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Holy Week—Good Friday and Easter.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of the Diocese.

BISHOPSTHORPE, QUEBEC,
Passion Sunday,
(the Fifth Sunday in Lent,) 1895.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am glad indeed, to know that some of the readers of the last issue of the *Diocesan Gazette* found pleasure and profit in the Letter which I wrote at the beginning of Lent. This leads me to write to you a further Letter with special reference to the "Great Week" or "Holy Week," which comes at the very end.

And first of all, I would ask you to remember that Lent is a time of gradual leading on. In its earlier days, we have solemn exhortations to penitence, and fearful warnings in the Sunday Lessons with regard to the awful consequences of sin. And when the mind has been thus prepared, we are then led on to look at the infinite Price which was paid to redeem us from sin. We are invited in fact to follow, with reverential love, the sacred sorrows and sufferings of our Holy Lord. With this object in view, I would earnestly beseech you to accept as far as you possibly can the following hints:—

(1) Do your very best to come each day in the Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, to the Sanctuary, not only to

pray and meditate, but also to listen to the solemn account of our dear Lord's sufferings, contained in the Gospel of each day: for here all that our holy Saviour suffered is brought before us with a vivid and almost dramatic power.

(2) Once you realise, even in some degree, what were the wondrous sufferings of our Lord, you will be anxious to continue in the Way of Salvation, and, therefore, since you cannot help *yourself*, you should use the power which the great God gives you to pray for help to enable you to continue steadfast in the Faith.

(3) You should pray not only for yourself, but for all for whom you ought to pray. There should be indeed, throughout this holy time, constant intercession.

(4) You should also try to dwell systematically upon all the sad events of this great Week, and endeavour to appreciate what they mean and what they teach.

(5) With a view to being with our Lord in His sorrow, and with a view to absolute self-mastery, you should make some special rule of self-denial and fasting, trusting to be conformed more and more to the Image of Him, who for your sake gave Himself up to death, even the death of the Cross.

(6) Just for one day in the year you should get your home arrangements altered, and make a very great effort to be present at the Solemn Services of Good Friday, and you should keep the whole day as a day of quiet mourning for the sufferings of your dying Lord, grieving

especially over your own sins, as having contributed to the necessity of all these sad events.

(7) Every member of every congregation and every parishioner should, without fail, make due preparation, and should receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. And even during the happy Eastertide which follows, you must take care not to forget what you have promised to God during Lent.

(8) CONSIDER HOW MUCH IT IS WORTH TO YOU TO HAVE A HARDWORKING EARNEST CLERGYMAN, DOING ALL HE CAN FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR SOUL, AND IN GRATITUDE TO GOD MAKE A LIBERAL SELF-DENYING EASTER OFFERING AS AN ADDITION TO WHAT YOUR CLERGYMAN RECEIVES, AND SO SHew THAT YOU REALLY APPRECIATE HIS OFFICE AND HIS WORK

(9) Remember that your Rule of Life, your daily Prayers and Meditations, as well as your attendance at the Special Services in God's House—that all these things are after all only means to an end; they are not the end itself. They can have no value, unless all is done as in the very sight of God, and with the simple object of promoting His Glory.

Most earnestly wishing to you all a truly blessed and happy Easter.

Believe me, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

A. H. QUEBEC.

Annual Public Meeting of the Quebec Church Society.

The annual public meeting of the Quebec Church Society will be held in the City of Quebec, on Monday, April 29th, and is likely to prove a most interesting and profitable occasion. The Bishop will preside and will be assisted, it is hoped, by the Bishops of Nova Scotia and Fredericton, by R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., Chancellor of the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and others. Since there is much that is encouraging and interesting to be brought before the meeting this year, and since the speakers are men that are worth hearing and men whom we ought to delight to honour, we trust that all our Quebec City Church people will note the date and not make any other engagement, so that they may be sure to be present. And we also hope that many of the country members of the Church Society will try to come to Quebec for the occasion, and will thus show that they take a living interest in the prosperity of God's work in the Diocese.

The approaching Session of our Quebec Diocesan Synod.

The Lord Bishop has directed the calling of next Session of Synod for Tuesday, May 28th, and the following days. At the time of the last Session of Synod, the occasion was seized upon as appropriate for the Celebration of the Centenary of the Diocese, and it was consequently impossible to transact all the business that would otherwise have been desirable. At the approaching Session, therefore, there will be many matters of the highest interest, both to the Clergy and the Laity, brought forward for deliberation; and we earnestly trust that all the Clergy will put all else aside in order to make sure of being present and that all Laymen who are elected to the honourable and responsible position of "Delegates to Synod," will also be in their places; so that there may be a full representation, and so that, with God's blessing, the Session may be productive of real and lastly good.

The Lord Bishop's Engagements.

