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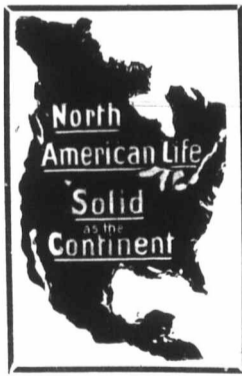
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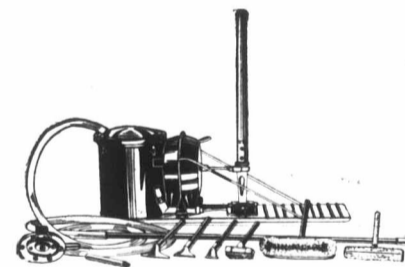
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Morning—Dan. 7, 9 to 13; Luke 24, 44.
Evening—2 Kings 2, 10 to 16; Heb. 4.

May 6.—St. John Evan. ante Port, Lat.

Morning—2 Sam. 7, 18; Luke 23, 26 to 50; 24, 13.
Evening—2 Sam. 9; 1 Thess. 3.

May 8.—Sunday after Ascension.

Morning—Deut. 30; Luke 24, 13.
Evening—Deut. 34; or Josh. 1; 1 Thess. 5.

May 15.—Whitsunday.

Morning—Deut. 16, 10 to 18; Rom. 8, 10 to 18.
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Lay Reading.

Another matter that might not unprofitably be discussed is the power of a licensed lay reader in a case of necessity—that is, where no clergyman is at hand, or can be obtained to take the Burial Service. As for instance where such lay reader is taking the Church services in a remote parish, a death occurs, no clergyman is available, and the body of the dead Christian must be laid in the grave without the Burial Service of the Church, or in the alternative, the service is to be taken by the lay reader who is taking duty in the parish. In considering any such question as this, it should be remembered, that the status of a licensed lay reader is different from that of an ordinary layman, inasmuch as he has been appointed and duly authorized by a Bishop of the Church, with certain necessary limitations, to conduct services in Church and to read sermons to the people. It, however, should be said that such lay reader has no authority to preach his own written or extemporaneous sermons to a congregation save where he has been specially authorized by his Bishop so to do.

Lay Baptism.

The validity of this ceremony has been acutely and learnedly discussed recently in the columns of the Living Church. The concluding letter on the subject by G. E. Moulton, strongly upholds the lay position, quoting Blunt's reference in his annotated Book of Common Prayer to "the long-established tenet of the Church of England that lay baptisms are in some cases necessary and are not to be repeated." It also contains the following interesting references: "The validity of lay baptism was maintained by Tertullian" (De Bapt. xvii). "It was allowed by the Patriarch of Alexandria in the case of some boys baptized by Athanasius when he himself was a boy" (Rufin. 1-14). St. Augustine maintained it to be valid not only in cases of necessity, but under other circumstances also (Aug. De. Bapt. vii. 102; Cont. Parmen. ii., 13). He also refers to Hooker's emphatic words, "yea, 'Baptism by any man in case of necessity,' was the voice of the whole world heretofore" (Ecc. Polit. V. ch. 61, 3).

Three Good Tests.

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Typical Results.

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being attributed to the fact that as a young man the deceased had done a great deal of rowing. He was a well-known rower at Henley.

An Interesting Discovery.

The skill and knowledge of the modern explorers of the lands of ancient civilization are being rewarded by wonderful discoveries. The Berlin Archaeological Society has found on the site of Pergamon, in Asia Minor, the remains of a great sanctuary and temple of the goddess Demeter, built about 262 B.C., to which additions were made after the country passed under the Roman rule. Within the sanctuary, besides the high altar to the goddess were altars to over half a dozen other deities. Of special interest is an imperfectly preserved inscription on a marble altar which is deciphered to be a dedication to "the unknown gods." This recalls Paul's address in the Court of Areopagus in Athens, when he was asked about the foreign deities he was talking of. In his reply he said that when he was going about and looking at the objects that you worship "I observed an altar on which the dedication was inscribed: 'To an unknown God.'"

A Treasured Name.

The date of this issue, or, it may be, a day or two thereafter, is, or will be, the anniversary of the birth of a great Englishman. Indeed, so widespread has been the affection roused in the hearts of men of all nations and countries by the works of Shakespeare that his genius has become a common heritance of mankind. And yet, it cannot be wondered at that he who wrote these words: "I do love my country's good, with a respect more tender, more holy and profound, than mine own life" should have his memory especially revered by his own countrymen. Shakespeare, it is true, was not without defects as a literary craftsman, but in the splendour and universality of his genius his defects are no more to be regarded than are the spots on the mid-day sun. Of the man, William Shakespeare, no one could speak with greater weight than his friend and comrade "Rare" Ben Jonson, who wrote of him: "I loved the man and do honour his memory on this side idolatry as much as any. He was indeed honest, and of an open and free nature, had an excellent phantasy, brave notions, and gentle expressions." Whatever may be said of the life and character of the man, who more than any of his fellow-countrymen has endeared the literature of his country to the world at large, we rejoice in the fact that according to the ordinance of our beloved Church, he was baptized on April 26, 1564. And in April 1616 he was buried in the chancel of the beautiful Church at Stratford-upon-Avon. The memory of William Shakespeare will ever be cherished with tender affection, not alone by the dwellers in the beloved land of his birth but as well by those of whatever race and creed they may be, who seek to find instruction and inspiration in the noblest and loftiest fields of human literature." "Here," says Carlyle, "is an English king, whom no time, or chance, Parliament or combination of Parliaments, can dethrone. This King Shakespeare, does not he shine, in crowned sovereignty, over us all, as the noblest, gentlest, yet strongest of rallying signs; indestructible; really more valuable in that point of view than any other means or appliance whatever? We can fancy him as radiant aloft over all the nations of Englishmen, a thousand years hence." From Paramatta, from New York, wheresoever, under what sort of parish constable soever, English men and women are, they will say to one another: 'Yes this Shakespeare is ours: we produced him, we speak and think by him; we are of one blood and kind with him.' The most common-sense politician, too, if he pleases, may think of that."

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PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

The letter of the Very Rev. the Dean of Nova Scotia, giving some details of the proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, will no doubt have been read with deep interest. Without in any way purposing to anticipate any discussion thereon, on the part of our readers, we may lay down two or three general principles which in our opinion is desirable should be kept prominently in view by those entrusted with this highly important work, as all will readily admit incomparably the most important in the history of the Canadian Church. In the first place then it should be borne in mind by all directly or indirectly engaged in the work, and under this latter head the whole Church may be said to be included, that the proposed revision is in the nature of a "restoration" as the term is applied in England. The idea underlying this term as it is used in connection with the fabric of churches, is not so much "improvement" or "modernization" as adaptation and preservation. In the early days of the Church "restoration" movement in England, this principle did not generally prevail, and the result was that some of our noblest parish churches underwent under the name of "restoration" lamentable mutilation and defacement, which, realized too late is mourned by not a few to this day. Therefore it is to be devoutly hoped that this fact will be borne in mind by the whole Church. Our Prayer Book is to be "restored," carefully, circumspectly, and reverently. It is to be restored to what it was in a bygone age, something adapted to the times. And this will be accomplished, not by radical new departures, or the deliberate disregard and reversal of its general lines of construction, but by first exactly the opposite course, viz., by their careful preservation. The parallel we have drawn is not, of course, a perfect one, no parallels ever are, but it is close enough we think for the effective setting forth of a principle, whose violation in an architectural sense, in the case of so many English churches has led to such deplorable results. As a literary and devotional structure, be it remembered, the Book of Common Prayer remains to-day one of the greatest achievements of the race. To lay rude and violent hands, and to perpetrate upon it anything in the nature of a fundamental alteration is not to be thought of. The noble edifice will still continue to present the same familiar appearance, and no attempt will be made to remodel or rearrange its general and original design. Therefore it is to be hoped that the minor alterations and additions and "enrichments," to use a sadly overworked but unavoidable term, will be kept within the narrowest possible limits, compatible of course with the object in view. Every alteration we trust will be made "grudgingly and as of necessity." The revisers it is to be devoutly hoped, will put a strong restraint upon themselves and ruthlessly repress the inclination, that is apt to come to all innovators, lawful or otherwise, of making changes for change's sake, on the principle of "doing something for their money." The "softening down" and smoothing out process, we also hope, will be very cautiously applied, and a sweeping elimination of all archaisms is to be deprecated. To tell the truth we have as strong an aversion to a "modernized" Prayer Book, i.e., in the matter of phraseology, as of a modernized Bible. Any of our readers who have dipped into that extraordinary production, "The Twentieth Century New Testament," will understand our feelings. Ten thousand times sooner retain the old Prayer Book unaltered than attempt to devise something "up-to-date" like the above mentioned work. Our readers, we suspect, will feel like accusing us of half-heartedness in this matter of Prayer Book revision. To be quite frank on the subject we are half-hearted, especially as it relates to the revision of the Book itself. And we more than suspect that our half-heartedness is shared in by the large majority of Church people. Our laity as a whole are not losing any sleep over the question, except possibly

a few who dread sweeping changes. Our supineness, however, does not extend to additional services, several of which are urgently needed, or even to alternative uses. But while recognizing the desirability of adapting the Prayer Book to some modern or changed conditions, or perhaps to put it another way, while recognizing the desirability of doing something to meet and satisfy the expressed opinion of our supreme governing body, we must express the hope that the revisers when they do come to undertake this very important and momentous duty will handle the corpus of the Prayer Book with gentleness and reverent tenderness. None of us but would be alarmed, not to say horrified, with the thought of the Prayer Book in the melting pot. To vary the illustration with which we started, we should call the proposed revision going into dry dock.



THE THIRD AND LAST CAUSE.

We have already pointed out two reasons for the present burdensome cost of living, viz., Extravagance and Waste. A third cause remains. We have enormously increased our expenditure on amusements. We spend five dollars to-day to one twenty-five years ago, on self pleasuring. The change that has taken place in this respect during the lifetime of elderly people almost might be called a social revolution. What it portends we do not pretend to say. At the present stage we certainly do not regard it as an unmixed evil, nor necessarily as an evil at all, except in such cases of course where it is abused. Still the broad fact remains, and should be noted and given its due weight in any discussion of this question of the increased cost of living. In the first place there is the immensely increased expenditure upon games and pastimes. Take to begin with the money spent on winter sports. In almost every one of our small towns with a population ranging from say eight or nine to fifteen or sixteen hundred there is a skating rink generously patronized by the young people. Sea-on tickets generally cost four or five dollars with admission to hockey matches extra. This alone would in the case of a family of 4 or 5 easily mount up to an expenditure of twenty dollars. Then there are the snowshoe clubs, so common in all parts of the Dominion, which entail a more or less costly outfit, and curling and tobogganing. On these sports it would be easy for a family composed of children and adults to fritter away fifty dollars in the course of one winter. Summer recreations or sports, including baseball, cricket, football, golf, fishing, shooting, might fairly be held responsible for at least an equal amount. Over and above these sports is the now almost universal summer vacation, which one remembers only yesterday as a luxury for the exceptionally well-to-do, and which is now accorded by almost all employers as a matter of course. Here again is another leak. In the matter of what may be called light reading what a tremendous increase has there been in money spending. To hundreds of thousands to-day a daily newspaper has become an absolute necessity. Twenty-five or thirty years ago people in the same position were quite content with a weekly. And what of the "magazine habit" that has become all but universal. Think of the hundreds of thousands of monthly magazines now regularly subscribed for or bought according to the whim of the moment. It is quite common to find a person of limited means, who not so long ago scarcely opened a magazine from year's end to year's end, regularly purchasing three or four of these publications every month. And then there are the weekly illustrated periodicals, mostly of American origin, which circulate by tens and hundreds of thousands. We know small Canadian towns of considerably under two thousand inhabitants where such papers as "The Saturday Evening Post" have a steady weekly circulation of about 100, not to mention the large and ever-increasing "Saturday editions" of various American dailies. In this

novel devouring age it would be a difficult matter to approximately calculate the vast sums annually spent, in the aggregate, or by the average family, in this species of mental dissipation. There are thousands of people who read at least fifty novels in a year, and keep it up all their lives. These novels have to be paid for by some one if even procured from libraries or borrowed. What their cost may be, may be left to the imagination. Furthermore there are the concerts, lectures, theatres, and other public entertainments, now well within the reach of the vast majority of our population, urban, village or rural. A theatrical, elocutionary or musical "star" will any day attract hundreds of hearers at a cost of from two or three to five or six dollars, and often indeed considerably more, according to distance. Over and above all these sources of expenditure are others which we need not specify. Enough, we think, has been adduced to clearly and incontrovertibly establish our contention, viz., that in respect of amusements alone thousands of people are very perceptibly adding to their financial burdens, if not clearly living beyond their means. Whether or not this ever-increasing rage for amusement is a sign of decadence we do not now propose to discuss. It is a subject by itself, and has more than one side to it. At first sight it might appear to indicate general decadence, but there are counterbalancing influences at work. Still it remains undeniably true that we have enormously increased our expenditure upon mere pleasure, probably far out of proportion to the general increase in wealth.



FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

Spectator's Comments and Notes of Public Interest.

