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TIT BITS

The Bishop of Salisbury is to be married to Mary, eldest daughter of Colonel R. Williams, M. P., of Brideshead, Dorsetshire. Dr. Wordsworth has been a widower for little more than a year. The last occasion of the marriage of an English bishop was that of Bishop Fraser, of Manchester, who married the late Mrs Fraser after a courtship of twenty-seven years, and the most recent marriage of a colonial bishop was that of Dr. Hamilton Baynes, Bishop of Natal, who was married in South Africa two years ago.

Two Jews of Bagdad have purchas-

ed Babylon, and now own all that remains of the palaces and hanging gardens of the city where Daniel was thrown into the den of lions, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fiery furnace.

A few years ago, in Canada, a gander was attacked by a cow, who charged at it, and tried to drive it away. As the cow approached, however, the bird suddenly leapt up, and seized the hair between her horns with its beak, and began to flap its wings in her face. The cow was very much surprised at this behaviour, which she had not expected at all, and, shaking off the gander, retreated for

a few paces. Again she charged, and the bird jumped up and seized her hair, beating her face so violently this time that she ran away, and left her clever adversary master of the field.

Dr. W. J. Erdman tells a story from personal knowledge. He says an evangelist in the mountains asked an old woman if there were any Presbyterians around there. Her answer was, "Ask my old man. He be a powerful mighty man in huntin,' and kills all sorts of varmints. You might go and see them skins a-hanging up yonder, pra'ps you'd find some of them Presbyterian critters among 'em."—*Presbyterian Record*



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C. P. S.—A Church Publishing Society has been organized in the States with a capital of \$10,000. As stated in the prospectus of the Society, its object is "to promote the interests of the Church, its work and its charities, by means of the printing press." Any member of the Church may become a member of the Society on payment of ten dollars, for which he will receive a certificate entitling him to vote at the annual meeting of the Society, and participate in the profits to the extent of six per cent. All surplus earnings are to be applied to charities and missions or other Church work; one half must first be applied to the relief of the aged and infirm clergy in good standing, their widows or orphans.

We wish this laudable undertaking a grand success.

PATRONAGE—The subject of Church Patronage is receiving considerable attention in England and America. It is a most important and thorny subject, and requires careful handling.

In England the appointment of a clergyman is very often in the hands of a layman who may have inherited or bought the privilege; consequently, it sometimes happens that a faddist, indifferentist, or agnostic has the solemn trust of appointing a minister to a congregation of Christian people.

In the States, patronage is generally in the hands of the vestry, and the appointment of a clergyman is often the beginning of bickerings and strife; cliques are formed to gain the ends of partisans or men selfish of power; and when the appointment is made the clergyman has to spend half his time in smoothing ruffles and healing divisions.

Mr. Holland has a motion before the Pennsylvania Convention which attempts boldly and vigorously to deal with the subject by placing patronage almost entirely in the hands of the Bishops.

We give our readers the motion in extenso:—

"Section i. Whenever the rectorate of any parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry forthwith to give notice to the bishop of the diocese together with a statement of the support which the parish pledges itself to pay to the new rector. Whereupon it shall become the duty of the bishop to provide for the celebration of divine service in said parish by temporary supply (two-thirds of the regular salary to be paid for such service), and to fill the vacancy by appointment within ninety days from the receipt of

the aforesaid notice. Should the bishop fail to make the appointment within the prescribed time, the vestry may elect a priest to fill the vacancy, and give due notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese.

"Section ii. In the event of a disagreement between any parish and its rector, the same shall be referred to the bishop for adjustment, and his decision in the matter shall be final."

At the General Convention held recently in Minneapolis, an attempt was made, but failed, to change the name of the American Prayer Book. The House of Bishops passed a vote changing the title to "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the American Use." It was felt by many of the bishops that to call the book, the Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal Church is a "narrow and limiting misnomer" and that the Church ought to offer it and proclaim it as no selfish possession of ours, but as the free privilege of all who would be guided by it in their private or public devotion, or in learning the principles of the Catholic Faith.

The proposal was rejected by the House of Deputies.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

This order is attempting to do work amongst young women similar to that of St. Andrews Brotherhood for young men. We have received several enquiries for particulars, and we trust the following clipping will be of interest to many of our readers:

BY MRS. E. A. BRADLEY

The Order of the Daughters of the King was organized in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, New York City. A class of young girls, under the care of Mrs. Franklin, set themselves apart during the Lent of 1885 to do special work for the Master; and this small seed sown eleven years ago, has sprung up and borne abundant fruit. The order now numbers 11,000 members in 64 dioceses, and has the fullest endorsement of many bishops and priests of the Church.

It is totally different from the King's Daughters, with which it is so often confounded.

The King's Daughters is a "ten times one" un denominational society, working "In His Name" and doing a good work for the Master. The Daughters

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of the King is an Order of the Episcopal Church. Its members are received into the Order at the chancel rail in a most solemn manner, and invested with the cross, the most sacred emblem of our blessed Lord's sacrifice of Himself for us.

The Order is a thing at once so earnest, so sacred, so serious, that it should not be entered into lightly, but reverently and in the fear of God. The personal work of the Daughter of the King should be an entire consecration of the soul to God. She should, in all sincerity, humility and love, ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The two rules of the Order are prayer and service; and its object is "the extension of Christ's kingdom among women, and the strengthening of parish life." It has a council of fifteen members elected by the convention, and seven members of the founders called the Alpha Chapter, who are members of the council. Its emblem is a Greek cross fleury of silver, with the words "Magnanimeter Crucem Sustine," and the initials of the motto of the Order, F. H. S. The colors are white and blue.

