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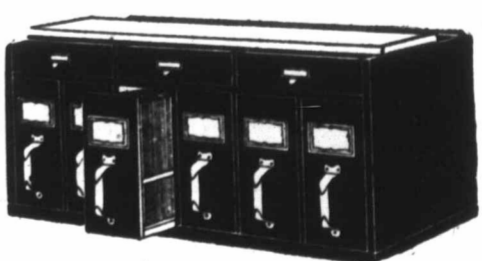
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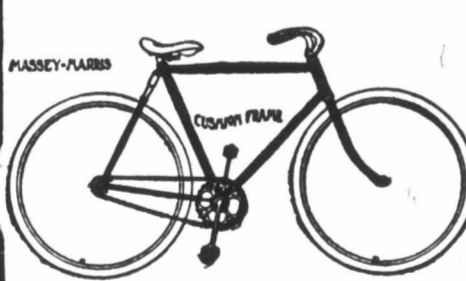


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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 309, 319, 321, 322.
Processional: 224, 242, 390, 392.
Offertory: 138, 239, 292, 295.
Children's Hymns: 233, 329, 333, 336.
General Hymns: 220, 240, 260, 261.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Rogation Sunday.

Holy Communion: 310, 314, 549, 553.
Processional: 4, 217, 219, 274.
Offertory: 142, 534, 583, 634.
Children's Hymns: 291, 338, 340, 341.
General Hymns: 143, 505, 549, 637.

A New Hymn.

Like others, we do not object to criticism, but we object to misrepresentation. In one of our notes, in order to emphasize the needs of our immigrants and the apparent neglect of them by the laity of the Church at home, we showed that the motive of Heber's magnificent hymn, the evangelization of the heathen, had so dominated Anglo-Saxon thought that money and services were poured out in abundance for foreigners, but English emigrants were neglected. Now we find all this carefully omitted by some critic, who treats our article as an attack on Heber's hymn, and not on English apathy. We have just come across a concrete instance of what we alleged in a note of a meeting (successful we hope) in a London drawing room by the Bishop of Keewatin, as reported in the Illustrated London News. The only point in his address reported was that he told "a most cheering story with regard to the progress of Christianity among the tribes of the far North-West"!!! Rat Portage is the largest town in his diocese, and there is one clergyman there, but there is a lamentable lack of missionaries in the growing towns and villages, and the farming population on Rainy Lake and River and the Canadian Northern Railway. These people, their wives and families, need, in our opinion, as much consideration in a London

drawing room as Indian tribes in the far North-West. And we think that it would become Canadian journalists that they should show a little patriotism and Christian feeling.

The Apocrypha.

The publishers of the Temple Bible seem to have been so satisfied with the success that has met the issue of their edition of the Scriptures that they have decided upon adding the Apocryphal books. A beginning has now been made with "The Wisdom of Jesus, the Son of Sirach," or "Ecclesiasticus," which has been sent out in the same form, edited by Dr. N. Schmidt, who contributes a full and carefully written description and criticism of the writing, dealing with it in such aspects as its authorship and date, literary character, theology, and ethics. On the last point he observes that "Ecclesiasticus" is the most complete text-book on morals preserved from Hebrew antiquity. It gives more detailed directions than any other book in the Bible as to proper conduct in different circumstances. Ben Sira's philosophy is in this sense utilitarian, that it emphasizes no other motive and end of man's morality than his well-being and good name. When a reason is given for a certain line of conduct it is always the happiness it will bring. Ben Sira was not a profound thinker, but his work is a noble attempt to teach men true principles of conduct in such a manner as to commend the wisdom of a righteous life.

The United States Negro.

Ex-President Cleveland made an able and statesman-like speech at a meeting of the Tuskegee Institute in New York, which has been approved through the South. Mr. Cleveland said, in part: "I believe that neither the decree that made the slaves free nor the enactment that suddenly invested them with the rights of citizenship any more purged them of the imperfections and deficiencies their racial slavery had bred than that it changed the color of their skin. I believe that among the nearly nine millions of negroes who have been intermixed with our citizenship, there is still a grievous amount of ignorance, a sad amount of viciousness, and a tremendous amount of laziness and idleness. I believe that these conditions inexorably present to the white people of the United States, to each in his environment and under the mandate of good citizenship, a problem which neither enlightened self-interest nor the higher motive of human sympathy will permit them to put aside. I believe our fellow countrymen in the Southern and late slave-holding States, surrounded by about nine tenths, or nearly 8,000,000 of this entire negro population, and who regard their material prosperity, their peace, and even the safety of their civilization, interwoven with the negro problem, are entitled to our utmost consideration and sympathetic fellowship. I am thoroughly convinced that the efforts of Booker Washington and the methods of Tuskegee Institute point the way to a safe and beneficent solution of the vexatious negro problem at the south; and I know that the good people at the North who have aided these efforts and methods have illustrated the highest and best citizenship and the most Christian and enlightened philanthropy. I cannot, however, keep out of my mind to-night the thought that, with all we of the North may do, the realization of our hopes for the negro must, after all, mainly depend—except so far as it rests with the negroes themselves—upon the sentiment and conduct of the leading and responsible white men of the South and upon the maintenance of a kindly and helpful feeling on their part toward those in their midst who so much need their aid and encouragement."