Spectator regrets very much that he was unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions held last week in Toronto. Other duties and demands will intervene at most inopportune times and one is forced to cancel plans that had been anticipated with much interest. From a prominent member representing one of the missionary dioceses we learned that some subjects of public interest were taken up and dealt with. For example the now famous "Railway Mission" that passed without discussion, practically, at the autumn meeting, has been gone into by the Western Bishops affected and also by the Board of Management, and the whole thing has been modified and remodelled. The original plan as laid down by its promoter was really too pretty and too perfect from a literary point of view to stand the tests of practical men. It bore the marks of being carefully thought out in the library, but there was, of course, the necessity of testing the library product by the experiences of men who had knowledge of the field. This has been done, and it is safe to say that before the five thousand dollars, voted six months ago, are available for expenditure in any schemes more or less remotely allied with the so-called "Railway Mission" it will have to satisfy the authorities on the spot that it is not only workable but also useful and prudent. It would no doubt save a lot of valuable time and not a little money if well meaning friends of the Church from without our Dominion would only assume the capacity of our citizens to give advice on such subjects. It would also be but fair if our Canadian citizens would only speak out more frankly in criticism of these beautiful schemes, which are worked out for us, rather than jolly the promoters along in the delusion that they have made an epoch-making disclosure to us.

We were under the impression that there was a committee of the Board of Management specially charged with the direction of the foreign policy of the Board. A member who would be almost

sure to know tells us that there is no such committee. In our judgment it would be well to have such a committee, and that its policy and progress should be given to the public in pamphlet form from time to time as the occasion may require. At this juncture, for example, it would be well we think, to take the Church public into its confidence and state just what is being aimed at in our foreign work. Many changes have recently taken place in the foreign field, so far as our Canadian staff is concerned, and the question is what is the inner significance of these changes? Dr. Gould has been transferred from work in a village in Palestine to the direction of a hospital in Jerusalem. Mr. Arthur Lea, of Japan, has been consecrated Bishop and passed out of the Canadian Church. Mr. Ryerson has given up evangelistic work and gone to Tokio to superintend the translation of Christian literature into the Japanese language. Mr. McGinnis has transferred his allegiance to the American Church. The working staff of the Canadian Church in the foreign field has been considerably reduced and yet it appeared at the autumn meeting of the Board the cost of maintenance had remained about the same. There seemed to be a movement away from evangelistic to educational and institutional work. We want our readers to understand that we are not finding fault with these changes, but they are serious changes and must, we presume, be the fulfilment of some line of policy which has not so far as we know been given to the public. Where does the directing force for foreign work lie, in the Board of Missions or in the far off field? The local Church and particularly the local Bishop, if there be one, must largely influence all such arrangements but should there not be a watchful eye over all these changes and a critical examination of all proposed schemes, whether they emanate from the missionaries or the foreign Bishops, for we can fancy that the foreign Church might say, "since the Canadians want it so let them have their way," and it is easy for the Board of Management to reverse the process and say "since the men on the spot seem to approve of this or that action why it must be all right." How does the Board, or Executive Committee meet a criticism like this from one who speaks with knowledge? The wretchedly small staff of workers in Japan is seriously reduced. With this handful of workers the Canadian Church is bearing the whole cost of maintaining a man to translate Christian literature. Why do not the English and American Churches bear a share of the cost of this work since if it is valuable, they profit by it? This is only a sample of the questions that are asked. We presume that there are ready and satisfactory answers to such enquiries but have they been put forth? If we hope to arouse our people to any degree of enthusiasm in foreign missions we should show them that we are shaping our foreign policy in such a way as to produce the best results. Our point is that not only should the policy be sound but the people should be made aware of it.

We are glad to learn that the New Columbia Mission ship will be ready to launch in May. She will, we are assured, be a most commodious and reliable craft, equal to every demand that may be made upon her. So greatly has the work developed that an office has been opened in Vancouver from which in a great measure the superintendence of the mission will be directed. The annual expenditure connected with the mission is very large, and it needs the most watchful eye over the management and running of the boat, and hospitals to make income and outgo balance. We understand that something like eighteen hundred cases have been treated in the hospitals and ship during the past year, and the mission services have been well attended. If Mr. Antle would only tell the story of his mission more freely and let it go to the public it would do both

the mission and public a great deal of good. Spectator has several times offered to dress up a story of the mission for a widely circulated magazine if he were provided with some photographs illustrating the life and the work associated with the mission and could have some stories of the patients in the hospitals, adventures in the camps and so forth, but his pleadings have all been in vain. Thousands of Churchmen are anxious to hear details of this work but the one man that can give them is silent. Of course this is better than talking too much. Spectator.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMISSION OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH.

The Church of England in Canada is beginning to realize that the most vital problem which she has to face is the problem of the Sunday School—most vital because it affects the very basis of her future existence. An evidence of this is the recent meeting in Toronto on April 13th of the Sunday School Commission of the General Synod. Representatives from about half the Dioceses of the Dominion were present. These, counting from East to West, were as follows:—Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Ontario, Toronto, Niagara, Huron, Algoma, Qu'Appelle, New Westminster and Yukon. The Archbishop of Ottawa, the Bishop of Algoma, the Bishop of Toronto, and Bishop Harding, from Qu'Appelle were present. Dr. Rexford, Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, was in the chair. The first item of business was the confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Committee of the Rev. R. A. Hiltz to the position of general secretary. In this way the commission set its seal to an act pregnant with possibilities for the future of the Canadian Church. The magnitude of the task lying before Mr. Hiltz in the organization, unification and betterment of the Sunday School work of the Church throughout the Dominion was somewhat humorously shown by the portentous list of duties which were read out as officially assigned to him. But the Commission believes that the choice of the Executive fell upon a man who will refuse to be crushed by the greatness of work and who is admirably fitted by his practical knowledge of Sunday School management to cope with the problem. Mr. Hiltz was for ten years rector of St. Matthias' Church, Halifax. When he went there the school contained 167 children. When he left 428 names were on the roll of an institution organized along the most modern lines with graded classes, supplemental work, home department, adult Bible Classes, etc. Mr. Hiltz has also contributed many useful articles on Sunday School work to some of the great Sunday School papers of this continent. It soon came to the front in the business of the Commission that a larger amount of financial support would be required. The report of a sub-committee showed that Mr. Hiltz would have to share the office of the Anglican Department of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, 215 Confederation Life Building, Toronto. The Commission also felt itself unable to publish its own Bulletin, arrangements being made with Canon Powell and Mr. Herbert Mortimer that four pages monthly of the Teacher's Assistant and the Church Sunday School Lesson Helps should be at the disposal of the Commission. The same difficulty also stood in the way of the publication of a Church Sunday School paper—greatly though the need of such

a paper was felt. The report of the committee appointed to deal with the matter, read by the Rev. J. M. Snowdon, showed that no little trouble had been taken and that negotiations had been entered into with the S.P.C.K. for the production of such a paper for the Anglican Church throughout the world. It was felt by many, however, that a distinctly Canadian paper would be preferable. The committee was asked to continue its work. A great step forward was taken in the adoption of a definite elementary course for teacher training. The following books form the curriculum:—1. Hurlbut's Teacher Training Lessons (this book has already been used with great advantage in Nova Scotia. It contains short and concise lessons on the Old and New Testaments, the Art of Teaching, Child Nature, and School Organization). 2. (i) The Story of the Prayer Book, by the Bishop of Durham, or The Prayer Book by Dearmer; (ii) How to teach the Church Catechism (Daniel); (iii) The Necessity of Mission Study in the Sunday School (Church Mission House, New York). A reading course for teachers was also provided—the idea being to recommend especially the reading and study of one book each year. The following were the works chosen: 1. The Training of the Twig (Drawbridge). 2. The Unfolding Life (Lamoreaux). 3. How to plan a Lesson (Brown). 4. How to study the Life of Christ (Butler). 5. How we got our Bible (Paterson Smyth). 6. The How and Why of Foreign Missions (Churchman's Edition). 7. The Manual of the Prayer Book (Norris). 8. Popular History of the Church of England (The Bishop of Ripon). A further sign of the advance which the Church was about to make in the education of those who are the key to the Sunday School problem, was the announcement of the chairman that in response to circular letter sent to the Bishops with regard to the making a study of Sunday School methods, a subject of examination for candidates for Holy Orders, he had received most favourable answers—many of the dioceses adopting Butler's "A Churchman's Manual of Methods in Sunday Schools" as a textbook. The approval by the Commission of two special courses of lessons for the beginners and the primary department showed that for the future, in that most important branch of the school where foundations are laid, better methods were to reign. A graded scheme of supplemental work for the main school caused some discussion and its practical working out was referred to the executive committee. It aims to improve upon the old-time system of learning a Collect every Sunday, by assigning a selection of Collects and a special part of the Catechism to each year of school life. The time thus saved is to be used in that most important work of storing the memory with the great passages of Scripture, the great hymns of the Church, and a knowledge of the Prayer Book. The members and officers of the executive committee were re-elected—the names of the Bishop of Montreal and of the Rev. C. V. Pilcher, Diocesan Sunday School secretary for the Diocese of Toronto, being added. We have said that the Church of England in Canada is beginning to realize the supreme importance of religious education. Yet we are certainly behind many of the other bodies. Now, that the advance, however, has at last begun there are not wanting most hopeful signs. Two years ago less than \$200 was contributed to this work by the Church in the Dominion. Last year over \$3,000 was raised. The Commission asks the Church to give this year \$4,000. Money—scarcely could be better spent than in helping this effort of the Church to do its duty to its own baptized members, to stop the terrible leak, especially of boys from the Sunday Schools, which has enormously sapped her power in men, and so profoundly weakened her witness before the world to Christ. May God prosper the work.—C. V. P.

Home & Foreign Church News
From our own Correspondents

NEWFOUNDLAND.

L. L. Jones, D.D., Bishop, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

St. John's.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the C.E.T.S., which was held in this city recently. Rev. Canon White, president, ex-officio; Rev. James Bell, chairman; Sir J. S. Winter, H. S. Hayward and Thomas Hussey, vice-presidents; Warwick Smith, treasurer; R. G. McDonald, secretary; Gordon Pike, assistant secretary; Mrs. Bell, financial secretary; Ada Whitten, assistant financial secretary; committee, Messrs. G. Summers, Hobbs, Ryall,

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F. Upton, E. Loder, A. Rees, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Smith, Miss A. Miller, Miss S. Ryall, Miss Ida Lush, and Miss E. Crocker. The meeting was quite enthusiastic. The Rev. Canon White presided during the first half, and the Rev. James Bell, the second half. The society has now a membership of 410. The financial standing is good, the increase being \$989; and expenditure \$897. The success of this great society the past year or two is largely due to Rev. James Bell.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Clarendon Lamb Worrell, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N. S.

Halifax.—Bicentenary of the Canadian Church and Canadian Church Congress.—A meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Bicentenary Celebration and Canadian Church Congress, which is to be held in this city in September next was held April 6th at the Church of England Institute, the Bishop of Nova Scotia in the chair. Progress all along the line was reported, many of the details being already arranged. The Bishop has charge of the arrangements for all services and devotional meetings. Rev. C. W. Vernon of Section A of the Congress, which will discuss under the heading of the Church and the Commonwealth, the Social Evil, the Liquor Traffic, the Workingman and His Problems, the Church's Attitude Towards Socialism, and under the heading of Parochial Problems of the Canadian Church, Our Relation with the Church of the Motherland, Our Relation with other Christian Churches, Diocesan Problems, Parochial Problems, Prayer Book Adaptation and the Ministry of Healing; R. V. Harris of Section B of the Congress, which will discuss under the heading of The Child, the Church and the Home, The Child in the School, the Child and the Church, the Child and the State, the Evangelization of the World under the headings Agents and Instruments, the Field at Home, the Field Abroad, and the Church and the Man, including the Church's Work among Men, and Mens Work in the Church; Rev. L. J. Donaldson of the mass meetings, which include mass meeting for men on Social Purity, mass meeting for children, mass meetings on Sunday School Problems and Mistakes, on Women's Work in the Church, and on Missionary Opportunity and Responsibility; and C. A. Prescott of transportation arrangements. The Rev. V. E. Harris is the recording secretary of the Executive Committee. The hospitality committee consists of the city clergy and representatives of the W.A. and Women's Cathedral League; the musical committee of the organists and choir leaders of the city churches. The Bishop made the interesting announcement that Bishop Courtney would be the preacher at the grand opening service of the Cathedral, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, Primate of All Canada, being celebrant, the Archbishop of Ottawa, Primate of Canada, gospeller, and the Bishop of Nova Scotia epistoler. The preachers at the Cathedral on the Sunday Services will be the Bishop of Missouri, Presiding Bishop of the American Church, Bishop Brent of the Philippines and the Bishop of Glasgow. After the opening of the Cathedral, a luncheon will be held with addresses of welcome to the distinguished visitors from Dean Crawford, representing the Dean and Chapter, the Lieutenant-Governor and Premier Murray representing the Province and the Mayor representing the city. The Bishop, the Dean and Judge Longley were appointed to act with a committee to be appointed by the Women's Cathedral League as an entertainment committee. Meetings of the Congress will be held in St. Paul's Hall and the Masonic Hall, two of the evening mass meetings on bill at the Cathedral and St. Paul's, and one each in St. George's and Trinity. The Bishop and the Dean were appointed a committee to consider the matter of honorary degrees to be given at the special convocation to be held at King's College. For some time the matter of appointing a general organizing secretary to devote all his time to the work had been under consideration, but the Bishop reported it exceedingly difficult to find a suitable man available. The committee therefore accepted an offer from the Rev. C. W. Vernon to act as honorary general organizing secretary to devote two evenings a week to the work if the services of a stenographer and office assistant were provided by the committee. It was decided that the five dollar Congress ticket should admit both its holder and a lady to meetings of the Congress. Henceforth a weekly meeting of the secretaries will be held.