In many of the dioceses the chapters meet quarterly, in a Local Assembly the bishop being the spiritual head, and the officers of the Local Assembly being president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The rector of the parish is the chaplain and spiritual adviser of his chapter or chapters. Delegates from all the chapters meet once a year, in any city that pleases to invite them. At this convention all matters of vital importance to the Order are discussed; papers are read and words of love and good cheer are exchanged.—*N. Y. Churchman.*

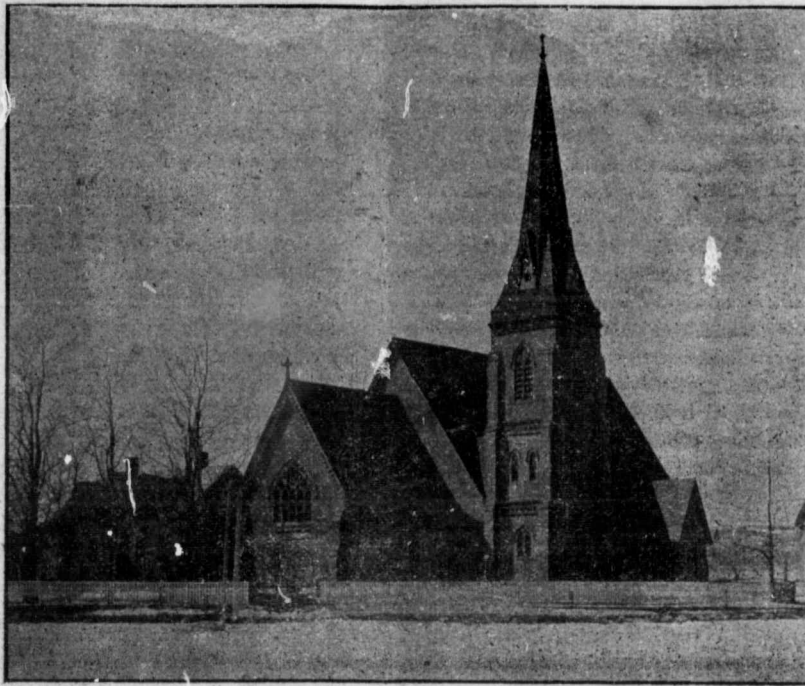
### To Provoke unto Love and Good Works

The title of this article is the purpose of the article. The writer hopes to speak to the readers of OUR CHURCH MONTHLY in a similar strain at varying intervals. A good deal of labor has been spent in trying to discover some of the "lost arts" of antiquity. Perhaps some little labor to recover one of the lost graces of primitive Christianity may prove interesting to readers and helpful to the work of the Church. Liberality is commended by St. Paul as a grace, and all persons are urged to see that this grace abounds in them. Last year, Mrs. Binney's generous and conditional offer to the B. H. M. provoked a measure of the grace of liberality in the Diocese. It would have been cheering and stimulating to the B. H. M. deputations this year if some wealthy member of the Church had made a similar offer. Mr. Rockefeller recently gave \$5,000,000.00 to the Chicago University, and

has offered to duplicate any donation given to that university during the year if the gift does not exceed \$2,000,000.00. That is a very beautiful way to provoke. J. Pierrepont Morgan offered to supply the stipend of a bishop for Alaska for several years. That was a very graceful offer and worthy of emulation. The Very Revd. Dean Hoffman has given \$20,000.00 to fully equip and endow a clergyman's bed in the St. Luke's Church Hospital, New York. This generous gift will make it possible for many a missionary to obtain the benefit of the highest medical and surgical skill, without a heavy burden of expense. The Lord "bindeth up their wounds" by the hands of this consecrated son of the Church. Another loyal churchman has given \$250,000.00 for the purpose of building a library for his university; and yet another recently gave \$100,000.00 to build a memorial church. All this is excitingly provoking. Come nearer home. There were pathos and power in the recent offering of a dollar gift to a B. H. M. deputation by a lady in one of our country parishes. She gave cheerfully, and smilingly remarked that if some of the wealthier ladies of the towns made their bonnets serve them for four years, and then purchased inexpensive ones (like this country sister) they could give liberally and perhaps with joyous grace to the B. H. M. The remark is provoking and suggestive. The joy of joyous liberality is very Christlike; but it is worth remembering that a dear child of ordinary capacity and poor, but converted to God in childhood is often worth more to the Church than many wealthy unconverted men. Let us all first give ourselves.

Quebec Diocese has now 72 clergymen, including six who have retired from active duty; an increase of seven clergy during the episcopate of Bishop Dunn. There are, in the Diocese 21,622 churchpeople, and of these 7,511 are communicants; 91 Sunday Schools with 337 teachers and 3,374 scholars. During the past three years the following amounts have been contributed by the Diocese:—To Parochial objects, \$180,529.06; to Diocesan objects, \$61,897.57; to Outside objects, \$14,636.66. making a grand total of \$257,063.29.

The venerable society, the S.P.C.K., has recently voted the following sums towards building new churches in this Diocese:—Arichat, Cape Breton, £80; Birchtown, parish of Shelburne, £20; Cherry Hill, parish of Petite Riviere, £25; Ellerslie, Port Hill, P. E. I., £60; Souris, Georgetown, P. E. I., £30; Elmsdale, Stewiacke, £20.



ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, MAHONE BAY N. S.

**Farish of St. James, Mahone Bay.**

The history of this parish is the old story of missions undertaken under hardships, carried on in self-denial, and resulting under the blessing of God in great good to a large section of country.

The old parish of Lunenburg had come into existence in 1754 when a band of German and French settlers had made themselves secure within a wooden stockade upon the hill which is now crowned with the quaint old town of Lunenburg. England, in welcoming these people to her colonial shores, allotted to them one of the choicest parts of Nova Scotia, a county so beautiful with its island studded bays, and inlets, and rich in its forests, with foliage reflected in the enchanting lakes that everywhere abound, and which, with the charming rivers, provided the means for the newcomer to go in and possess the wealth of pine and hemlock that covered the interior.

In giving this land as a home to the stranger, England gave with a better home, a spiritual one, in the Church that she erected in Lunenburg, and the ministrations in German, French and English that she at once provided for the little colony; for though of Lutheran and Calvinistic stock, these people gladly

and heartily conformed to the Church of England, which in a true missionary spirit came to their assistance in their perils and toils in the new world.