The progress of time enables men to take a calmer view of things than the passions of the moment. Lord Salisbury states that in his matured judgment we made a mistake—we put our money on the wrong horse when we went to war with Russia on behalf of Turkey fifty years ago. And it looks as if the party which was overwhelmed in the Northern States forty years ago may be found to have been right after all. President Buchanan proposed that the wayward Southern sisters should go in peace, and the Democratic party agreed with him before passion was roused. Had not the war taken place, the South would have had to face the negro problem alone, but with its wealth unimpaired and its people unsatisfied. The North would have been spared also the millions of money and the lives lost in order to desolate the South. To nations, like individuals, reflection often comes too late.

Diocesan Organization.

We have repeatedly spoken more or less plainly upon a subject of importance to our older dioceses, and that is, the necessity of better organization and more systematic obedience by the clergy to the regulations of the Bishops. These dioceses have long outgrown the missionary stage and there is no justification for an incumbent being a law to himself. Possibly the laxity is caused by the Bishops themselves, as it is undoubtedly their duty to require that the Archdeacons and Rural Deans do theirs. But besides the enforcement of orders, there is the willing support, without which no organization can flourish. To refer at once to two matters which specially call for these remarks at present, we have the annual meeting which was held, or rather which should have been held, at St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, on Monday week, in support of the Church Sunday School Association. The Bishop of Toronto has always taken much interest in this society and had arranged for a service this year as in past years, and an appropriate sermon by Canon Welch. Of the clergy of the rural deanery only about half a dozen out of about forty attended. No wonder that the Bishop should feel disheartened. There is another matter. The Synod directed that on the first Sunday after Easter the duty of obedience to the Fourth Commandment should be specially enforced by appropriate sermons. In how many churches was this done, and who has failed to do his duty?

The Church of Ireland

Shows the advantages of disestablishment by altering parishes as necessity dictates. Could the Church of England be freed from lay ownership of living, prelates like the Bishop of Ely would mitigate the evils which he lamented of numerous underpaid parish clergy. Canon Sherlock's suggestions as to the parishes in Ireland are generally approved of, but his suggested curtailment of the number of Bishops meets more opposition. Canon Savelley says: "Our Episcopal Funds are completely in nearly every diocese, and a Bishop of modern days has plenty of work to occupy him even in the smaller dioceses. If the modern Bishop takes up the modern role, and drives in his motor-car, soon no doubt to be cheapened and improved, he will, as he often is now be a great blessing and encouragement to many a lonely outpost parish. And let us remember that we may learn a lesson. The Roman Catholic Church is no fool anywhere, least of all in Ireland. It has twenty-seven Bishops for our thirteen, and of these seven are small sees. Ross has but 11 parishes, Dromore 18, Galway 22, Killala 22, Achonry 22, Clonfert 24, Raphoe 26. No doubt the Bishops find enough to do. My remedy is a prosaic one. Relieve the Bishops of the incubus of their so-called palaces, odious word—give them fair-sized modern houses; set them free to live simpler lives; each among their presbyters and people, and God will bless our dear though diminished Church of Ireland in the future as in the past." These suggestions are in line with our leading article of a few weeks ago, but Ireland is a difficult country.

Diocesan Clergy.