At a meeting of the new managing committee of the Church of England Institute held on Thursday afternoon, the 7th inst., T. I. D. Moffatt was

elected chairman, and M. J. F. Bowman, secretary, for the ensuing year. The following committees were appointed: Membership—R. V. Harris, chairman; the president and vice-presidents, G. D. Wilson, H. S. Hill, H. D. Romans, T. I. D. Moffatt, R. H. Arundell, F. W. Bissett. Entertainment—T. I. D. Moffatt (chairman), Rev. K. C. Hind, A. H. Whitman, T. Abbot Cumming, C. F. Worrell. Religious Work—A. B. Wiswell (chairman), Dr. M. A. B. Smith, J. M. Donovan, Rev. A. R. Beverley, Rev. F. Ernest Smith, William Currie, Rev. C. W. Vernon. Billiards—A. deB. Tremaine (chairman), R. H. Arundell, Dr. W. B. Almon, H. S. Hill, Frank Graham. Gymnasium—C. A. Prescott (chairman), R. V. Harris, C. F. Worrell, G. E. E. Nichols, G. A. Woodill, H. St. G. Woodill. Literature—Thomas Brown (chairman), E. L. Fenerty, Rev. F. Ernest Smith, Maynard Bowman, Rev. V. E. Harris, Rev. H. W. Cunningham. Visiting Sick—Thomas Brown (chairman), Rev. C. W. Vernon, Rev. F. Ernest Smith, A. B. Wiswell, A. deB. Tremaine. Fabric—R. A. Johnson, (chairman), C. A. Prescott, Thomas Brown, G. E. E. Nichols, Dr. M. A. B. Smith, A. deB. Tremaine, C. H. Harvey, C. E. Wainwright, T. I. D. Moffatt, G. A. Woodill, E. L. Fenerty, H. S. Hill, with power to add to their number. Institute Luncheon Committee—R. V. Harris (chairman), A. deB. Tremaine, R. A. Johnson, G. D. Wilson, C. A. Prescott.

Halifax.—St. Paul's.—On Thursday evening, April 7th, Lieut. Bryant, R.N.R., gave a most interesting and entertaining lecture in St. Paul's Hall on the subject of the evolution of the British Navy under the auspices of the St. Paul's Boys' Club. His lecture was of great value historically and practically as well. It was a clear statement of the origin of the Navy, and an interesting account of its growth and development. The lecture was magnificently illustrated, and a splendid idea could be gained of the different parts of the vessels and of the character of the men. At the conclusion of the lecture, Captain Lugar in most felicitous terms moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and hoped that all the young people of Halifax might have an opportunity of hearing the lecture. Major Burnham seconded the motion, and expressed the hope that Lieut. Bryant would take a lecture tour through Canada. Speaking for Toronto, he said that he felt sure that even such a building as the Massey Hall would be crowded to the doors to hear such an interesting lecture. The Ven. Archdeacon Armitage put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trinity Church.—As the result of thoughtlessness on the part of somebody, this church on Saturday night, April 9th, narrowly escaped destruction by fire, the catastrophe only having been averted by the fact that one of the wardens had an errand to the church about nine o'clock. To his consternation he found the building filled with smoke; so dense was it, in fact, that he with difficulty made his way in. Making his way up to the rear of the organ, whence the smoke seemed to emanate, he discovered a bag of oily dusters in flames which, with great difficulty he extinguished. Had the unexpected visit not been paid, or had it been paid half an hour later the complete destruction of the church would probably have been the result. On the following day sermons were preached in this church in the interests of the Layman's Missionary Movement. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached in the morning, and the Rev. G. R. Maxwell, of Windsor, in the evening. At the morning service the rector, the Rev. L. J. Donaldson, referred to the fire, reminding the congregation that the outcome was one which should cause deep thankfulness.

Dartmouth.—Christ Church.—The Ven. Archdeacon Armitage preached in this church on Sunday, April 9th, at the morning service, and in the evening of the same day the Rev. Canon Tucker preached.

Sydney Mines.—Holy Trinity.—At the annual vestry meeting held lately in this parish, the parishioners unanimously chose the Rev. H. Lindsay, of Westville, N.S., as their rector. The financial report was a most satisfactory one, showing that after all expenses had been paid there was a surplus left over of \$300 in the bank.

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger but in meeting it with the eyes open.—Ritcher.

FREDERICTON.

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

St. John.—St. Luke's.—Notable both for the number of candidates and for the general attendance, the confirmation service held in this church on Thursday evening, April 7th, was the greatest to take place in the city for many years. Forty-six candidates presented themselves for confirmation, and six lay readers were admitted, the Bishop of Fredericton conducting the service in both instances. Those anxious to witness the impressive ceremony crowded the church to the doors and there are many who could not be seated. Of the forty-six confirmed, thirty were young women and sixteen young men—a record for the church and probably for the city. The lay readers are Hugh Miller, W. J. Howes and J. K. Scammell, presented by Rev. R. P. McKim, of St. Luke's Church; M. H. Emery and F. H. J. Rucl, presented by Rev. E. B. Hooper, of St. Paul's Church; and Stanley G. Olive, presented by Rev. G. F. Scovil, of St. Jude's Church, Carleton. All of those admitted take the office in honorarium, with the exception of W. J. Howes, who is a candidate for Holy Orders.

The Rev. R. P. McKim left on the 8th for Sydney, where he preached in Christ Church on the following Sunday evening. In the afternoon the Rev. E. McKim spoke on Organized Christian Service at a mass meeting for men, in which several religious specialists from the United States and other outside points took part. The meeting was held in connection with a special series of platform meetings.

The Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, Bishop of this diocese was a passenger for England on the "Empress of Britain," which sailed from Sand Point. Bishop Richardson is going to the Motherland on a mission to secure additional young clergymen for work in this diocese. He has been in communication with the faculty of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and has had the needs of the diocese brought to the attention of several theological students who have about completed their studies. Now he will go himself to make a personal selection of his men. The work of the Church in this diocese has been greatly hampered through the scarcity of men. There are at least eight parishes now in the diocese without a spiritual head, and Bishop Richardson hopes to secure men enough to supply all. Among the vacant parishes are Bathurst, Derby, and Blackville, Baie du Vin, Kingston, Douglas and Bright, and Ludlow and Blissville. The Bishop has also been honoured with an invitation to speak at the annual meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which will be held in London early in May. This is one of the most important meetings of the Church's year and an invitation to address it is a signal honour for any clergyman. The Bishop's stay in Britain will not be lengthy and he expects to return to Canada in time to attend the commencement exercises of the Rothesay Collegiate School in June.

Dorchester.—Trinity.—The adjourned Easter vestry meeting of this church was held in the Sunday Schoolhouse on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at 7 o'clock. The rector, the Rev. E. A. Hall, and a large attendance of parishioners were present. Reports were received from the retiring wardens and adopted, and all other general business of the church was transacted. The financial report of the retiring wardens shows Trinity Church to be in a healthy condition. Messrs. C. S. Hickman and T. F. Gillespie were re-elected wardens for the ensuing year; G. R. Payzant was re-elected vestry clerk. The following were elected vestrymen: Messrs. W. H. Chapman, W. D. Wilbur, George H. MacKenzie, J. H. Hickman, A. J. Chapman, H. W. Palmer, A. W. Chapman, G. B. Fowler, A. B. Pipes, B. H. Gilbert, J. F. Teed and C. L. Hanington. At a meeting of the congregation held immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, Messrs. A. B. Pipes and George B. Willet were elected delegates to the Synod and J. H. Hickman and J. F. Teed substitutes.

QUEBEC.

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

Quebec.—The Right Rev. Dr. Hall, the Bishop of Vermont, will preach the sermon at the opening service of Synod on Wednesday, May 18th, at 10 a.m. It is hoped that arrangements have been made whereby it will be possible to offer to the Bishop-Coadjutor who is to be elected a stipend of \$4,000.

The public annual meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese was held in the Cathedral Church Hall on March 14th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding. The two principal speakers were the Lord Bishop of Montreal and Dr. George Parmalee, Secretary of the Protestant Board of Public Instruction. Other speeches were made by the Very Rev. Dean Williams, Dr. Robert Campbell, the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Lennoxville.—Bishop's College School.—At a meeting of the Corporation of this college held on Friday the 8th inst., Mr. Tyson Williams was elected Headmaster of Bishop's College School, to succeed the Rev. W. D. Standfast, resigned. Mr. Tyson Williams was Head of the preparatory school for some time, and since the resignation of Mr. Standfast has been acting Headmaster of the school.

Sherbrooke.—St. Peter's.—The annual Festival of the Dedication of this church was held on Sunday, March 13th, when the preacher, both morning and evening, was the Rev. A. J. Doull, the Dean-designate of Columbia. The services were very well attended. An interesting, and beautiful ceremony took place at the conclusion of the sermon at the morning service, a memorial window in the north aisle being unveiled and solemnly dedicated by the rector, the Rev. Canon Shreve. This window has been erected by Col. Worthington, Col. A. Norreys Worthington, M.P., Mr. Hugh Worthington and Mrs. Antrobus, in memory of their sister, the late Miss Fanny Worthington. The subject is the Annunciation, and the Holy Maiden is represented kneeling in her home at Nazareth, and listening with a look of mingled awe and wondering happiness to the message of the Angel Gabriel, "Hail! thou that art highly favoured; the Lord is with thee." Above hovers the Dove, the symbol of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Lord and Giver of Life; "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee." The colouring is most artistic and harmonious, the cool blue and white of the Blessed Virgin's gown contrasting with the shining robes of the Heavenly Messenger. Beneath are the words of the Angel, "The Lord be with thee!"; and underneath them the inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in memory of Fanny Smith Worthington, who entered into rest, March 4th, 1897."

MONTREAL.

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

The following annual vestry meetings were held on April 11th:—

Hudson Heights.—Warden's, W. J. Parsons, J. Park, jr.; delegates to Synod, Capt. W. F. Halero, H. Thompson.

Cosmo.—Wardens, A. E. Parsons, R. Hodgson; delegates to Synod, T. Daird-on, R. W. Shepherd.

Montreal.—St. John the Evangelist.—The erection of a suitable memorial to the late Rev. Edmund Wood will be discussed at a special meeting of the congregation and friends to be called shortly. This was decided at the annual vestry meeting, which was held on April 4th, at which the rector, the Rev. Arthur French, chose for his warden, Mr. W. H. A. Eckhardt, while the people's warden is Mr. Macaulay. The vestry men elected were Messrs. Reiffenstein, Spence, Browning, Hill, Duggan, Claxton, Foster and Moulde. The wardens' reports were considered very satisfactory.

Church of the Ascension.—The adjourned Easter vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening, April 4th, with a very large attendance. Reports from the different societies were read, as well as the financial warden's statement, which showed a balance on the right side. The election of officers resulted as follows: Minister's warden, W. E. Sullivan; people's warden, J. E. Loiselle; secretary, Gordon E. Wight; sidesmen, F. Mount, H. Bartlett, R. English, J. A. Hadwin, W. B. Bashaw, H. Keep, W. H. Champion, C. D. George, W. W. Mount, H. M. Mount, H. J. Webber. Owing to the large increase in the congregation it has been considered an absolute necessity to enlarge the present building, and plans have already been prepared. A canvas to raise the necessary amount for the work is at present being vigorously pushed, and it is hoped that building operations will be commenced shortly.

Montreal.—Church of the Ascension.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th.

Wardens, W. E. Sullivan, J. E. Loiselle. All reports presented were satisfactory. There was a large attendance. Owing to the great increase in the congregation it has been considered an absolute necessity to enlarge the church, and plans have already been prepared with that end in view.

Hochelaga.—St. Mary's.—The Rev. J. E. Fee, M.A., was inducted on Thursday evening, April 7th, as rector of this parish by the Bishop of Montreal. The solemn and impressive service was conducted in the presence of a large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal. He took his text from the Book of Jonah, and the subject of the sermon was the calling of the prophet and the results of his message. The Very Rev. Dean Evans, in the course of his remarks spoke of the new rector. He told the congregation that they had no need to doubt that the man who was placed as rector over them had been called of God. The Dean told of much companionship with the new rector, and of much communion with him when he was his curate at St. Stephen's. He is a man of fervent piety, of constant and urgent prayer, on whose soul rests the burden of souls. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Norwood and the Lessons were read by Canon Renaud and the Rev. A. P. Shatford. The clergy at the service were the Ven. Archdeacon Norton, Rural Dean Robinson, the Rev. A. P. Shatford, the Rev. H. Jekill, the Rev. J. J. Flanagan, the Rev. H. R. Stevenson, the Rev. R. W. Norwood, the Rev. H. Collins, the Rev. D. B. Rodgers. At the close an informal reception was tendered the new rector in the Sunday School room, when the rector and members of the congregation met.

River Desert.—Wardens, W. Ramsay, J. Quail; delegates to Synod, Hugh Walkem, E. C. Pratt; vestry clerk, Victor Ardies; church treasurer, W. Ramsay. A satisfactory financial report was presented. The completion of the tower is to be proceeded with at once, and also a new step-way to the entrance of the church.

ONTARIO.

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

Kingston.—St. James'.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th. Wardens, W. J. C. Allen, F. King; delegate to Synod, F. King. Receipts, \$5,372.53; disbursements, \$5,215.69.

