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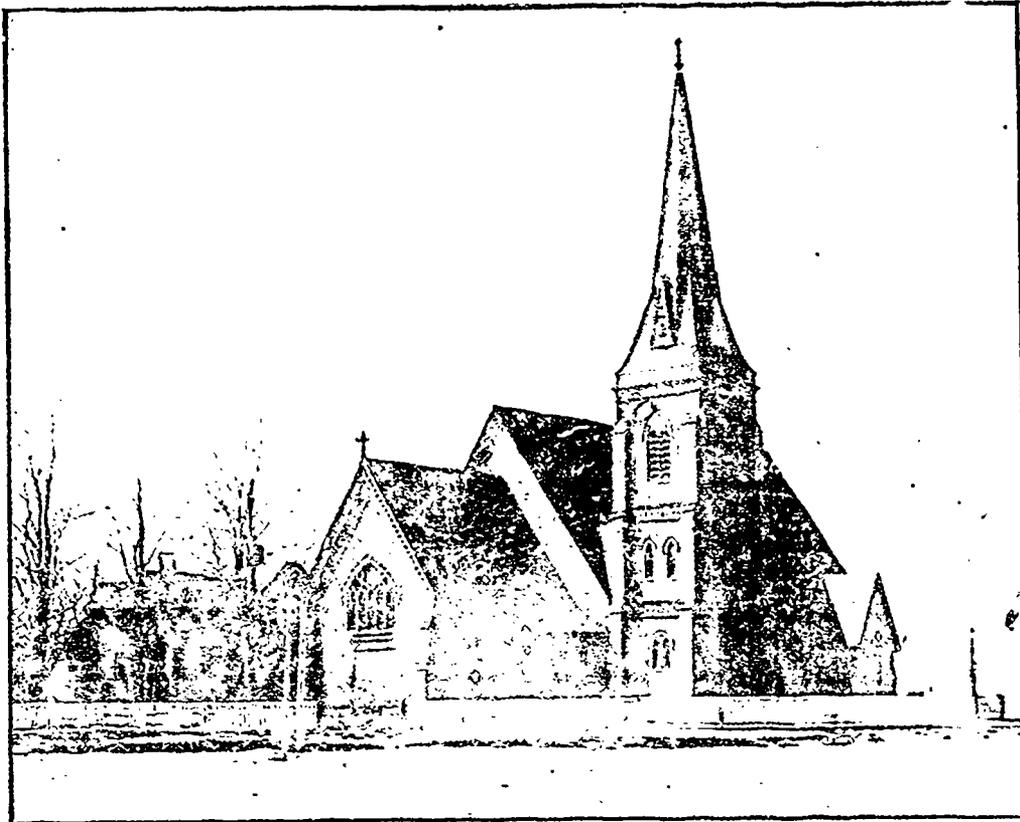
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Holy Baptism.

Written for the "Church Observer" by the
Rev. Canon Brock.

Paper No. 3.

A recent writer of our sister Church in the U. S. after a most exhaustive examination of the symbols and figurative language applied to Christian Baptism in our N. T., sums up the result of his examination thus:

"Therefore, after a rigid examination of all that the New Testament contains on the subject, we affirm, that there is not a precept, example, or allusion from which an undoubted inference for immersion as the mode of Christian Baptism can be deduced. Not one that any impartial or legal mind will admit, can be made the basis of an invariable law to bind the judgment and consciences of men."

I proceed to examine the testimony of history. Baptists are in the habit of making the broad assertion that "immersion was the universal practice of the Church for fifteen hundred years."

Let us see. Let us start from the time of the Reformation, and work backward to the Apostolic age.

In A. D., 1536, Calvin drew up a formula for the administration of the Sacraments in the Church at Geneva. In the Order of Baptism, we find this direction: "Then the Minister of Baptism pours water on the infant, saying I baptize thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

In his "Institutes" Calvin writes

"The difference is of no moment, whether he that is baptized be dipped all over, and if so, whether thrice or once, or whether he be only wetted with water poured on him."

In 1422, one hundred years before the Reformation, Lynwood, the Dean of Arches under Henry V in his account of the English Constitution, speaks of Baptism by *pouring*, and *sprinkling*, as alike valid with *dipping*.

In 1380, Wickliffe, Rector of Lutterworth, and commonly called, "The Morning Star of the Reformation" says, "Nor is it material whether they be dipped once or thrice, or water be poured on their heads: but it must be done according to the custom of the place where one dwells."

Advancing onward another century towards Apostolic times, we come to the Synod held at Angiers in France, in A. D. 1275, which on the subject of Baptism directs that "The infant be dipped thrice, or the water poured on him three times, according to the general custom of the Church."

In A. D., 1255, Thomas Aquinas, the great Scholastic Doctor in Italy, writes, "Water is used in the Sacrament of Baptism for the purpose of corporeal ablution by which the interior ablution from sins is signified: and ablution with water can be made, not only by immersion but by aspersion, or affusion"

Assculpture, carvings, and paintings, cannot be affected by translations, but speak the same language to every age and to every nation, it may be well to see, as

we travel upwards through the Apostolic age, what the representations of Christian art teach respecting the mode of administering Holy Baptism.

In the work of the Rev. Dr. Hodge of Maryland on "Baptism, its subjects and modes," several representations of the mode of administering the Sacrament of Baptism are given: They run from the tenth up to the third century.

In a plate, preserved at Rome, the work of Greek artists of ninth century, there is a representation of the baptism of a boy outside the Church: the boy is nearly unclothed, and the priest is represented as pouring water from a pitcher, on the boy's head.

The next plate in Dr. Hodges' work represents the mode of administering Baptism in the eighth and seventh centuries. On one side of the plate we see the candidate kneeling down and praying by a bath of water; and a hand issues from the cloud above him to denote the acquiescence of heaven in his petitions. On the other side of the plate we see Baptism administered by pouring water out of a pitcher on persons who are kneeling on the ground, and not immersed at all.