In addition to his engagements in the Cathedral, the Bishop's engagements for April are as follows:—

- Thursday, April 4—Give the last of the Lenten Series of Instructions in the Faith at the Domestic Chapel, Bishopsthorpe, 11 a.m.
- Palm Sunday, April 7—Confirmation at S. Matthew's, Quebec, 3 p.m.
- Palm Sunday, April 7—Confirmation at S. Peter's, Quebec, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 8—Confirmation at the Cathedral 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9—Second Confirmation at S. Peter's, Quebec, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10—Confirmation at S. Paul's, Quebec, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11—Preach at S. Matthew's, Quebec, 8 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 12—Preach at the Cathedral, 11 a.m.
- Monday, April 15—Go to Montreal.
- Tuesday, April 16—Spend the day in Montreal and go on to Hamilton.
- Saturday, April 20—Return to Toronto.
- Sunday, April 21—Preach at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 21—Preach at S. Thomas', Toronto, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23—Travel to Kingston.

Wednesday, April 24—Attend meeting of the D. & F. Missionary Association, 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, April 25—Attend meeting of the House of Bishops, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 25—Assist in the Archbishop's Appeal Court, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 26—Return to Quebec.

Monday, April 29—Preside at the Annual Public Meeting of the Quebec Church Society, 8 p.m.

Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter at the Cathedral.

PALM SUNDAY.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion with Sermon by the Lord Bishop, 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer (Choral) with Sermon by the Very Reverend the Dean, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY (EASTER EVE).

Morning Service each day with devotional Address by the Lord Bishop, 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer with devotional Reading each day, except Wednesday, in All Saints' Chapel, 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 8 with Sermon by the Rev. G. F. Hibbard.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Morning Service with Sermon by the Lord Bishop, 11 a.m.

Short Special Service for children with Address by the Very Reverend the Dean, 3 p.m.

Evening Prayer with Sermon by the Very Reverend the Dean, 8 p.m.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion with Sermon by the Very Reverend the Dean, 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer with Sermon by the Lord Bishop, 7 p.m.

CONFIRMATION.

A Confirmation Service will be held by the Lord Bishop at the Cathedral on the Monday in Holy Week at 8 p.m.

COMMUNICANTS' MEETING.

On Tuesday in Holy Week a Communicants' Meeting will be held by the Very Reverend the Dean at the Cathedral Church Hall, at 8 o'clock. All who are already Communicants, or who desire to become Communicants, are cordially invited to be present.

A Kind Offer.

The Bishop has received from a Rector in the United States, who is adopting the "American Church Hymnal," the offer of one hundred and fifty to two hundred copies of Hymns Ancient and Modern, most of them small, but some few larger and some with music, to be given to one or more poor Parishes in this Diocese. Any Clergyman who really needs such help as this should apply upon the subject to the Bishop at once.

Good Suggestions.

Nothing shews so well how much the *Diocesan Gazette* is appreciated, as the number of suggestions we receive as to what it might well contain. During the last few days, *e. g.*, we have received two or three suggestions, all of them highly valuable.

One Clergyman writes: "Many persons have expressed to me the pleasure with which they read the Bishop's charge published in the February number of the *Gazette* and their sense of the benefit and instruction derived from it: and I have been asked whether it would not be possible", even if it necessitated a small increase in the price of the *Gazette*, to publish an Article of some kind, giving Church Teaching every month. I confess that the suggestion gratified me and seemed to be well worth considering." We quite agree that this is a most valuable suggestion; it has been made before, and we are very anxious to adopt it. And without increasing the price of the *Gazette*, we will try and see what we can do.

Another suggestion is that we should give, in an interesting form, the histories of some of our Parishes. This we shall be most pleased to do, if those, who, like Archdeacon Roe, are in close touch with the growth of the work of the Church of England in the Diocese, will but undertake the task.

It has also been suggested that about once a quarter the Clergy should endeavour

either in Church or at a parish meeting, to lay before the people what is being done by the Church Society of Quebec, for the common good. Here again, we must readily assent, and we believe, if the Clergy would gather from the *Diocesan Gazette* and from the Church Society Reports and other sources, accounts of the good work that is going on, and would bring these things before their people, it would have the best effect and do much good.

A Prayer for the Diocese.

We should be glad indeed if our readers would use the following prayer regularly week by week :

O Lord Jesus Christ, who walkest in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and hast the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, prosper with Thy heavenly blessing the work of Thy church in the Diocese of Quebec ; confirm it by Thy power, sanctify it by Thy grace, and preserve it from all assaults of evil. And, to those whom Thou hast called to labour therein, vouchsafe the aid of Thy Holy Spirit. Strengthen their faith ; enkindle their love ; pour down upon them the spirit of self-sacrifice ; and grant them, O Lord, a mouth and wisdom, which all their adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist ; for Thy sake, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God wor'd without end. Amen.

Lay Helpers' Association.

About a year ago there appeared in the *Diocesan Gazette*: an article in which it was explained that the Bishop desired to form a Quebec Diocesan Lay Helpers Association with two sections or branches, one for men, the other for women. In this Association the Bishop said he was anxious to bind together all the Lay Helpers in the Diocese with no further responsibility than the following :—

(1) That once a week at least they should remember the whole body of Helpers in the Diocese in their prayers.