St. Paul's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th inst. Wardens, Ald. R. F. Elliott, A. E. Loscomb; delegates to Synod, the two Church wardens and Major Power. A very favourable financial report was presented. There were 200 communicants on Easter Day.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. J. N. Blougett of Rosemont preached in this church on Sunday evening, April 10th, on the subject of Temperance. He chose for his text St. Luke xix. : 10.

St. James'.—On the morning of the same Sunday the Rev. Professor Hallam of Wycliffe College, Toronto preached on the evils of the liquor traffic. He founded his discourse on Romans xxiv. : 21.

On the following evening, after the vestry meeting had been held it was decided by the men of the congregation to start a Men's Club in connection with the church. A committee composed of Messrs. S. Smith, J. J. Crawford, G. E. Hague, J. Carroll and H. H. Taylor were appointed to look into the matter and report at a future meeting. Mr. A. E. Cogswell of Toronto, who has been appointed organist and choir master of this church, will assume his duties early in May.

Word has been received by cable of the death of Mrs. J. Chaplin-Wilkinson, wife of the Rev. J. Chaplin-Wilkinson, vicar of Cumpstall, Cheshire, England. Deceased and her husband were well known to many in this diocese. The latter was formerly connected with this diocese, holding charges at Frankville and Parham, Ont., and also at Morden, Man. Several years ago he accepted the living of Cumpstall. Two children survive. It is expected that the Rev. Chaplin-Wilkinson will shortly return to Canada as he had at different times expressed a great liking for the work in this field.

Portsmouth.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th. Wardens, S. Watts, sr., J. B. Walker, K.C.; delegate to Synod for three years, J. B. Walker, K.C. A satisfactory financial report was presented.

Carrying Place.—St. John's.—The annual vestry meeting took place on April 6th. The rector reported he had been now five years in the parish and noted with satisfaction the marked progress during that time. The debt on the parsonage had been paid, new hardwood floors placed in the

parsonage, new papering and painting done and a new wood shed erected. A new barn had been built and paid for, new cement walks laid up to the front and side doors of the church. A splendid parish hall had been built, 60x30 feet, and seated, and was out of debt. The church had been re-shingled and re-painted on the outside. New books for pulpit, lectern and reading desk had been provided and handsome bookmarkers for the same. Polished brass alms basin and collection plates placed in the church, also a beautiful polished brass altar book rest. No debt was on the parish and peace and harmony reigned. For these mercies he felt devoutly grateful and felt that greater progress would be made in the future. Mr. Hall, people's warden, in presenting his report, said the collections had been larger during the year and \$11.74 was on hand after paying all expenses. Mrs. Hayes was granted an honorarium for her services as organist. Insurance for \$1,600 on church, \$1,300 on parsonage and \$600 on hall were placed by the wardens. W. Allison and W. H. May were appointed church wardens. H. Hayes remains the delegate to the Synod.

Kemptville.—St. James'.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening, 28th ult., and an adjournment was made until Monday evening, 4th inst., when the remaining business was transacted. Both meetings were well attended and encouraging reports were received from every department in connection with church work. The finances were found to be in a good healthy condition and the new year will be commenced with a substantial balance on hand. The following officers were appointed and elected for the ensuing year: Church wardens, Messrs. A. Robinson and A. C. Armstrong, delegates to Synod, Messrs. A. C. Armstrong, George Eager and A. Langstaff; vestry clerk, W. F. Ritchie; finance committee, the rector, Messrs. A. Robinson, A. C. Armstrong, W. F. Ritchie, H. Dickinson, A. Langstaff, J. R. Sanders, W. A. Barnes, Wesley Guy, George Tuck, John McKenna, and James Blakeley; sidesmen, Messrs. A. Langstaff, William Hyland, Wesley Guy, John McKenna, W. F. Ritchie, George Eager, C. L. Dickinson, W. J. Johnston and S. Reynolds. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the organist, choir, churchwardens, sidesmen, Young People's Guild and Ladies' Aid for their valuable services during the past year. This year was the first in many when no special offering was requested at the Easter service. For the benefit of a number of the parishioners it was decided to change the hour of evening service during the summer months, from seven to seven-thirty o'clock.

Belleville.—Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th, and was largely attended. The Rev. R. C. Blagrave, the rector, presided. Wardens, C. McMullen, Dr. A. E. McColl; delegate to Synod, M. Pickett. The receipts last year were over \$3,700, the best on record. Over \$2,400 has either been received or promised towards the erection of a Parish Hall, and the \$3,000 required to erect a \$6,000 building is practically in sight. The remaining \$3,000 is to be borrowed. All the reports from the various organizations of the church were of a most encouraging nature. The plan of the new church hall was submitted to the meeting and was approved of.

Roslin.—Many of the parishioners met at the rectory on the 7th, and tendered to the Rev. John and Mrs. Lyons a hearty reception. In addition to a well-stored larder, they presented the new rector and his wife with an address of welcome which was accompanied with a well-filled purse. Mr. Lyons took charge of the parish on the first of this month.

Queensboro.—St. Peter's.—A bazaar which was held recently under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of this church was well attended and proved most successful. The proceeds netted \$86.55.

Tweed.—St. James'.—Mr. R. V. Rogers, K.C., of Kingston, gave two addresses in this church on a recent Sunday on the subject of "Giving to Missions." They were very practical and helpful, and there were large congregations present at both of the services.

OTTAWA.

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

Ottawa.—Last Sunday was observed as Missionary Sunday in this city and the various pulpits

were occupied morning and evening by prominent visiting clergy who spoke eloquently and convincingly on the Mission work of the Church to large congregations. On Monday evening enthusiastic missionary meetings were held in St. George's Parish Hall, addressed by the Bishop of Algoma and the Rev. Canon Tucker and in St. Matthew's Parish Hall where Bishop Harding and the Rev. A. P. Shattford were the speakers.

St. George's.—The past week has been underlined in brilliant colours by the congregation of this church in that it marked the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of the parish. On Sunday, the 10th, special services were held, the preacher being the Venerable Archdeacon Forneret, of Hamilton, and on Monday evening a very successful congregational banquet was held to which about 100 men sat down. The guests included Archdeacon Bogert, Ottawa, Archdeacon Forneret, Hamilton, the Rev. A. W. Mackay and Colonel Irwin. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of His Grace, the Archbishop of Ottawa owing to his being called away to Toronto yesterday, and Mr. R. L. Borden, M.P., who was detained by parliamentary duties. An interesting memoir of St. George's Parish prepared by Dr. W. F. King was presented to each one present. There were numerous toasts during the evening, that of the King being proposed by the Rector, the Rev. J. M. Snowden and honoured musically His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa was proposed by Colonel Tilton, who, in an interesting speech recalled many incidents of the earlier days of the parish, and by showing of hands it was found that there were eight present who were at the first service held in St. George's church. The toast was responded to for His Grace by Archdeacon Bogert. The whole affair was a great success.

St. Bartholomew's.—Reports presented at the adjourned annual vestry meeting held last week at this church showed that all the funds were in a satisfactory condition. An increase of \$250 was noted in the receipts and a small cash balance remained on hand at the conclusion of the year's business. Wardens, H. Ackland and H. Lawe. Delegates to Synod, L. J. Burpee, J. F. Burton, C. E. Reid.

St. Barnabas.—The annual financial statement presented by Mr. E. R. Dewhurst, people's warden, as the postponed annual vestry meeting of this church showed that the ordinary receipts of the year amounted to \$1,355.01, of which there remains a balance of \$44.12 on hand. A supplementary statement of revenue presented by Mr. M. W. Maynard showed receipts of \$626. This had been received on account of the augmentation of the regular salary to the rector and for other general purposes. It was incorporated on the minutes. C. Carleton Jones was reappointed rector's warden, and Capt. Thompson elected people's warden unanimously. Mr. Dewhurst retiring from office. Active steps are being taken to build a rectory on the church property and it is expected the project will soon be under way.

St. Matthew's.—The A.Y.P.A. closed their initial session last week with a most successful entertainment; the chief item of which was a "mock trial" presented by over thirty of the young people of the congregation.

Hintonburgh.—St. Matthias.—At the adjourned vestry meeting of this church encouraging reports were received. The churchwardens began the year with a deficit, which however, they wiped out and closed the year with a balance on hand of \$23.08. The report of receipts and expenditure included an item of \$1,000, \$900 of which was collected and paid towards the purchase of property. The liabilities of the congregation are a mortgage of \$4,500, and other property debts amounting to \$500. The new officers are: Rector's warden, J. S. Plaskett; people's warden, D. M. Lockhart; finance committee, Messrs. Joynt, Merrill, North, Partridge, Traverse, Walker, and McKenny, and Miss Tomkins; sidersmen, Messrs. Holmden, Merrill, Traverse, Walker, William Coughlan, Stockdale, John Hoare, A. Bassett, Partridge; vestry clerk, Frederick Hayter; auditors, Miss Tomkins, and Mr. Merrill; Synod delegates, 3 years, Frederick Hayter; 2 years, J. S. Plaskett; 1 year, H. R. Holmden. The following motion was passed unanimously: Moved by Wardens Lockhart and Plaskett and resolved: "That the vestry take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the ability of our rector and of his esteemed helpmate during the past year; and that we regret that we are not in a position to offer him a sum worthy of his talents and devotion to the service of God and his parish. But that as a beginning towards that end, his stipend be raised one hundred dollars; and that we hope and pray

that ere long we may find it possible to further add to it."

Beachburg Mission.—The little congregation of St. Aidan's, Foster's Falls, showed their appreciation of the Rev. Wm. A. Kyle, who recently removed from that parish, to take charge of the parish of Greensville and Rockton, in the Diocese of Niagara, by sending him a present of twenty dollars in cash. As there are only eight families belonging to St. Aidan's, this shows more eloquently than words their love and esteem for their former pastor and is correspondingly appreciated by him.

Smith's Falls.—St. John's.—The initial entertainment under the auspices of the A.Y.P.A. was held in the Parish Hall on a recent evening. A large number of people were present and the whole affair passed off most successfully. Mr. W. McCue the President of the A.Y.P.A. took the chair and the proceeds, which amounted to a goodly sum, were given to the Parish Hall Fund.

TORONTO.

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

Toronto.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese sustained a great loss last week in the death of his mother who for many years past has resided at Westmount Montreal. We beg to tender to his Lordship our most sincere sympathy in the loss which he has sustained.

During the past week the Bishop of Toronto has held Confirmations at the following churches: St. Luke's, Toronto, candidates confirmed, 10; Lakefield, St. John, not yet reported; St. George's, Hastings, not yet reported; St. James, Keweenaw, not yet reported; St. John's, Warworth, not yet reported. Bishop Reeve has held Confirmations at the following churches: St. Anne's, Toronto, candidates confirmed, 95; St. Paul's, Beavany, candidates confirmed, 18; Church of the Ascension, Toronto, candidates confirmed, 18; Scarborough Mission, candidates confirmed, 7. He also delivered a lantern lecture on the Mackenzie River at St. Hilda's, Fairbank, at which there was a good attendance.

The Bishop-Coadjutor of Qu'Appelle the Right Rev. Dr. Harding, was in attendance at the recently held Mission Board meeting in this city. He is en route for England where he is going to consult with the Church authorities at Home in regard to the urgent needs of the West, both of men and money. The Bishop stated in an interview with a newspaper representative that in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle alone there is a need for 40 more men. The Bishop hopes to secure the services of at least half that number whilst he is in England. His Lordship spoke of the very rapid influx of immigrants into the West and he also spoke in very high terms of the kind of colonist which is now coming into that part of Canada from Great Britain saying that the newcomers were a splendid type of men and that they came out to this country bringing with them a love of the Empire, a great enthusiasm and the fear of God in his heart. The Bishop expects to be away for the greater part of the summer.

Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Board.—The Spring meeting of the Board of Management of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada met on Thursday morning last, at the Synod office, Toronto, at 10 a.m. Those present were, Archbishop Matheson of Winnipeg, Chairman, the Archbishop of Ottawa, the Bishops of Algoma, Montreal, Niagara, Huron, the Co-adjutor Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Bishop Reeve of Toronto, the Dean of Montreal and the Dean of Huron; Archdeacons Clark, of Hamilton, Balfour of Quebec, Forneret of Hamilton and Cody and Ingles of Toronto; Canons Kittson of Ottawa, Marsh of Lindsay, Hague of London, Plumtre and O'Meara of Toronto; the Rev. Provost-Macklem, the Rev. A. U. De Pencier of Vancouver, Principal Rexford of Montreal, the Rev. J. M. Snowden of Ottawa, the Rev. O. G. Dobbs of Brockville, the Rev. L. E. Skey, the Rev. Ensor Sharp, and the Rev. J. James of Toronto; Chancellor Davidson of Montreal, Chancellor Worrell of Toronto, Hon. S. H. Blake, Dr. N. W. Hoyles of Toronto; Messrs. H. J. Mudge of Montreal; Chas. Jenkins, of Petrolea; Matthew Wilson, of Chatham Ontario; J. H. Ingersoll of St. Catharines, Dr. C. H. Thomas, Messrs. T. Mortimer and H. Mortimer of Toronto; the General Secretary, the Rev. Canon Tucker and his assistant Mr. R. A. Williams; also two of its missionaries, the Rev. J. R. Shields Boyd of Kucheng, China, and the Rev. R. H. A. Haslam of Kangra, North

India. After the opening by prayer and the confirming of the minutes of the last meeting the report of the General Secretary was read which will appear in print in the society's publication, the "New Era" and was ordered to be printed for wider circulation. At this juncture it was brought to the notice of the meeting that the Bishop of Toronto could not be present because he was called away yesterday to the bedside of his mother and that since then word has been received of her death. A resolution of condolence to be sent to the Bishop, was moved by the Dean of Montreal and seconded by the Hon. S. H. Blake and carried unanimously. The General Treasurer then presented his report and in it attention was drawn to the number of dioceses that had exceeded their apportionment for the year 1909 which was received with applause, and the second important point was that for the first time all the grants to the Western Diocese were paid in full. Attention was drawn to the fact that 10 per cent. has been paid on the grants for this year for the North West dioceses but this was only done because some five or six dioceses had remitted the first quarter of their 1910 apportionment, and that it was hoped that all of the dioceses would inaugurate and keep a sufficient stream of money coming in at least quarterly to the office, that proper payments to the West might be made. The report of the Executive Committee was then presented and evoked much discussion under various topics. The first that came up was that of the Arctic Mission among the Eskimos which the Society was anxious to see properly supported. At this point the noonday prayers for Missions were said by the Archbishop. Immigration took up a considerable time, and various methods were suggested for its proper working. The railway Mission came in for considerable discussion, and the matter was finally adjusted by its being referred to the Executive Committee who would confer with the Bishops interested. Reference was made to the consolidation of the work in Japan and the special Committee was asked to continue its labours and report at the next meeting of the Board. At this point Archdeacon Cody drew attention to the fact that the Rev. R. H. A. Haslam our missionary to India was present and suggested that he address the Board. The meeting having desired this, Mr. Haslam spoke of his work and pointed out the immense changes taking place in India and showed the urgency of sending out men at once, as this was the psychological time for India. Canon Tucker gave an interesting account of the Home Field which will be incorporated in the Society's Annual Report about to be issued. It is proposed that the M.S.C.C. establish a Missionary Prayer and Study Union as far as practicable in all the parishes to combine where possible with existing organizations. Discussion took place as to the proper form of the Ascensiontide Appeal and to the taking up of collections in connection with the appeals issued by the Society. Several spoke of the duplex envelope as covering the whole year and it was agreed that the Appeal should be used as a means of giving information for those particular parishes. It was moved and seconded that a resolution be drawn up and sent to the Archbishops in England expressing the warmest thanks of the Canadian Church for the great effort they are putting forth on behalf of Western Canada. The Primate was asked to represent the Canadian Church at the opening of the newly built Cathedral in Jamaica which was destroyed some time ago. Should the Primate be unable to go His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa agreed to attend. The next meeting of the Board of Management will be fixed by the Executive Committee who will confer with the Bishops that the presence of all the Canadian Bishops in Halifax for the first week in September may be taken advantage of and a good meeting assured. The Board adjourned at 6.45 p.m.

St. Mary the Virgin.—At the close of a largely-attended men's meeting which was held in this church on Thursday evening last, a special meeting of the vestry was held to discuss the subject of a new church. Mr. W. A. Langton laid before the meeting a proposition for building a new church on ground adjoining the present site. The plan was received very favourably by all present and the wardens were instructed to prepare a detailed report to be presented at another meeting of the vestry which is to be held shortly. The men of this church are endeavouring to organize a men's club, and the matter was provisionally brought before the meeting held on Thursday evening last. It is confidently hoped that the club will be organized before long.

St. Matthew's.—On the return of the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Fotheringham from their honeymoon the congregation of this church presented them with a cabinet of sterling silver as their wedding gift at the gathering which took place in the

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schoolhouse, the Rev. Canon Farncomb presided, and the presentation was made to the newly-married couple by Mr. J. C. Forman, the people's warden. The schoolhouse was crowded on the occasion. Mrs. Fotheringham also received a bouquet of American Beauty roses which were presented to her by the two-year-old daughter of the Rev. J. Scott-Howard of Newcastle, the former rector of the parish who, with Mrs. Howard, were amongst those who were present. Speeches were made by Canon Farncomb, the Rev. J. Scott-Howard, and Messrs. J. A. Ewan and Noel Marshall.

St. Stephen's.—The congregation of this Church, which is situate at the corner of Bellevue Avenue and College Street, have determined to erect a new church which is to cost \$60,000. In accordance with the deed of gift of the present land and building, which were donated by the late Colonel Robert Denison, the new structure will be built upon the same site. Various committees are actively at work in connection with this matter. The present building which was erected in 1858, is now much too small for the present congregation, and it was felt that it would be much better to build an entirely new church than to attempt to remodel or enlarge the present building.

Markham.—Grace Church.—The Bishop of the Diocese paid a flying visit to the northern portion of the parish on Sunday, April 10th. Having attended morning service at Christ Church, Stouffville, on Sunday morning, the Bishop and the Rev. A. H. Wright drove together to St. Philip's, Unionville, for service at 3 p.m. A good congregation turned out to welcome His Lordship on his first official visit to the parish since his consecration, and after service every member of the congregation was given a personal opportunity to meet the Bishop on passing out of the building. In his sermon His Lordship made feeling reference to the tragic death of Miss Eva Davison, whose awful accident brought such a shock to every member of the community last Thursday. Service being over, the Bishop and the rector, the Rev. J. E. Fenning, R.D., started for Markham, making a short halt at the residence of Mr.

F. Davison, in Unionville, for the purpose of extending sympathy to the bereaved family. Miss Davison had always been one of the most faithful church workers in the congregation of St. Philip's, having at times been organist, being one of our most constant Sunday School teachers, and ready to fill all gaps wherever special need required. She had sung in the choir for years. Her untimely death at the age of 31 takes away a much valued member of this community who in a quiet and unostentatious way did a great deal of good and carried cheer and comfort to the hearts of many. Having arrived at Markham after a rest and tea the Bishop attended evening service, and preached a specially appropriate "Lord's Day" sermon to a large congregation. Here, as at Unionville, each member of the congregation met the Bishop at the door and was personally introduced. The Bishop's visit was a pleasant surprise to all, and the rector and people alike look forward to another similar visit some day. The vestry meetings throughout the parish were a success, each church having a balance on hand to start the year with. St. Philip's, Unionville, intend starting their new church as soon as possible. Grace Church, Markham, have some developments in the future to look forward to. St. Paul's, L'Amoureux, are in a good state of progress.

Cookstown.—St. John's.—The annual Sunday School meeting was held on Friday evening, April 1st, in the parish room. The rector, the Rev. H. J. Johnson, M.A., presided. The various reports presented showed a very marked increase of interest, and effective work done during the year. The total receipts of the year were \$165.18, and expenditure, \$106.78, leaving a balance of \$58.40 on hand, with all necessary supplies for the year paid in advance. About \$40 worth of books were added to the library, and the selection of a superior class of literature is being much appreciated by the largely increased attendance. The offerings showed an increase of over \$5 more than any previously recorded, and also the offerings for charitable and missionary objects were very largely increased, compared with other years, the special Lenten offering amounting to \$16 on Easter Day, when Bishop Reeves, of Toronto addressed the school. The Superintendent reported a very faithful and efficient staff of teachers and officers, but owing to the increasing attendance pointed out the necessity of some addition to the teaching staff. At the annual vestry meeting of the church, a unanimous vote of ap-

preciation of the good work done in the Sunday School was passed.

Stouffville.—Christ Church.—The joys of Eastertide in this parish were increased by a visit on the 10th of Bishop Sweeny. The services in Christ Church, ever bright, were no exception on this day, when there was a good attendance to greet His Lordship. Previous to the sermon the Bishop made some most pleasing remarks to the congregation regarding the pleasure it gave him to be in their midst, also to be with their rector whom he had known for many years when a missionary in the far North-West. His Lordship's discourse was not only appropriate for this blessed season, but deeply spiritual, and instructive, and was listened most attentively to by all present. This being the first visit of the Bishop since consecration, it is perhaps not out of place to mention that he won the hearts of all by his earnest discourse, kindness of heart, and happy manner among the people.

Peterborough.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, April 11th. Wardens, W. F. Johnston, A. E. Coulthard. The rector, the Rev. Canon Davidson, in his annual address, paid a warm tribute to the retiring warden, Mr. J. Mills who, he said, during his two-year term of office, had proved himself to be one of the most efficient officers which the church had ever had. Delegates to Synod, J. Mills, J. H. McClellan, and Dr. Burnham. All the reports presented were highly encouraging. A discussion took place as to the holding of the 75th anniversary of the opening of this church. Among other events it was suggested that the past church-wardens, now a large body of representative men should dine together, that the Advisory Committee should consider the possibility of freeing the pews. All of the pews are now free at all of the services, with the exception of the eleven o'clock service on Sunday morning. It was felt that this would be a great advantage, and more in accordance with spiritual methods. The rector spoke on the subject of procuring a chime of bells, and reported five subscriptions totalling \$245 toward it, which would cost \$1,250 or \$1,550. Mr. Alex. Elliott had warmly interested himself in this movement, subscribing \$100 and a resolution was introduced and carried, that a committee with Mr. Elliott as convener, should take the matter up, and if successful in securing the required amount in subscriptions payable 1st of October, the work should be proceeded with, the chime to be procured from England to be installed by Sunday, November 1st, All Saints' Day. It was felt, however, that the success of this enterprise rested not only with the Church people, but also citizens outside the congregation, who might desire to have a chime in the city, it being understood that this chime would be used for all public occasions.

Parish of Georgina.—The vestry meetings of St. George's and St. James' Church were held as usual on Easter Monday. Financially, the statements appear satisfactory. Fifty dollars was contributed towards the rectory repair fund, from St. George's. During the year, St. James' Church has been roofed at a cost of \$146.08. Some painting was also done. The proceeds of the garden party at "The Briars" during the summer amounted to \$76.94, which was paid to the Rectory Debt Fund. At their Christmas Sale, the Ladies' Aid contributed \$20 of the proceeds.

to Church funds. The members have been holding their meetings at the rectory during the winter months. The W.A. has also had a successful year. Children's services have been held from time to time, and there have been some missionary meetings held, illustrated by lantern views.

NIAGARA.

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

Hamilton.—St. Thomas.—At the adjourned vestry meeting which was held on Monday evening, April 11th, the rector, the Rev. E. J. Etherington, presided. Wardens, T. W. Lester, G. C. Copley; delegate to Synod, H. H. Frances. A most satisfactory report of the finances of the church was presented by the wardens, showing the total receipts for the past year to be \$7,491.50. A very gratifying report was also presented in regard to the alterations and improvements in the church which have now been completed. The vestry gratefully acknowledged the following gifts, which have been made during the past year, namely, an oak reredos and chancel panelling in memory of a former rector, the Rev. Canon Curran, oak hymn boards, choir vestments, oak vestry chairs, and a brass alms basin, the latter being a memorial to the late Mrs. J. Francis.

All Saints.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th inst. Mr. G. E. Bristol, in the absence of the rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Forneret, in Ottawa, occupied the chair. A very satisfactory financial report was presented, considering the fact that many of the services during the past year were held in the Sunday School whilst alterations were being made in the church and also in view of the cost of those alterations. The total receipts were \$3,788.16, and the disbursements, \$3,757.73, which showed a balance of \$30.43.

Elora.—St. John's.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held in the school house on Monday evening, April 4th, Rev. L. J. R. Naftel, presiding. The churchwardens presented their annual report, which showed receipts of \$1,102.75, and expenditure of \$1,101.09, which is a very favourable showing. During the past year the school house was brought from the Baptists and \$75 was paid on this. Special efforts are to be made during the year to pay the balance off, which is \$135. The two retiring churchwardens, Messrs. Jos McCully and Ezra French, were re-appointed, as were the members of the Executive Committee and sidesmen. The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wells as lay delegate, was filled by the election of Mr. F. J. Capell. Resolutions were passed on the minutes, recording the great loss sustained by the congregation by the death of Mr. James Wells, who had filled faithfully various offices in church work during the past twenty years; also one expressive of the loss sustained in the removal by death of two faithful members, Mr. W. Blinco and Mrs. F. J. Ross, the latter having always been a faithful member of the Woman's Auxiliary and a generous contributor to the church in various ways.

Thorold.—St. John's.—Over \$500 was raised by this congregation for Missions last year. No other funds suffered, but, on the contrary, both the Church and Church Hall have been repaired and improved, and a balance remains in the Bank after paying all debts.

Cuelph.—St. James'.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th, when Mr. G. J. Thorp, (Alderman Thorp), was unanimously elected to the position of people's warden. Delegates to Synod, Mr. J. J. Thomas was elected for a period of three years. Some preparations were made for the forthcoming observance of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the parish.

Greenville.—Christ Church.—The annual vestry meeting of this congregation was held in the church, on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. The wardens presented a very satisfactory report of the finances, showing a small surplus of assets over liabilities. Mr. A. C. Ross was elected people's warden, and Mr. F. P. Thornton as clergyman's warden. Mr. William Hills was re-elected as delegate to Synod for another term of three years. It was unanimously decided to proceed at once to reshingling the rectory, and make other much-needed repairs to it for the new incumbent, Rev. W. A. Kyle. On Wednesday evening, the 6th

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inst. the Woman's Guild held a reception in the Town Hall, to welcome the new incumbent and family to the parish. A large number were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent together. On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the A.Y.P.A. of this parish, held its first meeting under the supervision of the new incumbent, and decided to hold a concert on Thursday, the 28th inst., in an attempt to help reduce the small debt at present on the rectory.

HURON.

David Williams, D.D., Bishop, London, Ont.