The third plate in Dr. Hodges' work takes us back in the stream of Church history to the sixth and fifth centuries—The picture represents the Baptism of a heathen King and Queen. They are kneeling in a large bath, partially unclothed, and with their crowns on. The minister who is baptizing them is represented as pouring water on their heads from a pitcher.

This monument of early Christian art is found on a tomb near Naples in South Italy, and represents the Baptism of the King and Queen of the Longobardi who occupied that part of Italy in the sixth century.

I must reserve the testimony of S. Augustine, S. Chrysostom and others for the next paper.

Presentation to the Rev. J. T. Bryan, Charlottetown.

The Rev. J. T. Bryan was most pleasantly surprised on Easter Eve by being called upon and presented with the following address in the name of the whole congregation both old and young:

To the Rev. J. T. Bryan,

Rector of St. Paul's Church.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in acquainting you that a set of "The Warner Library of the World's best literature" (consisting of 30 volumes) has been ordered from Montreal and is expected to arrive immediately.

On behalf of the members of the congregation, both old and young, we beg your acceptance of the same, in recognition of our respect and esteem for your personal character, and as a mark of our high appreciation of your earnest and devoted work amongst us for Christ and His Church.

Wishing you all blessings spiritual and temporal,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Church Wardens. { H. J. Cundall,
 { F. L. Huszard.

On Easter morning Mr. Bryan appropriately acknowledged the address and thanked the congregation for the magnificent gift, which will of course be much appreciated by

one of so literary a turn of mind, several of whose poems have appeared in newspaper and magazine.

The Church and Rectory of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, are among the finest and most beautiful of the Maritime Provinces. Both are of red stone and the church is exquisitely finished in wood. Its rector is one of the youngest in Canada to rule the destinies of so large and influential a congregation, being not yet 30 years of age; but the crowded congregations that attend St. Paul's Sunday after Sunday show that the Rector has learned the secret of giving the church, both in service and sermon, her proper place in the lives of the people. The seats are free and the rector will have no one asked for what he does not, after his duty is shown from the pulpit, voluntarily offer as a gift to God, so that the money for the support of the congregation is given directly, bazars and theatricals being left to those who live by them. The social life of the congregation is provided for by frequent "At Homes," to which all, old and young, rich and poor are invited. The people are taught the meaning of prayer and work and the church never wants for support. On Easter Sunday the Rector asked for \$240 to pay off a small debt on the painting and the sum of \$284 was placed in the offertory. A congregation run on such scriptural lines, will, of course live the missionary life. The contributions to that object this year were \$1,284, being nearly \$200 more than the year before and the largest of any parish in the diocese except one. The Rector of St. Paul's is to be congratulated in having the confidence of his people and on the great blessing that has attended his two years work in Charlottetown.—*C. Examiner.*

Early Communion.

Its value is thus beautifully expressed by the late Canon Liddon: "A Christian of the first or second century would not have understood a Sunday in which, whatever else might be done, the Holy Communion was omitted; and this great duty is best complied with as early in the day as possible, when the natural powers of the mind have been lately refreshed by sleep, when as yet the world has not taken the bloom of the soul's first self dedication to God. when thought and feeling and purpose are still bright and fresh and unembarrassed; then is the time for those who would reap the full harvest of grace, to approach the altar. It is quite a different thing in the middle of the day; even when serious efforts are made to communicate reverently. Those who begin their Sunday with the Holy Communion know one of the deepest meanings of that promise, "They that seek me early shall find me."

Alabaster Boxes

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled. and be made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send to their coffins send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which they

intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends before hand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.—*Sel.*

The Best Lesson about Charity.

Archbishop Magee would often tell the following story, and say it was the best lesson about charity he ever had in his life;

"It was when my father was vicar of St. Peter's, Drogheda, Ireland. One day I met a ragged, miserable Roman Catholic child who was begging for help. Touched by his wretchedness, I made my way to my father's study, and told him about the boy, and asked him to give me something for him. Looking up from his books and papers, he said; "Indeed, I cannot. I have all our own school children and poor to help, and I really cannot do anything for the lad."

"However, as I turned crestfallen to the door, he called after me, "Willie if you like to go without your own dinner, and to give it to the boy, you may; and go and ask your mother to find some old things to clothe him in."

"Off I went, delighted, and gave the lad my dinner. And now, when I hear of large sums given in so called charity, I think of my father's words; "Willie, if you like

to go without your own dinner, you may give it to the lad.

Selected.

Sentinels on the Outposts.

Perhaps some of our readers live near no Church parish. All around you are those who know her not. You feel isolated and lonely. But remember that, though a sentinel on the outposts, you are still a member of that vast army with its 200 Bishops, 40,000 other clergy and millions of privates. You are not alone. Though few of your faith are near you, there have been and are to-day, in every portion of the globe, millions of learned and godly . . . think as you think, love the same ways and hold the same truths. What does it matter that you are a sentinel on the outposts? God has placed you there for a purpose perhaps to be the nucleus of some future church, where hundreds will learn her sacred ways. Stand firm, then as a pioneer. Be true to your trust. Teach your children to love the Church of your choice. That Church is doing a grand, glorious work. She is marching to victory. Be faithful at your post, and watch unto prayer.—*Parish Visitor.*

Sacred Music is a cord that connects the souls on earth with the angels in heaven. Music is a cord stretching from earth to heaven, along which goes quivering the joyous praises of the ransomed, along which goes whispering the cry for light: along which goes trembling the plea of the sinner.

"A kindly act is a kernel sown
That may grow to a goodly tree
Shredding its fruit when time
has flown
Down the gulf of eternity"

Our Mother Church.