(2) That they should be glad to unite in their own Churches in the Holy Communion

on some one Sunday in the year to be chosen by the Bishop, and called "Lay Helpers' Sunday," with the special object of seeking God's blessing upon all the work for God in the Diocese.

(3) That they should only continue their membership as long as they continue to do their work.

It was proposed moreover that every member should be provided with a member's card, with a special prayer for the whole body of Helpers printed upon it ; and it was contemplated that a return of the number of members receiving the Holy Communion on the "Lay Helpers' Sunday" in all our Churches would be sent up by the Clergy, and an account of the whole matter given annually in the *Diocesan Gazette*. And in addition to this the Bishop thought possibly Meetings for Worship and Conference, and social intercourse and enjoyment might be arranged from time to time at different centres, with a view to information and encouragement, just as many of our Clergy are now helped and encouraged by meeting their neighbouring Clergy at their sub-Deanery meetings. The advantages to be derived from such a system are : (1) That all our Helpers would once a year receive the Holy Communion on a chosen day with the special object of seeking God's blessing upon their common work. (2) That all our Helpers would pray for the whole body of Helpers at least once in every week. (3) That many would be greatly helped by the Meetings that might be arranged to take place at the several centres. (4) That our Helpers would get to realize the greatness of their work, they would see, in fact, that they were not merely Wardens, or Choir Members or Sunday School Teachers in this or that little township ; for their thoughts would be carried beyond their own district, and they would get to realize, that they were members of a great army, working under the Bishop and Clergy through the whole length and breadth of the vast Diocese of Quebec for the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan and for the building up of the City of God.

We are all too apt to care only, and to work only for our own Parish ; and anything, which tends to help us to take a wider view, must, the Bishop thinks, do great good.

Now it happens, in God's providence, that in the district of St. Francis, for several years past, there has been arising the beginning of just such an organization, as we have now tried to describe; for as far back as December 1888, it had been agreed that there should be a Lay Helpers' Association for the district of St. Francis; and a Constitution had been formed, which has since been amended, first in December: 1892, and again in December last year. This Constitution stands now as follows:—

I.—NAME.

The Association shall be called the Association of the Lay Helpers of the District of St. Francis.

II.—BISHOP'S SANCTION.

The Association is formed with the sanction of the Bishop, and the Bishop is *ex-officio* President of the same. All proceedings of the Association are subject to his approval.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

i. All laymen within the District, being communicants now actually engaged in the work of the Church, with the sanction of the Incumbent of the Parish or Mission in which they reside, or desirous of giving a portion of their time, under such sanction, to the working of the Church, shall be invited to join the Association.

ii. All women within the District, being communicants actually engaged in the work of the Church, with the sanction of the Incumbent of the Parish or Mission in which they reside, or desirous of giving a portion of their time, under such sanction, to the work of the Church, shall be invited to join the Association.

2. Any person desirous of becoming a member of this Association shall apply to the Incumbent of his Parish or Mission for his sanction, and if such sanction is given, the name of such person shall be sent in by the Association to the Bishop for his sanction in writing. On the Bishop withdrawing such written approval, such member shall cease to be a member of the Association.

IV.—OFFICERS.

The following shall be the officers of the Association: the Bishop, *ex-officio*, President; two Vice-Presidents, one Lay, one Clerical;

a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Committee of Management of six persons, viz., three clergymen and three laymen, with the officers of the Association, of which Committee five shall be a quorum.

The Secretary and Treasurer and Committee to go out every year, but to be eligible for re-election by the Association.

The first named member of the Committee, who shall be a layman, to act as Convener and Chairman, *pro temp.*, until a Chairman (who shall be a layman) is chosen.

V.—MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Association. At such annual meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected and the general business of the Association transacted.

2. Special general meetings of the Association shall be held from time to time at the call of the Bishop or upon the requisition of seven members.

3. Meetings of the Association for prayer, receiving the Holy Communion together and conferring upon Church work, shall be held from time to time, at least once a year, as may be arranged by the Committee of Management.

VI.—BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS.

The members of the Association resident in any Parish or Mission may be formed into a Parochial Association at the invitation of and with the sanction of the Incumbent of such Parish or Mission. The Incumbent shall be *ex officio* President of such Association, and all the proceedings of the Association shall be subject to his sanction.

At a first annual meeting, moreover, held in the Parish Room of S Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, on Wednesday, December 12th last, at 11.30 a.m., officers were elected and arrangements made for the enrolment of members. The officers for the present year are: President (*ex officio*), the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; Vice-Presidents, R. W. Hencker, Esq., D. C. L., the Rev. Canon Thorneloe; Hon. Secretary, A. Dorey, Esq., of Sherbrooke, (to whom the clergy and others should address all their communications upon this subject);

Treasurer, H. H. Elkins, Esq.; Executive Committee: Messrs. A. D. Nicolls, of Lennoxville, (Chairman), H. T. Lawrence, of Sherbrooke, Melrose, of Georgeville, Rev. R. C. Tambs, of Magog, Rev. E. Weary, of Marbleton, and Rev. J. Hepburn, of Richmond.

