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When Jesus Christ says, "No man can serve two masters," and "He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth." He rules out what men call "indifference" or "the indifferent attitude." "No man can serve two masters." No man can stand between two masters. We must make a choice. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." The first baptismal vow necessitates a second. To renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, necessitates faith in and loyalty to God, the spirit, and the Kingdom of God. To be at peace we must renounce evil, and cleave to that which is good.

We leave the state of condemnation to enter into the state of salvation. Once we were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. What an inestimable comfort there is for us in this pastoral idea of religions. Jesus is our Saviour in that He is our good Shepherd: He gathers us into the fold and there He is our Bishop, our Overseer. How thankful we should be to Him who calls us into the state of salvation! How shall we manifest our gratitude? By having Faith in Jesus Christ, and in His Message Faith is a theological virtue. "It is the steadfast assurance of the reality of things hoped for." By it the future and the unseen become real to us. Faith is essential to continuity in every walk in life. For this is the virtue that impels us to take the necessary steps in the dark. But Faith is more than this, "It is the assent of the disciple in regard to Christian doctrine." It involves assent to the revelation of God, obedience to the Will of God, and love of Him Who reveals and is revealed. Faith cannot be divorced from obedience and love. Holy Church teaches us that if we would be at peace, if we would be in a state of salvation, we must have Faith in the Faith. Now, according to the Catechism, the doctrines, which are necessarily to be believed, are contained in the Apostles' Creed. The English Church by thus making the Apostles' Creed the explanation of the Vow of Faith declares that all things necessary to salvation are found explicitly or implicitly in that synopsis. How careful we must be in our meditation upon the Creed. No one article can be eliminated without imperilling the whole. One article follows another quite logically. Of course the Creed makes no direct reference to the two Sacraments of the Gospel. But it is a synopsis, and, as such, it refers us back to the Scriptures and to the teaching of the Church. The duty of the Church is threefold. To preserve the Faith for generations unborn; to teach it to her children; and to disseminate it everywhere. The duty of the individual member of the Church is to accept the Faith as taught by the Church and to make it the greatest influence in his life. Holiness of living depends upon faithfulness to the Catholic Faith. For it is that Faith which presents Christ Jesus to us as the Sacrifice for sin, and also as an example of godly life. And when we accept that revelation of Jesus He becomes the Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls.

After Easter.

Easter has come and gone. Vestry meetings have been held, and now the Church will be looking forward to the meetings of the Synods. Time passes swiftly and it will not be many weeks before they will be upon us. Meantime it would be a gain to the Church were the lay delegates, old and new to turn to the Synod Journals of last year and refresh their memories and inform themselves on the business then transacted. It would not take much time and would be an excellent preparation for the work to be done this year.

The Advantage of Preparation.

"I cannot possibly spare time for the thorough study the business of a Synod committee calls for, and at the same time keep up with the demands of my profession upon me," said an elderly barrister in large practice to the writer some years ago. This remark showed a proper appreciation of the serious responsibility which rests on the committee men of our Church, and the absolute need of proper preparation for the effective discharge of their duties by members of Church committees. Adequate preparation is an essential of success in the work of the world. Why should it be omitted in the case of the work of the Church?

Time's Whirligig.

An interesting instance of the constant change in earthly things is noted by the Scottish Chronicle. A few years after the battle of Bannockburn (in this characteristic way our contemporary fixes the date) the Scots' College, of Paris, was founded. Many leading Scotsmen, among them George Buchanan, Mair and Robert Barclay studied there. When Louis XVIII. was restored after Napoleon's fall, the college passed into the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. In consequence of the recent quarrel with the Vatican it has come into the possession of the French Government. The St. Andrew's University Court have prayed the King to accept an offer made by the Government to restore the college to its original uses. Were this offer generally known, we are sure that all Scots both at home and abroad would support St. Andrew's.

The Colonial Clergy Act.

It has been officially announced that at the coming meeting in London the privileges of colonially ordained clergy will be discussed and the vexed question disposed of. The question is a very disagreeable one, chiefly because it is impossible to discuss it as a purely academic matter, free from feeling or prejudice. Colonial Bishops in the days that the Act became law were looked on as occupying an inferior position to those prelates who held an English or an Irish See. The feeling, absurd as it was, lasted long, indeed we doubt whether it has disappeared. Would it even yet be possible to conceive a colonial born, bred and ordained priest being as acceptable to an English diocese as one to the manor born, however inferior and unfitted possibly as compared to the colonial. Yet the hand of change is telling in England as everywhere and the era of nominated Bishops is rapidly drawing to a close. It may end at any time. The late Georges, who were English and not Hanoverian, treated the right of nomination as their own personal prerogative, and so in her younger days did her late Majesty. The English Bench has on the whole been excellent, the most unpopular when appointed have sometimes died the most loved and respected. Whatever mode of selection may be chosen there are sure to be some mistakes. But the next time a name to which a Dean and Chapter conscientiously object to elect, and have the courage of their convictions, will end the present system. Any attempt to put in force the unknown terrors of premonition would be useless. The folly, if tried, of sending a Cathedral Chapter to prison would be felt to be such an outrage that it would never be successful and statesmen-appointed Bishops would disappear.

Our Restrictions.

But when the Bishops of Quebec, Nova Scotia and Calcutta were consecrated it was enacted that no person admitted to Holy Orders by them or by any other Bishop or Archbishop than those of England or Ireland should be capable of officiating in these countries without special permission from the Archbishop in whose province he proposed to officiate. Worse followed. Any Bishop of England or Ireland might ordain for the colonies and the person so ordained might hold preferment in either country on certain conditions. But if a colonial Bishop should, in these countries, with a Bishop's consent, ordain for his own diocese, such person "shall be incapable in any way or on any pretence whatever of at any time holding any parsonage, etc., or of officiating at any place or in any manner as a minister of the Established Church of England and Ireland." This Act is, of course, and happily, obsolete. The lame excuse was made that the clergy ordained and sent out from England were inferior in education to those

staying at home. This idea was quite unfounded. Circumstances have now altogether changed. Instead of a few emigrant clergy, there is an army scattered all over the world quite the equal of the average English incumbent. And our readers by taking thought can remember, not only returned English, but native born Canadian, working as worthily in England as their English brethren are in Canada. The situation is in this aspect the reverse of what it was when the Act was passed. But the natural desire to go to or return to England and be received on equality remains. And the need of some mode of selection and of excluding undesirables remains also.

French Bishops.

In speaking of the Colonial Clergy Act we criticised the present system of selecting English Bishops. As commentary on the variations which changed times require in this, like other matters, we have the recent experience of the French Church, according to M. Julien de Narfon. After the Separation Law came into force the Bishops of a province in which a vacancy occurred were invited to send to Rome the names of the three persons, in the opinion of the majority, best fitted for the vacant See. Then the Bishops were directed to send their own individual preferences in sealed envelopes. It has now been decided that every Bishop in France is to send to Rome, once a year, the names of the three persons who are, in his opinion, best qualified to succeed to the Episcopate. The Vatican is, however, always free to select any priest as Bishop, whether his name has been suggested or not.

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Church Methods.

In having a good word for the adaptive faculty of our farmer we are led to think that there are many practical and progressive ways in which our Church leaders and workers could study and apply this excellent principle. We wish distinctly to be understood that we refer simply to the weekly round of duty in parish or mission. And as this is a large and important subject upon which there must be a great deal that is fresh, interesting and suggestive to be said, we invite our readers in short pithy letters to frankly express their views. We are sure the Easter vestries have set many people thinking on new and better plans of Church work. Progress means not only thought but action.

Immigration.

We are reaping a most regrettable harvest from our hasty and ill-judged emigration sowing. The rapid increase in crime in Canada, from theft to murder, co-incident with the large influx of immi-

grants goes to prove that the people should seriously begin to put proper restraint on the governing powers in the interest of their own protection in life and property. Why should Government agents be permitted to increase the number of paupers and criminals by encouraging indiscriminate emigration from the Old World to Canada. It is a positive injury to this young country in the matter of emigration to place numbers before quality. It is all very well for the political place hunter who bears the name of "Emigration Agent" to rush large numbers of men across the sea to fill up the empty spaces of this Great Dominion. It is quite another thing to the Canadian farmer, who dreads to leave his wife unprotected on the farm, and to the city resident whose dread of burglary and a variety of other crimes has largely increased of late.

CHARACTER IN POLITICS.

The career of the late Duke of Devonshire furnishes a striking illustration of a truth, which we "Americans" are in constant danger of forgetting, viz., the inestimable value of character in our public men. One ounce of character is worth a pound of mere cleverness. The question has been and often is asked, and has been answered in various ways, "What is the difference between a statesman and a politician." Our reply would be the difference between a man of character and a man of mere ability, the difference between the man of fixed principles and the man whose principles are a second thought, between, in a word, the man who follows his principles and the man who makes his principles follow him. A few years ago we frequently heard the saying, "Measures not men." This was levelled at the rancorous, unreasoning party feeling rife in those days, which impelled people to vote blindly for certain individuals, irrespective of the great issues at stake. And, no doubt, in those days the caution was badly needed, and to a certain extent it is today. But only to a certain extent, and in a minor degree. Far more urgently do we need the warning, "Men not measures." For as long as human society holds together, and any form of government, representative, or non-representative, exists, personality will be the supreme and decisive factor in public affairs. It matters not how "democratic" its form may be, character will always remain the one great, potent and ruling force, and the man who possesses it, will lead. Indeed, so far as can be judged, this principle is especially influential in democratic communities. Our race is not given to hero worship, rather the opposite, but in what country in modern times has personal character counted for so much, as in the ultra democratic United States. Where has personal leadership bulked more largely than in this country, whose rulers are supposed to be the creatures and mouthpieces of the people? In what country do people more generally admire, and enthusiastically respond to a man "With a mind of his own," than in the States. This capacity of the Americans to respond to the leadership of character in their public men, this capacity for hero worship, has been, and will remain, their political salvation. Character in American as in Canadian politics, alas, is rare enough, but as yet the supreme hour has always brought the man round whom the "common people" have rallied, and given a new and higher trend to the national consciousness and life. In England, which under monarchical forms is a still more democratic country than the United States, character has always ruled supreme in public life, not fitfully and spasmodically as on this side of the Atlantic, but permanently and continuously. English public life, from the time of the Tudors until the present day, has always been more or less infested with time-serving, self-seeking "professional" politicians. People, who deplore the alleged lowered tone of British politics, should transport them-

selves back to the Stuart and early Hanoverian periods, to the days of the "Cabal" and Walpole. Those were the palmy days of the "professional politician," when men were in politics for what they could get out of them. But even then character on the whole ruled, and since the days of the great Earl (Chatham) "the terrible cornet of horse," till now it may safely be said that the supreme destinies of the Empire have been guided by men of the highest personal character, by good, clean men, in other words by that noblest specimen of mankind (when you get him) the English gentleman. Of this class of men, whom we make bold to say are the peculiar glory of the dear old Mother Land, the late Duke of Devonshire was a shining, but by no means a solitary, example. His death has been referred to as closing an epoch in English politics. Nothing of the sort. He leaves behind him, we feel assured, many worthy representatives of his class, of men who with every temptation to indolence resolutely sacrifice their own ease and enjoyment to a sense of public duty, and whose service of their country is as absolutely unselfish and devoid of personal self-seeking, as any course of human action can possibly be. Thank God the English Parliament is still full of such men, most of them, it must be admitted, directly or indirectly connected with the aristocracy. Thackeray has poured the vials of his withering scorn upon the average Englishman's reverence for titles, but isn't there a solid foundation for this, unacknowledged it may be, but none the less real. Who after all have deserved so well of their countrymen as the English titled class. The Duke of Devonshire has passed away as Lords Salisbury, Palmerston, Russell, Derby, Granville, and others whom we remember have gone, leaving the splendid legacy of noble and inspiring memories. But there are plenty of others to take their place, and so long as this is the case, so long as we have such living leaders as Lords Rosebery, Curzon, Milner, Cromer, Lansdowne, Minto, Elgin, Grey, Messrs. Balfour, Chamberlain, Churchill, etc., etc., there is no reason to be anything but optimistic about the future of our race and Empire.

THE ENGLISHMAN IN CANADA.