Our Mother Church of England
A faithful witness bears,
Midst peace and happy sunshine,
Or strife, and storm, and tears:
The world may rage around her,
Or tempest's voice may roar,
But One who stills the tumults
Is with her evermore.
Built on the sure foundation
Of God's unchanging Word,
She shows the need of cleansing
By water and by blood:
Taught by the sacred pages,
She holds the Orders three,
That those who preach glad tidings
May serve in just degree.
Within her sweet Communion,
Throughout the ages gone,
The noblest hearts of England
Have rested, one by one:
Her very dust is sacred,
Her very stones are dear,
Her hallowed shrines have witnessed
The prayer, the praise, the tear.
Within her walls, our fathers
Have often knelt in prayer,
And mothers for their children
Have softly pleaded there;
Voice after voice grows silent,
Age after age goes by,
And still our lips are breathing
The same sweet Liturgy.
There may be foes around her
Who make an angry stir,
But thousands more would offer
Their hearts' best blood for her
It is not yet extinguished—
The ardour of our sires,
The faith that trod the scaffold
And fed the martyr-fires.
Our Mother Church of England,
O Saviour, keep her pure!
O Holy Spirit, guide her,
And lead her evermore!
O Triune God, defend her
Till earth's long night be past
And o'er the seething waters
The day-break streams at last!
—*Banner of Faith.]* Amen.

Parish News.



MAUGERVILLE N. B.

Rev. R. W. Colston presided at the Easter Monday meeting of Christ church, Maugerville. Geo. R. Smith and C. T. Clowes were elected wardens.

Vestrymen—W. H. Bent, A. McL Sterling, Wm. DeVeber, Henry Clark, Wm. Magee, C. L. Bent, John Bartlett, Harry DeVeber, Fred Ladds, A. R. Miles, Murray Gilbert, Geo. Armstrong.

Vestry clerk—A. McL. Sterling.

Delegates to Synod—C. T. Clowes and Murray Gilbert.

Substitutes—Geo. R. Smith and W. H. Bent.

CORNWALLIS.

We had a beautiful Easter service at the parish Church. A number of house plants in full blossom, decorated the chancel and cut flowers and mosses ornamented the retable, surmounted by a beautiful floral cross. The congregation was good, for the weather was glorious and the roads good. The music, as is generally the case on Festivals, was very creditable. The anthem "O death where is thy sting" very well rendered.

The principal subject under discussion at the Easter meeting was; The shortage of funds to the

amount of \$23 to meet parish expenses, and the possible increase of shortage for the coming year, the Rector, having no stated stipend declined to give loose Offer-tory, as he had done, preceeding year. A large number of families have left this parish during the last few years, and there have been many deaths amongst the older members of the Church, consequently the Church is much less supported than it used to be. Another cause of shortness of funds, is the low figure, at which a church lot is at present rented. A committee has been set on foot, to find out from the various families, what part they will take towards defraying expenses and it was suggested that those refusing to take any, should give their reasons in writing

Church wardens elected were; Messrs W. Cox, in place of Dr. W. Y. Fullerton, who resigned, and J. R. Forbes.

KINGSPORT.

Our mission Hall presented a very pleasing appearance on Easter day. "Christ is risen indeed," in white letters, on a crimson background, surmounted the Lord's Table, which was surrounded by a number of blossoming plants. The reading desk, and the old English Font, were decorated with garlands of moss.

The S. School has been held, with only two intermissions on account of weather, through the winter and spring. We have lately lost some members, their families having removed, but we hope to make up our numbers in the spring, when probably new families will be moving in.

Holy Communion was admin-

stered on Easter Tuesday in the week, and a business meeting held in the afternoon.

LOCH LOMOND N. B.

At the meeting held in All Saints church, Loch Lomond, Easter Monday, the rector, Rev. Leo A. Hoyt in the chair, the following were elected:

Church Wardens—W. T. Boyle, Robt. J. Moore.

Vestrymen—Jas. Crozier, A. R. Moore, Jas. K. Daley, N. Stephenson, J. McBrine, W. Anthony, A. Gibson, J. B. Emery, R. G. Stewart W. S. Sands, James Foley, Fred Walters.

Vestry clerk—W. Leslie Sealey.

Lay delegates to Synod—W. T. Boyle and W. Leslie Sealey.

Substitutes—A. Gibson and J. B. Emery.

WEYMOUTH.

The Lenten and Holy Week services were well attended. The Easter services were very bright and hearty with most excellent music at the three Churches where services were held.

Both the Parish Church and St. Thomas were beautifully decorated with a profusion of pot and cut flowers of many kinds lillies being quite conspicuous, and all most tastefully arranged. There were 65 Communicants, and the Easter offertory amounted to \$93.50. The annual Parish meeting was a most pleasing one as it was found that the unusual sum of \$1665.50 had been raised during the year. \$1315.81 of which being by direct voluntary contributions the balance by entertainments thus enabling the debt of \$565.00 of two years ago to be cut down to \$80.00 and

all current and necessary calls to be met and squared, leaving a balance on hand of \$81.72 for missions making a total of \$133.24 paid to extra parochial purposes for the year. The new wardens are Messrs Harrison Jones and H. S Hoyt both young men with energy and business push so we look for continued financial success for the present year.

The Delegates to Synod are the Hon. A. G. Jones, Mr. H. L. Jones and substitutes Messrs G. D. Campbell and W. W. Jones.

HALIFAX.

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL.

The Easter Festival at St. Luke's is always one of the brightest and most joyous days in the year, and Easter, 1898, was no exception to the rule. The church was redolent with the odor of roses, lilies and carnations; the altar was a vision of loveliness, clothed in white frontal and dossal, and covered with lilies and roses, from the midst of which the beautiful cross gleamed. Along the chancel screen splendid callas, large yellow daffodils, hundreds of modest Marguerites and carnations made a bank of beauty, whilst around the pulpit roses drooped on their stems, reminding one of the Rose of Sharon, associated with the Redeemer of Man. The font also was filled with lovely flowers. Never was St. Luke's more thronged with worshippers. From 6.45 to 1.30 the services were continuous, with no longer interval than 20 minutes between any two of them. Upwards of 500 made their communion at the four celebrations. The bishop's sermon at

11 a. m. was touchingly beautiful, and was well fitted to inspire and cheer the hearts of all who heard him.