The simple devotion that these people brought with them from their fatherland led them speedily to love the church which gave them all they had enjoyed at home, and much more in addition.

But the history of St. James', Mahone Bay begins a good many years after this. For years no matter how far the settler pushed into the interior, or reached along the coast line for a home, he would train his growing family to overcome all sorts of obstacles in journeying to the church at Lunenburg to worship God and receive the means of grace; but it became necessary after a time to have mission services at different places outside Lunenburg. One of these places was at the head waters of Mahone Bay, and there in a humble schoolhouse, a very tiny one, the work was begun that has resulted in a large, strong parish which under God's blessing is yet to see the formation of several parishes within its area.

The name of the late Dr. Cochrane, sometime rector of Lunenburg, is yet held in reverence by very old people, who tell of his indefatigable journeys over rocky roads and through the woods to gather little

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knots of church folk together, and lay the foundation of good work in time to come. In 1835 a church was built at Mahone Bay of fair size, and it soon became a centre for the population of miles around, and a flourishing congregation was gathered together.

The church was still served from Lunenburg, but in 1845 by the generosity of the S. P. G., funds were provided for a missionary to be stationed at Mahone Bay, and the Rev. P. I. Filleul took up his residence in the place. There were then only three houses within the extreme limits of what is now the town of Mahone. Under the inspiration of their missionary the people set to work to build the rectory which is still in good repair, testifying to the good work that was put upon it. After nearly 8 years of labour in this field, Mr. Filleul and the late Rev. W. H. Snyder exchanged their spheres of labor, Mahone Bay and Weymouth; Mr. Snyder entering upon his work as missionary in 1852. A few years later the legal division was made from the parish of Lunenburg, by which S. James, Mahone Bay, assumed a district some 30 miles in width. Many of the roads at this time could only be travelled on horseback, and it evolved a large amount of labor to follow the people into the little settlements, that they were forming in all directions in the interior; but the untiring zeal and perseverance of their robust missionary won the hearts of the people everywhere, and a great work was done. Foundations were laid in all directions for what might have become in all cases, strong missions, such as those of Maitland and Martin's River have become, had not a grave mistake been made. It was the delay in getting assistance. Mr. Snyder had more work upon his hands than he could keep up, and for want of help, in many cases the weak mission had to go behind, because of the inroads upon it of some opposing sect.

But it is indeed wonderful that one man did keep such a strong hold upon such a large district so long, and carry on the work single handed. When it was impossible to bear this burden alone any longer, *but all too late*, he succeeded in getting the services of an assistant. The Rev. D. Smith, the late Rev. P. Brown and the Rev. A. C. McDonald were in turn curates under him. Then in 1875 came the break of a year in his ministrations, when he was absent from the parish, and when the Rev. E. H. Ball was in charge as vicar. The Rev. G. F. Maynard, the Rev. C. E. Churchward, and the Rev. D. S. Sutherland were subsequent curates.

Up to this time much good work had been done, and the parish contained large numbers of church people. Several things however were impeding progress. The

parish church was old, and not in very good condition, a debt of some \$500 was hanging over it, which no one seemed disposed to help to remove. The finances of the parish had been in a bad state, a deficit being brought in at each Easter meeting. The town of Mahone had grown up in an unexpected direction, and had long ago left the church out of the way. In 1871, a Sunday School house was begun, intended as a chapel of ease, and some \$800.00 had been spent upon it, but a storm blew down the frame, and the whole scheme was abandoned; the rotting timbers that strewed the site for many years discouraged the people from attempting to build again. In March 1884, the Rev. E. A. Harris came to the parish as curate, immediately after his ordination as deacon. In response to a request from the late Bishop, and with the consent of the Rector, he began to agitate for a new church. The rector feeling that old age and failing strength would not permit him to endure the care and anxiety of building, handed over the whole work to the curate and building committee. Work was begun 1885, and a very beautiful church, having cost over \$9,000.00 was opened in Sept. 1887. The money was all raised in the parish, many good subscriptions being given, and a large amount earned by the untiring zeal of many of the ladies of the congregation. Work was begun also at Martin's River, and a new church was then opened in the following year, free from debt. A few months after the opening of the new parish church, the rector was stricken with paralysis, and for two years was an invalid, dying in 1889, beloved and honoured, and going to await his reward of "well done good and faithful servant." A month later the curate Rev. E. A. Harris was elected rector, and still continues in charge of the parish. A large portion of the old parish has been set off in a missionary district by itself, with New Germany as its headquarters, but this again needs sub-division, and more men and more funds to work it as it should be worked; there is a grand opportunity here for pushing missionary work.

During the last summer a parish house has been built at Mahone, and is almost ready for use, intended as Sunday School house, concert room, reading and game rooms, etc.

The churches are all out of debt, and though some funds have to be borrowed for the parish house, it seems probable that it will not be long before all the money required will be secured to have it free of liability.

At present the rectory, with the fine church on one side and the well designed Parish House on the other side, present quite a fine appearance. The grounds

that surround these buildings are beautiful with numbers of shade trees, and the view out over the lovely waters of Mahone Bay, studded with its many islands is truly charming. And while being in such a picturesque spot beside the ever lovely shores, it is still a most central and convenient situation for all the residents of the little town and the adjoining country.

At Maitland, six miles distant, there is a pretty little church where hearty services are held, and has a good Sunday School; and at Martin's River is also a fine and well-appointed church and a good Sunday School. In both these districts the churches are filled with attentive congregations, and no services other than those of our Church are held.

In this large parish there is a vast amount of work to do, and great need for one, if not two more clergymen.

In the fifty years that have passed since the first missionary took up his abode in Mahone Bay, over 3,500 have been baptized. At present it seems that under the blessing of God, the work is to develop still more, and that the Church has a good prospect before her in this parish.

**BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS**  
JANUARY 1896

4. Speak at meeting on behalf of suffering Armenians.
4. Go to Boston.
6. Preach in Boston for the Massachusetts Church Union.
7. Visit S. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.
8. Meeting of House of Bishops in Ottawa.
19. Preach in S. Luke's Cathedral, 7 p. m.
20. Clericus Club, Halifax. S. Luke's Rectory.