While recently sentencing an English immigrant of weak mind, who had been found guilty of homicide, Sir W. R. Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario, is reported to have made the astounding statement that according to a high medical expert, "At least sixty per cent. of the immigrants now pouring into Canada are degenerates." And so Sir William lends his universally and deservedly honoured name to the agitation, that is now being carried on in some quarters, in favour of restricting and discouraging British immigration. Why is it that whenever an immigrant of English blood happens to get into a scrape, the fact is eagerly, not to say greedily, pounced upon, and blazoned by the press throughout the continent. The criminal escapades of other nationalities are not so treated. The fact of their Irish or Scottish origin may be casually mentioned, but that is all, while the misdeeds of Englishmen are made as prominent and glaring as all the resources of the printer's art can devise. Why is this? Is there a grudge against Englishmen in this fair Canada of ours, that is bound to find expression. It would almost appear that there is. But beyond the irritation caused by the somewhat overbearing manners of a certain class of Englishmen, and only be it remembered a certain class, is there any solid foundation for this wide and loudly expressed impression, which reaches its climax in the amazing statement of the Chief Justice. Are the English immigrants, who, during the past five years, have entered this country by the hundreds of thousands, as a class moral, mental and physical degenerates, whose presence among us is a standing menace to the general well-being

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of the community? Are sixty out of a hundred of these newcomers unfitted by their criminal propensities, their lack of physical stamina, and their defective mentality for Canadian citizenship? To us, whose experience of the country extends over considerably more than a quarter of a century, such a statement is a monstrous and outrageous libel upon a race, who while making due allowance for the work of other nationalities, has according to unimpeachable statistics, taken the leading part in the conquest of this great continent. Last year a number of very interesting articles appeared in Munsey's Magazine on the various nationalities in America, the Irish, the Scotch, the German, etc. In that devoted to the English in America the statement was made, that a careful analysis of the distinguished "foreigners" resident to-day in the United States establishes the fact that the largest percentage of any single nationality is composed of persons of English birth. Among the vast number of Englishmen, who during the past few years have taken up their residence in Canada, it cannot but happen that a certain percentage of them are what may be fairly called "degenerates or undesirables." How could it be otherwise, especially when one considers the fact that probably the majority of these immigrants were residents of large congested towns? But to us the wonder and marvel is that the number of such undesirables is so small. As diligent students of the daily press we cannot recall more than at most a dozen or fifteen cases of crime among English immigrants during the past five years. Call it twenty, and you have an average during this period of four per annum out of, say, 250,000 people, surely a marvellously low percentage. But these isolated cases have been trumpeted throughout the length and breadth of the land, and magnified (unconsciously) in the minds of the general public by continual reproduction, the misdeeds of Englishmen being apparently universally acceptable "copy" to the average Canadian journalist. If these statistics are questioned by our readers, let careful research be made in our criminal records for this period. We await the results of such an investigation with perfect composure. Regarding one particular class of Englishmen upon whose heads unbounded contempt has been poured, viz., the "gentleman's son," whose futile attempts at farming have almost become proverbial, there is this in common justice to be said. These young fellows, who come out here, generally with a few thousands of dollars in their pockets, and strongly imbued with the desire for an open air life have received a training which renders them especially "soft subjects" for the unscrupulous. They have been brought up in an atmosphere of truthfulness and honourable dealing, and among people whose word is as good as their bond. Naturally, therefore, the least suspicious of mortals, and regarding everyone else as honest and as truthful as themselves, they are easily taken in. Belonging to a class, who on principle seldom or ever bargain among themselves, they accept every man's word as a matter of course, and pay the price they are asked. Such young men consequently are "fair game" for a certain class of people, and are, no doubt, most unmercifully fooled and imposed upon in business transactions, owing to their guileless honesty. And then "adding insult to injury" the same individuals turn round and denounce their victims as "worthless and useless," and hold them up to contempt as "remittance men," etc., and so prejudice the whole community against a class of young men, who in other parts of the Empire have done, and are doing, magnificent work as officers in the Army and Navy, civil servants in India, administrators in Egypt, pioneers in South Africa, planters in the East and West Indies, and sheep farmers in our Australasian possessions. Where and what would the Empire to-day have been had it not been for the "younger son," for Clive, Hastings, Rhodes, Rajah Brooke, all Englishmen and members of this (in Canada) despised class of gentlemen's

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sons. Why is it that this class, so brilliantly successful everywhere else, is unsuccessful in Canada? Is the fact, if it is a fact, more discreditable to themselves or to Canada? It is high time that this silly popular delusion, or obsession, regarding Englishmen received its quietus.



THE FALL OF MAN.

Being the second lecture of a three months' course teaching the Book of Genesis, in St. George's Parish Church, Montreal, by the Rev. Dr. Paterson Smyth.

Genesis III.

Last Sunday we learned the Creation Story as the old child-races of the world received it thousands of years ago. We saw what reason there was to believe that there was what in some rough-sense might be called a "Bible before the Bible,"—that the stories of the Creation, the Fall, the Flood, were great inspired legends of the child-races of the world ages before the present Book of Genesis, in which they stand. You remember the two chief lessons of the Creation Story for the old-world races.

(1) That it was GOD Who created the heavens and the earth—GOD, not some great crocodile or white bull which the Egyptians worshipped, or some crowd of warring lustful deities as the old Greeks and Chaldeans thought, but one God holy and righteous who created the heavens and the earth.

(2) That Man was the crown and blossom of this creation, greater than the mighty mammoth or the huge mountain, or even the glorious sun in the heavens, because of all creation He alone was akin to God, able to feel with God, able to be in sympathy with God about right and wrong. Man was akin to God, with God's nature in him. He thus stands apart from all the rest of creation, "God breathed into his nostrils, . . . living soul."

I.

We have a difficult subject before us to-day which needs careful handling. We are studying the infancy of humanity these earliest members of our race as they came fresh from the hand of God. Never mind the question of evolution just now. Keep the problem as simple as possible.

First comes an important question concerning the Fall. What was the condition of these first members of our race? It seems to have been one of perfect innocence, the innocence of infancy—good dispositions, good desires, no knowledge of evil, no temptation to it. It was a sweet, peaceful, happy state, the state of a child who has never heard of wrong.

But we must not exaggerate the value of this. We should be much mistaken if we thought that primeval man was a God-like being because he was made in "God's image after His likeness." If he were he could not have fallen. The meaning is plain enough. God had just made the brute creatures who were not "in His image." Now comes a great step upward, a being with personality, consciousness, freedom of will, conscience, moral responsibility, a being also of purity and innocence, a being unto whom, whatever it may mean, "God breathed the breath of life and man became a living soul." And thus man was like his Maker, in His image, after His likeness.

I think that is all that the Bible means. You will make the story of the Fall much harder to understand if you exaggerate the condition of primeval man. For there is a common notion that the first of our race were a sort of lofty, divine, celestial, glorified beings, somewhat like angels from which lofty state it is thought man fell. Keep strictly to the Bible and you will perhaps be surprised to learn that it says nothing of the kind. Primeval man is described in Scripture much in the same way as science describes him as a helpless, naked, undeveloped being, living on the fruits of the earth—with no clothes and no shelter, and so little God-like that he collapses at the first temptation of the devil.

His greatness lay in the glorious destiny that God had set before him. Imperfect as he was, he was the climax of God's creation, the lord of God's world, differing from all the rest of the creatures in his spiritual kinship with God.

His condition then I repeat was one of innocence, the innocence of infancy. Good dispositions, good desires, no knowledge of evil, no temptation to it. It was a sweet peaceful innocent state, the state of a child who has never heard of wrong.

II.

That is the first stage in the life of humanity. Now what is the next stage?

Is not innocence and freedom from sin enough? What more could God want in His creature?

What more could God want, do you ask! What more than a baby soul! No character in it! Should you be content with that stage of spiritual growth for your child? That he should remain in his present stage of baby innocence with no character really formed in him? If so you must have a very poor ambition for your child.

Now give the closest attention to what I am about to say. "Innocence is not by any means the highest stage of goodness. Innocence is only a baby stage. Righteousness is the higher stage. And God will not be content without Righteousness, which means innocence maintained in the face of temptation. Innocence is not Righteousness. Innocence belongs to the untried child who has never known evil. Righteousness belongs to the developed saint who knows evil and has been tempted by evil, but by the grace of God has conquered at the last."

God desired righteousness for His creatures. God desired character just as you do for your innocent undeveloped baby. But for this there must first come to them the "knowledge of good and evil,"—the knowledge of it even as God knows it. For God surely knows evil; as a something hateful and revolting; as a thing outside of Him altogether. And man must also know it thus, else he can never make a deliberate choice of good; never rise into the glory of moral manhood. Unless one knows both good and evil, and deliberately chooses the good, it is clear that there can be no real character.

Make no mistake here. Men sometimes say, "a man must know life," "must sow his wild oats," etc., which means that he must know evil by partaking of it. God forbid! "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." For all growth of character it is necessary to have to keep choosing between good and evil, and, therefore, to know evil; but the evil must be known as God knows it—as a thing external and to be detested.

It is most important to keep in mind this distinction between Innocence and Righteousness. Earnest, godly people often talk sentimentally about the innocence of childhood; of their regret for it, as compared with their present state of temptation and struggle. We find the sentiment frequent in poetry. You remember Hood:—

"I remember, I remember
The fir-trees dark and high,
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky.
It was a childish ignorance,
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heaven
Than when I was a boy."

Perhaps he was, but perhaps he was not. At any rate, character can only be formed by means of temptation. That is God's will for man, and there is no use in trying to avoid it. You know how a mother would like to keep her boy always in her sight, that no evil should ever be seen or heard by him. She is afraid of school life; afraid of business life. She wants to keep her darling in the innocent stage always. It is very pathetic; but she must learn that her child, too, must come to the knowledge of good and evil, though she will pray that he may come to it by conquering the wrong. He must know good and evil. He must choose. This is God's will. All she can do is to spend her soul in prayer and effort that her boy may be nobly trained against the days of temptation.

III.

Now come to our story. Adam and Eve are before us in the lovely world that God has made for them. They have got a fair and beautiful start in life, more so than any of us who are already tainted. They have good dispositions, good desires, no knowledge of evil, or temptation to it. They are like happy children in the presence of the great Father. But their testing-time must come. God is too desirous of good for them to spare them that. And so immediately following the story of their creation come the story of their testing, and, alas! their fall. Look at the picture in the old child-story, Adam and Eve are in a beautiful garden. In the midst of it is a tree with a mystical name—the Tree of Life, and, more prominent still, for the purpose of the story, another mystical tree—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, (very curious names if real literal trees were meant); and lurking near this tree a serpent which speaks to them words of temptation to sin and doubt about God. Nobody can read that story without feeling that there is something meant more than the mere literal story. The talking serpent and the trees with their mystical names suggest at once that, though it is a narration of facts of vital importance to each of us, yet that these facts are presented to us under an

allegorical shape. What is meant by the serpent? We get no hint in the story that it is anything but an ordinary serpent; but the book of Revelation tells of "that old serpent the devil." It tells us also of a Tree of Life, which means eternal life and eternal communion with God. "Blessed are they who do His commandments, that they may have a right to the Tree of Life."

And what is the meaning of the other tree? What I have already said will suggest it at once. In some way—perhaps by forbidding them to eat of a literal tree; perhaps in some other way—the alternative of right and wrong is presented to the minds of our first parents, and they are forced to make a choice of good or evil. In the presence of this alternative, the old childlike innocence is no longer possible. They must rise into conscious right-doing, or fall into conscious wrong. They never again now can be just as they were. A new consciousness has come into their lives, the discernment of good and evil.

Now you will probably see less difficulty in the question why God did not save them from this temptation of the serpent. No human life can grow into righteousness without temptation. From the childlike innocence in which man was created he must pass into the higher condition of moral manhood. He must no longer merely do good instinctively. He must rise into the doing of good in the presence of evil; keeping his innocence unstained in the face of temptation. Alas! that this rise should be only possible at the risk of falling! But that seems the great law of the spiritual life. Gains are always won at the risk of corresponding losses; victories at the risk of corresponding defeats. Every temptation that comes to us is an illustration. It is an opportunity of gain at the risk of a loss; an opportunity of victory at the risk of defeat.

Alas! that our first parents chose the wrong! By that "disobedience sin entered into the world, and death by sin." Shame and sorrow came into their lives; and conscience, latent perhaps before, sprang into conscious existence in their wretched self-condemnation.

It has been said that if latent conscience thus sprang into conscious existence, the Fall was really a "fall upward." Oh, no! there was no need of any fall. Conscience would just as easily have sprung into conscious existence in glad self-approval of man had conquered. Sin is sin and fall is fall, even though valuable lessons are learned through the defilement.

And the race is still suffering the consequences of the fall. Not that God punishes us for what a man and woman did thousands of years ago. No. But that the evil thing has "got into our blood." Heredity has a powerful influence. We are a good deal the resultant of those who came before us. That is what we mean by original sin. And that is why we need so sorely the blessed promise of God, that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

IV.

"A mere child-story," says somebody, "about a man and a woman and a tree and a talking serpent."

Yes, it is a child-story,—it was intended as a child-story for the child-races of the old world. I have been specially emphasizing that for you.

But, oh, was there ever another such marvellous child-story—such deep knowledge of the human heart, such close analysis of the nature of sin! Could anything but the play of the Holy Spirit on their souls have taught the old child-races to produce a parable such as that—a parable simple enough for the big children of the time, and yet deep enough for all after-ages of mental and spiritual growth. The child learns it in Sunday School and feels that it means much more than it says. The devout student of history and science reads it and feels that it gives the essential truths about the tragedy of human struggle. The sorrowful, repentant sinner reads it as he bows down ashamed before God, and he feels that this picture of the sin of primeval man is exactly the picture of his own sin. Just follow it with me.

"Now the serpent was more subtle than all the beasts of the field," etc. Don't you know how you have felt that after any sin. How you hated the cunning, crawling, serpent that could creep through any hole and treacherously coil himself around you.

Then you read how the woman looked and kept looking instead of fleeing from temptation—the looking led to longing. She saw that the forbidden fruit was pleasant to the eye and good for food, and a thing to be desired to make one wise. And the serpent said to the woman, Hath God really said that you must not eat of it? Are you sure it is a sin? And then he grew bolder. "Ye shall not surely die." "And the woman took and did eat, and gave also to her husband and he did eat."

And as you read you know that that is exactly your own story.

And then immediately deep shame fell on them, "the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And when they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amid the trees of the garden." And the stern accusation of God met them, "What hast thou done?" And the man said, It was not quite my fault. And the woman said, It was not quite my fault.

Is not that like your own story. When you had done the sin then came the deep shame and the hiding from God, and the feeling that you were naked and the effort to excuse yourself, and to put the blame on circumstances. And all the time you knew that God was after you. Alone in the midnight again and again came that stern voice ringing through your conscience, What hast thou done. Hast thou eaten of the fruit whereof I commanded that thou shouldest not eat?