London.—St. Paul's Cathedral. The adjourned meeting was held on April 11th, when all the reports presented indicated steady progress. Receipts, \$12,505.08; disbursements, \$12,106.94, which left a balance on hand in the bank of \$3,874. It was reported that during the past year the mortgage on the church had been reduced by the sum of \$1,000. The sum of \$903.00, which was the allotment to the parish for the M.S.C.C., has been fully paid.

Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th, Mr. A. F. Nash was elected delegate to Synod in the place of Major Hume Cronyn who has resigned. Receipts, \$5,053.94; disbursements, \$5,570.30, leaving a balance on hand of \$83.64. The missionary and other offerings added to the receipts for ordinary church purposes bring up the sum total of offerings to \$8,028.63.

Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th April. Receipts, \$3,881.04; disbursements, \$3,725.04, showing a balance of \$156. There was an informal discussion on the advisability of having a surpliced choir, and a number of those who spoke favoured the idea strongly. Before the meeting concluded hearty votes of thanks were passed to the various church organizations for the efficient work they have done, and also to the rector, the Rev. R. S. W. Howard, and his wife.

St. John the Evangelist.—At the adjourned vestry meeting which was held on the 11th, the Rev. W. T. T. Hill, the rector, was presented on behalf of the congregation by Mr. O. Ellwood, the people's warden, with a handsome cheque. In the course of his remarks Mr. Ellwood spoke of the great appreciation which the parishioners have of Mr. Hill's ministry. The rector in acknowledging the gift, made a suitable reply.

St. George's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, which was held on the 11th inst., most encouraging reports were presented. The receipts amounted to \$3,707.14. There is a balance in hand after all payments had been made. The Duplex Envelope system is working most satisfactorily. The sum of \$1,150 has been paid off the debt on the church during the past year, leaving the total amount now due, \$3,850.

The Diocesan Synod.—The experiment is being made for the first time this year to equalize the travelling expenses of all clergy and delegates. It is reckoned that if all go into the arrangement this can be done for \$2 each, return trip. Each vestry is asked for that amount before May 15th, and then tickets will be sent to all who respond. It is expected that this will bring out a large delegation from the distant parts of the diocese; and London men and those near London deserve to be congratulated for their readiness to enter into this scheme to help their brethren in the remote corners of the diocese. Synod is summoned for June 7th.

Huron Book Club.—This newly-formed club has now more than 100 volumes in hand for free grants. A few applications have been received which will be filled in due course. The club appeals for support to authors, and to those who could make grants of money or standard books. Gifts of money should be sent to the Treasurer, the Rev. G. M. Cox, London, Ont., and gifts of books to the Secretary. Grants up to ten books will be made to applicants in order of their application. Return postage must be sent on applying for catalogues; and applicant must pay express or postage on books sent. A Divinity student appeals for the following books:—Gibson, "Three Creeds;" Gibson, "Thirty-nine Articles;" Smyth, "How we Got the Bible;" Thomas, "Methods of Bible Teaching;" Butler's, "Analogy;" Westcott, "Bible in Church;" Paley's "Evidences;" Green's "History of England;" Robinson's "History Western Europe;" Century Bible, (Genesis); Green, "Handbook to Bible;" Rowe, "Manual of Christian Evidences;" Hall,

Manual, "Book of Common Prayer;" History, Church of England; Lake, "Apostles Teaching, New Testament Text;" grants of modern books and college texts will always be gratefully appreciated. The (Rev.) T. G. A. Wright, Secretary, "Huron Book Club," 240 Talbott Street, Sarnia, Ont.

South London.—St. James's. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th. The auditor's report was received and adopted. It presented a good showing, and all the organizations are in a flourishing condition. The wardens appointed and elected were Messrs. John Weld, John M. Dillon. The organist's salary was increased to \$800 and the sexton's increased to \$325. It was recommended that the rector, wardens, and select vestry. Votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, wardens, choir and the members of the several societies for the good work done during the year. The total receipts were, \$5,327.24, and a balance of \$78.21 was left over after all expenses had been deducted.

Godrich.—St. George's. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 11th. Wardens, His Honour Judge Holt, Mr. G. Porter; delegates to Synod, the Senior Warden, and Mr. W. L. Eliot.

Blenheim.—Trinity. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th inst. Wardens, W. Nudds, W. Newson; delegates to Synod, H. Drane, G. Thompson. Very satisfactory reports were presented, all showing that the past year had been one of decided progress in every way.

Listowel.—Christ Church. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, April 11th. A letter was read from Dr. Sawdon, recommending a complete rest for two or three weeks for the Rev. H. M. Lang-Ford, as his health was broken down after his severe illness. It was thereupon moved by J. Watson and seconded by T. Anderson that the vestry extend the heartiest sympathy to its reverend rector, the Rev. H. M. Lang-Ford in his illness and their desire that he will not allow his interest in the parish to prevent him taking the rest advised by his physician, and which the vestry considers that he has earned and absolutely requires, and the vestry hereby grant him leave of absence for the month of April and will undertake to furnish a supply for the services in the meantime. Motion carried. On motion of Messrs. W. Clayton and J. Gunther, it was decided to take some steps to secure a lay reader by recommending someone to assist the rector and applying to the Bishop for a license.

Stratford.—St. Paul's. The Rev. J. W. Hodgins, rector of this parish, has refused to accept an increase to salary. In declining the proffered raise, the reverend gentleman urged the members to devote all possible energy and funds to the clearing off of the church debt. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins will travel in England and on the Continent during July and August.

Woodstock.—Old St. Paul's. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 11th inst. There was a large attendance and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. It was decided to increase the efficiency of the choir and to engage a choir-master. A special committee was appointed to assist the church-wardens in their duties.

New St. Paul's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 11th. Wardens, Messrs. Pepper and Millman. A most satisfactory financial report was presented, showing a balance of \$381.53 after all expenses had been met. The project of declaring all the pews free for the evening services was discussed and those present, as a whole, were in favour of the idea, but it was eventually decided to leave it to be determined by the pewholders themselves.

ALCONA

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

Fort William.—St. Paul's. The Easter festival was marked by more than usual signs of beauty and progress in this growing new parish. Carefully prepared musical services, reverent celebrations of the Holy Communion with nearly 200 communicants, an Easter offering of \$1,015, and crowded congregations made the day one long to be remembered. The rector, the Rev. Harold G. King, preached morning and evening, and was assisted at the 11 a.m. celebration by the Ven.

Archdeacon of Algoma. At the annual vestry meeting, encouraging reports were presented by the various parish officials and organizations, showing an increase in every branch of Church work. The duplex system of envelopes has just been introduced, and a material advance in missionary offerings is anticipated as a result. The double Sunday School session inaugurated at Advent (the school meeting at 10 a.m., for general instruction, then adjourning to the church for the morning service, all those who wish being dismissed in an orderly manner before the sermon, the children meeting again in the church for a public catechising by the rector at 2.30 p.m.), has proven of value in increasing the attendance and most certainly the educational efficiency of the school. All along the line of Church life, the new parish of St. Paul's has justified its establishment and shown to the whole community that the historic Church of England, "has a cause" worth advocating.

Aspdin.—The Missions of Aspdin, Stanleydale, Lancelot and Allansville have all been joined to the Missions of Port Sydney, Magneawan, Seguin Falls, and Novar, with all the outstations, and have been placed under the charge of the Rev. Canon Burt. The Rev. L. Sinclair has been appointed by the Bishop to be Canon Burt's assistant and he will in future reside at Huntsville, Ont.

Depot Harbour.—St. George's. The annual Easter vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening, April 4th, the Rev. A. G. E. Westmacott in the chair. There was a good attendance of ladies as well as gentlemen present. The reports of the church-wardens were most satisfactory, showing the church as being in a flourishing condition, all outstanding liabilities having been promptly met and a small balance on hand. The services on Easter Sunday were well attended, and the offertory amounted to over \$60, the number of communicants was 22. The report of the Sunday School, presented by F. J. Drewitt, Superintendent, was most satisfactory, also the report of the Woman's Auxiliary (which consists of 23 members), they having not only materially assisted the wardens in church affairs, but having forwarded to missions in the North-West bales of goods during the past year. The Junior Branch, which consists of 11 members, and the Baby's Branch, of 16 members, are in a flourishing state. The A.Y.P. Society consisting of 11 members, were shown as doing remarkably well, having paid the necessary expenses for the removal of the font, so kindly given by the rector and wardens of St. Margaret's Church, Toronto, but also having a substantial amount to their credit on hand, which we understand is to be donated towards a furnace for heating the church. A resolution was passed authorizing the wardens to obtain estimates for placing a furnace in the church, and report at an early date to a meeting of the congregation. The following officers were elected:—A. F. Butterworth, people's warden; J. Nolan, minister's warden; sidesmen:—Messrs. Code, Walker, Simonds, Maxwell, Hartley, Adams. The Lenten offerings of the school presented on Easter Sunday, amounting to \$15.28, were forwarded to the Shingwauk Home School for Indians at Sault Ste. Marie.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Samuel P. Matheson, D.D., Archbishop, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg.—Christ Church. A very successful entertainment for the choir boys was held on Tuesday, April 12th, in the schoolroom. Two short farces (for two characters) were ably presented by Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnstone; several vocal items were rendered including an unaccompanied glee by the choir boys under the direction of the choir master Mr. G. A. Downward. Short addresses were given by the rector, the Rev. S. G. Chambers and the assistant the Rev. F. S. Lewis. At the close of the programme the prizes were distributed for attendance, efficiency and progress. A pleasing item was the presentation by the senior boys to the choir master, of a handsome silver-mounted pipe in case.

The annual parishioners' meeting was held on Monday, April 11th. The warden's report and the reports of the various societies were received and adopted. Total receipts for 1909-10, \$7,130.28; total disbursements, \$6,943.74; balance in hand, \$186.54; total assets, \$66,500; total liabilities, \$7,021.30. The election of wardens, vestrymen, delegates to Synod, and auditors, took

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place. The stipend of the curate was raised \$240 per annum. The annual meeting of the Mission Church (St. Mark) will be held on Monday, 1 April.

St. Peter's.—The annual meeting of parishioners in this important parish of the city was the most satisfactory one in its history. The receipts for the past year from all sources were \$7,603.35, and the total expenditures, \$7,719.47, leaving a temporary overdraft of \$56.12. The disbursements included, however, the payment of a floating debt of \$1,475.76 and sundry accounts amounting to \$1,019.78, which were liabilities of previous years. The stipend of the rector, the Rev. S. Fea, was increased \$200 per year and that of the caretaker \$60 per year. The retiring wardens were again chosen for the ensuing year and the new vestry is as follows:—W. B. Francis, W. Whereat, G. B. Cullerne, E. W. J. Hague, S. C. Axton, T. J. Ashley-Banner, P. Guthrie, F. Holt, H. Paul, W. Hanby, G. Wade and W. Lees. Delegates to Synod, T. J. Ashley-Banner, G. B. Cullerne and W. Whereat. Auditors.—E. W. J. Hague and W. Lees (re-elected). The Easter offering this year amounted to \$910.00; the aggregate attendance at the services for the year numbered 25,113 and the aggregate communicants for the year 1,741; baptisms, 112; confirmations, 24. The present financial position of the church is shown by the amount of assets over liabilities, viz., \$16,470.92. Every organization of the church is in excellent activity and are all doing very good work. The W.A. has taken over the payments of interest and principal and also the taxes on the rectory thereby relieving the wardens of a material obligation. The Sunday School is in a high state of efficiency with a staff of 25 teachers and officers with receipts for the year of \$354.46. After the meeting adjourned the first meeting of the new vestry was held at which Mr. P. Guthrie was made vestry clerk and Mr. W. Whereat envelope secretary. Votes of thanks were given to the various organizations and most enthusiastically, to the rector and his wife, Mrs. Fea.

Fort Rouge.—St. Luke's. —The annual vestry meeting of St. Luke's church was held on Thursday evening, April 7th. There was an exceptionally large number of parishioners present. All departments of the church were reported to be in a flourishing condition and a substantial addition was voted to the pastor's stipend. The Rev. Wm. Bertal Heenev; rector, presided. The wardens submitted a report showing that in addition to the maintenance of the church provision had been made for very material additions to the church property. Parish rooms would be provided where the work of the church may be centralized and success. rried on, also to allow space for a new organ costing \$5,000. Building contracts had been entered into to the amount of \$16,150.82, for extensions, to meet which \$12,300 had already been raised. It was also proposed to build a tower which, with other improvements was estimated to cost \$7,000. The wardens pointed out that the revenue showed the very gratifying increase of 93 per cent. on the open collections and 12 per cent. on the envelopes. The financial statement showed that the revenue from all sources amounted to \$21,238. The assets of the church stood at \$73,502.57, including a balance at the bank of Montreal of \$511.75, and the surplus assets of the church over liabilities at \$43,071.55. On the estimates for the coming year being submitted to the meeting it was unanimously resolved to increase the pastor's stipend from \$2,740 to \$3,000 per annum. The reports of the various parochial organizations were given, all of which were received with the greatest satisfaction by the vestry. The appointment and election of officers resulted as follows: Rector's warden, C. D. Shepard; people's warden, John Woodman; vestrymen, R. S. Barrow, E. A. Moore, I. D. Clarke, A. M. Nanton, H. F. Anderson, W. Ball, G. Hall, L. Lang, R. R. Gallagher, Wm. Pearson, I. A. Banfield, and B. E. Chaffey. Delegates to Synod, George A. Pattison, T. Mayne Daly and G. H. Gardner.