It was also arranged that, at the next meeting of the S. Francis District Association, next December, all lay helpers duly entitled should be invited to be present at the annual meeting of the Lay Helpers' Association, to be held on the morning of the second day of the S. Francis meeting, at half-past eleven o'clock.

Now here we have already in the District of S. Francis exactly what is needed; for when the Bishop appoints a "Lay Helpers' Sunday," the Clergy of the S. Francis Parishes will, no doubt, be glad to call their Helpers together for the Holy Communion, in their own Churches and the Clergy will naturally preach on that day upon the subject. And they will also be glad, as far as they are able to arrange, for local gatherings in the summer, as well to induce their helpers to go to the Sherbrooke meeting in the winter. This whole system, too, can easily be extended to other parts of the Diocese, and all this will tend to give to Lay Help in the Diocese a prominence, which it thoroughly deserves, and this will lead others, we trust, to join the ranks of those who live not unto themselves, but for their neighbours' good, and, above all, for the honour and glory of God.

Two Sundays.

Recent impressions of the work going on in the Eastern Townships, taken from the Bishop's Note Book.

Friday, February 8th, was a day of storm. There were no boats and no trains, and consequently for the first time in a period extending over nearly two years and a half I was obliged to telegraph to Richmond that I could not possibly keep my engagement there on that evening. And since there was no boat and no train that evening, there was nothing for it but to wait patiently until the next day.

On crossing over to Levis on Saturday, February 9th, after waiting about an hour, the Mail Train of the previous day arrived from Halifax twenty-five hours late! The passen-

gers, as they came streaming out on to the platform, looked like birds escaping from a cage, glad, very glad to find that they had once more regained their liberty.

Very soon now the train was again made up, and got on her way, making but slow progress towards the West. And thus, with a change of cars at Richmond, we steamed on and on through Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, until, when we reached Coaticooke, it was between ten and eleven o'clock at night.

Here I was met by my genial friend and Clergyman Canon Foster, who drove me to his hospitable abode, where I was soon enjoying to the full a perfect night's rest with a view to the work of the following day.

On Sunday, February 10th, we rose early and drove off to North Coaticooke, two or three miles, for Service. The comely little Church was all ready, and soon it received its best adornment, viz., a good congregation of faithful worshippers. Here were people who had been working at the factories all the week, who were yet able to rise early on the Lord's Day to meet their Lord! No wonder therefore we had a quiet joyous Service of Holy Communion at which I gave a brief address on the Sacred Rite.

Directly after Service, we adjourned to the House of Mr. and Mrs. Mead, close by, for breakfast, and received, I need not say, a true Canadian welcome. I had known Mrs. Mead in England: she had come out to Canada to visit a sister, had met with a husband and thus has remained. After breakfast we drove back to Coaticooke Church for the ordinary Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. Here I preached (since it was Septuagesima) on the creation of the world, offering some instruction, clearing away, as I trust, some difficulties, and above all endeavouring to lead myself and my hearers to see in it all the infinite love of God.

After dinner at the Parsonage, Canon Foster drove me over about seven miles, to Barnston Corner, where Mr. Putney kindly acted as my guide and enabled me to visit all the Church of England families in the village. After tea at Mr. Putney's, the Rev. Charles Brooks came up to meet me, and we had Evening Service in the Church and I preached from S. John iii. 16. on God's Love to the World—on the gift of the

only begotten Son and on what we mean by believing in Him. After Service the Rev. Charles Brooks drove me four or five miles to his Parsonage, at Way's Mills, where after much earnest consultation we retired to rest.

On Monday morning, February 11th, after a word with one of the good Church-Wardens of Way's Mills, we drove off again to Barnston for a Parish Meeting; and after dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Putney, Mr. Brooks drove me on to Coaticooke. Here I made during the latter part of the afternoon several very pleasant calls, and in the evening, there was a reception at Fox's Hall—well organized by Mrs. Foster and her daughters, and consequently very enjoyable in every way.

On Tuesday, February 12th, directly after breakfast, the Rev. G. H. Murray drove up and took me, as is recorded elsewhere, to Perryborough for another delightful two days, which were followed again by four days nearly at Bishop's College, where I always receive such a genial, cordial welcome from Principal and Mrs. Adams, and indeed from Professors, Students, Masters and Boys, that one is bound to be happy. Thus I was brought to Sunday afternoon, February 17th, when Professor Wilkinson, who is doing really grand work at Milby, Sandhill and Johnville, drove me to the first named place for a most earnest Confirmation amongst a crowded and sympathetic congregation. I pray God and I believe that much good was done. After Service we drove back right through Lennoxville to Sherbrooke. It was a lovely day, a great contrast to the weather of the previous week, and consequently the drive was most enjoyable. After Tea with Canon and Mrs. Thorneloe we had a crowded Church at S. Peter's for Evening Prayer, and I preached on the Progress of Evil in the World, shewing there is nothing arbitrary about it, and that it is quite compatible with the perfect love of God. The next day was filled up with various engagements, including a very pleasant visit to Judge and Mrs. Brooks, after which I had the pleasure of giving the second of a course of Lectures on the History of the Church of England, illustrated by dissolving views. We had a large and appreciative audience, and no wonder, with such a Chairman as the Rector of Sherbrooke. Tues-