The Bishop expects to pay his first visit to the Mission of Terence Bay and Harrietsfield the first week in February, and to leave Halifax on 8th of that month for his bi-ennial visitation along the Western Shore, through the Rural Deaneries of Lunenburg and Shelburne; and to continue from Yarmouth along the line of the D. A. R. to Halifax. This work will occupy two, if not three, months; and the Bishop hopes to be able to get over the whole Diocese (except Cape Breton, where he was last year) including Prince Edward Island, during the year. There will be the session of the Synod in the last days of June, and the meeting of the General Synod in Winnipeg in October, so that the year will be very full of work. The Bishop is confident that he can appeal to the clergy to aid him by their prayers, by the remembrance of him in their loving hearts, and by

their striving also to do good and much work for the Lord in their parishes and missions. And he also appeals to the laity to help him and their pastors by kindly consideration of their necessities, their trials and difficulties, and by generous contributions for the furtherance of the Church's cause, which is the cause of Christ, at home and abroad.

The Bishop earnestly asks the people of vacant parishes to pray fervently for guidance in the choice of a rector, and that one may be sent to them by the great Head of the Church, who shall watch for their souls as one that must give account; and that they will do their best to make liberal and more adequate provision for their necessities.

The Bishop wishes all "a Happy New Year," bright with the consciousness of the spiritual presence of the Lord, and with the hope of accomplishing much for Him by the help of His promised grace.

**Notes**

Some few years ago the Cathedral committee bought the old penitentiary in Halifax, from the Imperial Government for \$10,000.00, with the intention of using the stone in building the cathedral. The property has proved to be a good investment, and was recently sold by the committee for \$22,500.00.

Eugene Stock's Lessons on Life of Our Lord, for sale, 60 cents post free. J. A. STANSFIELD  
Springhill, N. S.

The Rev. T. Hunt, M. A., of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, P. E. I., recently passed his examination for the degree of B. D., and gained the honor of heading the list.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS" is a new Sunday School paper. It has 12 pages, brightly illustrated, and is sold at 30 cents a year. Ten copies for six months, on a trial order, for \$1.00.

Two parishes in this Diocese have become self-supporting during the year. Falmouth, Rev. G. Howcroft B. A., N. Dublin, Rev. K. Richardson, M. A.

The branches taught at Whiston and Frazee's commercial college are book-keeping, shorthand, type-writing, spelling, arithmetic, commercial law, punctuation, letter writing, etc. etc. Send for free new circular to S. E. Whiston, 95 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

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MISS WILLIAMS

The All Saints Cottage Hospital, Springhill, Cumb. County, forms one of the parochial buildings which have been erected, during the past few years, under the rectorship of the Rev. W. Chas. Wilson. The building is situated upon a mountain-top, in a quiet

picturesque, and respectable part of the town. The

exterior is artistic and the interior arrangements and accommodations are complete. Twenty patients can be accommodated in the ordinary wards; two prettily furnished rooms are for private patients, and there is accommodation for five nurses. The patients during the past year have included many nationalities and denominations. District nursing forms an

important feature of the work. The advantages of the hospital are intended for the sick of any parish or of any nationality, and curable cases from any parish are welcomed. The greater part of the work is entirely gratuitous, and is almost entirely supported by the voluntary offerings of loving faithful hearts who live to share the work of the Master. The original idea of the founder was that the Cottage Hospital would form the first completed building of a group of diocesan, religious, charitable edifices. A Children's Home; a Home for Incurables; a Home for the Aged; and a Training House for Helpers, were included in the plan. In these Church Charities the needy children of the Church would be cared for by their spiritual Mother's love and bounty. The demands of the Cottage Hospital work, at present, sufficiently exhaust the energies and test the faith of the workers. The work has borne the brunt, and is still weathering the storm of sectarian and prejudiced

hostility which seems to be the heritage of every good work of the Church. It is slowly, steadily and surely gaining permanent influence and confidence. The Hospital matron, Miss Williams, whose portrait is presented to our readers this month, is a graduate of the St. John Hospital, and is highly esteemed and beloved in the community. Miss Williams was formerly a Methodist but is now a devout and devoted communicant of our Church. There are three other nurses, Miss Abbot of St Paul's Church, Halifax; Miss Croasdale of Moncton, N. B.; and Miss Spencer, the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Spencer of Rawdon. All the nurses are communicants. Daily prayers are publicly said in the Hospital. OUR CHURCH MONTHLY hopes that our beloved Church in Nova Scotia will speedily have many such charitable and Christlike enterprises. A good beginning has been made by the founding of the St. Paul's Almshouse in Halifax and of the All Saints' Cottage Hospital. A great and timely opportunity is offered to wealthy Churchpeople to consecrate themselves and their means to the founding and personal conducting of one or more of these projected charities. Halifax is the centre of the Cathedral system and Missionary Organization of the Church; Windsor is the settled home of our magnificent Church educational system and it may

be that Springhill is destined to become the centre of the charitable organizations which are the peculiar glory of any Church. The more the sick, the fatherless, the homeless, the necessitous, and the poor are lovingly cared for "In His Name," the closer will Christ come to His Church. Christ says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."



THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, SPRINGHILL, N. S.



THE LECKIE ROOM



**Epiphany or the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles**

A PRAYER—O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only begotten Son to the gentiles; mercifully grant, that we, which know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In early times the twelve days from Dec. 25th to Jan. 6th were all festal days. The Greek Church on Jan. 6th celebrated our Lord's nativity, His manifestation at His Baptism, and His revelation of His Divine power by changing the water into wine at Cana of Galilee. After a time, in the fourth century, the Roman usage prevailed and the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi became the chief event celebrated on the "Twelveth Day" which is now called Epiphany. Manifestation is the key-note of the season.

"Manifestation of Christ to the three wise men, and through them to the world.

"Manifestation to my own soul, and through me to others.

