; you dare not waste your powers, because they belong to your immortality. You pass from life among men feeling that you are a witness of immortality to them, that "the Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him that heareth say come." You are here as the angel of immortality, to perishing men. And so all your life becomes a great and solemn joy; you cannot die, distress may come, and death, loss and failure, but you cannot die; you are immortal. The power of an endless life is in you, and in that power you overcome.-Rev. R. F. Horton, D.D.

Let us ever be tender to those who are past.

The glory and joy of their prime;

Whose strength and whose vision are weakening.

Neath the shadowing touches of time.

Oh fondly they dream of the days that are gone.

The friends and the pleasures of yore,

Of the land where their footsteps are hastening on.

Where dear ones have gathered before.

Let us ever be tender to those who are old,
For once they were happy and young;
And when the bright future before them unrolled,
They merrily irolicked and sung.
With strength and with hopefulness life was enjoyed,

And gaily they went on their ways, Undreaming of hopes to be baffled—destroyed; Undreaming of sorrowful days.

The years are fast speeding, O, soon will be gone
The aged ones with us to-day;
Their feet are approaching eternity's dawn;
Make haste to be kind while we may.
Be kind—as we'd hope for the young to be kind,
If we, too, were feeble and old;
Be kind till the heavenly city they find

Abounding with glories untold.

GOING TO CHURCH.

Many people think that they need not go to church. They sit at home, and perhaps read a little in their Bibles. This, they tell us, is all that God asks of them, or that is necessary.

But it is a great mistake. For we are not saved by going straight to God the Father. Jesus Christ says, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." We must come to Jesus, or we need not try to come at all. And Jesus has told us how to come to Him. We "must be born again" of water and of the Spirit. When we are baptized into the Church of Christ, then Christ owns us as His people. It is very plain that we must act like members of Christ's Church, or we lose the blessings we have got by being born into it. Even though there were no special blessings to be got at church, we should lose our place in the Church of Christ if we never came to claim it. Keep in mind those words of God -"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. x., 25). Is that your manner?

HEATHENS SEEKING A SAVIOUR.

Where is He that is born King of the Jews? How curiously some such questions baffle us when they come to us, as they so often do, in our days, from those far outside our Church borders, from those who have wandered far in order to ask them. Again and again we believers look up from our preoccupations to find some such strange visitants among us. They are those who have just discovered for themselves the great hopes, the vital truths with which we have been familiar from childhood. Christ has been disclosed to them by some sudden and remote accident. In places of the earth untouched by His sway they have, by some unforeseen process, become aware of the significance of His Name. They have felt what it would mean for the weary, suffering, blood-stained world to possess in its own flesh and blood a Word of God which would bring into play the pity of God for those who were in pain, the pardon of God for those who have sinned, the truth of God for those who have gone out of the way, the redemption of God for those who are wasted and

damaged and worn; the regeneration of God for those who have failed to attain, the peace of God for all who are troubled, broken, scared, oppressed. What a Gospel that must be! What good news! That is what they have desired. That would be the solution of all doubt, the revelation of the mystery that has hung so heavy on their souls. They arrive at the gate of the Church, alive to all the powers of those primal promises with which Christ declares Himself our King, those strange phrases with which He offers Himself as man's perfect pardon and peace. And they expect us to tell them so much, to verify the promises, to justify the phraseslike those seven men out of all nations whom the prophets foresaw catching hold, in their eagerness, of the skirts of one who was a Jew-"Tell us, for God is with you." So these new arrivals catch hold of us, asking, "Where is He of whom we have heard, whom we have wandered so far to find? Where is He, our Brother and Priest and King, God's pity, man's peace, this Christ, the Word made flesh? Where is He who has been born to be the King of all mankind? have seen His star, we have caught sight of His glory, we have felt the wonder of His name, and lo! we are here to worship Him." —Canon Scott Holland.

WHAT IS GOOD SOCIETY?

What is good society? Good society is that where toadyism is frowned upon and scandal mongers are not admitted. Good society is that where one earns one's title of gentlewoman not by birth only, but by good manners. Good society is that where to understand Greek is of less importance than to understand courtesy in all its laws. Good society is that which is not personal in its talk, but which finds sufficient topics of interest to discuss without dilating on the sins of its neighbours. Good society is that where the art of welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guest is graciously practised. Good society is that where people are not hastily judged, but once they are believed to be untruthful, deceitful, and ill-bred they are ostracized. Good society is that which can give a dinner without sending a notice of it to the newspapers, can introduce a daughter without her frocks made the subject of a paragraph, and which believes that the family and its happiness is of more importance than the booming of a beauty or the being counted among the four hundred. Good society is that which, while it recognizes the value of all conventional rules, is yet sufficiently strong to be guided occasionally by the heart, and not of necessity to follow a leader, as sheep do. Good society is that where a mother knows that her daughter or son is safe. Good society is that which is formed when two or three are met together in pleasant converse. You can, if you will, though yours be only a room in a boarding-house, make there the best society in the world.