And then the naked, shame-hunted creatures banished from Eden, and the toil and struggle, and the dead son, and the murderer flying from the face of man were God's silent answer to the devil's lie. "Thou shalt not surely die. Thou shalt not necessarily suffer for thy sin."

Does not that old child-story of the child-races of the world exactly describe your case? And if we are right in believing that those old legends of the Creation and the Fall were known to the old world men ages before the Book of Genesis was written,—does it not strike you as likely that God's Holy Spirit had to do with it, and that the fools who sneer at the old world child-story of the man and the woman and the talking serpent, and the nakedness—well that they are fools.

V.

There is one thought more before we close the chapter. It tells that when the man and woman had done the devil's bidding and grieved and disappointed God, when in the shame of their sin they no longer felt fit for God's eye and vainly tried to cover their nakedness with a few leaves, then the Lord God made a covering for them,— "made them coats of skins and clothed them."

I wonder if that is intended to be part of the spiritual lesson I should think it is, because it comes after the wonderful prophecy, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head."

Does it mean the loving mercy of God Who did not want His poor shamed hiding creatures to be shamed and hiding for ever, and so provided a covering for their nakedness? Does it mean that God would not leave them alone, that He must still watch over and care for and come down to suffer with these poor children of His whom He had created? That is true at any rate whether the story means to teach it or not. God cannot let us go, Christ cannot give us up in spite of our sins.

His voice still comes as we tramp on,
With a sorrowful fall in its pleading tone,
"Thou wilt tire in the dreary ways of sin,
"I left my home to bring thee in
"In its golden street are no weary feet;
"Is rest is pleasant, its songs are sweet,"
And we rush back angrily, hurrying on
To a terrible home where rest is none,
"We want not your city's gilded street, nor to hear
its constant song."

Yet still Christ keeps on loving us,
Loving all along.

The Churchwoman.

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Ottawa.—St. John's.—The annual meeting of this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary took place last week in St. John's Hall. The meeting was conducted by the Rev. Canon Pollard, and was a very interesting one, the reports showing satisfactory work done in all branches. The receipts for the year totalled \$155.74, and expenditure \$147.43. One bale was sent out and a number of scarfs knitted for the lepers. The officers appointed for the year are: Honorary President, Mrs. Pollard; President, Mrs. Cuzner; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Capp, Mrs. Cope; Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Morris; Treasurer, Miss Grist; Dorcas Secretary, Miss Cushing; Leaflet Secretary, Miss Bloomfield; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Thompson; Box Secretary, Mrs. Johnson; Extra-cent-a-day Treasurer, Mrs. Code. The report of the Children's Branch was given and the following officers elected: President, Miss Florence Cushing; Treasurer, Miss O. Jones; Secretary, Miss Ellard; Superintendent, Mrs. Charles Hickman.

Mrs. Capp, president of the newly organized Girls' Auxiliary, gave the report for that Branch. On the conclusion of the business Mrs. Spencer Walton, of South Africa, gave a short address on "Missionary Work," and Canon Kittson also spoke, taking as his subject "The Greatness of Little Things."

Shoal Lake.—St. Paul's.—The Woman's Auxiliary of this parish had their Easter sales of useful and fancy articles on the Wednesday in Easter week, and considering the closeness of the money market, a good sum was realized, the ladies working heart and hand together to make it a success, and to encourage and cheer their President, Mrs. Wood, who, through illness, caused by an accident, was unable to be present. Many thanks are due to all the Woman's Auxiliary members for their help and generous support.

KOOTENAY.

Kaslo.—St. Mark's.—This is the third annual report of this Parochial Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. "Dear Madam President, and Fellow Members of the Woman's Auxiliary,—At the end of our third year's work it is very delightful to be able to report progress, progress both financial and numerical, may God grant that in his sight our spiritual life may be one of real progression also, lest that while we are active in helping to raise money to send missionaries to heathen lands we ourselves might prove to be, in the immortal words of St. Paul, 'Cast-a-ways.' Since our last annual meeting nine regular monthly meetings have been held and six special meetings. Our Honorary President represented us at the March District Board meeting; our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer represented us at the annual meeting in May; our Honorary President in September, and our President in December, all of which meetings were held in Nelson. In June we were regretfully compelled to accept the resignation of our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, the former office has since been vacant, and the latter has been coupled with that of Secretary; this disappointment was somewhat lessened by the increase of three new members, also in June, none of which, however, could be induced to accept office. In conjunction with the Ladies' Guild we have held three entertainments and sales during the past year: May day sale 1907, our annual sale in October 29th, 1907, and Shrove Tuesday social sale on March 3rd, 1908, all of which were very successful financially. We have paid our pledge of \$10 towards Miss Wade's salary; we have also sent \$5 to the Indian School at Metlakatla. We paid 90 cents affiliation fees for 1907. We also sent \$1, the amount of the collection at St. Andrew's Day service to Nelson to be included in their Pan-Anglican Congress offering, and a small parcel of odds and ends of silk and velvet to Miss Riddell's Leper Home in Japan. We have also paid \$6 for the Synod assessment, while in our own parish we have paid the churchwardens a sum of \$25 to help at a deficit in the vicar's stipend, purely unavoidable by a monthly deficit of \$9.50, owing to removals and other causes. We also have paid \$20 to date for the heating and cleaning of the church for the past five months, and with the kind assistance of the Guild of \$10 we have been enabled to make the church much more comfortable by having cocoa-nut matting laid on the aisle, choir stalls, entrance from the vestry and organ recess. We have also, with the Guild, paid \$12 for tuning the old organ, our half being \$6, financially this means that we have paid \$67.45 to our home church, while we have only sent to missions (including our \$6 for Synod assessment) \$22.90, just about one-third of our net receipts, instead of one-half, which it was the original intention of our Branch to devote to missions, however, we must 'be just before being generous,' and it would not seem consistent Christianity to leave our churchwardens in debt while we sent money to help pay the salaries of outside missionaries. We start this year with fourteen members' names on our roll, instead of nine, as at the beginning of last year. 'The future we may face now, we have proved the past,' S. Helena Nash Keen, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary."

"Where wert thou, brother, those four days?
There lives no record of reply,
Which, telling what it is to die,
Had surely added praise to praise."

Kindness is catching, and if you go around with a thoroughly developed case, your neighbours will be sure to get it. Be kind one to another.

Home & Foreign Church News
From our own Correspondents.

NOVA SCOTIA.

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

Halifax.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, F. Rhind, R. B. Taylor; Delegates to Synod, R. E. Hains, T. Mowbray; Substitutes, H. E. Mahon, G. W. G. Bonner. Receipts, \$15,200.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, G. A. Woodhill, H. St. C. Silver; Delegates to Synod, J. T. Wylde, E. D. Tucker; Substitutes, G. A. Woodhill, J. Morrow. Receipts, \$3,862.31; disbursements, \$4,057.51.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. Tenell, H. R. Silver; Delegates to Synod, G. W. Rennels, D. H. Whiston; Substitutes, J. W. De Wolf, J. Hanahar. Receipts, \$3,419.88; disbursements, \$3,191.69.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. O. Kaizer, A. G. French; Delegates to Synod, A. G. French, W. E. Brokenstine; Substitutes, G. Shaffer, J. G. Colp. Receipts, \$18,184.80; disbursements, \$18,145.24.

St. Matthias.—Wardens, H. C. Garrison, A. E. B. Dauphinee; Delegates to Synod, J. E. Parker, G. E. M. Stephens; Substitutes, N. Hubley, E. L. Lydiard. Receipts, \$1,913.09; disbursements, \$1,740.

St. Stephen's.—Receipts, \$1,983.11; disbursements, \$1,923.51.

The Church of England Institute has appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:—Managing Committee, A. H. Whitman, chairman; A. deB. Tremaine, R. A. Johnson, C. I. D. Moffat, C. F. Worrell, Dr. F. W. Stevens; the president, 1st vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, and general secretary are ex-officio members of the committee. Membership committee, Thomas Brown, chairman, president ex-officio, the vice-president (ex-officio), James Terrell, C. I. D. Moffat, William LeViscote, C. A. Prescott, James Howe, C. A. Kaizer. Lecture and Entertainment Committee, R. A. Whitman, chairman; Rev. K. C. Hind, A. W. L. Smith, Dr. F. W. Stevens, T. Abbot Cumming, F. W. Bissett, I. R. Harris. Religious Work Committee, A. B. Wiswell, chairman; Rev. A. R. Beverley, C. A. Evans, G. W. Mitchell, H. Lindsay, J. M. Donovan, D. J. Findlay, Rev. C. W. Vernon, secretary. Sub-Committee for Billiards, A. deB. Tremaine, chairman; A. Clifford Wiswell, R. H. Arundell, J. B. McRobert, C. M. Wright, J. W. Merkel. Sub-Committee for Gymnasium, C. F. Worrell, chairman; N. C. Mitchell, C. A. Prescott, T. H. G. Strachan, C. F. Smith. Sub-Committee for Literature, Thomas Brown, chairman; E. L. Fenerty, R. H. Brown, Rev. W. H. Bullock and Maynard Bowman. Visiting Sick Committee (volunteer), A. deB. Tremaine, Thos. Brown, A. B. Wiswell, Rev. W. H. Bullock, Rev. C. W. Vernon. Fabric Committee, R. A. Johnson, chairman; G. E. E. Nichols, Thomas Brown, G. A. Woodhill; the president and secretary are ex-officio members of all committees.

Yarmouth.—Holy Trinity.—Wardens, J. B. Gray, C. E. Filleul; Delegates to Synod, G. P. Baker, W. A. Godfrey; Substitutes the two Churchwardens. The financial statement was presented and was highly satisfactory. A bonus of \$100 was voted to the rector, and \$25 was presented to the senior warden, J. Bond Gray. It was decided to place a spiral steel staircase in the tower. The rector reported that the chimes would be ready in a month. The Easter offering amounted to \$150.

FREDERICTON.

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

Fredericton.—Christ Church Cathedral.—Delegates to Synod, Sheriff Sterling and A. J. Gregory; Substitutes, Dr. Stoeves, G. Y. Dibblee.

St. Ann's.—Wardens, C. S. Brannen, J. R. Golding; Delegates to Synod, C. K. Howard, Captain Ashburnham; Substitutes, Sergeant Hopkirk and F. Everett.

The King has expressed a desire to hear the youngest Bishop in the Empire preach during the Pan-Anglican Conference. This great honour will fall to Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, who will preach at a children's service in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, at which King Edward would be ready in a month. The Easter offering other delegates to the conference sailed for England on Saturday last.

St. John.—Trinity.—Wardens, J. H. McAvity and C. P. Clarke; Delegates to Synod, M. G. Teed and Dr. J. H. Scamell; Substitutes, W. S. Fisher and J. M. Robinson.

St. John's.—Wardens, W. Downey and F. W. Daniel; Delegates to Synod, W. M. Jarvis, A. H. Hanington; Substitutes, R. B. Emerson and His Honor Judge Armstrong.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, H. Hilyard and W. H. Smith; Delegates to Synod, W. A. Wallace, J. K. Scamell. Receipts, \$7,418.99. The Easter offerings amounted to \$1,055.96, which is an increase on last year.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, J. K. Schofield and F. P. Starr; Delegates to Synod, G. Sidney Smith and T. B. Robinson; Substitutes, W. Z. Earle, J. Roy Campbell.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, C. Coster and W. O. Dunham; Delegates to Synod, W. L. Harding and E. R. W. Ingraham; Substitutes, F. M. Wetmore, S. G. Olive. An excellent financial report was presented, and the rector's salary was increased \$100.

St. George's.—Wardens, J. H. Mosher, M. Peterson; Delegates to Synod, W. J. Cornfield, J. H. Mosher; Substitutes, T. H. Johnston, H. Lord.

Campbellton.—Wardens, T. Wren J. Gilker. Very satisfactory reports were presented, and it was in every way the best vestry meeting in the history of the parish.

St. Mary's.—Wardens, R. J. Carlross, S. Willis; Delegates to Synod, R. J. Carlross and S. Willis; Substitutes, E. V. Wetmore and E. A. Laursen.

St. James'.—Wardens, G. Bridges, S. S. De Forest; Delegates to Synod, S. S. De Forest and J. T. Kee; Substitutes, J. Kenny and W. Lamb. Receipts, \$2,135.80; disbursements, \$1,955.10.

Rothsay.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, J. H. A. L. Fairweather and C. Prince; Delegates to Synod, A. C. Fairweather, J. T. Armstrong.

Fairville.—Church of the Good Shepherd.—Wardens, T. Sears, J. Galey; Delegate to Synod, W. Betts; Substitute, J. Mills.

St. Mary's.—Wardens, G. Armstrong, S. F. Richardson; Delegates to Synod, L. H. Bliss, T. B. Kidner; Substitutes, E. A. Tapley, C. F. Morehouse.

Dorchester.—Trinity.—Wardens, C. T. Hickman T. F. Gillespie; Delegates to Synod, the Hon. Mr. Justice Hanington and H. W. Power; Substitutes, B. H. Gilbert, A. W. Chapman.

Chatham.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, Hon. J. P. Burchill, Dr. J. B. Benson; Delegates to Synod, Hon. J. P. Burchill, F. E. Neale; Substitutes, H. Pout, V. A. Danville.

Hampton.—Wardens, G. O. D. Otty, E. R. Demill; Delegates to Synod, G. O. D. Otty, J. F. Giggey; Substitutes, E. R. Demill, Dr. F. H. Wetmore.