**THE BISHOP'S DREAM**

"It is written, says Luther, "that there was once a pious godly bishop, who had often earnestly prayed that God would manifest to him what Jesus had done in his youth. Once the bishop had a dream to this effect. He seemed in his sleep to see a carpenter working at his trade, and beside him a little boy who was gathering up chips. Then came in a maiden clothed in green, who called them both to come to the meal, and set porridge before them. All this the bishop seemed to dream, himself standing behind the door that he might not be perceived. Then the little boy began and said, 'Why does that man stand there, shall he not also eat with us?' And this so frightened the bishop that he awoke." Let this be what it may, adds Luther, a true history or a fable, I none the less believe that Christ in his child-

hood and youth looked and acted like other children yet without sin, in fashion like a man."

**A DREAM**

The lady in her elegant victoria drove up to the great dry-goods store, and, stepping daintily out, she walked into the busy place. Approaching a weary-looking girl at one of the counters, she said:

"What time do you get off duty?"

"Usually at six, madam," replied the astonished girl, "but to-day at five."

"Don't you get very tired working so long?"

"Yes, madam; but I must either work or starve."

"Well, will you let me take you for a drive for an hour, after you are through to-day? I'm sure it will do you good."

The girl, knowing the wealth and social position of the lady blushed with pleasure, and she was only too glad to accept the invitation so politely and kindly extended, and the lady with a cheery smile and bow walked out. Then the man who dreamed this woke up and wondered how the mischief people could dream such improbable and ridiculous things.—*Detroit Free Press.*



**THE BOY JESUS**

**THE REALITY**

A wealthy New York woman, leaving recently for a trip abroad, notified her physician that during her absence her coach and horses would be at the ser-

vice of the hospital with which he is connected for the purpose of giving the nurses and convalescent patients regular drives in the park.

**THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED**

1. Let *nothing* induce you to speak disparagingly of your parish. Stand up for your church as you would for your mother.
2. Pray for your minister. He needs it. He is but a man, with great responsibilities, and many to please.

OUR CHURCH MONTHLY

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If any of our subscribers will send three new paid up subscriptions we will send them, postpaid, a bound volume of Dawn of Day, or one volume of Lanes Notes of English Church History. This offer only holds good for this month.

We have a number of copies of Dawn of Day for 1895 which we will send to any Sunday School, post free at the rate of eight cents per copy. The first to send cash will get them.

Will our kind correspondents please condense their news as much as possible. Much to our regret several contributions from esteemed contributors are crowded out this issue. No doubt the paper is yet too small, but if our friends will help us heartily, we shall soon gain a circulation which will warrant the increased expense of further enlargement.

Prof. Vroom has been appointed Canon of St. Luke's in place of the late Canon Townshend. The Professor matriculated at King's College, in 1875, graduated B. A. with honors in Classics 1880, and took the degree M. A. in 1883. He was ordained Deacon in 1883, Priest in 1884. He was appointed to the Chair of Divinity at Kings College in 1888.

Rev. W. O. DesBrisay is in charge *pro tem* of Port Medway.

There are seven vacant parishes in the Diocese.

Monthly Statement of Funds connected with the Synod Board of Home Missions.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT	
Amount of grants to be paid to clergy at end of 1895	\$1177.00
Borrowed from Bank of N. S. (on which interest is paid) at the end of Nov.	875.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$2052.00</b>

ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES	
Balance to credit of the account at the end of Nov.	\$ 922.00
To be paid to parishes	554.00
<b>To Credit</b>	<b>\$368.00</b>

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND	
Balance at the end of Nov.	\$1308.00
To be paid on the first of Jan. 1896 to pensioners	750.00
<b>To Credit</b>	<b>\$ 558.00</b>

SUPERANNUATION FUND	
To be paid to superannuated clergy on the first of Jan. 1896	\$875.00
Balance at end of Nov.	609.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$266.00</b>
E. G. Act'g Sec'y	

PARISH NEWS

CHESTER

For the better lighting of the chancel of St. Mark's Church, Western Shore, at the Advent evening services the Ladies Mite Society have provided two hanging lamps.

The Sunday School room at Chester became a place of much resort and of very busy work on Friday, Saturday, and Monday before Xmas, when church decorations were prepared. Preparation time being limited *this* year to those days only. A large number of helpers volunteered, so that the decorations did not suffer. And the result is that our old fashioned church has a very Xmas like appearance. In the chancel, heavy festoons hang from their converging point at the centre of the middle arch, and extend all over it. The choir stalls, lectern, prayer-desk and pulpit, besides being decked with wreathing, are adorned with ferns and rowan-berries. The brightest feature is the gold lettered text on scarlet ground, 100 feet long, and with wreathed border, placed all round at the base of the gallery panels, which is kept put by and used each Xmas. The gallery panels are decorated with alternate crosses, and stars on scarlet ground; and all the pillars are wreathed. There is some festooning over the Western gallery, and a decorated Xmas bell, which, with its tinselled interior and its wreathed exterior showing green upon a scarlet ground is eloquent though dumb. God's grace to take so much pains in decorating God's Holy House is itself God's blessing. The Xmas-eve service was well attended, and the five Xmas carols, "The First Nowel," "Stars all bright," "A Virgin most pure," "Infant born in Bethlem," and "Ring the merry Xmas bells" heartily rendered by an augmented choir for the occasion consisting of 22 in all, were heartily rendered and as heartily appreciated.

E. H. B.

The "SIGN OF THE CROSS" is a new Sunday School paper. It has 12 pages brightly illustrated, and is sold at 30 cents a year. Ten copies for six months trial order \$1.00.

ACADIA MINES

The ladies of this parish held a sale of useful and fancy articles, with a meat and poultry supper, in St. Bridget's Hall on the afternoon and evening of Monday, Dec. 6th. The display of goods was a very creditable one, and the supper gave the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. Several songs, recitations and instrumental selections were given by members and friends of the congregation during the evening, and were greatly enjoyed by the large gathering present.