day morning, February 19th, saw me on my way home to Quebec, calling and transacting, in passing, some necessary business at Richmond where the Rev. James Hepburn is always on hand and helps to make one's passage comfortable. Such trips are a source of great happiness, and I always return to Quebec greatly refreshed.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A stated meeting of the Central Board was held on March the 19th, presided over by the Lord Bishop, and attended by seventeen members. A report of the Education and Depository Committee was presented and approved of: and a report from the Treasurer received, announcing an investment of \$10,000 at 5 per cent, and the receipt of a letter from the C. and C. Church and School Society advising the renewal of their grant of £130 for the current year. The Treasurer was instructed for the present to add to the capital the interest accruing from the Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund. A letter of thanks was read from the Rev. A. H. Robertson, for the grant of \$50, towards the Mission Chapel at Eaton Corner.

A letter from the Church Warden at Inverness, seeking permission to dispose of timber on a lot belonging to the Church Society, was referred to the Land Committee.

A letter was read from the Rev. T. S. Ball, asking for information regarding the management of the Nicolet Endowment Fund, and the cause of the recent depreciation of revenue therefrom. The Treasurer was asked to furnish a statement in reply to Mr. Ball's letter, to be forwarded by the Secretary. In reply to an enquiry as to the manner in which the names of "Incorporated Members" were to be published in the forthcoming Annual Report, the Secretary was directed to publish them in alphabetical order according to Parishes, and to include all members of 1893 and 1894.

One "Outfit" grant of \$100 was made to a young Clergyman entering upon work in a country mission. The condition of all such grants being, that if the recipient should leave the Diocese before the expiration of three years, a proportionate amount shall be refunded to the Society for the unexpired portion of that period.

Suggestions as to Worship.

The following Suggestions for Reverent Behaviour in Church have been commended to the Congregations in his Diocese by the Bishop of Vermont. They are so excellent that we print them for the benefit of our people everywhere.

Unnecessary conversation and all loud talking should be avoided in the Church at all times. A buzz of conversation, or a clatter of tongues, as soon as the clergyman has retired to the vestry is most unseemly. Some persons may wish to remain and pray over the words they have heard, or the gift they have received, and their devotion should not be disturbed; and all should depart as quietly as possible. Before Service, to be quiet is the best preparation for taking part in the worship.

It is a good custom for the congregation to rise when the clergyman enters the Church, and then to kneel with him for a silent prayer before the Service begins. (*See prayers at the end.*)

Kneeling on the knees, not sitting and bending forward, is the proper attitude for prayer. Benches must be made and arranged so as to render this possible.

The people should stand for the presentation of the Alms, and also while the Bread and Wine are prepared and offered.

At Holy Communion all should remain kneeling, if possible, while others are receiving.

Gloves should be removed before going forward to the rail.

The Sacramental Bread should be received into the palm of the right hand, and then reverently raised to the mouth.

The Cup should be taken into the hands of the communicant, or at least guided to the lips, though the minister may retain hold to steady it.

At a Burial the congregation, including the mourners, should take part in the Service as at other times, responding in the psalm and saying Amen at the end of the prayers.

So also at a Marriage when all care must be taken to impress upon everyone that is present the dignity of the rite.—“*The Solemnization of Matrimony.*”

At a Marriage the congregation should stand throughout the Service, the prayers being said over the bride and bridegroom.

Nothing should at any time be placed upon the Holy Table but what is actually used in the Celebration of the Holy Communion. Any ornaments or decorations should be upon a shelf behind.

A Prayer on Entering Church.

Lord, I am in Thy Holy House. Grant me a spirit of reverence and devotion. Drive from me all vain and evil thoughts. Hear my prayers for myself and for all for whom I am bound to pray. And grant me a share in the prayers of all Thy faithful people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A prayer that may be said silently with the Clergyman before the Service begins.

O Lord, graciously accept us drawing near to Thee in this Service. Bless Thy servant who leads our Worship. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. And pour upon us the abundance of Thy blessing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer after Service.

Pardon, O Lord, I beseech Thee, all the imperfections of our Service. Grant that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and show forth in our lives. Train us by our worship in Thy Church on earth for Thy perfect service hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Beautiful Hymn,

By the late Reverend Dr. Hatch, sometime Rector of the High School, Quebec.

I dared not hope that Thou wouldst deign to come
And make this lowly heart of mine thy home;
That Thou wouldst deign
O King of Kings to be
E'en for one hour a sojourner in me:
Yet art Thou always here to help and bless,
And lift the load of my great sinfulness.
I dared not ever hope for such a Guide
To walk with me my faltering steps beside,
To help me when I fall and when I stray
Constrain me gently to the better way;

Yec art Thou always at my side to be
 A Counsellor and Comforter to me.
 I do not go always where Thou dost lead,
 I do not always thy soft whispers heed,
 I follow other lights and in my sin,
 I vex with many a slight my Friend within ;
 Yet dost Thou not, though grieved, from me
 depart,
 But guardest still Thy place within my heart.

