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Bishop's Appointments for December.

- 1. Friday. Train to Montrea!
- 2 Saturday .- Lachine.
- 3. 1st Sunday in Advent. Danville and Richmond.
 - 4. Monday. -Durham.
- Tuesday, Preach before the St Frances District Association at Sherbrooke
- 6. Wednesday. Address missionary meeting at Sherbrocke.
- 7. Thursday. Sherbrooke. S. Friday. Train to Quebec.
- 9. Saturday
- 10. and Sunday in Advent. Preach in Quebec.
- 11. Monday. -Address a meeting at Quebec.
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- 13. Wednesday.
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- 15 Friday.
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- Various points in Lastern Townships 17. 3rd Sunday
- in Advent. ıS Monday
- Tuesday. 10.
- 20. Wednesday. Letter Day
- 21. Thursday .- St. Thomas, Ago the ant Martyr.
- 22. Friday .- Ember Day .
- 23. Saturday Emler Day
- 24. 4th Sunday in Adient. Sault Se Marie. Take part at St. Luke's.
 25. Christma: Day -Sault Ste. Mane. Take
- part at St. Luke's.
- 26. Tuesday .- St. Stephen, the First Martyr 27. Wednesday. -St John, Aportic and E-an gelist.
- 28. Thursday .-- The Innocents Day
- 29. Friday.
- 30. Saturday. 31. 14 Sunday after Christmas.

THERE are four churches in course of erection in the diocese.

The Church people at Webbwood hope to erect a fence around the church plot there next summer.

STEPS are being taken to provide a small parsonage for the incumbent of Oliver Mission, Rev. T. J. Hay.

EVERY one who is acquainted with human nature knows full well people are never enthusiastic for any cause which makes no demand upon them, to which they contribute neither of their substance nor of their works

From the S. P. C. K. monthly report we learn that a grant of £10 has been made, under usual conditions, towards the cost of vencering with brick the church of All Saints', Burk's Falls. The cost was estimated at 2000

The women of the Church congregation at Nairn held a sale of work on Saturday evening, November 18th, and realized over thirty dol'ars, which it is purposed to use in the erection of a fence around the church lot at Nairn

Among the teachers of the common schools of Ontario there will be more Churchmen and Churchwomen when churchpeople look with more favour upon the teaching profession as a suit able vocation for their children.

REV. C. J. A. BAISTONE, who we said recently was the missionary on St. Joseph's Island, is located on another mission field, viz, Thessalon and Bruce Mines. His post office address is Thessalon, Ont. Mr. Batstone was warmly welcomed by the clergy, who last month met him at the Sault Conference.

At a meeting held in the Mansion House, York, in September, the Very Rev. the Dean of York, in speaking of the spiritual destitution of the colonies, said the least we can do is to try to send our people abroad the same blessings we enjoy at home. It was absolutely impossible for thousands of those who go out to provide these things for themselves

The gathering of clergy and representative laymen (would it were laymen) of the Algoma District at Sault Ste. Marie last month was the third of the kind this year. The gatherings at Sundivige, Port Aithur and Sault Ste. Marie have biven opportunities for all the clergy, church wardens and Triennial Council represen tatives to meet in conference under the Bishop's presidency, and to take counsely concerning some of the problems that

interest us all and are of importance to the Church's work in this missionary diocese. The journeys to be made in not a few cases involve the travelling of hundreds of miles, but the church, and the individual gentlemen who attend, are much profited. Those who have made sacrifice of time and money and have looked upon these gatherings as a means of advancing Christ's Kingdom in Algoma have not returned home before passing resolutions asking the Bishop to make these district conferences annual affairs in those years the Triennial Council does not meet. Success can, so far, be stamped upon the Bishop's action in this matter, though it be but a day of small things. In the inture there will surely be growth in this as in other directions.

The Need of Men.

The Bishop needs at the present time some three or four missionaries for centres of work more or less remote. He trusts some whose eyes rest upon this notice may be moved to offer themselves.

Allusion was made in a recent issue to his desire for a number of young men who, being unmarried, would be freer to move about and better able to live on the small stipend offered them. He hoped that a few such men, ready or nearly ready for ordination, full of physical vigour, and of the ardent love of souls, would devote themselves to the work at least for the first few years of their ministry. If for some years to come, in a continuous stream of supply, young men just entering on their ministerial life could be induced to give thus a small percentage of their life service to Algoma's mission fields the Bishop would not be far from the solution of one of his hardest problems. And surely the menthemselves actuated as they would be by high, unselfish motives would be gainers, not losers, by this course. Their gain in spiritual power and in width of experience would far more than compensate them for any trifling temporal loss they might be called upon to sustain. Who will have the honour of being first?

The S. P. G. Bicentenary.

The Bishop has received the accompanying letter from the Rev. Prebendary Tucker, Secretary of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its career of use ulness next year. He

commends it to every parish and to every Churchman in the Diocese. The just and reasonable proposal of the Society that we should join in thanking God for its noble work; in praying that He may continue to bless its labours; and in making some offering according to our ability as an acknowledgment of our unspeakable indebtedness to it.