THE TEMPTATION.

"The Temptation" is a subject around which gathers so much that is terrible, a subject in which it is so easy to be presumptuous and irreverent, and yet a subject of such intense helpfulness, that again and again the soul must return to it for comfort, instruction and help; here are the devil's tactics, here is the devil's masterpiece, here is One tempted who could not sin. Away, then, forever with the horrible thought that the suggestions for evil are mine, that the thoughts and motives, and the phantoms of evil all

come from within. If the Holy One of God could be tempted without sin, so I may yet hope for my weary life, that when the day of reckoning comes, something may be disentangled out of the black mass; this came from without, this never entered in, this was temptation, but not sin. Yes—as we enter upon this mysterious scene—two things are stamped upon it—a warning and a consolation. No one is exempt, everyone shall be tempted. Not the age of Job, not the position of Judas; nor the past innocence of David, not the spotlessness of our Blessed Lord Himself shall be spared; but at the same time, as we get to be like Him, temptation shall be more external, the sentinels shall be more trustworthy, there shall be no fear of treachery from within.-W. C. E. New-

FAITH AND LOVE.

Faith and love, these essentials of human life cannot be taught by means of a textbook, but can only be learned by familiarity with faithful and loving persons. One of the comparisons of Plato remarked that it would be well if by merely sitting beside Socrates one could share in his wisdom, as a small vessel connected by a syphon with a large one can draw off some of its contents. But this actually happens with that best kind of wisdom that consists in reverence and modesty and love. These qualities must first be in us, and being in us they are shed abroad as infallibly as the light throws afar its beams.—Rev. Marcus Dods, D.D.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Cream Sponge Cake.—Beat together a cupful of sugar and the yolks of three eggs. Add a half teaspoonful of soda, a teaspoonful of cream tartar, a cupful of flour, and the whites of the eggs. Bake in three layers, and put between them the following filling: One egg, a half cupful of cream, a cupful of sugar, and a piece of butter the size of a walnut. Boil till like a cream, and when cold flavour to taste.

Saucer Puddings.—Take two eggs, the weight of one egg in butter, and in flour, half a pint of milk, and a dessertspoonful of castor sugar. Cream the butter, add the sugar, flour, eggs and milk, beat well, and put the mixture into some buttered saucers, bake for twenty minutes. Serve in pairs with jam between each.

Omelet with Oysters.—Allow one egg for each person, and beat yolks and whites separately, very light; season to taste, and just before cooking add the oysters, which have been previously scalded in their own liquor.

White Puffs.—One pint rich milk; whites of four eggs whipped stiff; one heaping cupful prepared flour; one scant cupful powdered sugar; grated peel of half a lemon; a little salt. Whisk the eggs and sugar to a meringue, and add this alternately with the flour to the milk. Cream, or half cream half milk, is better. Beat until the mixture is very light, and bake in buttered cups or tins. Turn out, sift powdered sugar over them, and eat with lemon sauce.

Ants that frequent houses or gardens may be destroyed by taking flour of brimstone, half a pound, and potash, four ounces; set them in an iron or earthen pan over the fire until dissolved and united; afterwards beat them to a powder, and infuse a little of this powder in water—and wherever you sprinkle it the ants will die or fly the place.

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GROWING UP.

One day in spring, a snowdrop woke, Far down beneath the snow, And said, "I mean to sleep no more, I want to stir and grow. I want to leave the cradle-bed, will, I will grow up, " it said.

"You must not go," the tulips cred. "Why, you can scarcely creep; It is not time, the ground is cold; So nestle down and sleep. No, no, "it answered, quite ill-bred, "I will, I will grow up, 'it said.

So up it crept, and soon its head Peeped forth above the ground. The air was chill, and drifts of snow Lay melting all around. "But I will not go back to bed. I will. I will grow up, " it said.

And so it upward pushed its leaves. Though yellowed with the frost : And soon a flower-bud shot forth. And by the storm was tossed. 'Tis time my pretty flowers were spread. "I will, I will grow up, " it said.

In April days so soft and warm. The other flowers were seen Making their way in thrifty clumps Of deepest emerald green. No storm winds now; warm sun, instead, To kiss their buds of blue and red.

And there they saw the snowdrop stand, Who would grow up too fast; Its leaves were pale, its feeble flowers Were tattered by the blast. And all ashamed it hung its head, And wished that it were down in bed

A QUESTION OF DUTY.

Lincoln Austin was hoeing corn in the east lot. The quackgrass and the cutworms had invaded the territory and had established themselves so well that it was like fighting the enemy. That was what the young man thought as he worked vigorously with his weapon of defense in routing them out of his east lot. He was thinking of war all the while those days, for he was a true patriot in heart. He wished very much to enlist. There was nothing inspiring or satisfying about his work that morning. The corn crop promised to be a failure that season, and he had depended on it to help pay the mortgage on the old farm.