Springhill.—St. Peter's.—Wardens, C. H. Giles, Z. R. Estey; Delegates to Synod, the two Churchwardens; Substitutes, S. B. Hatheway, C. C. Murray.

Oromocto.—St. John's.—Wardens, H. Wilmot, J. W. Gilmor; Delegates to Synod, the two Churchwardens; Substitutes, A. B. Wilmot, J. Wesley Smith.

Moncton.—St. George's.—Wardens, G. A. Dodge, J. G. Wran; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Hunter and Shannon; Substitutes, Messrs. Hewson and Martin. Receipts, \$2,797.38; disbursements, \$2,789.72. It is anticipated that in the near future the musical portion of the church services will be strengthened by the employment of a male organist and choirmaster. The very excellent work accomplished by the rector and Mrs. Sisam in the past year was the subject of a congratulatory vote moved by Mr. R. W. Hewson and practical expression was given this sentiment of appreciation by an increase of \$100 in the rector's salary.

QUEBEC.

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

Quebec.—The various reports presented at the Easter Vestry meetings were of an encouraging nature, and they showed that there had been steady progress made during the year. The meetings were well attended and were most harmonious throughout.

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Wardens, Mr. St. George Boswell, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Allen Jones; Delegates to Synod, W. M. Macpherson, St. George Boswell, C. P. Champion and Dr. Parmalee.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, C. J. Pigott, R. Campbell; Delegates to Synod, Dr. J. Hamilton, Captain Carter, Mr. R. Campbell.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. DeQ. Sewell, W. C. Scott; Delegate to Synod, C. Knowles.

St. Peter's.—Wardens.—A. P. Doddridge, B. Martin; Delegate to Synod, E. T. D. Chambers.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, G. Robinson, J. Woods; Delegate to Synod for next three years, G. Robinson.

MONTREAL.

James Carmichael, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

Montreal.—The reports presented at the various Easter Vestry meetings were on the whole eminently satisfactory, and it showed that the past year had been a highly successful one. Trinity has managed to clear away a large part of the mortgage debt, while St. Luke's decided to increase the rector's stipend by \$200. At St. Stephen's the revenue was \$1,000 ahead of last year. St. James the Apostle cleared off its indebtedness to Mr. John Gault, and will shortly celebrate in a fitting manner the diamond jubilee in the ministry of the rector, Rev. Canon Ellegood.

St. James the Apostle.—Wardens, H. Frost, D. B. Macpherson. During the meeting the rector's warden, Mr. H. Frost, referred to the fact that it was the diamond jubilee in pastoral work of the rector, Rev. Canon Ellegood, of whose ministerial career a sketch was given, and eloquent tribute paid by Mr. Frost, Mr. Edgar Judge and others to his long and honoured work. The Rev. Canon Ellegood, in replying, thanked his people for their kind and loving words, and expressed the hope that God would bless them and their families in every department of life. On the motion of Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. D. B. Macpherson, people's warden, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the pewholders of the Church of St. James the Apostle, the church which was built by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., D.C.L., forty-four years ago, and over whose destinies he has since under God so successfully presided, at the annual vestry meeting assembled, desire to tender to the venerable Canon their heartiest congratulations upon the attainment of the diamond jubilee of his ministry. They are deeply sensible of the goodness of the Almighty in that while sparing the Canon to them, he has not withdrawn from him the blessing of the use of any one of his faculties. In this the autumn of his life, they feel that he has richly earned comfort and ease, and they ask him to accept their loving solicitude for him in that regard, assuring him that it will be their aim to make smooth and happy such remaining years of service in the vineyard as the Master may still require of him, and be it further resolved, that a committee be named, consisting of the Rev. Allan P. Shatford, curate; Messrs. H. Frost, and D. B. Macpherson, churchwardens, and the following ex-churchwardens who are still pewholders in the church, viz., Messrs. W. I. Fenwick, J. W. Marling, Edgar Judge, S. O. Shorey, E. J. Coyle, G. J. Crowdy, C. E. Smythe, F. W. Hibbard and O. R. Rowley, to make arrangements for commemorating the jubilee in a manner befitting so unique an event."

St. Stephen's.—Wardens, J. M. Bosworth, W. D. Birchall; Delegates to Synod, Col. Carson, Mr. T. Montgomery. The financial statement will be presented at an adjourned meeting to be held early in May.

St. Edward's.—Delegates to Synod, G. Maybury, R. J. Kendal. Meeting adjourned to the first Monday in May.

All Saints'.—Wardens, J. Macgillivray, W. Flawn; Delegates to Synod, W. G. P. Malone, W. Headley.

Grace Church.—Wardens, G. H. Jenkins, A. E. Dancy; Delegates to Synod, W. McWood, C. Manning.

L'Eglise Du Redempteur.—Wardens, D. Kingsley, A. Vallieres; Delegates to Synod, D. Kingsley and Professor A. Dougads. A most satisfactory financial report was presented.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, N. Wight J. Forgrave; Delegates to Synod, H. Tucker H. J. Elliott. The financial report was a satisfactory one. The sympathy of the vestry was expressed with Canon Dixon in his condition of poor health, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him for his faithful work during the year. Appreciation was also very cordially expressed of Dr. Howard's help. Votes of thanks were passed to his assistant minister, Rev. J. S. Ereaux; to the wardens, and to

the officers and members of the church organizations, whose efficient work helped to bring about the successful result recorded.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, J. Skone, T. Lamb; Delegates to Synod, J. Elliott, A. King. A very satisfactory financial report was presented, and it was decided to raise the rector's stipend by the sum of \$200 per annum.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, M. Lyon, J. Campbell; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Campbell and Clark.

Trinity.—Wardens, Major A. F. Gault, Mr. W. T. Campbell; Delegates to Synod, A. Baile, J. Mitchell. The interim reports presented showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the revenue having been the largest in any year so far. There had been spent in renewal and repairs to the church a sum of about \$2,000, and a large amount had likewise been applied to the reduction of the mortgage debt. There is every prospect that this debt will be wiped out in the immediate future.

St. George's.—An interesting incident marked the annual working meeting of the committee of this church's Band of Hope, on the 22nd inst. The appearance thereat of the Rev. H. P. Plumptre was the signal for the presentation to him of a solid silver baptismal bowl, suitably inscribed, and of a travelling clock for his wife, who was unavoidably absent. These gifts were accompanied by an address signed by the entire committee, which expressed their appreciation of his unflinching friendship and helpful interest in its work from his first coming among them. The reverend gentleman was completely taken by surprise; but in his usual sympathetic and happy manner assured the ladies that they had not mistaken his attitude, for he had perceived and always appreciated their friendship for him. He referred feelingly to the pleasure his contact with them had ever given him, and strongly encouraged them, and he besought them earnestly to allow nothing to discourage them in their important work. He said he considered temperance work the most important duty of the Church today, and added that it was a work with which he would at once identify himself in his new parish in England.

St. Simon's.—Wardens, G. Armstrong, W. G. Knee; Delegates to Synod, J. Armstrong, B. T. Sellars. The financial report presented was the best in the history of the church.

Hochelaga.—St. Mary's.—Warden (People's), J. Wight; Delegates to Synod, J. P. Wight, F. R. Kirkpatrick. Receipts, \$2,227. The question of a new system for heating the church was considered, but the matter was left over until the adjourned meeting which will be held on May 11th.

Verdun.—St. Clement's.—Wardens, J. S. N. Dugan, J. H. Farrar; Delegates to Synod, E. May and T. R. Ker. The total receipts almost doubled those reported last Easter.

St. Lambert.—St. Barnabas'.—Wardens, H. Tucker, W. H. V. Hooper. Delegates to Synod, J. S. Hetherington, W. A. Dart. Receipts, \$2,003; disbursements, \$1,877.

Tetraultville.—St. Margaret.—The initial Vestry meeting of this new parish was largely attended, and was of a very encouraging nature. Wardens, G. Jones, J. Cook; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. E. and J. Clarke.

St. John the Evangelist.—Meeting postponed to April 27th.

St. George's.—Meeting postponed to May 11th. **Christ Church Cathedral.**—Meeting postponed to May 11th.

St. Matthias.—Meeting postponed to May 4.

Huntingdon.—St. John's.—Wardens, A. Boyd, M. J. Rankin; Delegates to Synod, J. C. Bruce, R. Henderson. The financial report showed a small balance in hand after meeting all expenses.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, M. Lyon, J. Campbell; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. J. Campbell and Cross. An excellent financial report was presented.

St. Alban's.—Wardens, W. Butcher, H. Peterson; Delegates to Synod, G. Bennett, H. James. Meeting adjourned till May 11.

St. Cyprian's.—Wardens, B. Fenwick, W. Carter; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Haycock and Goodfellow. The financial report was a very gratifying one, and all the reports presented were of a highly satisfactory character. The attendances at the various services held in the church has materially increased.

Church of the Advent.—Wardens, J. Rogers, G. F. Mingay; Delegates to Synod, A. P. Tippet and J. Rogers. The wardens' report proved to be a very satisfactory one.

Hallerton.—St. John's.—Wardens, W. Ellerton, H. Ellerton; Delegates to Synod, J. Collings, A. Keddey. The financial report was a satisfactory one.

Hemmingford.—St. Luke's.—Wardens, M. Fisher, C. Braithwaite; Delegates to Synod, C. Collings, G. Keddey. The financial report proved quite satisfactory. During the past year a good deal of money on repairs to the parsonage was spent.

ONTARIO.

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

Kingston.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario has appointed the Very Rev. Dean Farthing to act as his commissary and administrator, of the diocese during His Lordship's visit to Europe. The Bishop will be absent from May 5th to the end of September. The Bishop has appointed the Rev. J. C. Dixon, of Bancroft, to the parish of Rawdon, in the place of the Rev. R. W. Spencer, who has been transferred to Camden East.

St. George's Cathedral.—Wardens, R. Waldron, F. Spangenberg. Delegate to Synod for three years, R. J. Carson. Mr. R. R. F. Harvey's salary was raised \$100.

St. James'.—Wardens, W. J. C. Allen, F. King. Delegate to Synod for three years, G. E. Hague.

St. Luke's.—Meeting adjourned for a week.

St. Paul's.—Meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Portsmouth.—St. John's.—Wardens, S. N. Watts, J. B. Walkem. Delegates to Synod for three years, S. N. Watts; for two years, J. B. Walkem; for one year, J. W. Henstridge. The meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Barrie.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. Sibbitt, J. M. Stuart. Delegate to Synod for three years, G. V. Stuart. During the course of the meeting the incumbent was requested to vacate the chair, and whilst he was absent a resolution of condolence was prepared, which was presented to him on his return, expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the vestry and the whole congregation on his recent sad bereavement, to which Dr. Nimmo replied, expressing his gratitude for their kind consideration.

Maitland.—St. James'.—Wardens, H. Jones, R. Thompson. Delegate to Synod, G. G. Grothier.

Cananogue.—Christ Church.—On the Wednesday evening in Holy Week the choir of this church gave a rendering of Sir John Stainer's well-known Cantata, "The Crucifixion." The church was filled to overflowing and the choir did their work exceedingly well. Great credit is due to Dr. Gallop, the organist and choirmaster, for the successful performance of this Cantata, which greatly enjoyed by all present.

At the annual vestry meeting in the absence of the rector, the Rev. J. R. Serson, the rector-in-charge, the Rev. W. Hatt-Lipscomb, presided. Wardens, W. J. Gibson and Mr. C. A. Lewis. Mr. C. V. Ketchum was re-elected Treasurer. Messrs. G. L. Johnston and A. D. Howe were appointed auditors. The financial statement was very gratifying. After paying over \$400 of last year's debts the church was clear of debt outside mortgage indebtedness, and has cash, \$33.59, on hand and good unpaid subscriptions of \$122. Five hundred dollars and ninety-one cents was contributed to missions during the year. Complimentary resolutions were passed to the Rev. W. Lipscomb for his energetic work, and Mr. Gallop, the organist and choirmaster, for his consistently good work. All the services on Easter Day were well attended and the envelope and open offerings each increased over \$100 during the past year. The Sunday School is in a healthy condition.

Selby.—St. John's.—Mr. T. H. Hall, the lay reader of St. Paul's, Arden, has been appointed missionary at this church. He hopes to take Holy Orders before long. On Easter Day the Rev. T. F. Dowdell was presented by the churchwardens, on behalf of some of the members of the congregation, with a well-filled purse as a token of their regard and appreciation of his work in connection with the new addition to the church.

Brookville.—St. Peter's.—Wardens, Mr. Baynes-Reid, His Honor Judge McDonald. Delegate to Synod for three years, Dr. Jackson. Receipts, \$4,700.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. Richardson, A. Pearson. Delegate to Synod, A. Dodd. The financial report was the best presented for many years.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, W. H. Osborne, W. H. Davis. Delegate to Synod, P. Davis. All the reports presented were of a very satisfactory and inspiring nature.

Belleville.—St. Thomas'.—Wardens, S. A. Lockwood, B. Hudson. Delegate to Synod, J. Elliott. Receipts, \$5,000.

St. John's.—Wardens, W. H. Spencer, F. D. Ford. Delegate to Synod for three years, Col. McGill.

Christ Church.—On Easter Day the rector of this church, the Rev. R. C. Blagrove, was presented with a solid silver private Communion service and fifteen dollars with which to purchase a B.D. hood. The vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday and was largely attended. Total income for the year exceeded \$4,000; over \$500 in excess of last year. The rector's stipend was raised \$100. Wardens, F. Millar and H. Ackerill.