Having a large stock of saleable articles, as well as provisions on hand at the close, it was decided to continue the following evening, when a fair number again assembled in the Hall. At the close, the ladies had the satisfaction of counting up about \$160 clear profit. This brings the debt upon the new church down to \$200. The ladies are to be congratulated upon this successful issue.

On Christmas Day there were celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and at 11 o'clock morning service. The music was well rendered by the choir.

We trust that whoever may be the successor of the present rector, who is shortly to leave this parish, he will be able to keep up the proficiency of the choir which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the services.

MAITLAND

This parish has been sadly afflicted during the past month; two earnest and faithful young men have been called suddenly away, and another is now at the point of death.

About the middle of November, Ambrose Miller of Northfield, while working on a steamer in one of the shipyards of New York, fell from the deck into the hold, and was almost instantly killed. His body was brought home and buried by the side of his little boy in St. Paul's churchyard.

Ambrose Miller was an earnest member of the Church, a faithful communicant, a warm true friend. He leaves a widow and four small children.

Again in the last days of November, Monson Hayes of Five Mile River, a

bright and young member of the Church, met with a sudden death in Portland, Maine. While working among some powerful machinery, which was in rapid motion, he was caught on a great wheel and instantly killed. His body was brought home and buried in the grave-yard at South Maitland. His young widow has the great consolation of knowing that it is well with her husband.

Again, in the city of Halifax, Elroy O'Brien of Kennetcook, as fine a young man as ever left this parish, while walking along Granville St. was struck by a mass of iron and stone that had broken away from the top of a lofty building. He was taken up in an unconscious state, terribly bruised and shattered. One foot had to be amputated, and for a while hope was held out that he would recover; but his other serious injuries, in the opinion of his physicians, make recovery impossible.

His mother and sister are now with him.

Thank God! the young men, all of them, were ready when the Master called.

"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Our Christmas services were very bright and hearty. St. John Baptist and Holy Trinity churches were beautifully decorated for the glad festival. Services were held in St. John Baptist Church at 10.30 with a celebration, and in Holy Trinity in the evening.

We were pleased to see Mrs Cochran of Medicine Hat at the evening service. She is on a three months visit to her relatives and many friends in Nova Scotia.

Two of our helpful young girls have lately been taken from us: Charlotte and Emeline, daughters of James Hennigar of Kennetcook.

Charlotte was married in St. Peter's Church, Kennetcook, to John J. Power Esq., barrister, of Pictou, and Emeline is now the wife of Samuel

Hennigar, at present working in Tucson, Arizona.

We wish the young couple every happiness.

Wilbert, son of James Ettinger of Noel Road has also left us and is now working in Arizona. Wilbert is a capital, steady young man and is bound to do well. *Arizona* he finds though is not *Home*.

On Christmas Eve, Howard Hennigar of Northfield, and Sarah Hennigar of Kennetcook were married at the rectory; and on Oct. 31st., Theodore Foster of Five Mile River and Amanda McDonald of Latties' Brook, were married at the home of the bride's brother.

We are glad to be able to say, that we are not going to lose these couples.

We wish them long and happy married lives.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The new St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown is approaching completion, the outside being finished. It is a handsome building of stone, and will be an ornament to the city. The old church is of wood, and has presented a very shabby appearance for many years.

The parish of Crapaud, which has been vacant for some months, has now a resident clergyman in the person of Rev. F. Andrews late of New Germany, N. S. Mr. Andrews came over a few weeks ago, and his coming must have been very welcome to the parishioners who have lately employed the Church's services (except in one of their churches) only at very long intervals.

Last Oct., Rev. E. T. Woolard resigned the parish of Georgetown and Cherry Valley, and went to Libau, Russia, where he has accepted a chaplaincy.

During the vacancy, services have been held at these places, as well as at Souris, where a neat little church has lately been erected by the clergy of St. Peter's church, Charlottetown

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assisted by Messrs Eaton and Scovil, lay readers.

Rev. H. Beers, who is at present spending a holiday in the parish, has also kindly officiated for several Sundays. Efforts are being made to obtain a rector as soon as possible.

Kensington has not yet secured a successor to Rev. T. Lloyd, the late incumbent, who went to the United States last spring.

AMHERST

The Parish House being sufficiently advanced for use, a successful promenade concert, sale, and tea came off on Friday evening Dec. 20th, realizing about \$122.

The sad news of the death, at Antwerp, of Capt. William H. Townshend was received here on the 13th Dec. with many expressions of sorrow. Capt. Townshend was the fourth son of the late Canon Townshend, and was in the 48th year of his age, leaving a wife and two sons at their home in Philadelphia, from which port he sailed, having been in the employ of the International Steamship Co. He was highly esteemed by his employers. He was in town about two weeks after his father's death, apparently in good health. Paralysis of the brain was the cause of his sudden demise.

A memorial window, beautiful in design, and exquisite in its soft rich coloring, has just been placed in position on the North side of the nave of Christ Church, in loving memory—by her children—of Mary Blair Dickey, wife of the Hon. Senator Dickey, born Sept. 10th 1825, died April 30th 1895. Among the details in the window are the four emblems of the Gospel above and below the central figures, and, at the top, a heart all aglow with love. The figure in the left light is St. Mary of Bethany, represented as bearing the alabaster box of ointment for the anointing of our Saviour's head, and is intended to speak of devotion to the Master. The

subject of the right light is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, representing Dorcas as holding clothing in her hands for the poor. Thus are love, devotion, and good works set forth, the whole being a most appropriate offering in memory of one, so devoted to her Church and noted for good deeds and almsgiving. On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, it was solemnly dedicated to the glory of God.

The work is from the establishment of Messrs Burlison and Gylls, London, G. B.

Christ Church was appropriately decorated in honour of the birth of our Saviour, the altar receiving special care. The cross and vases were filled with beautiful white chrysanthemums contributed by a few ladies of the parish, and re-table was banked with exquisite red, white, and yellow flowers presented by Mrs. St. George of Montreal. There were two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8, and at the 11 o'clock service.