Churchmen in Algoma need hardly be reminded that to the S. P. G. they owe a debt which can never be repaid. Ever since the foundation of the Diocese the grant of the S. P. G. has formed a chief part of its income. Many of our missions owe their very existence to its fostering care. In the aggregate the society has contributed not less than \$75,000 towards the maintenance of our work. And, although its grant is now being reduced annually in order that it may be able to extend adequate aid to those new fields which God is opening so wonderfully in darkest Africa (and who can complain that after all these years of beneficence towards as they should desire us to set their offerings freethat people unspeakably more needy than ourselves may reap the benefit)—it is giving this very year some \$3,000 to our Mission Fund. At least we muse show our gratitude for all this generous aid !

Oct. 2nd, 1899.

My DBAR LORD,—I am desired to invite your Lordship's earnest co-operation in the observance of the Society's approaching bicentenary, June 16th, 1900-I. I send a little handbook and other literature, which will, I hope, be of use. The Society has expended on British North America nearly \$1,900,000, and it feels that it has a great claim on the several dioceses, which it has helped so long and so largely. There must be many laymen in Canada willing to give large donations for an occasion of such great interest. The Standing Committee confidently rely on every parish, which has at any time benefited by the Society's means, observing the year of Jubilee and giving offertories to the Bicentenary Fund both in 1900 and in 1901.

I am, my dear Lord,
Your faithful servant,
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The Lord Bishop of Algoma.

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This month we acknowledge subscriptions to the amount of \$21792, and before the year closes confidently trust the sum in hand will exceed a total of more than \$10,000, or one fifth of the desired sum so necessary to continue the Church's work in this backwoods missionary diocese. We ask all friends to give to this fund of their means and of their prayers.

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Rural Deanery of Muskoka.

The Rev. C J Machin having resigned the Rural Deanery of Muskoka on his departure for England in September last, the Bishop has appointed the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, of Bracebridge, to be rural dean for the unfinished portion of the present term of office, that is, until the next meeting of the Triennial Council, when the election will take place in the usual way.

Notes of a Recent Episcopal Trip.

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Bishop visited Webbwood, and at the morning service held a confirmation, when three persons were presented for the apostolic ri e. This place is still weak from removals and depression in business. The congregation is considerably thinned, and there is no immediate prospect of marked improvement. In the afternoon the Bishop was at Massey for a service. At this point things are reviving somewhat, but still improvement is not certain. There is some activity in mining hereabouts. In the evening the Bishop was at Nairn. where there was a good congregation and There were four pera hearty service. sons confirmed Though smaller than Webbwood, Nairn is a more thriving In this vicinity lumbering is place. active.

The day following (Monday) the Bishop visited the Spanish River Reserve, where we have a little mission school for Indians. He held an interesting service, at which twenty-five Indians were present. Two Indians were confirmed, namely, William Wahsashkung and Mrs. James Wahsashkung. Owing to intermarriages with Roman Catholics there is great danger of these Indians being perverted to the Roman Catholic faith. Rev. F. Frost, of Garden River, accompanied the Bishop After a night's sleep in the schoolhouse they arose early (Tuesday) for a celebration of Holy Communion. Then the party set out for Birch Island. twenty five miles distant, in a small canoe -only ten feet-having Wahsashkung as

guide. Two or three portages were made, and two small takes crossed before the waters of Lake Haron were reached, only to find a good fresh wind blowing. It took the remainder of the day to reach Birch Island, as it was necessary to tol low the shore and take advantage of the shelter of islands owing to the smallness of their crass. It was dark when Birch Island was reached. Mr. Ferris, the teacher-who seems to be doing a good work there-received his visitors with much heartmess, and they again spent a night in a schoolhouse.

The next morning (Wednesday) was beautiful and bright. The Bishop had a spendid service in the schoolhouse, which was full of Indians. One Indian was confirmed - Alexander Natiwegahbow. At the celebration of Holy Communion following there were twenty eight communicants It is a grievous pity that this settlement has become divided, a part of the band living at Whitefish River, four miles away. It is impossible for the Wnitefish Indians to send their children to school at Birch Island, where the teacher lives and where the school house stands. The Government is unwilling to establish another school, and the Whitefish Indians are unwilling to join those at Birch Island. The children of the Whitefish band are, therefore, in danger of growing up in ignorance. However, one or two have been sent to the Shingwauk Home. It is not easy to know what to do. The Indians generally are restless in their habits, and bands are frequently broken up in this way. It is one of the missionary's trials. The Indians at Birch Island seem to be intelligent and progressive.

In the afternoon the party embarked for Little Current-18 miles away-and there had a service in the evening. There was a good congregation and evident signs of good work going on in this place. The incumbent, Rev. W. J. Eccleston, has charge of five stations. three of which are Indian.

On Thursday morning, early, the Bishop and Mr. Frost set out on the mail steamer for Cutler, on the north shore of Lake Huron, where the boat meets the train on the Sault branch of of the C. P. R. From that point a short run brought the Bishop to Walford, at which place there was Evening Prayer and Confirmation. Walford is a promising agricultural settlement-one of those stretches of fertile soil found here and there throughout Algoma. The village is small, but some of the farmers seem to be doing very well. We have no church there, our service being held in the union building. The use of the union building serves to increase our sense of the value of a building of our own in which we can inculcate reverence and the true idea of worship Rev. E. Lawlor, M. A, incumbent of the mission of Webbwood and Walford, is decidedly in better health than he was some months ago. He is able to keep ali his appointments and is doing a taithful work. The lumber camps in this vicinity are active. Indeed, there seems to be a revival of lumbering throughout the district.