Wolfe Island.—The annual vestry meetings at Trinity Church and Christ Church were well attended. The reports presented on the various lines of work in the parish during the year indicate the most prosperous year in the history of the parish. Including the Pan-Anglican Thank-offering (only a part of the parish being canvassed) the total receipts for work outside the parish are \$338.85. For work within the parish, the parish has raised for all purposes \$1,629.40. Besides this the men have done work about the premises that would have cost more than \$200. At Christ Church, G. Gillespie and G. A. Barry were chosen wardens. At Trinity Church G. Friend and W. Fawcett were chosen wardens. G. Friend, W. Fawcett and G. A. Barry are Synod delegates. A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Southal, Watts, Fawcett and Grimshaw was selected to look after all details that may seem necessary in the formation of a new cemetery. Three votes of thanks were unanimously passed. One expressing the appreciation of Trinity Church for the very beautiful and valuable Communion railing that has been recently given by Mr. Thomas Lappen, Garden Island, in memory of the diseased members of his family. Mr. Lappen has given other gifts to the church, and this is a splendid addition; the second expressing thanks for the services that have been freely given by Mr. R. V. Rogers' relative to the registration of certain deeds, the registration of which has been long neglected; the third thanking Mr. Lancaster for his valuable services to the parish. Mr. Lancaster notified the meeting that he had engaged Mr. Morton, a graduate in arts and theology of Trinity College, Toronto, who expects to be Ordained on the third of May, to begin duty for him the third Sunday in May. The interior of Trinity Church has been completely renovated. Among other improvements a new carpet has been put down, the gift of the Ladies' Aid of Trinity Church.

Picton.—St. Mary Magdalene.—On Good Friday evening the "Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer, was rendered by the choir, and the way it was produced reflects great credit upon the choir-master, the Rev. W. L. Armitage, as well as the choir. The leading parts were rendered by the Rev. W. L. Armitage, Miss Macdonnell, Miss Barker, Miss Hyatt, Miss Despard, and Mr. Hunt and Mr. Strickland.

St. Mary Magdalene's Church was very well filled on Easter Sunday, considering the unsettled state of the weather. Easter lilies and other white flowers banked the altar, and all the proper hangings added much to the appearance of the old church. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion. The Easter music was very fine and much appreciated, the Te Deum deserves especial notice. Miss Hvatt sang the two solos with obligato accompaniment. A solo "On the Resurrection Morning" was beautifully sung by Miss Barker, and the solo in the Anthem, "The Strife Is O'er," was taken by Miss Despard. The Rev. W. L. Armitage preached upon the doctrine of the Resurrection in a very clear and instructive manner. The special collection was for the Building Fund for a new church. The Sunday School had a service at three o'clock and was addressed by Mr. Dolan, science master of the High School. The collection of \$16.65 was the largest that has been taken up here for the North-West missions. The music in the evening was also in keeping with the festival and the congregation enjoyed a very fine sermon on "The Lamb of God." At the vestry meeting on Monday night a remarkably good report was handed in by the churchwardens, showing that the parish is out of debt for the first time in a score of years, and also has \$500 to its credit in the bank. Most of the business was left over for the adjourned meeting, but bonuses were given to the clergyman, organist, and sexton.

OTTAWA.

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

Ottawa.—At the Bishop's conference last week arrangements were made for raising a fund for the Thankoffering to be made in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, during the Pan-Anglican Conference in June. Every diocese is to contribute, and the Ottawa Diocese is expected to raise \$5,000. The suggestion has been made that the Rev. E. A. Anderson do the collecting during May and the Bishop will send a circular to all the churches of the diocese.

Last Sunday was Missionary Sunday in this diocese and special preachers occupied all the city pulpits. Space will not permit an extended notice.

On Monday evening a mass meeting was held in St. George's parish hall, when addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. Paterson Smyth, of Montreal, and the Rev. Canon Tucker, General Secretary M.S.C.C., Toronto.

St. Matthew's.—There was a largely attended service at St. Matthew's Church last Thursday night, when the Bishop of Ottawa confirmed 35 candidates. The Rev. Walter M. Loucks, the rector, and the Rev. E. A. Anderson were present. Those confirmed were: 6 women, 11 girls, 5 men, and 13 boys.

The Easter vestry meetings were held on Easter Monday evening, but an adjournment was had in many cases because some of the reports were not ready. In all other cases encouraging reports were presented by the wardens and other church officers, and in no case was there any falling off. In some cases it was shown that 1907-08 was a banner year.

Christ Church Cathedral.—For the official year ending Easter, 1908, the collections for general purposes, were \$8,400, compared with \$8,107 last year. It is thought that including all funds there will be a surplus of over \$400. This is entirely exclusive of missions. A few figures relative to the collections towards missions will interest readers of the "Churchman." Towards the M.S.C.C., \$926 was contributed, compared with \$852 during the preceding year; Diocesan Missions, \$636, compared with \$830; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$286, compared with \$207; Clergy Superannuation, \$256, compared with \$236; Divinity Students' Fund, \$240, compared with \$204. The collections on Easter Sunday amounted to about \$1,100.

St. John's.—The Vestry of this church met and adjourned without taking any steps towards securing a new site, the rector, the Rev. Canon Pollard, stating that they were in possession of the church indefinitely and that while the Government, as purchaser of the church property, could take possession on a month's notice, it was altogether unlikely that such notice would be given within a year or two. The stipend of the clergy of the parish was increased from \$2,082 to \$2,400. The financial statement, as presented by Mr. W. H. Pennock, people's warden, was very satisfactory. The total receipts for all purposes were \$5,624.93, and there was a balance on hand of \$120.51. Mr. W. H. Pennock was re-elected people's warden, and Mr. I. R. Armstrong was re-appointed rector's warden. Mr. T. J. Code was re-elected representative to the Diocesan Synod for three years.

St. George's.—During the official year just closed the total receipts from all sources at this church were \$12,744. The total expenditure was \$10,709.51, leaving an overdraft of \$843. It was explained later that this overdraft is some \$400 less than that of a year ago. The following officers were elected: Wardens, George A. Mountain and Andrew Haydon. Lay delegates to Synod, Col. F. White, Chas. MacNab, Dr. W. F. King. A suggestion to form a men's club in connection with the church was made, but it was decided to take no formal step at present.

St. Luke's.—A good deal of important business was transacted and encouraging reports from all the various branches of the church work were received. The financial statement showed net receipts for the past year to be \$2,916, which in comparison with \$2,761.80 for the year before showed an increase of \$154.11. There is a satisfactory balance on hand. Wardens, R. A. Nesbit and A. F. Lowe.

All Saints.—Much progress has been made in this parish. The parish has paid during the year over \$2,000 to the Augmentation Fund, and \$2,000 to the missions of the diocese and the North-West. There was an increase in all the funds. The amount collected for new rents was \$2,657.50 and the offertories amounted to \$4,603.50, being a total increase of \$718 over last year. The expenditure had also increased considerably, but nevertheless the balance on hand was \$314.80.

The Rectory Building Fund has a balance of \$466 and it was decided to pay \$500 off the mortgage. The Sunday School receipts were \$268 with a balance of \$33. The number of scholars is increasing and the membership has now reached 300. The communicants on Easter Sunday were 318, as compared with 172 on the first Easter Day in 1900. The church wardens, Messrs. D. M. Finnie and T. C. Bate were re-appointed and re-elected by acclamation. Mr. J. M. Courtney was re-elected lay delegate to the Synod.

St. Barnabas.—The Rev. H. Lane presided over the vestry of this church, where a good financial showing was made by the wardens, considering the fact that for some months the church had no regular rector in charge, and Mr. W. M. Maynard was re-elected people's warden, and Dr. James Fletcher was appointed rector's warden.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. H. Lane, who has been in charge of this parish for some months, to be rector of this parish.

Hintonburgh.—St. Matthias.—The Easter Vestry meeting of this congregation was well attended. Wardens, Mason and Lockhart were re-elected. The land-holding was doubled during the year; and the debt on the church building was reduced by \$100.

Ottawa East.—Holy Trinity.—The annual Vestry meeting was held in the church, the rector, the Rev. F. W. Squire, presiding, and a large number were present. The reports of the wardens showed the church to be in a healthy condition, both financially and otherwise. The collection for the past year showed a marked increase, and the report as a whole was one of the best in the history of the Holy Trinity Church. The reports of the Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary and Young People's Guild were very satisfactory, and in each a good year's work was recorded and also a substantial financial balance left to start the new year's work. The children of the Sunday School have put in the church ten stained-glass windows and several memorial windows will shortly be put in place. The exterior of the church will be painted and several other improvements carried out in the near future. The officers for the year are: Mr. J. Trowbridge, rector's warden; Major C. F. Winter, people's warden. Lay delegates to Synod, Messrs. J. Low, C. F. Winter and E. G. Browne.

Ottawa South.—Trinity.—At the Vestry meeting the wardens appointed were: C. O. Wood and H. Fentiman. The lay delegates to the Synod are Messrs. J. J. Smith and John Kelley. There was a large attendance and the Rev. C. B. Clarke, the rector, presided.

St. Bartholomew's.—Meeting adjourned for two weeks.

St. Matthew's.—Meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Carleton Place.—St. James'.—There was a large attendance at the annual Vestry meeting of this church on Easter Monday night. The report of the Treasurer gave a balance of \$25 on hand, whereas last year there was a deficit. The Guild report showed that the debt on the pipe organ had been fully paid off. There is no debt upon the church property, and the cash balance on hand of \$1,500 certainly is an indication of splendid progress and prosperity. Messrs. W. C. Leech and Brice McNeely (Arklan) were re-elected church wardens. Mr. I. S. L. McNeely was re-appointed representative to Synod for three years, Messrs. Geo. Graham and John McArton being chosen as his accompanying representatives. A resolution congratulatory to the rector, the Rev. A. Elliott, upon his elevation to a Canonry in Christ Church Cathedral, was passed unanimously.

Renfrew.—St. Paul's.—On Wednesday evening of last week the annual Vestry meeting of this church was held, when most satisfactory reports were read and at which the following officers for ensuing year were elected: Wardens, W. C. Caruth, H. N. Moss. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. P. Flood, H. Blakeney (Ottawa), John Geale.

Almonte.—St. Paul's.—Lenten services were held daily in this church at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The attendance was remarkably good. This is the first attempt of such services in this parish. Easter Sunday brought out very large congregations, the number of communicants exceeding any other year. At the early celebration the nave of the church was well filled, the large number forming quite an object lesson to the town as they went to and from the church at that early hour. The Easter Vestry was adjourned to a later date. The financial and other reports to be presented all indicate good progress. A delegation from the St. Andrew Brotherhood visited the parish of Clay-

ton with a view to working up interest, and, if possible, organizing a Chapter there, the rector of Clayton heartily welcoming the representatives of our Boys' Chapter.

Sharbot Lake.—Quiet services, well attended, were held in Christ Church; also on two evenings in the second week in Lent. The Rev. H. Caplan, of Havelock, gave very helpful talks, showing that Lenten exercises of true fasting and self-denial represent the normal life of the Christian. In the fifth week of Lent similar services, well attended by all classes, were held in St. Andrew's Church, Sharbot Lake village. The Rev. Walter Cox, of Parkham, guided very helpful meditation on the teaching of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Mattawa.—St. Alban's.—The Rev. John Fairburn held his last services in Mattawa on Easter Day. The church was beautifully decorated with carnations and house plants. Good congregations attended both services. A special Easter Anthem, called "The Lord is My Light," was effectively rendered. Soloist was Mrs. Knight, organist. At the evening service the Anthem was repeated, and the Rev. J. Fairburn preached his last sermon to that congregation. In his remarks he dwelt chiefly upon the work done in the mission during the two and half years of his incumbency here. He assumes charge of the parish of Montague on May 1st, when he will receive a warm welcome. He hopes that a successor will be soon sent to Mattawa, as the work there was never so flourishing for many years. Mr. Fairburn's brother, the Rev. R. H. Fairburn, B.A., has been called to the parish of Grace Church, Ashlabula, Diocese of Ohio, and has accepted the call. He leaves Port Burwell this month. He assumes charge of a very important and vigorous parish.

TORONTO

Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Archbishop and Primate, William Day Reeve, D.D., Assistant Bishop, Toronto.

Toronto.—The annual Easter vestry meetings were held on the evenings of the 20th. Reductions in the church debts, in some cases the complete wiping out of the mortgage, and plans for extensions, were the features of several of the reports presented at the meetings of many of the churches. The financial position of nearly all the churches was considered excellent, and was the cause of congratulation by the members of the congregation. At the meeting of St. Luke's the new additions to the service were adopted by the vestry. St. Stephen's wiped out its mortgage, and St. Bartholomew's was reported free of debt. Reductions in their debts were made by St. James', St. John the Evangelist, St. Luke's, St. George's, St. Matthias', St. Margaret's, St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter's, and Church of the Messiah. The salary of the rector of St. Anne's will be increased; also the salary of the assistant curate of St. Matthew's. St. John the Evangelist will erect a new school-house, while St. Thomas' will erect a parish house and purchase a clergy house. St. Clement's will appoint an assistant to the rector.

St. James'.—Wardens, Dr. Grasset and Mr. A. H. Campbell, Jr. Receipts, \$14,114.75; disbursements, \$13,935.82. It was reported that the subscriptions received and promised on behalf of the layman's missionary movement amounted to \$12,000, against \$6,000 last year. The Easter Sunday offerings, which will constitute the parish's gift to the great thankoffering to be presented in St. Paul's Cathedral in London next July amounted to \$3,538.45.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, A. F. Jones and G. S. Holmsted, Jr. (reappointed); delegates to Synod, G. S. Holmsted, K.C., W. H. Worden and H. S. Strathy; receipts, \$7,730.