At 3.30 there was the usual children's service, at which, instead of the usual floral object lesson, the children brought bouquets of flowers, which they subsequently took to the hospital, and also presented their little savings banks containing the money they had saved during Lent, which is always devoted to work amongst the Indian children of the Northwest. The services closed with a very bright Evensong, at which the rector preached an appropriate sermon. The singing throughout the day was of the high order for which St. Luke's has long been famous.

The choral celebration at 8 was sung to Agutter's service, a favorite at St. Luke's. Smart's noble Te Deum was the principal service at Matins, and Stainer's anthem, "They Have Taken Away My Lord," was the evening anthem. Burnett's Cantate and Deus were sung, and the day closed with a splendid rendering of Mozart's Gloria from the 12th Mass. The hymns and chants were jubilant and triumphant. It was Mr. Gattward's last day as organist of St. Luke's, and it formed a fitting close to his five years' work, exhibiting as it did the efficiency to which he has brought the musical services.

The meeting of St. Luke's last evening was a large one. The following offices were appointed:

Wardens — Thomas Brown, James Morrow.

Vestry—Captain Clarkson, W. H. Wiswell, W. B. Ferrie, G. A. Woodill, Charles E. Wainwright, F. S. West, Samuel Fenn, A. H. Whitman, G. H. McKenzie, L. G.

Wainwright, Russell Twining, W. L. Brown.

Vestry Clerk—A. B. Wiswell.

Auditors—F. W. Bullock, Michael Brown.

Delegates to Synod—J. T. Wyld, J. T. Wood.

The jubilee of the parish will be celebrated in May. It is hoped on that occasion to expend \$1,500 on repairs and to reduce the debt by a considerable amount.

A vote of thanks was tendered R. Twining and L. G. Wainwright the past wardens.

Regret was expressed at the departure of the organist Mr. Gattward.

WICKLOW N. B.

The following is the result of the Wicklow election: Geo. Antworth and John Ritchie, Wardens.

Vestrymen—Alex. P. Ritchie, Thos. H. Wakem, James Ritchie, Geo. Stewart, Samuel Ritchie, Wm. Ritchie, and Willie Ritchie.

Representative to Synod—Samuel Ritchie.

WILMOT, N. B.

Wardens—Thos. Orchard and R. Wilmot Balloch.

Vestrymen—John F. Williams, Roy T. Lees, Chas. Wilkinson, Alfred J. Lee, G. Leverett White, Isaac P. Williams and Dr. F. M. Brown.

Representative to Synod—Thomas Orchard.

Rev. John Reeks of Port Greville has gone to take charge of Falmouth for a time. Great regret is expressed at his leaving Port Greville as he has endeared himself to all by his kindly manner and ceaseless energy.

Rev. Mr. Gale, of Acadia Mines, has been elected Rector of Port Greville but has not yet accepted.

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Rev. J. Woodruffe, rector of New Glasgow, is making an effort to raise money to build a new church in New Glasgow. There has been a revival of church work in the parish.

At the Easter meeting held at St. Michael's, Petite Riviere, the Rector, the Rev. T. F. West B. A. tendered his resignation, to take effect July 31st. Finding the work of the parish excessive and the climate unfavorable, the Rector asked for a month's rest, which was unanimously granted. Part of this time Mr. West, accompanied by Mrs West will spend in Halifax.

The Rev. E. Underwood, curate, of Truro, expects to leave Truro about the middle of May to spend a vacation in England. During his absence the Archdeacon will be assisted by Rev. S. Morgan.

On Sunday April 3rd 84 persons were confirmed by Bishop Courtney at St. Paul's, Halifax.

Our next issue will contain an interesting illustrated sketch of the parish of Weymouth.

A number of clergy have kindly responded to our appeal in the last issue; several have undertaken to ask their people for subscriptions and others have secured the co-operation of their parishioners who will act as correspondents or agents.

The House of Bishops, of the Ecclesiastical province of Canada recently met in Montreal.

The "Sign of the Cross" is steadily gaining favour and the circulation increasing. We have received several very kind letters recently and one clergyman writing from New Brunswick says: "we have been in the habit of taking the "Young Churchman" but owing to the excellence of your little paper, and the fact that it is published in in Canada, we have decided to give it what patronage we can"

Mr W. J. Hutchins has resigned the position of organist in St Paul's church which he has held with so much satisfaction to the parishioners for the past seven years. In consequence of the ill-health of his wife, Mr. H. has decided to return to England, in the hope that a change of climate may have a beneficial effect on her health. He will probably leave in a month or two.



HOME WORK FOR FAMILIES.

We want a number of families to do work for us at home, whole or spare time. The work we send our workers is quickly and easily done, and returned by parcel post as finished. Good money made at home. For particulars ready to commence send name and address. THE STANDARD SUPPLY CO. Dept. B, LONDON, ONT.

In honor of the four hundredth Anniversary of Savonarola, the Martyred Friar of Florence, the MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for May gives a leading article of exceptional interest on the subject of his life and times. The author, Rev. George H. Giddins, of London, portrays this marvelously strong and attractive character with great vividness and vigor, and shows a clear insight into the trend of the times. Numerous illustrations add much to the attractiveness of the article.

The Editor-in-Chief writes a pathetic but forceful article on "Mission Work for the Lepers," picturing graphically and powerfully the misery and loathsome condition of the unfortunate sufferers, and the Christ-like heroism and self-sacrifice of the men and women who are devoting their lives to relieve their bodies and save their souls.

John G. Paton, the noted veteran Missionary to the New Hebrides, contributes an interesting article on his work there, and Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, of London, gives a sketch of "The Malay Archipelago" and its Missions. A valuable article is also contributed by Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, on "Preparations for Missionary Service."

The various departments of the REVIEW abound with interesting and valuable material, and amply repay perusal.

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PRESENTATION TO REV. F. M. WEBSTER HALIFAX.

On Wednesday evening the teachers of St. Stephen's Sunday School met at the house of Rev.