One of those sad accidents, unfortunately too common in lumber camps. occurred a short time before the Bishop's visit A young man, in seeking to escape a failing tree, was literally impaled upon a sharp stake and was suffering intensely at the time of the visitation. The dangers attending the occupation of the lumberman emphasize the importance of our clergymen doing all they can to reach and influence the men who at any moment may be victims of some grievous and possibly fatal accident. For this reason, as well as for others, such as the isolation of the camps and the lack of spin ual influences within them, it is very desirable that ou clergy throughout these districts should visit them as often as posable.

After a most interesting tour, the Bishop returned home on Filday, the 27 h October.

Conference of Clergy.

A Conference representing the District of Eastern Algoma was neld in St. Luke's Pro Cathedral, Sault Sie. Marie, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 14th and 15th. Besides the Bishop, there were present, Revs. Messrs. Piercy, Batstone, Graff, Frost, Eccleston and Capp. Mr. Hagan, of Tnessalon, was also present, and Rev. Mr. Johnston, the rector of the Michigan Sault, attended the conference and took part in the discussions. The proceedings opened with a service in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, when the Bishop delivered a meditation on the work of the ministry. The first service on Weanesday was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 30 o'clock, followed by Morning Prayer at 10 o'clock. Conference proper was opened in the School house at 10.30 a.m. when papers were read as follows ·--

1. "Hindrance and Difficulties in the Way of the Church Work in the Diocese of Algoma."-

the Church Work in the Diocese of Algoma."—Rev. W. J. Ecclestone.

2. "Our Financial Position in reference to the withdrawal of Grants by the English Societies."

—Rev. A. J. Young.

3, "Parochial visiting with special reference to visitation of the sick."—Rev. F. Frost.

4. "The Printing Press as an aid to Missionary Work."—Rev. Laurence Sinclair.

5. "Church History in connection with Church Teaching."—Rev. E. Lawlor. 6 "The Cnurch's Work among the Young."— Rev. E. H. Capp.

Mr. Eccleston pointed out the difficulties arising from the scattered nature of the settlements, the tremendous distances to be covered by the clergy in their ministration, and the apparent apathy on the part of many of the laity. The first difficulties were seemingly unalterable, but the indifference of the people, might, he argued be overcome by (1) Restoration of Family Worship; (2) Increased attention to the Sacrament; and (3) By direct Church Teaching.

The second paper was read for Mr Young who was unable to be present. It stated that in the early days of the diocese's existence, funds had been supplied not only by the English societies, but by the Eastern Dioceses of the Dominion, who on the opening up of the North-West withdrew their contributions from Algoma that they might send them farther afield. But a worse event confronts us: it is the final withdrawal of the English grants which have been contributed so long and so liberally. position of the diocese now being the loss by closing, of two missions per annum until the time the grants finally cease unless money is forthcoming from some new source to carry on the work. The remedy would be found in (1) Prayer definitely offered with this difficulty in view; (2) An increased effort to develop the financial positions of the various parishes in the parishes themselves; (3) Hearty support of the Bisnop Sullivan Memorial Fund; (4) Appointment of a delegate to visit Eastern Canada to solici- funds; (5) Appointment of a self denial week throughout the Diocese, and (6) The convening, if possible, of an annual conference of clergy and laity to discuss important phases of the diocesan

The third paper, by Mr. Frost, dealt with modes and methods in missionary visitation. Mr. Frost thought Saturday visiting, where possible, had the eff ct of bringing people to church on Sunday. The men could be reached in the house only in the evening, therefore evening visits must form a large part of one's work. One important phase of visiting was the instructing of the children in the Catechism and the teaching of hymns and also the closing of one's evening visit with family prayer. One often has opportunities of speaking to the men as they work in the fields or while they are chopping in the woods. Being benighted at an Indian cabin gives many opportunities of speaking personally to the inmates. At such a time the neighbouring families may be brought in and a service held.

The visiting of the sick is one of the most important of all duties. Christ spent most of His time among the sick. "I was sick and ye visited me," Christ will say at the last day. The visits to the sick afford opportunities of speaking of holy things which are not to be had at any other time. These opportunities should never be missed.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair's paper, "The Printing Press as an Aid to Missionary Work" (read by a brother clergyman), pointed out the tremendous power of that agency as a means of extending the knowledge of Christ and His Church. Among other points he mentioned the output of Bibles and hymn books printed on the presses of the B. and F. B. Society, whose works are sent to every nation, and of their consequent influence upon those who may not listen to the exhortations of the missionaries. The paper also asserted th importance of Sunday School literature and tracts, also the outcome of the printing press, whose aid cannot be estimated. The publication again of missionary appeals and missionary papers, such as our own Algoma Missionary News, bears fruit whose abundance may not even be guessed.

Rev. Mr. Lawlor, though absent, sent his paper on "Church History in Connection with Church Teaching," which was then next read. It emphasized the mportance of keeping before all men the unbroken history of events which have identified the Church in every age with the Church of to day and after showing the correspondence, after centuries of struggle, of the Church at present with the Church of the Apostles, made a plea for the teaching of her history, especially in the Sunday School, that the difference between her position and the attitude and history of the religious bodies about her migh be recognized and remembered by the children. The teaching of Church History would, the writer thought, tend to do away with individualistic eccentric ity and unify thought and sentiment.