The Bishop of Worcester has announced in his diocesan magazine that he desires to have "a body of clergy not tied to any particular parish but able to give assistance in preaching and in spiritual and evangelistic efforts of various kinds." One such unattached helper has already been secured, in the person of the Rev. Guy W. Hockley, who has served five years at Hawarden and five years at St. Matthew's, Westminster. Upon this new departure the Church Times says: "Clearly the time has come for supplementing the parochial system, which, with all its supreme merits, has certain obvious defects, which are summed up in the word 'parochialism.' In out-of-the-way places, or parishes which cannot afford to pay the stipend of an assistant, the single-handed parish priest is apt at times to feel the burden of isolation, and a morbid sense of the difficulty of his solitary work. For men in this position the occasional help of a priest having the commission of the Bishop would be an unspeakable relief. We say 'having the commission of the Bishop,' because we have no desire to see the parochial system destroyed. To revive the methods of the preaching friars would be to create fresh the materials for a quarrel between one class of the clergy and another, which is always deplorable in its results. Neither do we wish to see roving clerics, with no com-

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Home Missions.

The necessity of home missionary work is forcing itself upon our neighbours. They are finding out that the work in the Border and New States is harder and the privations and dangers greater than in foreign lands. We have also begged their missionaries to follow the emigrants across our border. But like London and other large English cities, there are centres of low foreign life. A speaker emphasized this by saying lately that one-seventh of the population were foreign-born, and that a wave of the most ignorant immigration swept several hundred thousand foreigners into the country every year; and he reminded his hearers of the fact that a much smaller number of barbarians wrecked Imperial Rome, and that these would paganize the country if they were not Christianized.

Liberalism.

The Rev. C. E. Osborne, writing in the "Church Times" on "Liberalism in Matters of Religion," says:—"Religion, because it lives, cannot stand still. It is of God that the law of growth and change is imposed on it, and though Christianity must be wisely conservative in resisting changes that fail to justify themselves as legitimate developments of the spirit of Christ, yet it must also be essentially liberal in realizing that evolution is the law of life. Biblical criticism of a courageous and yet sane and reverent type (the type of which the Hastings Dictionary of the Bible is an excellent specimen) has shown beyond a doubt, within the pages of Scripture the records of the onward movement, now checked, now halting, now marching forward, of an inspired evolution of ideas corresponding to the gradual unfolding of the nature of the Infinite to His creatures. Bethlehem is the goal of an essentially progressive revelation, as it is the starting-point of the yet grander development, spiritual and moral, of the life of the Gentile Church. The science of Biblical criticism predisposes us not to fear the principle of evolution, and in regard to its mysterious gradualness and the dimness of its first beginnings and of its new starts, to see in it whether in regard to the physical, or to the spiritual creation, something more congruous with His methods Who is 'patiens quia eternus' than the more mechanical views which are now almost universally abandoned by those who have given serious attention to the subjects in question."

THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Under the auspices of the Committee of the Synod of the diocese of Toronto on Voluntary Schools a Conference, which was representative of the other Synods of the Province of Ontario, as well as that of Toronto, was held in the city of Toronto on Monday and Tuesday of last week. It was presided over by the Bishop of Toronto, and their Lordships the Bishops of Ottawa, Ontario and Algoma were also present. The attendance was not large, but it was representative, and the subject of education in regard to religious instruction in the Public Schools and otherwise was fully considered in all its aspects, and the aims and ideals of Churchmen were fully and ably set forth, and certain conclusions on this important subject were well nigh unanimously reached. The Church of England in this country, true to her traditions, stands here for the union of religion and learning, as does the Church in the Motherland. For years the subject of increased religious instruction in the Public Schools has been agitated in our Synods, and yet no practical advance has been made in that direction. We have sought the aid and co-operation of other religious bodies, but have not been very successful in securing their assistance, and the Government, awaiting a stronger expression of public sentiment, has done nothing, or has contended that all has been done that is either possible or necessary. To arouse and educate public opinion was the aim of the Conference, the papers read were able, the discussion practical and earnest, and a plan of action was outlined, which, if followed up by our Bishops and Synods, will, we believe, result in some improvement in this supremely important matter. The state has an interest in it, because it is its duty to conserve public morals, and morality to be effectual must be Christian morality, and can only be maintained on a religious basis with divine