F. M. Webster, 256 South Street, and presented him with a beautiful gold-mounted inkstand, holder and pen, accompanied by the following address:

St. Stephens, April 14, 1898.

Dear Mr. Webster,—The teachers of St. Stephens Sunday School take this opportunity of conveying to you their best wishes for the future. The relations between us have always been most pleasant, and we regret that the tie between yourself and the Sunday school has been severed. We ask you to accept this small token as a faint expression of the good-will we bear towards you. Yours very truly, Ellen V. Dimock, Mazie Woodill, Emma Sievert, Anna E. Hilchie, Ethel Mooney, Mable Ackhurst, Agnes Snow, J. S. Parker.

Mr. Webster replied in appropriate and feeling terms.

The English *Methodist Times* recently published four prize essays from Methodist Ministers on the great leakage from their denomination. The statistics given by themselves are significant. In 1881 there were 376,678 members. In 1897 they had increased to 435,420. The essayists say that from 1881 to 1897 the society lost 645,000 members. The average yearly loss was 35,000 souls. Putting the statement in another way, the leakage in twelve years has amounted to more than the total membership. The essayists generally agree on the causes of the leakage. "The Anglican Church has been a huge gainer from us" writes one. "A few" writes another "whose piety is undoubted, leave in order to seek a more ornate and stately form of worship." The essayists are also agreed that the class meeting with its experiences is unpopular and

declining, and that definite conceptions of fixed religious principles are wanting. These points are worthy of notice by zealous men who wish to establish something similar in the Anglican Communion, and who do not yet see the absolute value of fixed principles of religion. Among the other causes noted are weak preaching, the competition of social movements, pleasures and cycling.

The Brotherhood of S. Andrew.

Halifax, N. S.,
April 25th 1898.

To whom it may concern

At a general meeting of Local Assembly held April 19th 1898, Mr. E. St. G. Tucker, Halifax, N. S., was appointed as supply agent for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland,

The object of this agency is to bring the different Chapters in closer communication to our Local Assembly.

Yours fraternally,
A. R. Dimock.

General Secretary, Halifax Local Assembly.

Referring to the above notice from Mr. Dimock I beg to say that I always keep in stock the following Books, &c. &c.—

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Monthly Financial Statement, B.H.M.

Secretary-Treasurer's Statement, April 1st. 1898.

B. H. M.	
Required April 1st.	\$1086.00
Balance in Bank	36.41
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Net amount required	\$1049.59
W. & O. F.	
Required, July 1st.	\$1015.00
Balance in Bank	1413.89
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Credit Balance	\$398.89
Supn. Fund	
Required, July 1st.	\$1365.00
Balance in Bank	526.54
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Net amount required	\$838.46

PARRSBORO

Services were held on Easter Day at 8, 11, and 7. There was a much larger number of communicants than usual though many neglected to fulfil their obligation to communicate on Easter Day. The decorations exhibited great taste and the presence of so many beautiful flowers aided materially in giving the church a festive appearance. The church was filled to overflowing in the evening, and although chairs and seats were brought in from the hall, many were unable to gain admittance. The music was good, the help of the orchestra being very much appreciated. The anthem 'He is Risen' was sung by the choir, the solo by Mr. J. C. Choynet being very effective.

The church is now lighted by Electricity. The electroliers are very chaste and beautiful and improve the interior of the church wonderfully.

The Easter collection in S.

THE CHURCH OBSERVER

George's amounted to \$65 00.

On Easter Day prizes were awarded (through the generosity of Miss C. Kirkpatrick) to the following for excellence in work Miss A. King and Miss S. Lavers; Eddie Roberts, David Pettis, Stuart Parsons, James Hatfield, Lizzie Dexter, Sophia Dench, and Bell Gallagher.

On the following Sunday additional prizes were awarded to;— Willie Dexter, David O'Neil, Rita Day, Mary Holder, Jennie Dench, and Millie Dench.

The Annual Easter Meetings was held on Monday April 11th. Messrs R. Aikman and Mayor Harrison were elected wardens for the ensuing year. The following were added to the Vestry:

Messrs Capt Dexter, N. H. Upham, J. Culton, G. Upham.

Baptism.

April 4th, Harry Somerville Barry.

April 20th, James Hatfield.

April 23rd, James Henry Llewellyn.

April 23rd, John Wilfrid Llewellyn, privately.

Marriage.

W. H. Smith to Mildred M. Merriam.

Burial.

Easter Day. Harry Somerville Parry.

The report of the retiring wardens was read and the finances were seen to be in a good condition. There have been heavy expenses on the property this year which will not occur often for years to come. Great credit is due to the retiring wardens (Messrs R. Aikman and W. A. Hern) for their good showing. The collections this year have been much larger than for some time past. Messrs R. Aikman and T. Jenks were elected delegates to the Synod.

Messrs M. Guillod and Wells Cole to be Provisional delegates.

S. Jenks LL B. again undertook the duties of Vestry Clerk.

BRIDGETOWN.

The annual Easter meeting of parishioners of St James' church took place in the church on Monday evening last.

As matters of importance were to come before the meeting, the attendance was much larger than on former occasions. The chair was occupied by the Rector, Rev F. P. Gretorex, and F. R. Fay, Esq., was elected secretary. The Rector read his report, giving a general outline of church work for the past year, which presented a very creditable showing and was enthusiastically commented upon by the parishioners.

In accordance with a statement made by Mr Gretorex, when he accepted a call from the parish, he handed in to the meeting his resignation to take effect at the end of the ensuing year, after a discussion it was moved by Hon John Aldous and seconded by A. Morse, Esq., that the resignation of Mr Gretorex be not accepted, but that this meeting again tender to Mr. Gretorex the Rectorship of this parish for an indefinite period. This motion being put to the meeting, it was passed without a dissenting voice. Mr. Gretorex, after thanking the parishioners for their renewed confidence, decided to withdraw his resignation and continue on the work in the parish.