Rev. Mr. Capp then presented a paper on the "Church's Work among the Young" This was the most holy ground the Church worker had to tread upon. It was important because the children would carry on the work where we left off and would do it note or less perfectly according to our training. The Church must have the affection of the children centred in her. Such might only be by the efforts of workers to win their confidence and esteem. They must be taught sound doctrine, and such would be received by willing and attentive minds if imparted by teachers and clergy who were loved by the little Catechising from the Sundayones. school platform must be indulged in where possible. Catechising in the home must also be practised. The duty of parents to their children in regard to religious training and teaching must be kept constantly in sight. Children could be given duties to perform in and about the Church buildings. Girls could be formed into a Church Guild, whose duties would consist of dusting and cleaning and beautiving the church under proper direction: they could also be formed into Junior Auxiliaries to sew for missionary districts, to collect money for various church needs, to gain information on missions and to hear instructive chats from the Incumbent or others from time to time. Boys could become the choristers to lead God's flock in worship; could bring other lads to Sunday school; could keep the church grounds in a tidy state befitting the ground about the temple. Such deeds for the Church would be the outward and visible signs of an inward and developing grace.

Rev. Mesors. Piercy, Batstone and Capp were appointed a committee to draw up a Cycle of Prayer for the District.

The following resolutions were passed: Resolved, That the Lord Bishop be asked to make this Conference a yearly affair.

Resolved, That his lordship be requested to communicate with the Rural Deans of the Diocese as to the placing in operation of a Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Resolved, That the Secretary make a full report of the proceedings of the Conference to the A.M. News.

The delegates were entertained at the rectory by the ladies of the Cathedral immediately after the afternoon service, and in the evening a choral evensong was sung, the Rev. Mr. Batstone, of Thessalon, being the preacher.

EDWARD H. CAPP, Secretary.

Diocesan Collections for the General Mission Fund.

Among the additional diocesan collections which the Bishop has felt it his duty to inaugurate is ar. annual house to house collection for diocesan missions. During thelpast few weeks the returns have been coming in. Appended is the list of contributions so far. It will be seen that a good number of missions have yet to report. There is no doubt that this collection will become an important source of revenue if it be loyally and faithfully taken up throughout the diocese.

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Oliver Mission.

REV. T. J. HAY, INCUMBENT.

A correspondent at Stanley Junction, a station in the most westerly mission in the diocese, tells us that the Bishop visited that place on September 12th last. He says:

"The people of this rillage having

universally resolved to set apart this day as a holiday to do honour to the Bishop, who had for some months past been looking forward to visit here, early in the morning flags were set affoat, thus showing our loyalty to Canada, the British Empire and our Gracious Majesty the Queen. In the afternoon a large table was erected on Mr. W. F. Marcy's lawn and a most creditable feast of good things was prepared by the ladies of the village, which was much enjoyed by all present. Before the gathering sat down to tea with His Lordship and Rev. T. J. Hay, an appropriate address of welcome was read to the Bishop by Mr. Chas M. Neve, to which he made a gracious reply.

In the evening, service was held in the Station warehouse, which had been specially fitted up for the occasion. After the usual service of Common Prayer, the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon from the Psalms, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." The audience listened to his discourse with rapt attention, eagerly catching every word that fell from his lips that they might profit thereby. He viewed to those who did not appreciate the Church's idea of worship how that those who come to church did not come to sit as if glued to their seats, but to take a most important and prominent part in the service to their soul's good. During the service Floly Baptism was administered-a party of Baptists, who had decided to come back to the Church, had their little boy baptized. At the close of the service the Bishop thanked all present for the kindness extended to him on the occasion of his visit. The following morning the Bishop administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "

English Church Congress Echoes

The Bishop of London:

What a man is, and what he is striving to do, can only be expressed in terms of his relationship to God.

I say that our Imperial position is forcing upon us the duty of realizing fully what is meant by Christian civilization. We cannot carry civilization without Christianity. Foreign Missions can no lorger be regarded as a luxury, the hobby of a few enthusiasts, a tolerated appendage to our civilizing work in the world. They are of the very essence of that work.

The Church has created Christian civilization, and must be the chief agent in spreading that civilization in other lands.

The history of the Christian Church is a record of effort and aspiration—by no means continuous, I admit, and sometimes perverted—for the good of society. Take any object of public benefit, now recognized as necessary, and follow it back; you will find that it came into being under the protection of the Christian Church. The Church educated the State, or educated public feeling, to see

its necessity, until it was taken over as an avowed object of universal pursuit. It is well that this process should go on, that the whole community should be saddled with duties which it recognizes as its own, whether it be conscious of their Christian origin or not.

We of the Charcle of England are in close touch with the vigorous life of a free people. The grea work which God in His providence has assigned to us is to labour for, and with, and through that people. To wish to abandon such a work seems to me little short of treachery, to hope to replace it by a cosmopolitan mission seems to me more than folly.

For myself-shall I venture to confess it?-I have an ideal of the Church of England which has steadily grown with my growth. I see in it a Church, not existing in indefinite space, and founding claims to universality on the ground that it has no particular home, but a Church rooted in the minds and hearts of the English people. I am not ashamed to say that, as I look round the world. I see no other home so well suited for a Divine institution. From that home it can go forth courageously, and face the world as it is, believing that God's revelation of Himself, once made in the person of Christ Jesus, is being continually explained to man by that progressive revelation of God's purpose which is continually being made by the Divine government of the world. Steadfast in its hold on the faith and on the sacraments by its unbroken link with the past, it exists for the maintenance of God's truth and its application to the needs of man-not for the purpose of upholding its own power.