St. Charles and Headingley.—The Rev. I. Swallow late of Snowflake Mission, has been appointed incumbent of this parish in the place of the Rev. Rural Dean Cowley, lately resigned.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Jervis A. Newnam, D.D., Bishop, Prince Albert, Sask.

Prince Albert.—We gladly welcome the Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, lately Rural Dean of South Simcoe, and incumbent of Beeton and Tottenham, in the

Diocese of Toronto, who has now come out West to act as General Missionary in Saskatchewan. His work at first will mean much travelling, and he will visit new and scattered Missions, encouraging every family to do its utmost for the support of the Church in that district, and keeping before all Missions the ideal of self-support.

In March the Bishop visited Star City where he was hospitably entertained by friends from London, Ont. The next day the catechist drove him to Ridgedale, 18 miles out, through a very heavy snow-storm which hid the trail. On Sunday, 6th, service was held in the little church, St. Peter's, lately finished, but owing to the heavy unbroken trails, only three people arrived, all the distant ones fearing the roads. High winds and bad drifts made travelling hard but the Bishop found a few more at St. James', Norwood, for the afternoon service. He confirmed nine candidates and administered Holy Communion. Another long drive took him back to Star City for evening service at St. Thomas, where a larger congregation were waiting. There was no train out till Tuesday, 4 a.m., so all Monday had to be spent at the little town. The Bishop visited Regina for the annual meeting of the Moral and Social Reform Council for the Province of Saskatchewan. He was re-elected President for another year. At the close of the session he and some of the leading members had a very satisfactory interview with the Attorney-General for the Province, who has been most active in aiding their efforts to promote purity and temperance. In March the Bishop paid his first visit to the new Missions east of Saskatoon, accompanied by the Rev. H. S. Broadbent, the superintending clergyman, and Mr. Holmes, the catechist. The work began with an address to the College Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the admission of new members. On Friday there was service at St. Matthew's, Sutherland, a railway suburb, where the people are almost entirely railway men with their families. Saturday found them at West Patience Lake in time for a 3 o'clock service in Christ Church. This church is a memorial to the late Rev. J. G. Haworth, of Colwyn Bay, England, and contains a handsome brass lectern and memorial tablet, given by his widow. An evening drive took the party to East Patience Lake, where the Sunday morning service was held, thirty people filling the room which was lent for it. Just as the Bishop was starting on a further drive, nine late arrivals turned up, including two babies for baptism, so the horses had to be unhitched, and a baptism service held. Then came the long drive to Elstow, followed by service at 7.30, Consecration of the new church at St. George's, Evensong, and Holy Communion. Monday began with a baptism service for four children, followed by the drive to St. Matthias, Colonsay, for a service, with thirty-one present, a baptism and Holy Communion when thirteen stayed to partake. That evening there was service at St. Paul's, Viscount, forty present, but very few were members of our Church, and only six communicants. The following Wednesday there was a Confirmation Service at All Saints', Duck Lake, with seven candidates. This is one of the prettiest and most complete churches in the diocese.

A Clerical Conference in the Diocese of Saskatchewan.—This spring, there was held at Prince Albert, a most interesting and helpful conference of the Superintending Clergy of the Diocese of Saskatchewan. Of these there are at present ten, each of whom is "rector" of a large district comprising 3,000 or 4,000 square miles, in which a number of catechists are working. The Superintendent's work is to visit each Mission in turn, administering the Sacraments, to generally oversee the work being carried on, and to seek to give those under his charge as far as possible, the training that a curate would get from his rector, under ordinary circumstances. His work is therefore in many respects unique, to be an automaton administering the Sacraments, is easy enough;—to do the work thoroughly is extremely difficult and presents many peculiar problems. It was with a view to discuss these problems and difficulties, as well as joining in united prayer for the work, and receiving spiritual refreshment, that the Bishop summoned the Conference, and in order that all might be able to attend, expenses were paid by special gifts from friends in England. When it is added that the superintending clergy are, of course, far apart from each other and therefore seldom meet, the value of such a conference, will be easily recognized. In order that the discussions might be as profitable as possible, each member of the conference was asked to read a paper on a specified subject, or

to give a devotional address, and all the members received a full list of the subjects so that they could think them over beforehand and come prepared with suggestions. The subjects included the following. The value and use of weekly reports, (from catechists to superintendents, and superintendents to head quarters); the relation of superintendents to the diocesan officials and those under their charge; finance, i.e., debt, assessments, and self-support; pioneer work, i.e., watching developing districts, land surveys; and preaching, parochial Missions, etc. In every case helpful and practical discussions followed, and some of the conclusions at which we arrived have already been put into practice by the Diocesan Mission Board. But an equally important part of the conference was the more definitely spiritual side. The conference opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which an address was given by the rector of Prince Albert, and the first day closed with a devotional address from one of the members. The second day opened with a Bible reading, led by the Organizing Missionary of the diocese, and the Bishop closed the conference with a very helpful and practical address on the special work of the superintending clergy. We believe that God's blessing was shed upon this conference, and that the members returned to their fields refreshed in spirit, and inspired with a new zeal to carry on more efficiently their special work for the Master.—Written by Rev. Broadbent, signed, "One who was there."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster.—It is with great regret that we announce the death of the Right Rev. John Dart, D.D., the Lord Bishop of this diocese, which took place at the See House on Friday last, April 17th. The deceased prelate was born in Devonshire, England, in 1836 and was therefore 74 years of age at the time of his death. Further particulars regarding the final illness and death of the late Bishop will appear later.

Correspondence

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

Sir,—As a country choir-man, permit me to record hearty appreciation of our new Hymn Book, on behalf of our little parish. Our organist finds no difficulty in the transposition question, but as Mr. Jas. Edmund Jones points out, she pays attention to the convenience of cross references. In a diocese where even High Church men are about as rare as pelicans, we have no doctrinal kick to register! If the printing is a little small, we are grateful for the greater range of hymns and tunes thus secured. Our children, both old and young, find in the New Hymn Book a selection that is well adapted to their needs. Thanks, then, to the Editors for all their kind trouble from this prairie outpost!
H. M. Speechly.

Sir,—With regard to the transposed tunes of the cross references referred to by W. Jones in your issue of the 14th, may I be allowed to say that while cross references may be perfectly all right in theory, in practice they are not equally useful. Many of the organists in country churches particularly, perhaps are not able to transpose fluently, and should they receive a tune in a higher or lower key (the number where it is to be found being indicated by a cross reference), they must (a) either have a second book, or (b) keep turning the pages to the transposed tune, much to their own personal discomfort and inconvenience. Again, tunes other than those taken from A. and M. have been transposed, so I still think if the grand total is reckoned up, that my "wholesale transposition" is not very wide of the mark; and here let me say that I have before me a letter from a well-known gentleman who also speaks of the wholesale transposition of tunes. My main point to this correction is not exactly so much for or against transposition, but that greater discrimination and care should have been given to the character of the tune, before it was either raised or lowered from its original pitch. The Committee in regard to "Alford," give us no alternative key, and as I said before, it has lost all its jubilant, triumphant ring

by being placed in A flat. Certainly the A. and M. people have been very kind and generous in our direction, to the compilers of the B. C. P., and Mr. Jones is very chivalrous in acknowledging their courtesy in the manner he does, but despite all this, I cannot think well of their action in refusing the copyright of tunes exactly as the composers wrote them. It was well known to the A. and M. people, what a tremendous outburst of adverse criticism they were facing in England they must have well known, also, how repugnant these changes were to tens of thousands of worshippers who loved the original harmonies; and yet, in the face of all this, they would not allow the Canadian committee to place before their church-people, the harmonies all loved so well. Presumably men like Dykes, Sullivan, and Bamby, knew exactly what harmonies they wanted, they were men eminently qualified to judge as to the vocal fitness of their part-writing, and it is surely against all ethics of good taste and artistic feeling—leaving aside the question as to the moral right of laying violent hands upon other men's work, to countenance such mutilation as the 1904 A. and M. too plainly and palpably evidences. It is all very well for Mr. Jones to assure us that the new versions are harmonically correct—no one doubts that, but they are not the harmonies the composers intended, and I venture to say they are not as good and will never be as familiar to the ordinary churchman. The copyrights of certain tunes may have many years yet to run, and it would be interesting to know when the copyrights of the original "Strength and Stay," "Pax Dei," "Dominus regit me," and "St. Gertrude" expire. It is hard to see the force of Mr. Jones' axiom in regard to "Gospel" hymns, which, by the way, I alluded to as follows: "If we are to have hymns of this class give us genuine sentiment instead of maudlin gush, and instead of bathos give us true pathos." This sentence Mr. Jones interprets as "maudlin gush and pathos," which I submit is hardly a correct interpretation. A hymn or tune may be fifty or a hundred years old and yet not be a good one. Let me suggest a possible simile. Long ago the west front of Lochfield Cathedral was adorned with about a hundred figures in stone of Apostles, Saints, Martyrs and Kings. One Wyatt, an architect, boldly substituted grotesque and hideous representations in stucco in place of the genuine articles. This stucco lasted well nigh a hundred years, until Dean Bockersteth ruthlessly swept them aside and restored real and artistic figures in place of the crude or sham imitation. Such, I think, will be the ultimate fate of the hymns and tunes my friend Dr. Roberts speaks of as "United States trash." As to why and how Sir George Martin accepted and passed so many 'prentice tunes, Mr. Jones preserves a discreet silence. I think very highly indeed of the inclusion of Carols in the new book, and consider that the compilers have gathered together a splendid series of Carols, both poetically and musically. Carols are not so well known or as widely sung, both at Christmas and Easter, as they should be, and this part of the book is one of its brightest gems. Mr. Jones and his committee have here rendered a great and good service to the church. May I conclude by saying that Mr. Jones has earned the heartiest commendation and sincerest thanks of the whole Canadian Church for his unbounded energy, and for the great amount of time and labour he has so freely and lavishly given to the production of the book, and for the careful and painstaking manner in which all the details have been arranged. It is easy indeed to criticize and

find fault, it is equally hard to satisfy everybody, and no doubt Mr. Jones has had much discouraging and disheartening criticism to face. I am most anxious to freely acknowledge how well he has come out of the ordeal, and can assure him of my sincerest sympathy, support and good wishes.

Sir.—One of the chief benefits we are deriving from the introduction of the B. C. P. is that the great interest taken in it has led people to examine it carefully, with the result that they are discovering many hymns and tunes that are new to them, though they may have been in our hymnbooks for many years past. Mr. Ruel affords an instance of this when he speaks of No. 150 as new. If he will look at No. 494 A. and M., he will find both words and tune. One of the best of the new evening hymns is hidden away among those for "Parochial Missions," I mean No. 776, set to Sullivan's "Angel Voices." Several of these "P. M." hymns are quite suitable for general use if sung to more churchlike tunes. I never could understand the reason for putting "Now the day is over" among the children's hymns, it is probably as generally used as any evening hymn in the book. There are a number of new evening hymns, No. 38 is bound to be a favourite with its two good tunes. I didn't care for either tune, for No. 39, when I first tried them over, but I find "St. Leonard" more attractive the better I know it. I wish they had left us the old tune for No. 35, "Through the day." For 47 and 48 we have four tunes, both the old ones being omitted, which is a pity. "Carlisle" is a fine tune and a favourite of mine, but I would have preferred it to other words. Dr. Roberts' "St. Clement," for No. 67, is well worth attention, so are both words and music of No. 81. One naturally looks for "Brightest and Best" among the Epiphany hymns, but it is No. 417. It has always seemed to me that Mendelssohn's tune was not suited to that hymn, the rhythm is different, it fits "Abide with me" much better. The "Story of the Cross" would be more useful had the melodies which were published in the "Dom. Churchman," March 9th, 1876, been used, with the exception that the tune by J. W. Etherington is generally set to the 3rd section, it is the only part in harmony, the others are in unison. It was a mistake to add Alleluia's to No. 158, and set it to the tune of 157, people will see the familiar words on the opposite page, and Wesley's fine hymn will be neglected, it would have been no trouble to find a distinctive tune for it, without the Alleluia's. As the Committee seems to be rather fond of arrangements, I wonder they did not take "Clarion," from Rimbault, the tune set to the words in the Am. Hymnal. In the old "Chant and Tune Book" there are two tunes—"Praise" and "Christ Chapel"—either of which would have suited the words. If two tunes were required for No. 171, which I doubt, one should have been found to fit the words, and not mess up the words to suit a tune not meant for them. The hymn was long enough to begin with, and it spoils Sullivan's tune to repeat the last line of music. For No. 172 "St. Asaph" is an old favourite revived, and No. 197 has another. "Venice," 201, is new to me it ought to become popular. There are two new tunes for 205, but those who have used Gauntlet's beautiful "St. Barnabas" will miss it. No. 224 has a new tune, by Dr. Davies, with so many good ones to one hymn it will be rather hard to choose. There are a number of Communion hymns

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which are new to users of A. and M., such as 244, 246, 253 and 259, with new tunes. We have been in the habit of using "Hesperus" to 257. I think it is better than either of the Mason's tunes. Perhaps a better one still, and one that would have brought another Canadian name into the B. C. P., is "Refuge," by Wm. Warren. For 268 we have "Angels" restored to its old form, and for 273 one by Handel, which was well known to our grandfathers. No. 279 is new with a fine tune by Barnby, which is also set to 510. There are many new mission hymns, No. 312 will, I think, become a favourite. The harmonies for this tune differ in several places from those in the American Hymnal, and I can't say they sound better whatever may be their technical value. I thought the changes might be misprints, and asked Mr. Jones about them, but this case he left unanswered. No. 322 is another which will take well. No. 335 is a new style of tune for a Church of England hymnal. I heard this sung once at a Methodist funeral, just before the body was taken out of the house, how is that for "prayers for the dead?" No. 348 is set too low, A is too low for either soprano or tenor voices, in fact B is as low as the majority of voices can get when singing the air. What is 514. "It came upon the midnight clear," doing among the general hymns? It is one of the best Christmas Carols in the book, and the second tune, one of the best Carol tunes. We have always been taught that it is no excuse for our sins to say, "we are no worse than our neighbours," and I think that holds good in musical as well as in moral affairs. If the changes in harmony are for the better, no excuse is needed; if neither better nor worse they were unnecessary; but if old tunes are altered for the worse, and new ones contain errors in harmony, including successive octaves, which, I understand, is one of the worst errors possible, it would be better for the members of the Committee to say, what I believe to be the truth, "we were not aware of these facts, we trusted to our English advisor and he failed us." In the preface to the 1875 edition of A. and M. the Editors say, "No one wishes now to reprint tunes with unsatisfactory harmonies because we have been accustomed to them," and accordingly they corrected the harmonies where necessary. Modern editors seem to be trying to improve the work of their predecessors, but "There were giants in the land" in those days, and to see how far the present generation fall short of them we have only to look at the "improvements" of Dr. Dykes' harmonies. C. W. Beaven.