The wardens then presented the financial statement for the year, which was very satisfactory. After paying all expenses there was a large balance in favor of the parish. Committees were appointed to inquire into the cost of building a school-house in connection with the church and also as to the cost of introducing the electric light system into the church.

Messrs. F. R. Pratt, Dr. M. G.

Marshall and Geo. W. Shipton, the retiring vestrymen, were re-elected and Messrs A. McCormick and C. H. Fasson were appointed to fill the place of Alfred Hoyt and Geo V. Knight, deceased. Messrs. Abram Bent and John Gesner were appointed chapel wardens for Belleisle, Messrs W. M. Forsyth and E. Ruggles were re-elected wardens for St. James church. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Mite Society for their very efficient services, also to the choir and those interested in church work during the past year.

GAGETOWN N. B.

St. John's church, Gagetown, elected the following officers for the current year:

Church wardens—Wm. Hamilton, T. H. Gilbert.

Vestry clerk—J. W. Dickie.

Delegates to Synod—T. S. Peters, T. H. Gilbert.

Vestrymen—W. B. Dingee, John McKinney, Gabriel DeVeber, J. W. Dickie, Archibald McAllister, Albert Vail, Thos. W. Gilbert, H. B. Hall, R. H. Gilbert, T. S. Peters, Wm. Graham, Richard Graham.

Substitutes members to Synod—Gabriel DeVeber, Thom. W. Gilbert.

Miss Currie as organist.

KENTVILLE.

On Easter-Day there were 40 communicants at the half-past seven a. m. Celebration: 52 at the nine a. m. Celebration: 70 at eleven a. m. Making a total of 162 communicants on Easter-Day '98 in St. James' Church. In 1897 the number of communicants at Easter was 105. The third Celebration, which was introduced for the first time this year, was highly appreciated

and was doubtless one cause of the of the large increase in the number of the communicants. During Easter-Tide the Rector had five private Celebrations which added 12 more communicants not counted in the numbers on Easter-Day.

This makes a total of 174 persons communicating at this festival season out of 257 who are on the communicant roll at the Parish.

Recent letters in the Church Times show that the percentage of those communicating at Easter in this colonial Parish will compare favorably with the numbers in some Parishes in the Old Country.

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Church on Easter-Monday afternoon at three: the Rector in the Chair. The proceedings were marked by that harmony which for many years past has marked the Parish and Vestry meetings of S. James' Church, Kentville.

Messrs. C. Smith and G. W. Martin were re-appointed Wardens. Dr. Moore was re-appointed Vestry-Clerk. Messrs T. R. Robertson and F. A. Masters were appointed Delegates to the Synod. Messrs. L. de V. Chipman and G. Parker were appointed Auditors. Two vacancies in the Vestry were filled by the appointment of Messrs G. Mc Dougall and F. E. Denison.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the officials of the Church, the Superintendent and teachers of the S. S., the organist and Choir and very especially to the ladies of the Church Workers Association and other Societies.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Easter services at both the

Charlottetown churches were well attended, and expressed the joyful character of the season. Sermons were preached appropriate to the Festival.

At Souries (St. Alban's church) services were held by the Rev. W. J. Cox on the last three days of Holy Week as well as on Easter Day.

Mr. Cox went to St. Eleanor's and Summerside for Low Sunday, to take duty for the Rev. J. M. Withycombe B. A., who was in Georgetown on that day.

In St. John's Church St. Eleanors and St. Mary's Summerside services were held daily in Holy Week, and in spite of the fact that this week has not latterly been much observed, the attendance was very good.

The Rector has been holding week-night services this winter at Traveller's Rest, about four miles from St. Eleanor's, from which, it is hoped, good results will some day follow. The prospects of this parish seem to be growing brighter, and by pulling together under their energetic Rector the parishioners will soon be able to establish things on a satisfactory basis.

MONCTON.

At the Easter meeting in St. George's church, the following officers were elected: Church Wardens, G. A. Dodge and A. C. Hanington; vestry clerk: Jas. G. Wran. Vestry men; W. Powell, H. M. Fairweather, Geo. C. Peters, Jos. Barton, S. Watters, D. S. McManus, Grant Hall, J. H. Wran, H. H. Schaefer, J. W. Whitehead, W. D. Martin and H. S. Bill. Auditor: R. S. Hockin. Delegates to synod; R. W. Hanson and J. H. Wran. Substitutes; G. A. Dodge, and H

C. Hanington.

ROSETTE.

At the Easter meeting held at the Parish church, Rosette, Mr. James McDormand and George LeCain were elected wardens for the ensuing year. The vestry remains as before, no change being made.

Messrs. W. E. Jefferson and Edward McDormand were duly elected to represent the parish in the next session of the diocesan synod of Nova Scotia, and Messrs. Judge Savary and Jacob Whitman were elected as provisional representatives.

Messrs. James McDormand and Jesse Jefferson were also elected delegates to the deanery in the matter of electing a governor for King's College, Windsor.

The church accounts were duly audited and a balance of \$7.91 found to the credit of the parish.

EAGLE HEAD.

At the Easter meeting held in the West Berlin Hall on Easter Monday 7 p. m. The Wardens Vestry men, and Sexton, were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

ANNAPOLIS.

REV. H. HOW RECTOR.

The annual Easter meeting of the parish of St. Luke's. was held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Easter Monday.

The Wardens report was read, which made a satisfactory showing in the finances of the church for the past year—the debt on current account from last year having been materially reduced. The auditors

report was also presented, and both reports were adopted.

After the usual routine business was transacted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Wardens—J. M. Owen (re-elected.) H. E. Gillis (re-elected.)

Vestry—J. P. Edwards, H. A. West, F. C. Whitman, T. M. Gavaza, W. M. de Blois, F. O. Lee, A. Robinson, R. J. Uniacke, J. V. Gavaza, John Orde, E. D. Arnaud, Walter McCormick.

Vestry Clerk—F. W. Harris.

Delegates to Synod—F. C. Whitman, H. E. Gillis.