St. George's.—Wardens, L. S. McMurray and G. C. Biggar; delegates to Synod, H. W. M. Murray, K.C., G. F. Harman and E. Douglas Armour, K.C.

St. Thomas'.—Wardens, D. W. Saunders, W. Rae; delegates to Synod, J. S. Cartwright, H. T. Beck and J. H. Patterson; receipts, \$7,183.22; disbursements, \$7,156.51. At an adjourned meeting, which is to be held later on, the matter of retaining the services of a second curate will be decided.

St. Stephen's.—Wardens, C. A. Jennings, Capt. Melville; delegates to Synod, W. W. Nation, W. Cook and W. A. Browne. The total amount received from all sources was \$11,932. The church offerings amounted to \$5,727. Through the generous gift of a member of the congregation of \$2,000, given upon the understanding that the remaining sum of \$1,900 of

the mortgage debt of the church be subscribed by other members, the debt has been paid off. The organ debt of \$750 was also paid off. The liabilities are \$1,337 and assets \$41,000.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, D. D'E. Cooper and C. Lewis; delegates to Synod, Hon. S. H. Blake, R. Millichamp and J. R. Roaf. The financial report shows a total income from all sources of \$31,683.39. The receipts of the General Expense Fund amounted to \$16,913.44, an increase of \$1,842.64 over the previous year. Pew rents and offertory show a gain of \$958.55. The contributions for missionary and other Church objects amounted to \$14,769.95, made up as follows: For Synod purposes, \$938.19; for missionary purposes, \$5,796.15; Woman's Auxiliary, \$1,895.16; Sunday School, \$814.15, and other Church objects, \$5,326. During the year the old mortgage of \$4,000 on the rectory and Sunday School was paid off and discharged. The church and all church properties are now free of debt, and there is a surplus in cash of \$2,399.04.

Church of the Ascension.—Wardens, R. Kincaide and M. Curry; delegates to Synod, R. C. Bickerstaffe, T. Langtry, K.C., and T. D. Delamere, K.C.

St. Matthias.—Wardens, E. Reeves and E. Vinity; delegate to Synod, J. W. G. Boyd, J. R. Davis and E. Reeves; receipts, \$1,707; disbursements, \$1,698.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, F. W. Humphrey and R. H. Cosbie; delegates to Synod, F. J. Stewart, R. R. Davis and A. J. R. Snow. The report of the rector, the Rev. F. Wilkinson, indicated the returns of the year in every department as being the largest on record. A bequest of \$1,000 from the late Mrs. Midgeley was received during the year. The Laymen's Missionary Committee undertook to raise \$2,500 during the year for missions, being double the usual contribution. The receipts were \$6,263, including the Midgeley bequest, and the balance, including this \$1,000, is about \$800. It was determined to apply the whole bequest to the reduction of the church debt of \$10,500 in addition to the regular annual payment of \$500.

St. John the Evangelist.—Wardens, R. McCausland and H. Briscoe; delegates to Synod, D. M. Harman, R. McCausland and A. R. Boswell, K.C.; receipts, \$4,130.39; disbursements, \$3,970.69. This meeting was the jubilee meeting of the vestry, the first meeting having taken place fifty years ago.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, E. F. Crossland and A. Parker; delegates to Synod, J. A. Ewan, W. F. Summerhayes and F. W. Thomas; receipts, \$6,600. The stipend of the curate, the Rev. R. W. Allin, was increased \$100.

All Saints.—Wardens, S. Trees, J. L. Morrison; delegates to Synod, W. H. Lockhart-Gordon, W. H. Knowlton and S. Trees. The offertory for the year amounted to \$5,340.70; special donations, \$1,282.64; missions and special Synod collections, \$3,330.30; Lenten offerings, \$1,206.25. A balance of \$758 is carried forward this year against \$211.17 last year. The churchwardens also reported the payment of the entire mortgage debt upon the church and Sunday School, and the expenditure of over \$1,000 in permanent improvements on church property.

St. Mark's.—The receipts were \$641.85 more than during the previous year. The receipts and expenditures were almost equal, there being a balance of \$10.13 on hand. The new schoolhouse was completed during the year, and the committee in charge of the building reported receipts amounting to \$2,416.85, thus leaving a debt of only \$1,200 on the building. The wardens will be appointed in two weeks, when another meeting will be held.

St. Philip's.—Wardens, W. Burton and C. Evans-Lewis; delegates to Synod, C. Evans-Lewis, W. Brooks and R. McLelland; receipts, \$4,514.19; disbursements, \$4,505.49. The retiring warden, Mr. J. L. Bird, was presented with a framed picture of the church by the rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Sweeny. The Rev. L. B. Vaughan, the recently-appointed curate, will take charge of the parish during the rector's visit to England in June and July next.

St. Augustine's.—Wardens, F. W. Harcourt, K.C., and E. B. Brown, K.C.; delegates to Synod, H. M. Blackburn, Major Crozier and Capt. Malone; receipts, \$5,021; disbursements, \$5,056.42.

Church of the Epiphany.—Wardens, E. S. Ball and T. Weston Armitage; receipts, \$4,418.24, which were the largest in the history of the parish.

Grace Church.—Wardens, W. F. Elliot and J. W. Congdon; delegates to Synod, A. F. Wallis, J. S. Barber and L. Rawlinson; receipts, \$4,526.87, of which \$1,500 was spent in renovating the church and schoolhouse.

Church of the Messiah.—Wardens, T. F. Webb and W. J. Wharin; delegates to Synod, J. Pat-

erson, W. S. Battin and H. Mortimer; receipts, \$5,673.23; disbursements, \$5,572.96.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, F. A. Blachford and W. R. Cavell; delegates to Synod, Dr. J. A. Worrell, K.C., H. P. Blachford and C. J. Agar.

St. Cyprian's.—Wardens, W. Hilton and A. L. Barrett; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Bishop, Fraser and Prince. Towards the fund of the new church, which is nearing completion, \$10,420.42 had been subscribed up to Easter, with an expenditure of \$10,387.92. Total receipts from other sources were \$2,077.19, with expenditures of \$1,882.01, leaving a balance of \$195.18.

Church of the Redeemer.—Wardens, A. D. Parker and W. C. Brent; delegates to Synod, A. H. Campbell, T. Millman, M.D., and N. W. Hoyles, K.C.; receipts, \$11,319.79. The total disbursements amounted to \$12,937.12; of this sum \$600 went to diocesan missions and \$606.20 to the M.S.C.C. An overdraft of \$1,521.78 was declared, but a special Easter offering, not included in the foregoing statement, will go to reduce the same.

St. Barnabas.—Wardens, R. Burns and F. H. Pennel; delegates to Synod, A. Stretton, R. Burns and S. Mitchell; receipts, \$1,760.92; disbursements, \$1,618.60.

St. Bartholomew's.—Wardens, J. Annis and J. Lockie; delegates to Synod, W. H. Canniff and R. P. Ostons. The receipts for the year exceeded \$1,800. The church has been re-roofed at a cost of \$250.

St. Margaret's.—Wardens, C. Deverall and H. H. Drury; delegates to Synod, Beverley Jones, J. Maughan and Dr. Harvey Smith; receipts, \$5,077.33; disbursements, \$5,067.01.

St. Clement's.—Wardens, A. Colby and S. Herbert; receipts, \$2,317.61; disbursements, \$2,315.72. The vestry determined to pay for the services of a curate to assist the rector, the Rev. John Bushell, as the work in the parish has much increased of late. The salary of the organist, Mr. T. M. Sargent, was increased \$50.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, E. P. Howe and W. E. Squire; delegates to Synod, E. P. Howe, T. J. Cooper and W. E. Squire; receipts, \$1,390.32; disbursements, \$1,385.99. It was determined to proceed with the immediate completion of the present church at a cost of \$10,000, which includes a tower and an adequate chancel.

St. Anne's.—Wardens, G. Rathbone and A. L. Johnson; delegates to Synod, J. N. Sampson, J. Blacklock and E. Howse. The vestry voted an increase of \$300 a year to their rector, the Rev. L. E. Skey, which makes his stipend \$2,100, and his curate, Mr. Millman, was voted an increase of almost \$200, making his stipend \$1,200 a year.

Trinity.—Wardens, C. R. Cooper and G. Stagg, Sr.; delegates to Synod, C. H. Beavis, J. Wilder and G. Stagg; receipts, \$3,438.62; disbursements, \$3,409.98.

St. Simon, the Apostle.—Wardens, M. Rawlinson and W. G. Parsons; delegates to Synod, F. E. Hodgins, T. E. Moberly and W. G. Gwynne. The total receipts amounted to \$14,500 and the disbursements to about the same amount, leaving a small balance to the good. During the year the congregation gave \$2,300 to missions, and the offertory on Easter Day amounted to \$2,200, which is to be devoted to the debt.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—Wardens, T. Needham and J. Hollinger; delegates to Synod, A. A. Mackey, A. E. Clements and T. Needham. The receipts were reported to be larger than ever before in the history of the church.

St. Mary, the Virgin.—Wardens, J. A. Ready and S. T. Sheppard; delegates to Synod, G. B. Kirkpatrick, G. G. Mackenzie and S. T. Sheppard.

St. Edmund's.—The people of this Mission Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, held their first Easter vestry meeting on Monday evening, the 20th. Wardens, R. Leeder and H. Moberly; delegate to Synod, C. A. Abbott. The question of becoming a separate parish was discussed, and a committee was appointed to canvass the congregation on the matter of finances.

St. Luke's.—A very interesting and instructive address was delivered in the schoolhouse of this church on Easter Tuesday evening by the Rev. Canon O'Meara, Principal of Wycliffe College, on the subject of "Missions in Non-Christian Lands." This was given under the auspices of the A.Y.P.A. of the church, and was one of a series of addresses which have been given on matters which will be discussed at the forthcoming Pan-Anglican Congress.

The Archbishop of Toronto has since Easter been calling the attention of the clergy of the diocese to the arrangements in progress for the closing of the Thankoffering Fund, and to the appointment of a "Thankoffering Sunday," and

also to the holding of a valedictory meeting before he sails. (a) Churchwardens and collectors are notified to gather in all contributions, which should be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the diocese at the Synod Office by May 1st. (b) The account of such contributions at the Synod Office will be closed on May 15th. This has become necessary somewhat earlier than had been expected on account of arrangements, of which the Primate has been informed by the treasurer of the Pan-Anglican Congress in London. (c) The diocesan "Thankoffering Sunday" will be May 17th, on which day the Primate desires that the congregational thankoffering shall be solemnly "presented" and dedicated to the Divine Head of the Church as an offering of gratitude. (d) The final valedictory meeting will be a representative gathering, and will be held in Toronto, in St. Luke's Schoolhouse, St. Joseph Street, on Tuesday evening, May 12th, at eight o'clock, to take farewell of the delegates to the Congress, some of whom, including Miss Tilley, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, will address the assembly. His Grace the Archbishop will (D.V.) preside, and it is hoped that it will prove to be an enthusiastic send-off meeting. All who are interested in the Congress and its offering are asked to cut and preserve this notification, and to help the cause by circulating the information.

St. Philip's.—In connection with the Pan-Anglican Study Club Archdeacon Sweeny delivered a lecture on the recent growth of the Anglican communion on Thursday, the 23rd inst. The lecture was illustrated by slides prepared by the Congress Committee in London, Eng. Special sermons are being preached in St. Philip's on Sunday evenings on the subject of the Congress.

Wycliffe College.—The Convocation Hall was crowded at the closing exercises, which took place on last Friday evening. The following gentlemen received their theological diplomas, which were presented by the Rev. Canon Cody, rector of St. Paul's: The Rev. A. C. Collier, M.A., the Rev. Wm. Carey, the Rev. L. E. Davis, the Rev. Peter Kawai (Japan), the Rev. A. B. Keys, the Rev. Jos Lofthouse, the Rev. T. W. Murphy, M.A., Mr. T. H. Perry, M.A., and the Rev. A. H. F. Watkins. Treasurer F. C. Jarvis read a very encouraging financial statement. He mentioned the extra expense thrust on the college by the increasing number of students coming there for instruction, and hoped that the Endowment Fund would soon be increased from \$160,000 to \$250,000. Subscriptions were coming in very well, though \$17,000 was still due in connection with the Sheraton Memorial and Building Fund. Speeches were made by the Revs. Canons Cody and O'Meara, the Rev. Dyson Hague, the Rev. Septimus Jones, the Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., and Dr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., who presided. In the course of Dr. O'Meara's address he mentioned that some eighty-two men had been in residence during the past year.

The General Hospital.—The Easter services at the General Hospital were very bright and cheerful, and too much credit cannot be given to the band of devoted workers who, from Sunday to Sunday, give their valuable services in an effort to help the sick and afflicted. If it had

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not been for the visits of these kindly-hearted men and women the sacred hours of the Easter season would have passed wearily enough away. On Good Friday afternoon the fully surpliced and cassocked choir of St. Bartholomew's visited each ward and sung appropriate hymns and anthems. On Easter Sunday the wards were beautifully decorated with flowers, the gifts of many friends, and at the celebration of the Holy Communion in the theatre there was a good attendance of those patients who were able to be up. The service was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. William Farncomb, who celebrated and preached an appropriate sermon from the words, "Touch Me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father." The beautiful hymns, "Jesus Christ is Risen To-day" and "The Strife is O'er," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" were sung, as was also the "Kyrie" to a plain song setting. There were thirteen communicants, not including, of course, the helpers, who had communicated at their various churches before coming to the beautiful service. Mr. Farncomb, whose self-denying work is greatly appreciated, both by the patients and staff, was admirably helped by other six gentlemen, and also the ladies. Canon Cody, of St. Paul's, sent some beautiful flowers. A leading feature of the work done at the hospital is the really splendid treatment given to the unfortunate foreigners, who have been so unceremoniously dumped into our midst during the last few months. The experiences they are receiving at the hospital is entirely new to them, and well it may be said of the governors, doctors and nurses of the General by these unfortunates, "I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

St. Stephen's.—The number of those who made their Easter Communion in this church on Easter Day was as follows: At 6 a.m., 99; at 7 a.m., 295; at 8.30 a.m., 350, and at mid-day, 212, making, in all, a total of 956.