The services throughout were bright and hearty, the singing good, the Anthem being particularly well rendered.

St. John's the Evangelist Day was duly observed by the members of Acacia Lodge A. F. and A. M. attending Divine Service in Christ Church at 7.30 o'clock p. m., Rev. G. Roy Campbell, rector of Trinity Church, Dorchester, N. B. being the preacher.

On Monday, Dec. 30th, the Parish House will be formally opened by the the Bishop of this diocese at 3 o'clock. His Lordship will preach in Christ Church at 7.30, and at this service the induction of Rev. V. E. Harris will take place, too late for a full report to appear in this issue of the "Monthly."

M. E. B.

SHELBURNE

Opening of new Church Hall and celebration of Dr. White's 60th year of Rectorate.

After much hard work and patient waiting the Church Hall was opened

on Dec. 5th. Many years ago, Dr. White proposed the erection of such a building, and a site was given by Mr. C. White and his sisters, but the undertaking was postponed from time to time. Happily, however, our beloved Rector, now in his ninetieth year, lives to see the embodiment of his cherished idea, and still goes in and out among his parishioners and friends.

The coincidence of the completion of the "Church Hall" with the closing of Dr. White's sixtieth year as Rector of Shelburne suggested the idea of marking both events by an "At Home" in the new building. Accordingly, on the evening of Dec. 5th, a large number of parishioners and their friends gathered there and enjoyed themselves in a really social, homelike way.

At 9.30, the Rev. Mr. Morris, after a few remarks, read the following resolution which had been passed a few days before at a Parish Meeting:

Whereas, the Rev. Thomas Howland White, D. D. has been, at this date, Rector of the united parishes of St. George and St. Patrick for sixty years, during which time he has never ceased to discharge the duties of his sacred office, his active work gradually decreasing with increasing years—and

Whereas, we deeply appreciate the blessing of his continued presence amongst us, and desire to record our high estimation of his work as parish priest throughout an unusually extended pastorate—therefore

Resolved, that the building known as the "Church Hall" be made a Memorial of the labours of Dr. White in this parish, and that a suitable inscription recording the purport of this resolution be placed upon the building.

R. A. BRUCE, Secretary,  
W. S. H. MORRIS,  
Chairman.

Passed Nov. 29th, 1895

Dr. White acknowledged the resolution in an address of some length which will long be remembered by those privileged to hear it, referring in terms of touching humility to his

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long period of service in the Church. At the close of his address, the aged Rector said the Collect "Prevent us, O Lord," which was followed by the united repetition of the Lord's Prayer. Dr. White then bestowed the priestly Benediction. *Shelburne Budget.*

**GUYSBORO**

The interior of St James' Church Intervale has been renovated.

The Parish Church at Guysboro presents a neat appearance. A stained glass window has been placed in the East end of this church, in memory of the late E. Carrill, M. D. and Elizabeth, his wife.

The church of the Holy Trinity at Whitehaven is being painted, and the people of Halfway Cove are contemplating painting the interior of their church.

A Deanery Meeting was held in All Saints Church, Canso, on the 11th Dec. Service with sermon by the Rural Dean and celebration of the Holy Communion was held. The R. D. and his wife were storm-bound there for nearly a week.

This is a most extensive Deanery, yet so few clergymen. The whole Deanery needs a thorough stirring up.

**ANNAPOLIS DEANERY**

The Annapolis Ruri-decanal Chapter met in Trinity parish, Digby, on Tues. and Wed. 3rd and 4th of Dec.

The deanery of Annapolis includes the parishes of Middleton, Bridgetown, Roundhill, Annapolis, Granville, Clementsport, Digby and Weymouth, and derives its name from the central town.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. H. DeBlas was unavoidably absent, and the Rev. H. How of Annapolis was appointed chairman at the business meeting, which was held on Wednesday afternoon, when an amount of work was overtaken, and Mr. How read an interesting paper on the present state of the departed.

During the two days, services were held at the parish church and at St-Paul's chapel, Marshalltown, and all visiting clergy had an opportunity of taking some part in prayers, sermons or addresses.

**Deanery of Tangier**

On S. Andrew's Day, in the church of Holy Trinity, the Rev. Adam Currie was duly inducted to the Rectory of Tangier. The Bishop's mandate being read by the Rev. C. Robert Clerk of Jeddore, and the keys presented by Messrs Peter Mason and Henry Cooper, churchwardens.

A bright day, a hearty service, and a large number of communicants, combined to gladden the hearts of all who assisted in the ceremony—a happy augury, we hope, pointing to a long and prosperous incumbency.

On the evening of S. Andrew's Day at the house of church warden John G. Mitchell, Jeddore, a large party of parishioners assembled to meet the rector and his wife, who were by them presented with many useful and valuable gifts. Friends from Musquodoboit, Jeddore and Lakeville were present. A pleasant supper, followed by music and social converse closed a busy, happy day.

On Tuesday last there had also been a social party at the Rectory. The ladies of the sewing circle assembling for a four o'clock tea, when they presented Mrs. Clerk with a handsome China Tea Service. In spite of a stormy day (which prevented our Lakeville friends from coming) all spent an enjoyable evening.

Events like these brighten and make cheery the *bad roads and cod-fish* routine of a coast missionary and help him to that patient *stickativeness* without which he could do little.

**SALMON RIVER, BEAVER HARBOR.**

We rejoice to think that in spite of a comparatively poor season our offerings have not fallen very much below the average. The envelope system

(Tangier Scheme) is gradually gaining ground, and we have reason to hope will ultimately prove the safest and most expedient way of raising Parochial and Diocesan funds. The amount of the offerings will be published in the Monthly next month and also an account of the Christmas services and the Midnight service held on New Year's eve. We have much to be thankful for during the past year and good work has been steadily going forward. Land has been cleared and duly prepared for the erection of a church on Sober Island, and some of the wood for framing has been cut and brought on the site. The same good work is progressing at Ecum Secum West. The Sunday Schools are well attended, and all our superintendents are energetic and devoted workers in the cause. Regular services have been held in all the places of worship and the congregations attended with a fair average of regularity. The fence around the Salmon River churchyard has been duly completed, and is substantially and well put up. We take this opportunity of thanking those good friends who assisted in this good work and also those who have from time to time helped to clear the St. John's church graveyard, Smith's Cove. With a Rector who will strive to work, and a people who will strive to help, we hope for increased efforts and results in 1896 and so God's blessing and a happy New Year to all. An aged communicant, Ann Mosher passed to rest in December last at the advanced age of 82 years.