Substitutes—J. M. Owen, W. M. de Blois.

Sexton—John Foster.

Miss Chipman was re-elected organist at the same salary as last year.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the wardens for the past year, the Mite Society, the organist and choir, and the Sanctuary Guild.

OROMOCTO.

The Easter Monday meetings in St. John's church, Oromocto, for the parish of Burton, resulted as follows:

Church Wardens—Henry Wilmot and A Stanley Clowes.

Vestrymen—R. D. Wilmot, F. A. Hubbard, Geo. S. Gilbert, Robert S. Hughes, C. H. Gilmor, Gerh. Clowes, John E. Stoker, Geo. H. Clowes, Jas. P. Bliss, John W. Gilmor, C. H. White, A. B. Wilmot.

Representatives to the Synod—Henry Wilmot and C. E. A. Simonds.

Substitutes—Chas H. Gilmor and A. B. Wilmot.

The finances of the parish were reported as being in a satisfactory condition. The Easter Sunday of-

ferings amounted to upwards of \$40.

SPRINGHILL.

We are expecting a visit soon from the Rev. Mr. Gomersy to tell an interesting story of S. P. C. K. work.

The Parish lost 43 communicants during the year by removals and deaths.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will probably visit the parish about August or September for the purpose of administering Confirmation.

The Annual Easter Meeting of All Saints Parish took place on Monday at the Parish House. The Churchwardens reports showed the receipts to be \$1516.84 and expenditures \$1486.28. There was a balance of \$30.56 to the good. The sum of \$224.16 had been given to missions and outside objects during the year. The accounts were fully itemized and the report was unanimously adopted. The following officers were elected, George Wilson and Henry Shenton, Churchwardens. Joshua Porter, Gibson Yarrow, John Booker, Alex Clarke, Henry Hawker, Daniel Dwyer, F. L. Barrow, H. Ridgway, George Porter, Henry Boss, John Wm. Hyatt and George Davis, Vestrymen. J. A. Stansfield, Vestry Clerk. Gibson Yarrow and J. A. Stansfield Delegates to the Diocesan Synod. A. Alloway and Victor Pugh, substitute delegates. The meeting was an enthusiastic one.

MELFORD.

On Wednesday, March 30th, the Rev. Geo. Howeroft, B. A., was inducted as Rector of the Parish by

the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach.

The service, which was held in S. Andrew's Church, Mulgrave, was very impressive.

The newly appointed Rector knelt at the Altar rails, while the Archdeacon read the words of Institution and delivered the solemn charge.

The Mandate was read by the Rev. E. P. Hurly, LL. B., Rector of Bayfield, who also preached the sermon from the "Parable of the Sower." The sermon was a very eloquent one, in which he showed the great responsibility of both preacher and hearer of the present day.

The special Lenten services, which were held for a week, daily, in each of the three churches, proved to be a great success, and were very well attended.

The services on Easter day, were bright and impressive: the congregations were large, and the special offertory for Synod and See Assessment etc., was as follows:—Oyster Sands, \$11.82; Melford, \$17.00; and Mulgrave, \$19.25.

The Easter Meeting, held in S. James' Church, Melford, was quite a success; the attendance was good and several important measures were decided upon. A Sewing Guild has been formed in connection with S. Andrew's church, Mulgrave, of which the following were elected officers:—

Mrs. Nicolle, President; Mrs. R. Hadley, Vice-President; and Miss Reeves, Treasurer.

Early in March the Rev. M. Taylor visited this Parish on deputation work for the B. H. M. He addressed the congregations of Mulgrave and Melford churches in behalf of this very useful society. The addresses were very much appreciated, and it is hoped that the claims which he so admirably ad-

vocated, will be recognized.

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 RICHIBUCTO.
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S. MARY'S.

Richibucto, April 11.—The annual meeting of S. Mary's congregation was held this afternoon. The finances of the church were found to be in the most satisfactory condition, and the officials were warmly commended by the meeting for the way their affairs have been conducted during the past year. The election of officers was as follows:

Wardens—Mr. Hudson and Jonathan Forster.

Vestrymen—A. A. P. Rhodes, Robert Cochrane, R. N. Dinnaek, John Stevenson, Fred S. Sayer, David Thompson, Thomas Dickinson, John Weston, Dominique Percy, Joseph Michaud, Coster Amrecaux and Thomas Foster.

Delegates to Synod—John Stevenson and Jonathan Forster.

Substitutes—W. A. Coperthwaite, and Dominique Percy.

Vestry Clerk—Fred S. Sayer.

Treasurer—W. A. Coperthwaite.

Organist—Ida Hudson, S. Mary's church; Fanny Sayre, S. John's church, Kingston.

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 SHEDIAC.
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The annual Easter meetings were held, and the following officers elected:

S. MARTIN'S.

Wardens—I. H. Murray, G. W. Welling.

Vestry—S. J. Welling, Welling, Mills, Arch. Murray, I. L. Welling, Arthur Bateman, H. A. Scovil, Daniel McQueen, Geo. Mills, Geo. Clarke, Fred Beal, G. I. Welling, Jas. McQueen.

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Wardens.—E. J. Smith, Wm. Jackson.

Vestry.—J. D. Weldon, E. A. Smith, S. C. Charters, A. G. Lawton, E. Roberts, C. Roberts, A. Roberts, J. Thompson, Alb. Welling.

Clerk—J. D. Weldon.

Lay Delegate to Synod.—E. A. Smith. Substitute, S. C. Charters.

AUGUSTE F. B. BURT.

Rector.

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 AMHERST.
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Never in the history of the Church in this parish were the Lenten services better attended than during the Holy Season just past. Twice daily in "Holy Week" and thrice on "Good Friday" were we summoned to follow the "Way of the Cross," and kneel humbly at its foot to bewail our manifold transgressions that nailed His Sacred Body to it. Each year a greater interest is manifested in this yearly Fast, and the sweet and glorious festival of "Easter."

Enthroned in thy sovereign sphere

Thou shed'st thy light on all the year:

Sundays by the more glorious break,

An Easter Day in every week.