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Chapter XV.—Switzerland.

As Guido stepped out upon the station platform at Zurich I found that although the rain had ceased, the night was still pitch dark. I tried to look about me, but could distinguish nothing clearly, and was glad indeed when at length my master reached the door of a little inn. The landlord spoke in a strange language, which I afterwards learned was German. I could speak a little Italian, having learned that from Guido, but the deep-toned German tongue was

entirely new. However, we secured a room for the night, and the next morning I obtained my first view of the Alps. The Alps! How can I fitly describe them, as I saw them on that first day in Switzerland? It was a cloudy morning and great volumes of vapor were wreathing and unwreathing themselves about their snowy summits. I had seen the Rockies—at a great disadvantage it is true—but here I saw the great towering peaks close at hand. Gradually, as the sun rose in the heavens, the scene changed; the masses of vapor faded away, and the mountains stood out in bold relief against the clear, blue sky. Zurich lies at the head of a little lake from whose shores rise lofty green hills, bearing on their sides hundreds of pleasant country houses and farms. The old battlements of the town have been converted into broad promenades, the

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most noted being the Lindenhof, which is shaded by many noble trees. As Guido took a walk there after having breakfasted at the inn, I saw many groups of children tumbling about on the rich green grass. I noticed that each of these groups was in charge of a school-mistress, and as one of these ladies nodded pleasantly to my master, the whole band of little ones lisped a "guten morgen"—the German phrase for "good-morning." Presently one of the children caught sight of me in my little cage, and in a few minutes Guido had the whole band about him. Noting their eager, bright faces, he opened the door of my wicker-work basket, and took me out to perform some tricks for their amusement. The children clapped their hands with delight, and when at length their mistress marched off to school, one little fellow ran back and with shy grace, presented my master with a bunch of pretty flowers. Guido was deeply touched by this little incident, and I thought how often a kind word or act might cheer some lonely heart, and bring pleasure to both giver and receiver. We went back to the inn, and after a hearty meal, again set out on our journey. The road lay close along the shore of the lake; tiny cottages stood amongst the leafy orchards, and the whole country bloomed like a garden. In the villages through which we passed, the people greeted my master pleasantly in the German tongue, and everywhere we seemed to fall among friends. Towards evening the clouds dispersed and the mountains took on a soft, rosy hue, which increased in brilliancy as the daylight faded. This sun-set glory on the mountains of Switzerland is called the **Alp-glow**, and is marvellously beautiful. On reaching Zug, on the shore of a small lake of the same name, we rested for an hour and resumed our journey just as the moon rose above the distant peaks. The landscape now took on a wilder aspect; cattle and goats browsed upon the mountain side and now and then we could hear some herd-boy high up on the slope, trilling an Alpine melody as he kept watch over his flock. On our right, Mount Righi stood out, bathed in moonlight, and before long we entered a little valley which brought us into Schwitz where my master decided to rest for the night.

Next morning we set out for Brunnen, on the shore of Lake Lucerne. On our arrival there, Guido engaged a passage on the little steamboat which runs daily to Fluelen, at the southern end of the lake. Two Italian priests went on board with us, and when Guido heard his beloved native tongue again, he could scarcely repress his delight. Presently one of the friars spoke to him, and Guido told him all the story of his life in America. The **Padre**, as Guido called him, was deeply interested, and during the voyage he took the trouble to point out to my master the most important points of interest along the shore. "That," said he, pointing to a spot of vivid green almost opposite Brunnen, "is the meadow of Grutli, where the union of the Swiss patriots took place. It is believed by the common people that their spirits slumber in a rocky cavern near the spot, and that they will arise and come forth when the liberties of Switzerland are in danger." Our boat now passed round the base of a great mountain where a little chapel stood at the water's very edge. This little chapel, the good-natured priest said, was built on the very spot where William Tell leaped from Gessler's boat during the storm, and was called "Tell's Chapel." I immediately became interested, for I had often heard Harry and Flora speak of this great Swiss patriot who was so clever with the bow. I remembered now, how he had refused to bow to the Emperor's hat, placed upon a pole in the market-place of Altorf, and how he was

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punished by the tyrant Gessler. To save his life he had been compelled to shoot an apple from the head of his son. He was successful in the terrible trial, but even then Gessler would not let him go free. Despite his promise, he took Tell as a prisoner into his boat, intending to convey him across the lake. Before they had gone far, however, a great storm arose, and Tell was released in order to act as steersman. Watching his chance, he steered the little bark near enough to land, to leap on shore, when he quickly made his escape. As we moved down the lake I could think of nothing else but the brave patriot, whose chapel I could still see far over the waters. On reaching Fluelen, the two priests joined my master in his walk to Altorf, about a mile and a half farther on. There they showed him, in the market-place, the tower which is said to be built on the spot where the lindentree stood—the famous linden, under whose boughs little Walter Tell took his stand, when his father shot the apple from his head. The spot where the great archer stood, when he performed this wonderful feat, is marked by a fountain and a statue. Tell was born in the little village of Burglen, close by, and is said to have lost his life when an old man, in attempting to save a child from drowning. But the dusk was deepening, and after thanking the good friars for their kindness, my master received their parting blessing, and immediately set out for Amstegg, where we passed the night. The most difficult part of our journey lay immediately before us—on the morrow we should attempt to cross the Great St. Gothard. (To be Continued).

British and Foreign.

Confirmation.—The council of the Western Canada Fund has accepted Rev. W. G. Boyd and eight other clergymen and four laymen for the diocese of Calgary and Edmonton. When the fund totals £10,000 an offer of £1,000 additional has been made. Ninety-nine similar offers are also in the hands of the council.

It was determined at a largely attended and most representative meeting of Church people which was recently held in Edinburgh, to purchase the large and most valuable library of the late Bishop for the use of the diocese as a permanent memorial to him. It was further determined that the library should always bear his name, and be known as the "Dowden."

The second request comes from Hankow, China, Bishop Roots feels strongly that a third American bishop should be consecrated for China this fall, and the immense territory for which he is responsible divided. This will not only greatly add to the efficiency of the work, but would also provide three Bishops of the American Church in China—the necessary number for a consecration in case such an act should become expedient.

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was seized with a fainting spell while administering the rite to a class at St. John's Church, Troy, on April 6th. Bishop Doane is a man of large frame, and is well advanced in years. In falling, he struck his head on the stone floor of the chancel and was severely cut. He was removed to the rectory, adjoining the church, where medical aid was called in. The physicians stated that his condition is not serious.

Two proposals for the division of missionary districts have recently been brought before the Church. The Missionary Department of the Southwest, at its Council in Oklahoma, passed a resolution requesting the coming General Convention to divide the District of Oklahoma, providing an additional missionary bishop for that territory. This action is taken in view of Oklahoma's phenomenal growth. Its population of more than 1,600,000 is twice that of any other missionary district.

Amongst the clerical obituaries recently are several octogenarians and nonagenarians. The Rev. Henry Knott Venn has died at Hainton, at the age of 95, while the death has occurred at Worcester of the Rev. B. Arthure, having also completed 95 years. At the age of 92 the death of the Rev. R. Lea Allnut has taken place at Guildford. Amongst octogenarians who have passed away are the Rev. G. Bailey, Rector of Adlethorpe, aged 86, and the Rev. Peter Lilly (84), Vicar of Collaton since 1864.

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measure of all the seven Christian graces or virtues: one who, not now and then, but always, overcometh pride by humility, covetousness by bounty, luxury and lust by purity, gluttony by self-denial, anger by meekness, envy by charity, sloth by active obedience. These are seven great tasks, which the servants and workmen of God our Saviour have to accomplish and work out during their abode in this world.—Keble.

Dr. Scott, formerly the Archdeacon of Dublin, will shortly resign the incumbency of Bray. For 47 years, working under four Archbishops (Whately, Trench, Plunkett and Peacocke), whose confidence and esteem he has always commanded, he has been incumbent of what is now one of the most populous and fashionable of the Dublin watering places. When he first went there, in 1863, the old church had become too small, and a handsome one has been built on the hill at the other end of the parish. But it was then unfinished and unadorned. Now it has its peal of bells, its windows filled with stained glass, and many other enrichments in keeping with its fine character. All of this is due to the energy and zeal of Archdeacon Scott.

The Rev. Henry Knott Venn was ordained in 1839, by Bishop Phillips, of Exeter, to the curacy of Harpford, with Fen Ottery, and had spent all his clerical life in Devonshire, being Vicar of Monkton, Devon, from 1869 till 1902, and Rural Dean of Honiton from 1877 till 1890. He was from 1830 till 1845 curate at Harpford to the Rev. Marwood Tucker, who had himself been curate there to the Rev. Francis Luce, the Vicar who had in 1768 exchanged livings with Augustus M. Toplady, the Calvinistic author of "Rock of Ages." Mr. Venn went to Harpford seventy-one years after Toplady left it, and has lived in the county seventy-one years as a clergyman. The present Vicar of Harpford has supplied for purposes of oldage pensions certificates to persons who were baptized by Mr. Venn more than seventy years ago.

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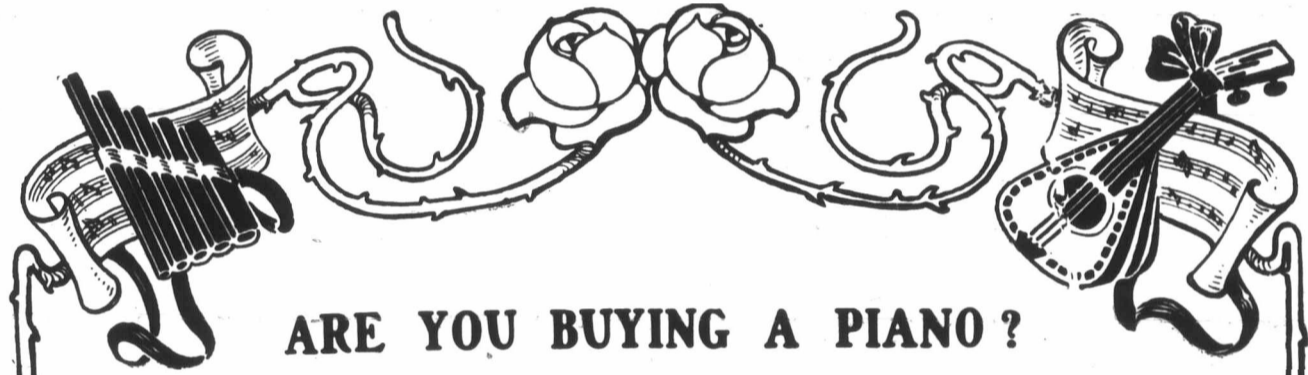
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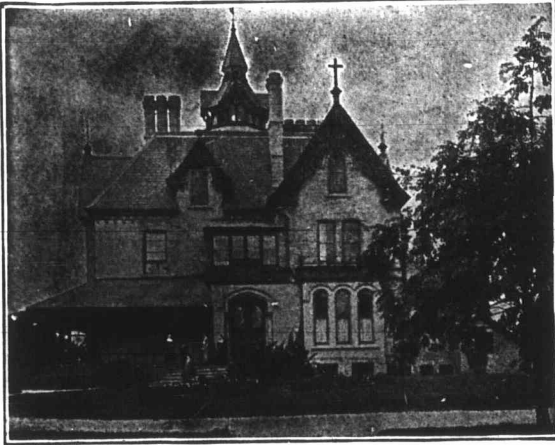
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Throughout the world, and amongst foreign missionary enthusiasts in particular, the name of Livingstone will long be revered. An interesting relic recently came into the possession of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. It is a hitherto unpublished letter from Livingstone, and was written from Kuruman, July 23, 1843, and addressed to Mr. Fergus Ferguson, whose Bible Class Livingstone attended as a boy, having been kept and prized ever since by his son, Dr. Fergusson. In that letter Livingstone speaks of the great need of the Holy Spirit's work in the matter of conversion to Christ. "I implore your prayers," he writes, "that I may be made wise to win souls."

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