Sir John H. Kennaway :

Any review of mission work is incomplete without an acknowledgment of the translation of the Holy Scriptures and other standards of the Church into the vernacular languages by the S.P.C.K., while we owe it to the British and Foreign Bible Society that in no less than 364 languages or dialects has the translation, printing, or distribution of the whole or part of the Scriptures been promoted.

If the shortcomings of some of his converts and failure of his hopes did not prevent St. Paul from thanking God, what need is there for us to be disheartened if progress is not so fast as we had fondly hoped and our Rome is not built in a day? . . . Let us not be content with sending missionaries abroad, let us be missionaries ourselves, educating our countrymen at home on this question and inducing them to join with us in forwarding the cause.

The Bishop of Sierra Leone .

It is a lamentable fact that nearly onehalf of the human race has not yet heard the Name which is above every name the precious name of Jesus. Although there is the universal need and the Divine supply, yet the messengers to carry the provision are sadly lacking in numbers and in strength. There must be something wrong in our Christianity when those who return from foreign service have to spend their time at home, not in telling of what the Lord is doing and desires to do, where pieviously His Name has not been known, but in seeking to persuade men to awake: arise and do their simple duty. If regions, at present unreached, are to be won for Christ, the soldiers for the warfare must be sought in our churches at home. This must be done in our cwn pulpits and among our own congregations.

There is little difficulty as regards the methods. Open doors and open coun tries lie before us on every hand. The difficulty of the present day is not so much the way to advance as the where withal to advance as regards means and men. Of the former I will say nothing, for I believe that God will do His part when we do ours. We withold our Isaacs, and God cannot bless us. We withhold our tithes and offerings, and in so doing shut the windows of heaven against ourselves.

The Dean of Worcester.

We owe to this wonderful people (the Jews) a duty we cannot evade—a debt we can never pay. As we value the Holy Book of God—"the most precious thing the world contains"—we will remember that the illapse of the inspiring Spirit, so far at least as the canon of the New Tes tament is concerned, was never received by any one but a Jew.

Then there is our Incarnate Lord Himself. No Gentile woman gave Him birth—no Princess of Imperial Rome had the unspeakable honour of carrying the Holy Child upon her breast. Yes, we Gentiles owe a debt incalculable to the Jews. Let us rise to the measure of our responsibilities in this matter. Let us not rest until all Israel is saved; and, "if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead?"

The Spirit of Unity.

Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.--Eph. iv., 3.

To sow the seeds of discord and disagreement amongst brethren, whether in the nation, the family or the Church is pre-eminently the work of the evil one from whom, all Christians, every day, pray to be delivered. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. The weakest point in human nature is, therefore, precisely the one selected by the enemy of souls for attack, and only too often with fatal success. In the Church our "unhappy divisions" are a source of scorn and reproach from the world, a byword among the heathen, and a terrible hindrance to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, that Kingdom for which we profess to look and long.

In their train they bring the disease of religiosity, of party spirit, and the consequent wasting away of the spiritual life. For the spiritual life means growth in holiness, and holiness and the spirit of discord cannot flourish in the same ground. One must give place to the other. You must either destroy the weeds in your garden or they will des troy it Let them have their way and your garden will become a barren wilderness. So it was with the once great and glorious Churches of North Africa. The sin of division crept in, bringing many other sins in its train, and we know the result. Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation (a). Christians, men claiming to be followers of the Perfect Man, the Divine Lord, forgot the very essence of His teaching; lost sight of His grace, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, in bitter and angry, nay, soul destroying disputes over doctrinal formulæ. They failed to remember that unity is a duty, and we, too, are in grave danger of forgetting it now.

Once let the flood-tide of discord rise in the name of religion and what shall be the end? The logical end of mutual recriminations, of talse accusations, of wilful misunderstandings, of intolerant denunciation of others whose opinions are not precisely our own, of divisionswith whatever specious and high sounding motives they may be bolstered up-the logical end of all this is persecution. The spirit thereof is the very same spirit which prompted the fires of Smithfield and the tortures of the Inquisition in by-gone ages, and if it be said that the day for such things is past and that we live in more enlightened times, it is nevertheless true that whilst we recoil in horror from such cruelties, we have hardly begun to learn the lesson they should teach us, the lesson of brotherly love, the love that seeketh not its own, is not provoked, and never faileth (a), giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (b).

How, then, is the spirit of unity to be attained?

First of all by setting it before ourselves as a distinct aim, and by being sensitively watchful against the least breach, whether in thought, word or act. By a wise silence in times of heated feeling, and a resolute refusal to accentuate differences by irresponsible discussion of them either in public or private. By as resolute a determination always and everywhere to look for points of agreement, to distinguish with extreme care between fundamentals (the great verities of our Faith which we all hold in common, and mere matters of opinion, personal proclivities and tastes, not claiming for the latter the same place as the former, remembering that God has cast men's minds in different moulds, and that the spiritual horizon is not confined to that

a. Matt. zli 25 a. 1 Cor xin , 5, 8 b. Eph iv. 3,

which we only can see. In scrupulously refraining from a harsh judgment of those who differ from us, from "labelling" them, or accrediting them wholesale with opinions which we have taken singularly little care to ascertain that they really hold. By being willing to learn and to see from their point of velw as well as our own. By bearing well in mind that in proportion as we take part in, or help by a hair's breadth to intensify division, we are hindering the spread of Christ's Kingdom. It is impossible but that occustons of stumbling should come but woe anto him, through whom they come (a).