The Church of England Female Orphan Asylum.

The 66th annual meeting of the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum was held at the Asylum on Tuesday, March 5th, at 3 p.m. A number of visitors were present. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided and the Dean of Quebec, the Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. H. J. Petry and the Rev. L. V. Lariere were also present. After the opening prayers, the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read. The Bishop and the Dean then addressed the meeting and spoke words of kindness and encouragement to the children. The Dean also presented his annual prizes for the best collections of wild flowers. The boys of the Male Orphan Asylum were present as usual, as well as a number of the former inmates of the Institution, and all remained for the "T.A." provided for them.

SIXTY SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM, March, 1895.

The affairs of this Institution have gone on very satisfactorily since the last annual meeting. With the exception of two outbreaks of sickness, measles and whooping-cough, both of a mild type, our children have enjoyed perfect health.

Three children have been received into the Institution, and are quite happy in their new surroundings. Two of the girls have been confirmed, and three of the elder ones have been placed in situations, leaving 17 children under our care.

The Committee desire to express their continued satisfaction with the matron and governess, who are indefatigable in their care of the orphan children, and especially in times of

sickness, when their devotion is all that could be desired.

Much sorrow was felt at the sad news of the death of Mrs. Williams, for some years President of our Committee, and always a kind and sympathizing friend to the orphan children. Mr. W. G. Wurtele, another friend of the institution, and a member of the Advisory Committee, has also passed away.

With the assistance and advice of our Advisory Committee, the money which was lying in the Union Savings Bank has been invested in bonds and mortgages.

We most gratefully acknowledge the very handsome gift of \$750 from one of the benefactors of our Institution, the Hon. E. J. Price, and we desire thus publicly to tender to him our hearty thanks for his generosity.

The insurance on our building being considered insufficient, acting on the suggestion of one of our advisors, it has been increased to \$10,000.

Mr. F. Wurtele having tendered his resignation as auditor, Mr. J. R. H. White kindly consented to act in his stead, and the Advisory Committee has been increased by the addition of two new members, Colonel Forsyth and J. C. More, Esq.

In September Lady Aberdeen visited the Institution, and was received and conducted through it by the President and Secretary.

The Committee desire to tender their warmest thanks to all those friends of the Institution who have contributed to its welfare, especially to Dr. Sewell and Dr. Ievers, for their kind attention and services, to Mr. Dunbar, for his valuable legal advice on several occasions, and to Mr. Foote, for his kindness in sending the *Morning Chronicle* daily to the Asylum.

CAROLINE M. HALL,
 Acting-Secretary.

Members of Committee—Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. E. Sewell, Mrs. Colin Sewell, Mrs. F. Wurtele, Mrs. P. P. Hall, Miss Healey, Miss Burstall, Miss Forsyth, Miss Sewell, Miss Phillips and Miss Boswell.

President—Mrs. Dunn.

Secretary—Mrs. Colin Sewell.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. Wurtele.

Members of Advisory Committee—The Dean of Quebec, G. Veasey, Esq., Hon. E. J. Price,

E. J. Hale, E. J. Meredith, Esq., J. C. More, Esq., and Col. Forsyth.

Auditors—Erskine Scott, Esq., J. R. H. White, Esq.

Matron—Mrs. Browning.

Teacher—Miss Ord.

Woman's Auxiliary.

A quarterly meeting of the Quebec Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Church Hall, on Wednesday, March 20th, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Hunter Dunn presided. About fifty members were present.

The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Reports were read from the different secretaries.

It was reported the Treasurer had received \$78.00 in answer to the appeal lately sent to the Branches, asking for further contributions to the Japan and Education Funds.

Several letters and appeals were read.

Offerings were then taken up.

The following Resolutions were moved, and adopted :

"1. That the resignation of Miss Montizambert from the office of Diocesan Secretary, is a loss to our Society, that words can but partially convey, and that the present would be a fitting opportunity for giving expression to the affectionate esteem in which she is held, by presenting her with a Provincial Life Membership."

"2. That the sum of \$25.00 be given to the Bishop of Qu'Appelle for his school."

"3. That \$15.00 from the Domestic Mission Fund be given to Archdeacon Phair for the Indian Missions of the Diocese of Rupert's Land."

Branch Reports were read.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

THE EPIPHANY COLLECTIONS.

We are requested to draw the special attention of the Clergy and Church-Wardens to the fact that, by order of the Board of Management, the books of the Diocesan Treasurer will be closed on the

last day of June, instead of on the last day of July as formerly, and that no money received after June 30th, can be entered in this year's accounts.