As he stood leaning on his hoe for a few moments to get cool, he saw a man climbing over the fence by the roadside. Now a man coming along the highway is not much of a consideration in most places. But Lincoln Austin's farm did not have many pedestrians as passers. It was two miles from the village and four from the town where the railroad station was. Anyone who climbed over the fence of the east

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lot had a purpose, and when the stranger came up to Lincoln he ow that he had a large leather case in his hand.

"Hot day," said the stranger by way of making acquaintance.

"Yes," replied Lincoln. "Corn crop doesn't look as if it was going to be a paying vestment in these parts," added the stranger. "No," said Lincoln. "Too much rain and cold weather for corn

raising. The man began to unstrap his case. "I want to show you some pictures of our grand heroes, that I'm selling through the country. Everybody wants these pictures. especially folks who stay at home and don't follow the fife and drum. There is something inspiring in

A picture of Dewey was unroll-"Isn't that a fine face. though?" the man asked as he held the picture up over the corn lot so the sunlight fell upon it and made it glow and beam.

"And here is Sampson-strong character in his face. But here's another one that beats them all. This is Hobson—greatest hero of the war vet. His doings are unparalleled in the history of our country. Take the whole three of them, won't you?"

Lincoln Austin looked with admiration on these pictures of the three great heroes. It was some minutes before he spoke. Money was a great consideration in that big corn lot, where the stress of weather, quackgrass, and the cutworm had worked such great havoc.

"What will you let me have the three for?" he queried.

"Twenty-five cents apiece is my asking price. I'll lump the three off to you for sixty-five cents."

Lincoln made no reply—he was calculating.

"I won't take all of the pictures," he said. "I'd like them all, but I can't afford it."

"Well, seeing it's just as it is with you, I'll let you have 3 pictures for fifty cents. It's a losing job, but yours seems to be, too, and 'misery loves company,' as the old saving is."

"Come down to the house, and I'll get you the money. I'll take the three for fifty cents."

The picture-peddler followed earthen sugar-bowl in the kitchen pieces. The stranger took them and put them in his pocket, picked up his leather case and went on

lis way. What's that peddler selling?" asked Lincoln's mother, as she came out of the buttery with a but-

she was working. "Pictures," answered Lincoln.

"What kind of pictures? Well, daughter. now, if it don't beat all that you traded with a peddler and bought monia, consumption, kidney disease or other pictures! I hope they are not war dreadfully fatal complications. Dr. Chase's pictures. I saw enough of those in the Civil War. 'Twas those kind rerve force in the system. In pill form, 50c' of pictures that got my brother a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates all stirred up, and he went off to

war just because of war pictures

Lincoln timidly unrolled his pur hase, for he had not outgrown a respect for his mother's opinions and wishes, as some young men ad in his native town.

"They are not war pictures, exactly, mother," he replied "They are pictures of our three naval heroes. Dewey, Sampson, and Hobson. I thought I'd like to put them up on the sitting-room wall.

Mrs. Austin put her butter bowl down on the table and look ed at the pictures as her son unrolled them and spread them out on the table. They rolled up again, and his mother took some tumblers out of the cupboard and put one on each end. "Good-looking. mart-looking men," she said, as he stood and scanned the features She lingered longer over the pic tare of young Hobson. Soon the tears came into her eyes; her son saw them. "Oh, dear! dear!" she exclaimed, "how his mother must

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"Well, mother," exclaimed Linthe kitchen blowing the tin din- coln, with a pleased look on his ner-horn, which had been used to face, "you're as enthusiastic over announce the coming of that diur- the war as I am. Think of your nal circumstance for many gener- buying the United States flag and putting it up over our front door!"

"I thought I would do what I as he sat down to dinner. "The could for my country's honour," pictures look first-rate up there, was the reply. "I'm thinking of don't they, mother?" he said all those other mothers whose But on looking up into his sons have gone to the front. I'm mother's face, he saw that she look- so sorry for them. Lincoln, I ed paler than usual, and a sad don't know but I ought to be willexpression had come over it. One ing to give you up in defence of of the neighbour's boys, who had your country, but you know you

"And you are all I have in the threw in the daily paper. "There's world, mother. The question of your paper, Lin; there wasn't no duty for me seems to be easily more mail for your folks this morn-solved. I'll stay right here with you and fight quackgrass and cut-"Now, don't go to reading that worms up in the east corn lot for paper till you eat your dinner," a spell." As he took up his milk Lincoln," said his mother. "It will pails and went to the pasture he all be cold and just good for noth- drummed on the bottoms of them, ing, for when you once begin on while he heard his mother's voice that war news, you'll keep on read- coming through the south window Her singing, "My Country, 'Tis of son noticed that his mother had Thee." "I'll be a man and a prepared some of his favourite patriot even while I try to be a

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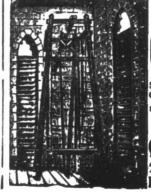
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