And then again, by persistently seeking a common meeting ground. It is surprising how often that is to be found when it is looked for. The root of difference nearly always lies in misunderstanding and misconception. But so long as we are ready coldly to turn our backs upon one another, to refuse to work together, pray together, worship to-gether, so long, we may be sure, we are failing to put in practice the governing principle of our religion - that new commandment (b), active and energising, which our Saviour gave us-and without which all else is as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal (c.) One great meeting ground we all have. The Mission Field cries aloud to us to sink our differences, to leat our swords into p'ow shares and out spears into pruning hooks (a) and come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Here lies the cure for our ills. Let us pray God that we may have grace to see that they are ills, and take our cure before it is too late. Some day, when our eyes are opened, how infinitely little, how miserably small it will seem to us that we ever could have wasted our time in wrangling and disputing on ques-tions of ritual or "high" Church or "low" Church, when all the while the one important business of our lives was waiting for us, waiting for the right use of all our misdirected energies, -the winning of souls to God, making others Christians.

In this way we may indeed learn that we are all one in Christ Jesus (a) and our prayer will rise up before God—the prayer our Lord has taught us—accompanied by "the sweet incense of obedient days," the offering of ourselves in very deed and in truth (b) for our brethren's sake.

A. B. Tucker.

The Anglican Church has of late years enormously increased her Episcopate, When Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, there were but seven Bishoprics of our Church in the colonies and mission field. Now there are 91, and the S.P.C.K. can record with thankfulness that it has been permitted to have a share in the endowment of 55 of these, at a cost to its funds of over £95,000. Large sums have also been given for the endowment of mission clergy abroad.

The Hand of Justice.

A TALE OF NEPIGON INDIAN WILDS.

It had been a warm day, and as at length the sun sank languidly to rest, gently unrobing itself of its scarlet mantie, it seemed to mock the lone watcher who gazed upon its fading brightness by the waters of the Nepigon. Hid the watcher been at all familiar with English literature there might have come to her the words of the great poet:

"I see the mystery of your loveliness."

But she was only a poor Indian, and the beautiful ending of the day brought back no familiar lines of poetry; though it was evidenced as she turned away with bowed head, that the scene had brought to her mind some thoughts that moved her deeply

Just two years before she had stood on the same spot, and at her side had stood a man-not an Indian, but one " Wascet Nesageween"-from the "Far East," as he had told her. How eloquently he had pleaded that he loved her. Half mockingly she had repeated to herself his imperfect attempts to express his feelings in a language in which he was only two years old. But, though his utterances were imperfect, his gestures left no room to doubt his meaning-they were unmistakeable. She realized all this as she stood there watching the setting sun. She was not broken hearted, she mused-hardly that—possibly a little disconsulate—offended—"If he was satisfied, why, so was she," and she shrugged her shoulders as if to satisfy herself of her perfect indifference to the course events had taken. She reflected on his words-"I cannot live without you "-"Ah, then, she said, smiling, "I saved him; poor fellow."

Fortune had smiled upon him of late. and the determination to become rich had taken possession of him; but he had gone and left her, and her friends said he would not return And yet she was his wife. Slowly her soul began to burn within her. The indifference she had striven to assume gradually deserted her, she felt herself scorned, insulted. "He will regret it," she cried. "I will assuredly be avenged." Savagely she tore the neckerchief from her throat and flaunted it jeeringly in the wind. Then, with the fierce passion peculiar to her people, she rent it to shreds-his gift. The evening had become quite dark; shuddering in the cold wind, she drew her shawl close about her, and turned towards her little home. Late into the dark watches of the night, she sat, carefully stitching together a little birch bark box. The bottom she strewed with dead leaves. In this she placed the ring from her finger. She would send him this little casket. It should reach him. It must. Then she sat gazing into the fire in deep thought, though with the expressionless face peculiar to her race, till slowly she fell asleep.

Twenty years had rolled by echoing many a glad song, yet saddened by many a melancholy moan; garnished with

bliss, yet stained with tears; riched by the soft soothing airs of spring, yet chilled by the icy breath of winter. The luxurious laissez faire measures of summers and the deep, solemn moan of autumns, had followed each other in quick succession. Things had changed among the Indians of Nepigon Lake. Houses stood where wigwams had been pitched. Here and there was a brave attempt at cultivation. But the whole presented an aspect suggestive of a vain effort to shake off the characteristics, which each descending generation continued to display. In full view as one entered the settlement, stood the house of the "Makedaywekonyah" the faithful shepherd, who for twelve long years had watched over his sheep with unfailing solicitude and care. On a certain occasion the "Makedaywekonyah" stood outside his door. Evidently time had pressed heavily upon him, wrinkles were conspicuous above the corners of his eyes and mouth, and the black hair had become steely grey. He was not only a little sunburnt by the glare of life, but weather beaten by its storms and hardened by its blasts. Just now the sunburnt veteran of the cross was gazing anxiously down the footpath, as he watched the long expected visitor, Mr. -, who with his wife had promised to spend a day or two at Nepigon. He could not possibly stay longer. The old clergyman had long awaited this visit. -- was now a fur trader and Mr. had grown very rich of late, with his young wife he was visiting for the first time in twenty years, as he said, the old hunting ground and he was much interested in it yet. Hearty was the hand shake, joyous the welcome, and with becoming pride the old man bowed them into his humble home.