St. George's.—The Rev. C. B. Kenrick, M.A., has resigned the curacy of this church, having been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara rector of St. Philip's Church in Hamilton. Mr. Kenrick will not, however, entirely sever his connection with this church until the latter part of May.

St. Mary Magdalene.—Wardens, T. G. L. Barnes and P. Dykes; receipts, \$4,858.87; disbursements, \$4,457.28. A resolution was moved to increase the stipend of the rector, the Rev. Charles Darling, but he gratefully declined to consider the matter on the ground that the vestry was undertaking increased expense in the enlargement of the church. The new church was opened for Divine service on Sunday last. The Rev. Canon Welch, R.D., preached in the morning, and His Grace the Archbishop in the evening. There were large congregations at both the morning and evening service. We hope in our next issue to give a full account of the opening and of the progress of this parish.

During his visit to England in connection with the Pan-Anglican Congress and Lambeth Conference, in June next, the Senate of the University of Durham, the great northern university of England, will confer upon His Grace Archbishop Sweetman the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law.

Wychwood.—St. Michael and All Angels'.—Wardens, S. H. Jones and G. M. Greenwood; delegates to Synod, R. L. Fraser, S. H. Stewart and A. B. Shorey. Most satisfactory reports were presented at this, the initial vestry meeting of this new mission church.

Toronto Junction.—St. John's.—Wardens, E. R. Rogers and A. L. Drewitt; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Murray, Rogers and Baird; receipts, \$2,823.39; disbursements, \$2,377.07.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, P. Laughton and A. Pye; delegates to Synod, P. Laughton, A. Pye and G. Gedron; receipts, \$1,829.88; disbursements, \$1,548.09.

Barrie.—Trinity.—The annual Vestry meeting was held at the appointed time, the Rev. Wm. Berlot Heeney, the vicar, presided. The income of the church for the year amounted to \$10,900. Mr. W. R. Tiffin, superintendent Northern Division G.T.R., and Dr. Palling were appointed wardens. Mr. F. R. Porritt and J. H. Bennett retires.

NIACARA.

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

Hamilton.—The reports presented at the various Easter vestry meetings were of a very encouraging nature and showed progress all along the line.

Christ Church Cathedral had three celebrations on Easter Day, the communicants numbering 540. At the Vestry meeting on Easter Monday the finances of the Cathedral were reported to be in a flourishing condition. The Rev. Canon Abbott, the hard working rector, reported, parochial visits 2,339 and sick visits 501 during the past year.

The Easter services at the Church of the Ascension were well attended, the communicants numbering 473. Since then the Holy Communion has been administered to 37 sick members who were unable to be present on Sunday. The Sunday School of this congregation is a very large one, having 610 pupils, and the home work department numbers 148.

The Ladies of All Saints' parish, on Saturday before Easter, presented their rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Forneret, with a complete set of new altar linen beautifully embroidered by their own hands, and a very handsome white stole of brocaded satin, most exquisitely embroidered. The Easter services were well attended. This church seats about 400, the communicants at the two services numbered 343. Since Sunday the Holy Sacrament has been administered to seven sick members. The congregation is growing so rapidly that they may be forced to enlarge both church and Sunday School.

The services at St. George's Church were largely attended on Easter Day. The communicants numbered 371. All the societies of this church are in a flourishing condition, also the finances.

There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion at St. Mark's Church on Easter Sunday, at which the service was fully choral. This little church has a seating capacity for only 300, it has, however a large chancel and a choir of 24 men and 38 boys. The communicants at the Easter services numbered 262. The Monday Vestry meeting was adjourned to give the auditors time to complete their work. This congregation gave \$342.57 to missions and paid off a mortgage of \$1,800 during the past year. The Woman's Guild presented the church with new altar linen and a handsomely embroidered burse and veil of brocaded silk. These were used for the first time on Easter Day.

St. Peter's Church, Rev. J. W. Ten Eyck, rector. The services at this church were particularly bright. At the eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion there were 100 present, and at eleven o'clock 112, an increase of 95 over last year. This church has contributed \$329.22 to missions, etc., during the past year, and has raised a total of \$3,237.26, which is a very large amount considering that it is one of the smallest churches in the city. The members are contemplating the enlarging of their church and the wardens were instructed to get estimates for this work at the Easter Vestry meeting.

St. Luke's Church.—The Easter Day services in this church were all well attended. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion at which 221 persons partook of the Sacrament, being the largest number on record for any one day. The choir, under the direction of Mr. W. Spencer, added much to the beauty of the Easter services.

The regular Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday and was well attended. The rector, Rev. E. N. R. Burns, in the chair. The wardens presented their annual statement, which was very satisfactory, showing a balance on hand of \$153.80. The rector in his address expressed his satisfaction with the manner every department of the church was carrying on its work. During the year the mortgage on the church has been paid off, and it now stands free from debt. Mention was also made of gifts to the church, viz., two Glastonbury chairs from members of the Girls' Friendly Society and Sunday School in memory of two departed workers of the Society and Sunday School, a handsome pulpit lamp fixture, the gift of Mr. B. Walling, and a memorial tablet, the gift of Mrs. Whitehead, in memory of departed relatives.

St. Phillip's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting Messrs. A. H. Insch and J. A. Whitehead were appointed lay delegates to Synod. The appointment and election of church-wardens was held over the present. Receipts, \$1,182.78, with an expenditure of \$1.13 less.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Wardens, H. B. Witton, and H. H. Champ; delegate to Synod, R. A. Lucas. A very satisfactory financial report was presented. The rector, the Rev. Canon Abbott announced at the meeting that he had secured the services of a new curate in the person of Mr. Gerald Potts, B.A., of Trinity College, Toronto. He will be ordained deacon in the cathedral on Sunday, the 10th May, and will enter

upon his duties at once. A resolution of sympathy was passed with the late rector, the Rev. Canon Bland, and the members of his family in their recent bereavement. Receipts, \$22,199.35; disbursements, \$21,479.49.

Church of the Ascension.—Wardens, F. W. Gates, and T. Hobson; delegates to Synod, A. Brown; receipts, \$7,908.

All Saints'.—Wardens, P. Domville, and T. W. Hand; delegates to Synod, C. Lemon, G. E. Bristol, and T. E. Leather; receipts, \$4,549; disbursements, \$3,991.62.

St. George's.—Wardens, C. H. Zimmerman, and H. A. White; delegate to Synod, for 3 years, Alderman Nicholson. The rector, the Rev. F. E. Howitt, was given three months' leave of absence to enable him to attend the Pan-Anglican Congress in London. The feature of the evening was the resignation of Ald Nicholson as peoples' warden, and John Cole as rector's warden, the former having held that position for the past ten years and the latter for twelve years. Much regret was expressed at the resignation of these two gentlemen, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed for their valuable services to the church in the past. Receipts, \$2,250; disbursements, \$2,033.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, H. Taylor, and C. A. Maginnis; receipts, \$2,793.53. It was decided to raise the salary of the organist, Mr. Vernon, from \$4 to \$5 a Sunday. It will shortly be necessary to enlarge the church as it is becoming too small for the increasing congregation.

St. John the Evangelist.—Wardens, W. G. E. Boyd, and E. Hockaday; receipts, \$2,167.54, all of which had been expended; delegates to Synod, G. Noyes, B. J. Throop and J. H. Collinson.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, W. H. Rewburg, and C. Hardman; delegate to Synod, for three years, R. Woolley. The rector gave an encouraging report, stating at Easter the number of communicants was the largest in the history of the church; also that good work was being done by the various organizations. A most satisfactory announcement was that the mortgage on the church had been paid off. A committee was appointed to purchase a lot near the church. The financial report showed a substantial balance in hand.

St. Mark's.—Meeting adjourned for two weeks.

St. Thomas.—On Easter Sunday a special collection was taken in this church, in aid of the Building Fund of the church, and between \$400 and \$500 was contributed. Since the last vestry meeting considerable improvements have been made to the chancel, and more are contemplated. The changes now proposed are new choir stalls, and the matter will be discussed at the postponed vestry meeting on May 4th, when it will be decided just how much is to be expended.

St. Matthew's.—On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, the parish hall was the scene of a pleasant gathering, when a congregational social was held. The attendance was large, and a pleasant time was enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies, after which an interesting programme was enjoyed. The feature of the evening's entertainment was the decided surprise given to the esteemed rector, when he was presented with an address and well-filled purse. The Rev. M. Britton certainly displayed the surprise he expressed, and was at a loss to find words to acknowledge the generous gift and kind words of appreciation. This, however, he managed to do after he had recovered his self-possession. The affair was in every way a pleasant one, and was enjoyed by all present.

Clanford.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, A. French, and T. Pearson; delegate to Synod, H. A. French; receipts, \$435.21; disbursements, (about) \$400.

Ancaster.—St. John's.—Wardens, W. J. Barr, A. W. Posfans; delegates to Synod, W. J. Barr; receipts, \$1,000.

Milton.—Grace Church.—Easter Day was a happy day in this parish. The communicants numbered 85, the largest in its history. The vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the rector reported an increased attendance at all the services. The churchwardens' report was very satisfactory, and showed the Sunday offertories to be nearly \$200 over those of the year before. The rector's stipend was increased \$100, and at All Saints' Mission \$25 was added, making a total of \$600 now paid. Seven years ago these two congregations were one, a debt of nearly \$3,000 was hanging over the people, and the amount paid towards stipend was \$350 per annum. Now there are two congregations, a mission church costing \$500 has been built, and paid for. The indebted-

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ness has been reduced by \$2,000, with the mission church making a total of \$2,500 paid, besides running expenses. The Sunday School has become two and the number on the roll increased from 85 to 90 children to 230, viz., at Grace Church 180, All Saints 52. In the same period there have been 235 baptisms. The M.S.C.C. and diocesan apportionments have been regularly paid. The wardens for Grace Church are S. Dice and Alfred Winn; lay representatives to Synod, S. Dice and V. Chi-holm.

Omagh.—Churchwardens, Wm. Deolin and J. A. Gibsen; lay representative to Synod, J. A. Gibsen.

Dunville.—St. Paul's.—The Easter vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. The attendance was good. The report showing progress all along the line. Five or six years ago the sum raised for parish purposes was about \$900. This last year the sum raised for current expenses was \$2,277.90. Eight years ago a sum of \$20 odd was raised for all purposes outside the parish, missions, etc. This last year the sum for outside the parish purposes was \$256. Last year's wardens were re-elected for this present year. Votes of thanks were passed to the various societies.

Quelph.—St. George's.—Easter Day was a very happy day in this church. The congregations were larger than ever before, and the number of communicants was 501 as against 425 last year. Several beautiful and valuable gifts have just been presented to the church, and were seen for the first time on Easter Day. They include:—(1) Two very beautiful windows from the studio of Messrs. Robert McCausland, Limited, of Toronto. They are in memory of the late Col. G. B. Hall and Mrs. Hall, and represent Melchizedek and Aaron on the north side of the sanctuary, over the Bishop's throne, and Samuel and Elijah on the South side. The east window, which was put in many years ago in memory of the late Archdeacon Palmer, represents Christ and the four Evangelists, so that the combined windows are intended to suggest the thought that the Christian ministry combines both types of Old Testament ministers, the priest and the prophet. (2) A very beautiful Bishop's Throne and Sedilia of dark oak with wainscoting carried along the sides of the sanctuary, in memory of the late Mr. John M. Bond. These were designed by Messrs. Sproat & Rolph, of Toronto, to harmonize with the altar and reredos given two years ago in memory of Dr. Lett. The work was carried out by the Globe Furniture Company, of Walkerville. (3) An extremely handsome and artistic brass altar rail, given anonymously. This was specially designed by Messrs. Sproat & Rolph, in keeping with their other work in the church, and was manufactured by Messrs. Keith & Fitzsimmons, of Toronto. (4) A cloth for the Credence Table, worked and presented by Mrs. Arthur Lea. These several gifts greatly enhance the beauty of this noble church, and it is pleasing to know that they were all designed and made in Canada.

Georgetown.—St. George's.—The services of Easter Sunday were very largely attended and included a very good number of communicants. The offertory amounted to one hundred dollars. At St. Alban's, Glen Williams, there were excellent services and a large number communicated at 9.30 a.m. The offertory amounted to sixty-eight dollars and seventy-nine cents. At the vestry meeting on Easter Tuesday the wardens reported the most prosperous year in the history of the congregation. The total receipts were eight hundred dollars. The building debt had been reduced from twelve hundred dollars to eight hundred and sixty-five dollars. Mr. J. Beaumont, J.P., was re-appointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. H. Holdroyd, J.P., re-elected people's warden. On the motion of the wardens a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. R. Atkinson, for his services which were very highly appreciated and he was assured of their warmest esteem. Mr. Atkinson thanked them for their very kind expressions of love and loyalty.