**LIVERPOOL**

During the past year the willing workers of this parish have not been idle, and a considerable sum of money raised for parish needs has rewarded their efforts. A concert held in June last brought them in sixty-three dollars and a very successful garden party held in July netted them two hundred more. Besides this, a per-centage of the receipts of a couple of concerts

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held under their auspices, raised the sum of their earnings to almost three hundred dollars. From this result of their work the debt of one hundred and twenty-five dollars on the new burial ground has been paid. As it has been decided to repair the Rectory, at present in a very dilapidated state, the balance of the sum earned has placed a new roof on that building as a first step towards fitting it for a Rector's habitation.

Several of the children of the Sunday school held a small bazaar last week in the Sunday school building. Although they had very stormy weather their sale was well patronized. They cleared about forty dollars which is to purchase a new Sunday School library.

A number of trees have been planted in the new burial ground, as well as a willow hedge along the west side. All seem to be growing well, and in a few years will make the place as pretty a spot as it is suitable for its purpose in other respects.

The people of Western Head have shingled and painted their church during the year past. Unfortunately the timbers of the tower were found to be decayed, so that for the safety of the building it had to be taken down. A new tower will probably be erected in its place sometime in the spring.

St. Andrew's chapel has also had its roof shingled, and has received a new coat of paint, which greatly improves its appearance.

A new and roomy barn has been placed near the church at Hunts Point.

Those who drive to church from a distance are now able to leave their horses comfortably stabled during the service. This is a very great convenience, especially in winter.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

St. Luke's Dorcas Society will send a bale of clothing to the Indian Homes Algoma, on the 14th inst. Another

is being prepared for Moosonee and will be shipped in March.

Hot air furnaces have been placed in St. Luke's church at a cost of \$250. The Mite Society has raised the money to pay incidental expenses.

St. Mark's churchyard, Perotte, has been repaired and enclosed with a new fence at a cost of \$79.68. Much time and labor, as well as money, was voluntarily given to this work. Matting has been placed in the church which adds materially to the comfort and quiet of worshippers.

We rejoice that all these improvements are paid for.

FALMOUTH

The Services at Hantsport are taken every alternate Sunday by Mr. C. Cummins of King's College.

Services were held in St George's and St. Michael's churches respectively on Dec. 5th and 6th, and special addresses given by the Revd. E. A. Harris M. A., rector of Mahone Bay, on behalf of the B. H. M. The attendance at both churches was good considering the state of the roads, and the instructive and interesting addresses were listened to with great attention.

The ladies of St. Andrew's have undertaken to place a bell in their church. They have already got more than \$50 for that purpose.

The offertories in the different churches on Thanksgiving Day in behalf of the W. & O. F. were as follows:

Hantsport,.....	.84
Falmouth,.....	.83
Mill Brook,.....	.82
Windsor Forks,.....	.76
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The day was stormy, hence the smallness of the contributions.

The following communication has been received from the Treasurer of the B. H. M.:

To the Rector  
Wardens and Vestry  
Falmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen—Permit me to inform you that at a meeting of the Synod B. F. M. yesterday, the grant to Falmouth was not renewed for the year 1896. The parish can now be put on the list of the "Self Supporting."

Yours truly,  
EDWIN GILPIN  
Acting Sec'r.

An extract from the Chester Parish Register.

The Rev. Thomas Lloyd, missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, came to reside in the parish at Chester, in the month of Sept. 1794.

This worthy and respected missionary perished in an attempt to go through the woods from Chester to Windsor. Having engaged a young man as a guide for the journey, he set out on Tuesday the 24th of Feb. 1795 and proceeded about nine miles, when a dreadful storm of snow, hail, and rain came on, which continued all the day and most of the night. The next morning about nine o'clock, he told his guide to go back to Chester as fast as possible, and bring him assistance, who, about three in the afternoon, reached an house two miles from that place, nearly exhausted and quite confused, imagining he was still proceeding to Windsor. A message from him to the town caused a party to go off immediately to Mr. Lloyd's relief, who, after extreme fatigue exploring their way all night by the help of a candle, found his body frozen as hard as a rock, on Thursday morning about fourteen miles from the town. It is supposed that he perished about noon the preceding day, as he had travelled but a short distance from the place where the guide had left him. The remains were brought back and decently interred amidst the groans and lamentations of all the people of the township. They were all inconsolable for him and were persuaded that they had lost their best guide and director to a future happy life.

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TEMPERANCE

"It is stated that Cambridge, Mass. has been eight years without a saloon. Its population is over 80,000. The secret bars have been rooted out, and it has long been difficult to procure intoxicating liquor in the city. Mean-while, the valuation of the city in-creased from \$59,703,000 to \$76,282,000, and the same rate of taxation produces \$130,000 more than formerly. The once 122 saloons have been turned into stores or dwellings."

"The police in Denmark have a curious way of dealing with the drunk and incapable found in the streets. They summon a cab and place the patient inside it; then to the station where he gets sober; then home, where he arrives sober and sad. The agents never leave him until they have seen him safe in the family bosom. Then the cabman makes his charge, and the police surgeon makes his, and the agents make their own claim for special duty, and this bill is presented to the host of the establish-ment where the culprit took his last overpowering glass."—*The Age*.

For more than a century New Eng-land has been an exporter of rum to Africa; but the trade is languishing. Two years ago the quantity exported was 1,025,225 gallons; but for the last twelve months the quantity was only 561,225 gallons.

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