sanction and encouragement. There is confessedly a lamentable ignorance of biblical knowledge, and an increasing lack of reverence, largely traceable to the lack of religious instruction in the schools of the country. It is only by the co-operation of the home, the church and the school, that character based on religion can be formed and developed, and owing to the large amount of time the child spends in school, and because of the value of school discipline, it is felt that the school should co-operate with the home and the church in this matter. We believe the great mass of the people would welcome more religious instruction in the schools of the country, and would be glad to have their children, more than at present, under distinctly religious influences. The Conference fully realized that for the most part such instruction can only be of a very general character, and was studiously moderate in its demands, and desirous of working loyally with the existing school system. All that is asked for are certain reforms whereby there will be increased biblical instruction in the schools, and that where possible, Voluntary Schools be affiliated, when special instruction, religious or otherwise, can be imparted when parents are willing to pay for the additional expense involved in it. Such a provision would give the flexibility to our schools which so experienced an educationist as Mr. Goldwin Smith declares to be necessary to supply that variety and specialization which is needed to round off and complete our educational system. The conclusions of the Conference were embodied in the following resolutions, which will be passed on for consideration to our several Synods. The Conference adopted a resolution declaring the need for a reform that would be a practical solution of the difficulties of imparting religious instruction in the schools. "That this Conference recommends that a committee be appointed to draft a syllabus of lessons from the Old and New Testaments, suitable for use in the public schools of this Province, such committee to be nominated by the Bishops of the Province. That this syllabus be submitted to the diocesan Synods at their next sessions for approval. That if such approval be obtained, a representative committee be appointed to confer with the other religious bodies in this Province with a view to obtaining from them co-operation in arousing such public opinion as shall impress upon the Government the necessity of taking action to ensure religious instruction in the public schools." "That we recommend that the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada prepare and authorize for use in the homes of our people a manual of church doctrine and of biblical knowledge and truth." "That the scheme of Voluntary Schools in affiliation with common schools in our public school system, adopted by the Toronto Synod in 1902, is fair and reasonable, and we approve of it as a means of securing definite religious teaching; that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bishop of every diocese in Ontario, and that he be asked to submit the scheme to his Synod for approval."

"That this Conference recognize the great value of the discussion regarding Voluntary Schools at this meeting, in elucidating the true meaning and purpose of the scheme of Voluntary Schools, and in making it clear that the Church of England does not desire to establish separate schools, but only to secure effective religious instruction for the youth of our country, under our public school system, wherever possible."

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES IN LONDON.

A work of extraordinary magnitude has been accomplished by Mr. Charles Booth in his 'Life and Labour of the People of London.' In sixteen volumes he has explored the poverty, the industries, and the religious influences of the capital of the Empire, and the largest city of the world. To the religious influences no less than seven volumes are devoted, and he promises a final volume summarizing the whole, and stating his conclusions. The Bishop of Rochester, preaching on Easter Sunday at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in the centre of this great city, said: "The book of the hour is an analysis in seven volumes, made with extraordinary industry, and with much fairness, of the religious influences at work in London, an analysis of their numbers, methods, motives, results. The result is not exhilarating. There are no sweeps of success. The Church is not in possession. There is evidence of an ebb tide. The percentage of church-going, all sects included, is small. In it he sees much to encourage the pessimist, and if there be little room for optimism, he draws encouragement from his that God's purposes may be hindered, but they prevail in conviction that the Resurrection was not for nothing,

God's time. Populous cities seem to be more and more the result of modern civilization, and where population becomes dense and congested it is invariably attended with more or less physical and moral deterioration. London, because overcrowding and its attendant evil consequences are there exhibited on the largest scale, and the greatest efforts made by philanthropists and religious organizations to overcome it must be a subject of the profoundest interest to all who are concerned about the welfare and prosperity of their fellow-creatures. What exists in London exists more or less in all cities, and efforts to deal with poverty, immorality and crime there will afford valuable experience to those who are engaged in a like task elsewhere. The London Times, in its review of Mr. Booth's great work, says: "Many readers will close the volumes with a sense of despondency. Vain seems the struggle, feeble the weapons against the powers of evil; courage and faith and devotion are apparently baffled in the war with vice, and the still more formidable foes, stupidity and helplessness. Pathetic is the strain in which many of them write of their fight with drink, gambling, loose living, indifference, stolidity, hypocrisy." Still the battle goes on. Schools and churches and charities are as garrisons planted in a heathen land; and though the mass of evil and suffering is not greatly diminished, yet there are gains. Among them, humanizing effects, the creation of friendly relations, a sense of present help and sympathy, the dying out of class prejudices, the disappearance of some old evils—all these things are to be noted even in the worst parts of London. Mr. Booth reviews the work of the various churches and denominations in London, and remarks that all the churches, whatever be their motive at the outset of their enterprises, are forced sooner or later to adopt much the same methods. Of the Unitarians he says: they "are small in numbers, and their numbers are still dwindling." As to the Congregationalists he says: "their influence is more social than religious, but it is good and wholesome, and being without exaltation is free from danger of reaction." Baptist Churches are pronounced to be "a great spiritual force in London." Of the Wesleyans his verdict is less favorable—there is a tendency he thinks, to make use automatically of the language of exaggerated emotion.—The Presbyterians, in his opinion, count for little in the work, and he adds, "It is rather as intelligent onlookers that their evidence is of value to us." To the Roman Catholic Church he gives much praise, and admits its power over all classes, and the vitality and strength of its organizations. On the whole, however, it will be admitted that, treading delicate ground, Mr. Booth does so with an evident desire to be just to, and appreciative of, all forms of religious influence. Of the Church of England he says some hard things, generally in a gentle way. But he recognizes its power, its vitality, its adaptiveness, its many-sided efforts to cope with new difficulties. He criticizes the parish system. But he admits that "even in London the position of parish priest is still one of considerable power." In his view, "with a mixed population of several classes the Church of England is seen to the greatest advantage." He testifies nevertheless to the excellence of the work, among masses as well as classes, of men of whom he says "in no field of duty is greater devotion shown." It is clear that Mr. Booth has intellectually little sympathy with the ritualistic section within the Church. "The idea that on their lines the world of men could ever be won is untenable." Yet he owns that when you come close to those whose practices and doctrine he wholly dissents from you find mutual confidence, saintly lives, and influence by no means small, especially upon the young. Of the work of the evangelical body within the Church he writes coldly and despondently. He notes the effect of the presence of some striking personalities in the pulpit. But "such successes only emphasize the general failure." His judgment as to the influence of the Broad Church in the world, which he describes, is still more unfavourable. "It attracts as adherents neither the ardent few nor the careless." It will be admitted by all that Mr. Booth has made a most important contribution not only to the social and religious problems of London, but to those of all the cities of Europe and America.