Burlington.—St. Luke's.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 20th. The rector's report showed that the parish was in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition. Notwithstanding many extra expenses during the last year, and the great number of people out of work during the winter, the financial report was one of the best presented for many years. By a unanimous vote of the vestry, the rector's stipend was increased \$100. Dr. Ackland was appointed rector's warden, and James Harrison, people's warden; delegate to Synod, James Harrison.

HURON.

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

London.—Clerical Breakfast.—The programme for the coming clerical breakfast in London on Tuesday morning, May 26th, at the usual place, (Friend's Restaurant, London), promises to be of exceptional interest. The subject is "The Ordinal for Deacons," and the clerical speakers are Rural Dean Ridley and the Revs. J. W. Jones, and T. G. Perdue. It will interest the clergy to know that Mr. Charles Jenkins has also kindly consented to speak on this subject. The diaconate has been a subject of long-continued study with Mr. Jenkins, and he has formulated his ideas and brought them before all the principal church courts of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. The chairman at the breakfast will be the Rev. Principal Waller. With such a programme provided, we bespeak a large attendance of all concerned.

Chatham.—Holy Trinity.—Wardens, W. R. Baxter, T. Scullard; Delegates to Synod, M. Wilson, K.C., and W. T. Shannon. The meeting adjourned for two weeks to receive the financial report.

Christ Church.—Warden (People's), J. Waddell. The rector's warden will be appointed as soon as the new rector arrives. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. W. G. Colles for his services during the past few months.

RUPERT'S LAND.

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

Winnipeg.—Holy Trinity.—His Grace, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, held a Confirmation service in this church on Sunday the 12th inst., when 47 candidates, 17 male and 30 female, were presented by the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, for the apostolic rite. The Revs. D. T. Parker and R. C. Johnstone also took part in the service. In his address to the young people, His Grace spoke of the ordinance of the laying on of hands and its Scriptural origin. He left them the text "Abide in Me" as their motto. Subsequently, the Archbishop delivered an eloquent sermon to the large congregation present. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. At the evening service, Archdeacon Fortin addressed a special discourse to those who had renewed their baptismal vows at the morning ceremony. He called their attention to the opportunities that lay before them in the work of the Church, and requested their presence at the Easter Communion.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Jervols A. Newnham, D.D., Bishop, Prince Albert, N.W.T.

Prince Albert.—It would interest many Churchmen throughout the Dominion to know how the second part of the Saskatchewan Catechist scheme is working out. At the present moment something like thirty men are in residence at Prince Albert, receiving their Divinity lectures just as they would be given in any other Divinity College in Canada. Thirty of the seventy catechists were drawn in from their Missions on the 1st of November, taken as far as possible from every alternate Mission. While these men were in training the other forty men in the field were taking alternate Sundays in their own and neighbouring Missions. On February 8th these men went out again and changed places with thirty more coming in from the field. The second group has now been in residence since February 8th, and will be here as hard at it as they can stand until May 10th. The lecturing staff consists of the Bishop, Archdeacon Lloyd, the Rev. A. D. Dewdney, the Rev. J. T. Tuckey, the Rev. H. S. Broadbent. The principle followed in this diocese is that the man should serve about nine months in the Mission field and a little over three months in College training. The plan thus far has worked admirably; throughout the diocese these men have got in touch with the great majority of our people, and it is quite within the mark to say that there are very few districts in Saskatchewan where some touch, however inadequate, is not being kept. From May till October, the months when most work on the prairies can be done, all the men will be on the field, and their lecturing staff with them. Everything about the college being closed down, and students and staff alike becoming missionaries. In this way the ground can be held, while at the same time the

men are being educated for the regular ministry. As the buildings of Emmanuel College (which were erected by Bishop McLean for the Divinity School) are now being used as an Indian School, the Divinity students have had to put up with very scant accommodation. If it is true that plain living and high thinking always go together, then we have every reason to expect that the intellectual results at the examination will be of a high order. As a matter of fact, the work done so far in the way of study has been first rate, and indications are that the results will bear inspection, and even comparison with some older and better equipped institutions. The men have taken hold with a will, and are determined that the Church's work shall not suffer for want of application. Already immigration has begun to pour into the diocese. In some places along the Canadian Northern people are already camping out in tents, and at the time of writing (April 5) two feet of snow still lies on the ground.

The men all over the country are having a hard time just now, with the very deep snow. It is always the darkest hour before the dawn and it is the last few snowstorms of March which thoroughly snow us up, generally more than all the winter. One of the catechists, writing to the Archdeacon, and rather apologising for the fact that his people had not turned out yet to haul that lumber 45 miles to begin building a little £50 Church says: "As an example of the difficulty in getting round, you may be interested in my visit to my churchwarden who lives six miles from here, and is sick. I started off on Friday to visit him. The snow was so deep that I could not get my pony through in places, and had to wade through myself, and lead the horse. After travelling two miles in this way, and taking over an hour to do it, I concluded that it was impossible to ride, and therefore left my horse at a house, and started off to walk the remaining four miles. Snow was up to my knees the whole way, in many places above my knees, and waist deep. However, I arrived at last after a struggle, and after paying my visit, walked back the four miles, and got my pony, and had to lead her half the other two miles home. It took me the whole day, and altogether I walked nearly ten miles out of the twelve, or rather I should say, waded, as it was impossible to walk. You will understand that it was hard work, and I was pretty well done up when I arrived home. However, this is by the way, I only want to show you we are unable to do much while the snow is down, but as soon as it goes we shall get down to business." The Church won't suffer much when this is the kind of man looking after its interests.

This letter has been sent by Archdeacon Lloyd to all the clergy and the catechists in the Diocese of Saskatchewan:—"From about now onward the stream of immigration will be setting in, and within a week or two the trains will be filling up with newcomers coming in. I want to urge you very particularly to make yourself master of all that is taking place in this way in your district. The Government people expect over 300,000 people this year, mostly by ocean ports. I want to urge you specially to look after your share of this stream. Many of these people will be English Churchmen from the Old Country. You have a special duty towards them. Many will be English Nonconformists; a little kindness to these newcomers at your hands may do a great deal to soften down and even do away with the prejudices many of them hold against the Old Church. I would specially ask you to meet every incoming train you possibly can. Put up notices in the railway station, hotels, emigration halls, and any other place you think of, pointing out that you are there, and willing to advise. Be on the station platform, looking something like a catechist, introduce yourself to all these people, tell them who you are, find out where they are going, township, range, section. If in your district hunt them up as often as you possibly can, keep in touch with them, be their best friend, keep them away from sharks, advise them where to go and whom to trust, go with them and introduce them to trustworthy people. In other words, be as great a friend as you can to strangers in a strange land. If these people pass out of your district into somebody else's, don't fail to write a postcard to the clergyman or catechist telling him all about them. If they go into any of those many tracts of spiritual 'No man's land' be sure and send me the postcard, giving the township and range as nearly as you can. I may not be able to do much, owing to the scarcity of men, but I want to know, so that if there is a chance to help we may help all we can. Again let me urge you, do your very utmost to watch this immigration movement and get into touch with all our people. With kindest regards and best wishes, believe me to be, yours very faithfully, George Exton Lloyd, Archdeacon.

British and Foreign

The Right Rev. Dr. Capers, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, died in Columbia, his see city, on Wednesday, April 22, aged 70 years.

A silver rose bowl has been presented to the Rev. J. E. Harvard, Vicar of South Kyme, Lincolnshire, and a silver purse to Mrs. Harvard, on their departure from South Kyme.

An exquisitely and especially beautifully bound Service Book for use at the Altar, has been presented to Grace Church, Baldwinville, Central New York, by the Hon. Jacob Amos in memory of his wife.

The Rev. S. and Mrs. Brodison, of St. Aidan, Stratford, have been presented by the congregation with a roll-top desk, a silver tea-service, and an address in appreciation of their work in completing the church.

The Bishop of London has appointed the Rev. H. F. B. Mackay, Librarian of Pusey House, Oxford, who was ordained to a curacy of the parish, to be Vicar of All Saints, Margaret Street, in succession to the late Rev. G. F. Holden.

Several gifts have lately been made to the Church of Our Saviour, Chicago, including a set of purple hangings for the chapel altar and chancel, a white dossal for the church, and lace frontals for both the altar and the credence table in the church.

The Home Guild in connection with the Children's Home, New Orleans, has, amongst other gifts, received an Altar Service Book and a chancel carpet as memorials to the late Miss

Josephine Hammon, a former secretary.

The Diocese of Pretoria is taking a notable part in the preparation for the Thankoffering. It has been decided to appeal to the diocese for not less than £50,000, of which not less than one-tenth will be paid in to the Unappropriated Thankoffering.

The vicar of Grace Church, Oak Park, Ill., requested the men of his parish to attend an early celebration at 7:30 on the third Sunday in Lent. There was no music, no address, simply the Eucharist, and 169 responded to the call.

The dedication of the north and south aisles of the new west front of Hereford Cathedral is fixed for Tuesday in Whit week. It is expected that some of the Colonial and American bishops, who will be in England for the Lambeth Conference, will take part in the proceedings.

Four chancel windows, with the Four Evangelists as the central figures, were unveiled recently in Grace Church, Orange, N.J. They have been given in commemoration of the rectorship of the Rev. Alexander Mann, and in memory, too, of the long rectorship of his uncle, the Rev. Dr. Schuyler, for whom the chancel of the church was made a memorial.

The late Mr. James Scholes has left by will, amongst other bequests, the sum of \$5,000 to St. Simeon's Church, Philadelphia, and a like sum to the Episcopal Hospital in that city for the endowment of a free bed. Mr. Scholes was for many years rector's warden at St. Simeon's Church, and he was a devout and consistent Churchman.

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The Lord Bishop of London was recently presented with his portrait at a meeting which was held at the Mansion House, and presided over by the Lord Mayor. The portrait, which is a gift from the diocese, was painted by Sir H. Harkomer, and is destined to hang in Fulham Palace. The presentation was made by the Lord Chancellor, in the presence of a large and distinguished company, in the Egyptian Hall, which was crowded to its fullest capacity.

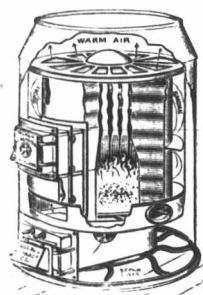
Mrs. C. R. Huson, of Cambridge, Mass., formerly a member of St. Mark's, Coldwater, Michigan, has presented to the latter parish a most beautiful and costly set of purple hangings for the altar and other chancel furnishings. With the red set, which she is now preparing, will be completed sets of the four colours which this generous friend of the parish has contributed to her former house of prayer. This is said to be the finest set of hangings in the whole diocese.

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The interior of the quaint old church of Upton Grey has recently been very much improved by the presentation of a lectern, a prayer-desk, and sittings, all in oak; these last have taken the place of some modern deal sittings and the old open benches. The gift has been made by the daughters of the late Sir Wm. Martin, who lived to an old age at Upton Grey House, and who contributed largely at different times to the improvement of the church, as well as giving a large piece of ground for the enlargement of the churchyard.

The impending departure of the Rev. Canon Cronshaw from West-boughton, where he has been Vicar for eighteen years, is being marked by a series of presentations to him-

self and members of his family. On Saturday night, at the Parish Church Schools, there was a large assembly under the presidency of the Rev. J. W. Bevan (curate), when Canon Cronshaw was presented with a Bechstein upright grand piano in oak and a piano stool in mediaeval design, while the Misses Cronshaw were the recipi-



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glican communion in those regions
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one."

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less, white as snow, amid clouds of
black dust, can He not keep hearts
in like purity in His world of sin?—
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and had little to spend for the chil-
dren. Easter had been a happy time
to them and the little ones had always
received presents as you do, children,
at Christmas.

So the kind mothers thought the
no money with which to buy presents.
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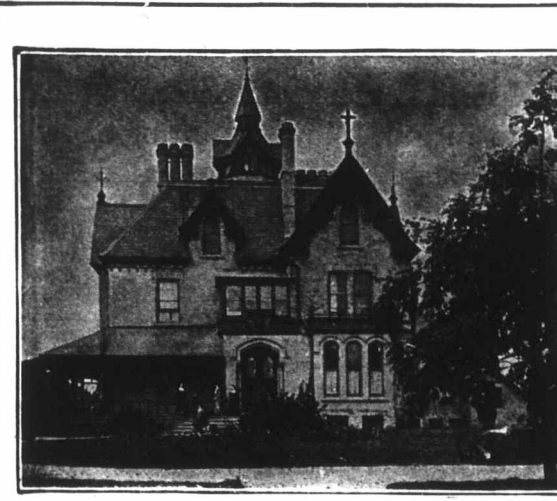
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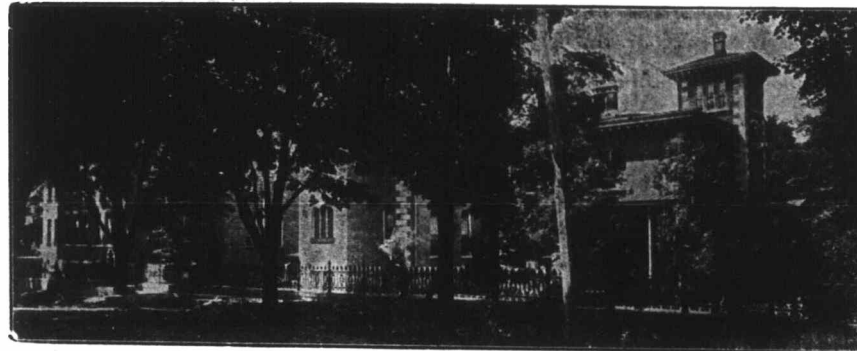
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