The evening meal was finished. The gentlemen sat smoking their pipes and reclining in their chairs. The young wife finding herself somewhat alone, arose and excusing herself, passed out into the cool night air. The men continued their conversation. Gradually the subject drifted back to those good old days—the visitor asked: "Do you know a woman, Naqua, I think they call her"—he had really rorgotten—"tall, stately, rather fine looking." "Was she rather delicate; large, sad, searching eyes?" "Why, yes," he had known her, "she is buried just outside." He turned abruptly and pulled aside the curtains. "Yes you can see the spot from here."

Night folded her starry curtains upon the earth—darkness settled upon hill and vale. It was late September, autumn winds rose eager for their work of death and moaned sorrowfully among the trees. It was a solemn, melancholy night, full of dreary phantoms presaging a dark and dismal morrow.

"Yes," continued the old clergyman, "she always puzzled me. Quietly she passed away in the faith, in periect peace." He paused and slowly took his pipe from his mouth. "One circumstance which impressed me much at the time, he con-

^{2.} Luke xvii. 1. b. John xiii. 31. c. 1 Cor. xiii. 1.

a. Isa. ii. 4.

a. Gal. iii. 28. b. 1 John iii. 18.

tinurd, was her selection of the striking passage of Scripture she insisted I would place over her grave—Romans, xii, 19, 1 think."

The visitor for the first time lifted his head and half tremulously his lips parted. Hs face was drawn and pale. The speaker too much absorbed by his own thoughts, did not notice him. "Slowly he rose and walking towards the chimney, leaned his elhows on the mantle. But the clergyman remained silent. The trader's mind went back in thought through many years. And the faint, delicious perfumes of violets seemed to stell up from the odor on the hearth, and the face of a queenly woman rose before him. The clergyman now arose. In one hand he held his own Bible, with the other he pointed to the verse, and with solemn emphasis his words tell on the ears of the anxious listener. " Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Suddenly the distant rumblings of thunder fell into one tremendous crash. The lightning flashed in at the window—it had grown quite dark—but the flash threw its celestial brilliancy about the room and reveals the deathly pale face of the man who had fallen to his knees, as the rumbling thunder re-echoed the words of the reader, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord"

One heartrending scream rose at this moment above the murmuring winds outside, striking panic to the heart of visitor and host alike. Wildly the trader rushed in the direction of the cry. With unerring guidance the vengeful goddess seemed to direct him to the grave. The old clergy man struggled bravely to keep up with his excited "avant coureur." But when he did arrive at the grave his eyes fell on a scene, before which time recoiled defeated with its all encircling curtains of passing years. On the lonely grave lay the bride, her face upturned to the heavens which had so cruelly scathed her with its fires. She was dead. One hand lay across he oreast, the other pointed in majestic silence to the epitaph. "Vengearce is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord"

Is It Reasonable?

Ask this to yourself, henestly, fairly, and squarely: How much last year did my amusement cost me—the club, theatre, sports, balls, dinner parties, even cards?

How much was I obliged to spend in medical advice and medicine for the safety of my body?

How much was I obliged to spend on legal help for the safety of my person and property?

How much did I spend on religion for the happiness, health, and safety of my soul?

How much every week or month do I give for the support of the ministry, the administration of the Sacraments, and the preaching of the Word?

Are your clergy overpaid? Ought they

to get much less than the professional man in law, medicine, or commerce? Do they actually receive half as much? Are they less educated, less able, less worthy as citizens than the judge, the barrister, the physician, surgeon, or merchant? Have they fewer or more charitable calls? Have they less to be exact in paying their monthly bills? What are their prospects in old age? What provision can they make for their widows and children?

Is it fair that absentees from church (who at least expect the Church's services to be ready for them at call) should es cape their rightful share of yearly Church expenditure?

Is it fair to leave the burden of responsibility on the shoulders of a few generous people, who actually have to pay for other people's religion?

The Jews in Palestine have increased from 8,000 in 1841 and 20,000 in 1883, to over 80,000 at the present time.

The Christian should not forget that thunksgiving is not summed up in giving thanks. It includes also what is all that and more, thanks with, and through, giving.—The Living Church.

This Church of ours is called, as by the call of a trumpet, to go forth on the great task which she—above all other Churches—has received from God Him self the means of fulfilling.—Archbishop Temple.

While the population of the United States of America in the last fifty years has increased about four times, the number of communicants in the American Church has increased about twelve times. This remarkable growth is attributable to the Church's Missionary labors.

We can never hope to rise to the measure of our opportunities, and of our obligations to meet them until every bap tized man, woman and child shall give freely, systematically, conscientiously, to the support of the Gospel and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Pastoral Letter of the American Bishops.

If thou desirest a noble and holy life, and unceasingly prayest to God for it, if thou continue constant in this thy desire, it will be granted unto thee without fail, even if only in the day or hour of thy death; and it Gcd should not give it thee then, thou shalt find it in Him in eternity; of this be assured.—St. Bernard.