KEBLE.

The "Easter Sun" shone brightly on "The Day of days," casting its bright beams on all around. Many of the faithful wended their way to the early celebration at 7 o'clock, and again at the 9 and 11 o'clock service, in all one hundred and twenty-five remembered their dear "Lord's" command "Do this in remembrance of Me" and rejoiced in "His Resurrection." The oldest communicant who is

too feeble to attend Church received privately. The services throughout the day were unusually well attended. The music and singing was hearty and well rendered. Loving hearts, and willing hands, had arranged a profusion of flowers, both in potted plants and cut flowers, with taste and care. The Altar cross, and vases, were filled with exquisite hot-house blooms which shed their fragrance through the Church.

At the annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday the following were elected wardens and vestrymen for the ensuing year.—Barry D. Bent and J. M. Townshend, Wardens. The Vestrymen are, J. H. Morrison, J. A. Dickey, R. C. Fuller, J. Inglis Bent, C. R. Smith, J. T. Smith, J. E. Roach, James Philips, David Lewis, Harry Darling, D. T. Chapman, W. H. Robinson.

Delegates to Synod, J. M. Townshend and J. H. Morrison.

Provisional, Barry D. Bent and John E. Roach.

A great improvement has been made in Church by making an opening from the nave into the organ chamber, and now the whole power of this fine organ is obtained. The opening has been filled in with pipes to correspond with the organ, giving a pretty effect.

M. E. B.

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 TRURO.
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The Services during Holy Week were well attended, and the usual noon-tide services for men were held under the Auspices of the Brotherhood of St Andrew.

On Tuesday April 5th, in the presence of a crowded congregation the Bishop of the Diocese administered the Rite of Confirmation to thirty seven persons. This is the largest class for many years.

there were crowded congregations at both the morning and evening services.

The Sanctuary, Chancel, and immediate vicinity were profusely decorated with cut flowers and pot plants from the Truro nurseries. The singing was very bright, and the services hearty. In the morning the Archdeacon preached a very practical sermon on the fact of the Resurrection, and in the evening the Rev. E. Underwood dwelt on Col III. 1. urging the necessity of all Christian men and women living the Resurrection Life.

The Offertories during the day amounted to one hundred and ninety-three dollars. Of this sum one hundred and twenty dollars were given as "Easter Offerings." This will enable the Wardens to entirely liquidate the debt on the Motor Fund.

In the afternoon a special childrens service (choral) was held, at which the Lenten Self-Denial Offerings amounting to thirty-eight dollars and five cents were presented. The number of communicants during the day was two hundred and eight.

The Annual Easter Meeting was held in the Crypt of the Church on Monday April 11th. Both the Wardens Report and the Financial Statement were very satisfactory, the latter showing a balance on the right side of two dollars and forty-one cents, after paying a deficit on last years account of sixty-six dollars and seventy cents.

The total income for the year was three thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-two cents.

All the retiring Officers were unanimously re-elected:—
Wardens Mr. J. B. Moorman, and Mr. C. E. Bentley; Treasurer Mr. Jas. Wentworth; Auditors, Mr. E.

H. Gladwin and W. F. Odell. The Personnel of the Vestry is slightly altered and now reads:—Dr. D. H. Muir, Messers R. A. Tremaine, W. F. Odell, Wm. Hallett, Jas. Wentworth, Wm. Blenkinsopp,—Church hill, Hugh Lane, J. D. Gladwin, S. E. Gourley, B. F. Porter, John Smith.

Vestry Clerk, Mr. B. F. Porter.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES,

Mr. W. G. Smith,
Mr. R. Tremaine.

SUBSTITUTES,

Mr. Churchill.
Mr. Jas. Casey.

COMMITTEE for Visiting Sunday School,

Messrs J. B. Moorman, W. J. Smith, J. D. Gladwin, B. F. Porter, Jas. Casey.

At this meeting, special mention was made of two very acceptable gifts to the Church for Easter. The first, a donation of twenty-five dollars for the Tower Fund by Mrs. B. F. Pearson, Halifax; the second, a very handsome brass Altar Desk by the Rev. Richmond Wainwright in memory of his wife. The Altar Desk was used for the first time at the Early Celebration on Easter-Day. Unanimous votes of thanks were passed to the donors, and the Vestry Clerk instructed to transmit.

The Sunday School has recently sustained a great loss by the removal of Mrs. Jas. McDowell to Halifax. Mrs. McDowell was an exceptionally faithful and earnest teacher and it will be difficult to fill her place.

The Rev. E. Underwood, curate of the Parish, expects to leave the middle of May, for England, and to return about the end of October. In the interim, the Archdeacon will be assisted by the Rev. S. Morgan.



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**Mrs. Cleveland's New
Portraits.**

Mrs. Cleveland recently had a new set of photographs taken, the first time she has been photographed since leaving the White House, and has given them to Mr. Bok, with permission to publish them in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, where they will publicly be seen for the first time. The set also includes the first authoritative photographs published of the new Princeton home of the Cleverlands.

The Cabinet Member's Wife.

The authorship of the much-discussed "Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife," printed in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, will be revealed in the June issue of that magazine, when the name of Anna Farquhar will appear as the author. It is surmised that the domestic experiences described in these letters were those of Mrs. W. H. H. Miller, wife of the Attorney General in President Harrison's Cabinet,—since Miss Farquhar is known to be a personal friend of the Miller family, and to have spent considerable time with them in Washington during their official residence there. The author of these letters was born and raised in Indianapolis, in neighborly relations with the Harrison and Miller families, but for ten years past she has lived a studious professional life in New York, London and Boston.

She is now connected with the editorial staff of *The Boston Transcript*. In addition to her "Cabinet Member's Wife" letters she has published one novel—"A Singer's Heart" and another one is about to be issued. She is a young woman, exceedingly clever, and only her closest friends have known her connection with the Washington which have attracted such wide attracted such wide attention.

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