The amounts received thus far, are as follows:—Quebec Cathedral, \$52.55; S. Matthew's, Quebec, \$373.83; S. Michael's, \$532.42; S. Paul's, \$9.47; S. Peter's, \$8.00; Barford, \$2.50; Dixville, \$0.96; Perryboro', \$1.54; Stanhope, \$1.00; Bourg Louis, \$3.50; Brompton, \$3.53; Windsor Mills, \$3.38; Bury, S. John's, \$3.50; Bury, S. Thomas, \$2.50; Cape Cove, \$9.67; Percé, \$4.25; Coaticook, \$3.80; North End, \$1.57; Compton, \$2.99; Cookshire, \$7.80; Eaton Corner, \$0.78; Drummondville, \$4.62; Frampton East, \$2.00; Frampton West, \$2.74; Gaspé Basin, \$5.25; Gaspé South, \$2.00; Hatley, \$9.66; Massawippi, \$0.60; Ayer's Flat, \$0.50; Glen Murray, \$3.65; Campbell's Corner, \$3.15; Ireland Upper, \$3.00; Ireland Lower, \$2.50; Kingscy, \$6.62; Denison's Mills, \$1.00; Sydenham Place, \$1.27; Lake Beauport, \$3.00; Stoneham, \$0.75; Leeds S. James' \$10.77; Kinnear's Mills, \$1.20; Beattie's Settlement, \$1.40; S. Sylvester, S. George's, \$1.31; Wilson's Hill School House, \$1.82; Lennoxville, Bishop's College, \$19.50; Lennoxville, \$7.00; Levis, \$5.49; Magog, \$5.33; Malbaie, \$3.32; Corner of the Beach, \$5.21; Melbourne, \$8.46; New Rockland, \$8.80; The Ridge, \$1.34; Milby, \$1.57; New Carlisle, \$4.92; Paspébiac, \$6.66; New Liverpool, \$25.91; Nicolet, \$1.00; Forestdale, \$3.65; Louiseville, \$1.00; Portneuf, \$2.92; Peninsula, \$8.40; Little Gaspé, \$5.65; Rivière du Loup, \$3.66; Sandy Beach, \$9.95; St. George, St. Peter's, \$3.50; Cranbourne, \$1.85; Cumberland Mills, \$1.50; Sherbrooke, St. Peter's, \$42.50; Shigawake, \$2.00; Port Daniel, \$3.01; Newport, \$2.35; Stanstead, \$4.21; Beebe Plain, \$1.83; Valcartier, \$1.00; Waterville, \$1.84; Capleton, \$1.00; North Hatley, \$1.16.

The following congregations have still to send in their collections; this should be done as soon as possible.

Acton Vale and Danby, Angus and Ascot Corner, Barnston and Ways Mills, Danville, Troutbrook, Kingsey Falls and Lorne, Marbleton and Dudswell centre, Krikdale, L'Avenir and South Durham, Fitch Bay and Georgeville, Hall's Stream, Averill and Hereford, Randboro' and Island Brook, Richmond, Scotstown, Lingwick and Canterbury, Agnes and Ditchfield, Three Rivers.

DISTRICT NEWS.

LEEDS.

The Rev. J. Rothera reports:—

The Bishop visited the Mission of Leeds on Sunday, January 20th. After taking two Services at Inverness, the Bishop was driven over from Campbell's Corner by Mr. John McKeage (Warden) to St. James' Church, Leeds, in time for the Confirmation Services in the evening. The Church was well filled. Seven persons were confirmed, including one adult. His Lordship gave an earnest and eloquent address to the candidates on the rite of Confirmation, shewing that it is founded on the scriptures, and that it was practised in the Church from the beginning.

Monday.—The Bishop was taken to St. Mark's Mission Kinnear's Mills. Three candidates were presented for Confirmation; after which the Bishop spoke to the Wardens and people about the change that was going to be made; he then returned to Leeds. In the evening, a Missionary meeting was held in St. James' Church. After prayers in behalf of Missions, and a hymn, the Bishop gave an address on Foreign and Domestic Missions. He showed the advancement Christianity has made abroad, viz: in India, Africa, China, and also spoke of the necessity of increasing the staff of workers in this Diocese, in order to carry on the mission work; consequently the Mission Fund required more help to carry out this needy and urgent work. A collection was made for Foreign Missions.

Tuesday.—The Bishop was taken to St. Matthew's, Beattie's Settlement. Six (three men, one woman and two youths) were confirmed, after which the Holy Communion was administered. Thirty-five communicated, including those who had just been confirmed. The Bishop returned to Leeds. In the afternoon he visited a few old people who were not able to be present at the Services. They appreciated the visit very much. In the evening, the Bishop was kindly entertained and met a few friends at Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

Wednesday.—The Bishop was driven down to St. Sylvester. There were no candidates for Confirmation. Divine Service was held in the Church. The Bishop preached an earnest sermon on St. John 3-16. After lunch, at Dr.

King's, he was driven down to St. Giles, which is about seventeen miles from Leeds. Two candidates were presented for Confirmation. The Bishop stayed all night at Mrs. Lefebauer's, at whose house the Clergy are always welcome.

Thursday.—His Lordship was taken to St. Agapit Station, G. T. R., by Mr. E. Crain, Warden. Thus ended a visit which cannot but result in good both to clergyman and people. May God add his blessing for Jesus Christ's sake.

SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports:—

During the week before Lent, a very successful entertainment was given in the Sandy Beach school-house, in aid of the finishing work of the Parsonage. It was got up by Miss Wood, the Model School teacher, entirely on her own responsibility, and the performance of the various pieces, dialogues, recitations, songs, etc., was very creditable, both to the place and the trainer: indeed, I have rarely seen better amateurs than were some of those who took part. The sum of \$61 was realized, and we are much indebted to Miss Wood for the trouble she took, and the efficient help she has thus rendered. I should like to say, also, what I intended but omitted to say, when speaking of the schools in my report to the Church Society, that both Miss Wood and Miss McGie, the teacher at Barachois, are co-operating heartily with me in the schools, and I think the interests of the Church are being advanced thereby.

We lately received the present of a very pretty quilt from the young ladies of the Mission, for which I here beg to thank them most heartily, and a peculiarity connected with the gift is deserving of notice. The quilt was taken all over the Mission and members of the Church had their names written on it, each one paying five cents. Thus we shall have the names of most of our parishioners always before us, as a kind of testimony of good-will—and I hope we shall ever remember this kindness—while the money so raised, about \$15—was applied to buying a pair of portieres for Mrs. Harding, as acknowledged on a former occasion.

I have lately begun to give instruction in vocal music, at the Sandy Beach school. It is given during the school hours, and for the immediate benefit of the school; and a number of the pupils are thus being taught to

ing by note, in class. This promises to be a successful venture, and may ultimately benefit the Church, to which most of the pupils belong.

Since Lent began, special Services, with a course of lectures and solemn supplication in the interests of temperance, have been held on Friday nights in the Church. These were well attended, and the people are co-operating heartily in the matter, so I have some hopes of good results.

INVERNESS.

The Rev. P. Roe writes :—

On the first Sunday in Lent, the Rev. R. A. Parrock, B.A., Bishop's Chaplain, paid his monthly visit to this Mission, to preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There was a good attendance at the Churches. At S. Stephen's, Mr. Parrock preached a very striking sermon on the Beatitudes, and administered the Holy Communion to 17 members. In the afternoon, he drove up to Campbell's Corner, and found a large congregation there to greet him. Mr. Parrock preached a seasonable sermon from Romans xii. 15. on Christian love and sympathy. Mr. Parrock drove over to Leeds, and preached there in the evening, returning to Quebec by Lyster Station on Monday. Mr. Parrock's visits, and his beautiful earnest addresses, are much appreciated by all the Church people.

MELBOURNE.

On Tuesday, the 12th of March, the Lord Bishop paid a visit to the Mission of St. John's. He arrived at Richmond by the G. T. R. at 2 p.m. He then drove out to make some visits among the people. The first visit was to Mrs. McKee who is the oldest lady in the Mission, and the oldest in the township. She has been in the Mission for the past sixty-three years, and has been a good member of the Church. The Bishop administered to her the Holy Communion, after this his Lordship visited Miss Weed, who has been ill for the past year.

In the evening his Lordship met a great number of the parishioners at Mrs. Gallup's and had tea with them. At 7.30, the Confirmation service was held in the Church, when seven Candidates were presented by the Incumbent, to receive the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost, the Rev. James Hepburn of St.

Ann's, Richmond, acting as Chaplain. The Church was very full; a large number from other denominations were present at the Service. Before the laying on of hands his Lordship spoke on Confirmation, proving it from Scripture and showing that the laying on of the hand was a custom in all ages for the conferring of blessings.

He then addressed the Candidates in a very earnest manner, exhorting them to be true to their profession, and as they were about to confess Christ openly before that congregation, he hoped that they would be true to their Heavenly Father.

After Silent Prayer his Lordship laid his hands upon them and confirmed them.

A second address was given by the Bishop to the congregation concerning their duty: 1st, in relation to God and 2nd, in relation to their fellowmen. He exhorted all to be like their Master in humility and self-sacrifice. That, as Christ humbled Himself, so ought we to humble ourselves to do His will, and as Christ offered Himself as a Self-Sacrifice, so ought we to offer ourselves to God.

The Service was then brought to a close by his Lordship pronouncing the Benediction.

Postscript.

The following subscriptions for 1895 have been received since our last issue :—

Rev. L. W. Williams (2), Rev. H. C. Stuart (3), Rev. G. H. Murray (6), Archdeacon Roe, Brompton (8), Prof. Wilkinson (4), Rev. E. King (2), Rev. G. R. Walters (32), Mr. Anderson, Levis (2), Dr. Heneker (4), Mr. Eckhardt (12), Mr. J. Miles (1), Mr. J. Hope (1), Mr. W. J. Smyth (2), Mr. T. W. Ward (1).

The January and February numbers of the present year are entirely out of print, and the Editor will be glad to allow full value for any of these numbers returned to him. The February number is especially required.

There are some spare copies on hand of last year's *Gazette*, with the exception of the January and September numbers, and the Editor will mail these gratis to any of the Clergy who may desire to distribute them as specimen copies.

Contributions for the May number should be sent in on or before April the 22nd.