We can imagine no career more lofty or honorable than that of a well-informed, capable, and courageous medical missionary. A few hundreds of such men in the next half-century would powerfully affect the history of China, Iudia, and Africa. If men of commerce could give as good an account of their work in these lands as men of medicine, the evangelization of the world would be hastened.—The Landal

The year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee gave birth, among valuable publications, to "Canada: An Encyclopædia of the Country," a work edited by Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, and capable of supply ing interesting facts concerning the his toric relations, the natural resources, the material progress and the national development of our fair Dominion of Canada. At this moment a reviving lumber trade is conscious to the Canadian, who is appreciating more and more the great value of the forests in all parts of his country. In this Province of Ontario men are less willing than heretofore to see our timber cut and floated to the United States for manufacture. Not only is this the case regarding pine, but also with regard to spruce, the material from which is made the pulp for paper and other manufactures. In this connection, from the authority above-mentioned, it is not without interest to note that our timber and lumber trade with Great Britain was given a great impetus by Napoleon I. After Canada was conquered by the British, the Mother Country disregarded our forests, being well supplied from the forests of northern Europe. "But the issuing of Napoleon's Berlin Decrees, for bidding the continental nations to trade with England, caused Britain to look to other and friendlier sources for her timber supply. Then she saw that the unheeded colony was richly forested," and the trade which then began has steadily increased, until in 1896 it mounted up to some twelve million dollars. It is not a far look into the future when our woodpulp will be a most valuable export, un less, indeed, much of it is made into paper, and in that form placed on the world's market. Canada is rich in fine spruce, and possesses unsurpassed waterpower. In this growth this northern part of Ontario, that is to say, in the Diocese of Algoma, will bear a part. It is to be hoped that, as English and other capital takes our power and our raw material, and develops these natural resources as a a financial investment, the moneyholders and profit-sharing investors will remember that the best interests of their employees demand that they should lib erally support the ministrations of the Church in this diocese.

"If it is only some who are called to the heathen, ALL are called for the heathen."

He liveth long, who liveth well;
All else is life but flung away.
He liveth longest, lwho can tell
Of true things truly done each day.

Then till each hour with what will last,
Buy up the moments as they go.
The life above, when this is past,
Is the ripe fruit of life below.

Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure.

Sow peace, and reap its barvest bright:
Sow sunteams on the rock and moor,
And find a harvest home of light.

H. Bonar.

The Church and Her Ways.

IV.-BAPTISM, OR HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Baptism is a Sacrament. A Sacrament consists of two parts, the outward and visible sign, or form, and the inward and spiritual grace, or help. The outward part of Baptism is water, in which a person is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holv Ghost. The inward part is a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness, for by it we are born into God's family, the Church.

Every one must be baptized. Baptism must be administered in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. No other Baptism is valid. The mode of Baptism is for each one to determine. The Church practises both immersion and affusion, or pouring. The mere method is the minor part; the 'act of Baptism by water is the essential thing. Christ said nothing about the mode; He instructed the disciples merely to baptize in the name of the Trinity. Baptism, whether performed in infancy or in mature yea.s, makes one a member of the Church. A person can be baptized but once, as the Scripture says, "There is ONE Baptism.

V.—WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation, or the Laying on of Hands, is the complement of Baptism. A person is made a member of the Church by Baptism. The Holy Spirit is communicated in Confirmation. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that those who were haptized by Philip, the deacon, in Samaria, were afterwards confir ed by St. Peter and St. John. Acts viii. St. Paul also confirmed certain disciples at Ephesus. Acts xix. 6.

Confirmation, though not one of the two Sacraments generally necessary for salvation, is still sacramental in its character, in that it is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. By the laying on of the Apostles' hands, the

Holy Ghost was imparted.

In Hebrews vi. 2, Confirmation is enumerated as one of the principles of the distrine of Christ. These are as follows:

Repentance and Faith.

Baptism and Laying on of Hands.

Resurrection and the General Judgmrnt.

The time of Confirmation is taken advantage of for, 15t, a renewal of the haptismal vow; and, and, a public confession of Christ.

It is the general custom of the Church to administer Confirmation to such persons only who are old enough to know the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten-Commandments, and who can understand what it means to renounce the world, the figh and the devil, to believe the articles of the Christian faith, and to keep Gods hely will and commandments.

The proper age for Confimiation de pends upon the maturity of the child. Confirmation is administered by a Bishop. We have no instance in Scripture where this rite was administered by a priest.

Last year a parts of young Indians connected with the mission at Lytton, British Columbia, travelled all night in order to be in time for the Good Friday services.

"In fifty years the whole of South Africa will be nominally Christian. It is for us to make the Christianity more than nominal." Thus writes the Rev. A. Bathe from Bulawayo. Mr. Bathe says the progress of Christianity in Africa has been very great amongst the natives. In reality there is little prejudice against it, and the white man's religion is naturally an object of respect to those who look on the white man as a superior being. one of the mines in Matabeleland, Mr. Bathe recently saw a party of natives at work, all of whom, including their ganger were Christian.

The clergyman in his parish is the best advocate for missions. If his heart be aglow with love for souls, with zeal in his Master's service, and with fervent desire to sustain and foster the missions of the Church of which he is a minister, he. better than anyone else, can call forth a response from his people. As he goes from house to house, from one to another, pleading the cause of the perishing, he will be helping indirectly, but none the less surely, the works which lie nearest to his hand, and his own support will come more freely out of the unselfish effort which he makes for others.- Spirit of Missions.

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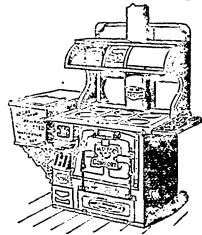
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