The Rev. Prebendary Williams has been appointed by the Bishop of St. David's Archdeacon of Cardigan.

The Rev. Arthur Kitchen, M.A., Chaplain of St. Thomas', Calcutta, has been appointed Archdeacon of Calcutta.

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This Department is for the benefit of Women's work in the Church in Canada.

Its object will be to treat of all institutions and societies of interest to Churchwomen.

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Correspondence will be welcome, and should be brief addressed to the Editor "Ruth" care of CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the several parochial branches of the W. A. of Kingston was held in St. George's Hall, on Monday evening, April 27th, Mrs. Buxton Smith presiding. Reports of the year's work were read by the different officers, and were very satisfactory. The Junior Mission Branch of the Cathedral reported its first year's work, and a warm appreciation of the efforts of the young workers was shown by all. Miss Cooke, secretary-treasurer of the united branches, was re-elected for the ensuing year. The business portion of the meeting was followed by an address by the Right Rev. Dr. Dunn, Bishop of Quebec. His Lordship touched briefly upon the great progress made by Christianity in foreign lands during the last century; he then spoke more fully of the work undertaken by the Board of the Missionary Society of the church in Canada. Having come directly from its meeting and full of enthusiasm for the cause, his Lordship's words were most inspiring, as mention was made of the large sums of money required and of the generous response to appeals in several instances, one felt that Ontario's share of the apportionment might not be so impossible after all. The plan of having men collect from men and women from women and children was strongly advocated. The immense work waiting to be done in the great Northwest and the imperative duty of the church to send missionaries to the people who are pouring into the country was plainly shown. The work of the W. A. was spoken of appreciatively and the members were urged to be a true Auxiliary to the new Board as they had ever been in the past of the D. and F. M. S. In moving a vote of thanks to his Lordship, Mr. E. J. B. Pense, M.P.P., gave the credit to the W. A. of having for years kept alive the missionary spirit when it would otherwise have languished. If it has done that, has it not done a great deal? The meeting was closed, the benediction being pronounced by the Bishop.

TORONTO.

The seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary to Missions was opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. James' Cathedral, the Bishop of the Diocese being the celebrant, assisted by many of the city clergy. The Bishop of Niagara preached a most earnest and comprehensive sermon. The Memorial Fund for the late President was offered at this service. The offertory amounted to \$1,239. The service was very largely attended, the communicants numbering nearly 800. The delegates assembled in the school house after the service. The 1st Vice-President presided, and opened the proceedings with prayer. The 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, extended greetings to the visiting members, and Mrs. Howard, of Newcastle, replied on their behalf. Letters of greeting were read from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Dioceses of Niagara, Huron, Montreal and Ottawa. The President and Cor.-Secty. of the General Board were introduced and occupied seats on the platform. Most encouraging reports were read from the Cor.-Secty., Treasurer, Dorcas Treas., Secty.-Treas. of the Extra Cent a Day, Literature Committee, Junior Committees, P. M. C. Committee, the Hospital and Chinese Committees. The Cor. Sec'y, who has been also Acting Editor of the Leaflet this winter, read the Leaflet report. "How can the Branches outside the city be brought into closer touch with the Board?" formed the subject of an interesting discussion, in which Mrs. Carry, of Port Hope, Mrs. O'Brien, of Shanty Bay, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Moberley, Mrs. Hodgins, and many others took part. It was decided to appoint a committee to draw up a constitution for the formation of a Baby's Branch in this Diocese. The Cor. Sec'y read the result of the nomination for President—Miss Tilley, 1st Vice-President, receiving the larger number of votes. Mrs. Cummings asked that this ballot might be taken as an election, which proposition was agreed to by the members. The Cor. Sec'y then stated that she was strongly of the

opinion, after much consideration and prayer, that it would be better for her not to accept nomination again for the office of Cor. Sec'y, feeling that it was for the best interest of the work that someone suitable should be trained for the intricate work of the office while she was able to assist her, and stating that she was willing to accept nomination as a Vice-President. To this proposition the meeting would not agree, and after much earnest persuasion, Mrs. Cummings, being given time for consideration, consented to retain the office for a time. The other officers were unanimously elected without change, except that Miss Cartwright was elected 1st Vice-President and Mrs. Hargraft, Sec'y-Treas. of the Leaflet Committee. The ballot on the Century Fund resulted in the Hay Bible School receiving the large vote of 326, and the Life Membership money being divided as follows: \$500 voted to the Missionary Boat for Nepigon, Algoma, the boat to be called the E. M. Williamson, \$137.50 given to the Church at Oak Lake, for the Sioux Indians, and \$137.50 towards the Industrial School in the Canadian Mission in South America. It was resolved that, owing to the rapid growth of the work at the Blackfoot Hospital, it was necessary to make changes in the staff, and to send another trained nurse, Miss Johnson, of Dundas, who has very high testimonials. The President announced that Mr. E. B. Osler had devoted the sum of \$2,000 to the W. A. for the Memorial Fund for the late President, Mrs. Williamson. Three schemes were decided upon as to the designation of this fund, these schemes to be sent to the Branches for consideration, and a vote taken in each Branch, the majority to decide the question. 1. That the money be invested, and the interest be given towards the salary of a special missionary, so long as the need require. 2. That the money be invested and the interest be voted upon annually to supply the most pressing need in the mission field. 3. That the money be invested and the interest used for the benefit of sick and disabled missionaries as may be required. It was resolved to appoint a committee to consider the matter of a benefit fund for members of the W. A., this committee being appointed, were, after consideration, to report the matter to the Board. The Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. Canon Macnab, Rev. H. C. Dixon, Mrs. Tilton and Miss Etches gave very interesting addresses; and Mrs. Davidson's paper, "Consecration necessary in the life of a W. A. woman," was most able and inspiring. It was agreed that this paper should be printed and copies sent to the different branches. The evening sessions were most successful, a missionary meeting being held on Tuesday evening, with addresses by the Rev. L. N. Tucker and Mr. Borup, who spoke of the wonderful work of the Church in Uganda. On Wednesday, at 8 o'clock, the Junior Auxiliary were addressed by the Bishop of Algoma, and the Rev. Canon Macnab exhibited some beautiful views which were much appreciated. On Thursday, at the same hour, there was a meeting of the Girls' Branches, when Miss Osler gave a condensed report of the year's work. Miss Etches spoke to them of missionary work as she had seen it in the Northwest and British Columbia, and Mr. Borup again spoke of Uganda, and showed a number of views of that country, a few years ago the seat of heathenism, and now with its vast cathedral where a congregation of 4,000 worship every Sunday, and told also of the successful foreign missionary work being carried on by these peoples.

ONTARIO.

Belleville.—St. Thomas.—The Parochial Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held their annual meeting in the Church Hall on Monday, April 13th, Mrs. Hungerford in the chair; the Rev. G. R. Beamish opened with the Litany. The usual business meeting was gone through, an address was read from the retiring President, Miss Lister, at present in New York. Mrs. Hungerford also addressed the meeting; reports were presented by the Recording Secretary, Miss Sisson, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carre, and Treasurer, Miss Sills, which were very satisfactory. Reports were also read by the J. W. A., Miss Casswell, President; from Miss Wallbridge, Secretary; Miss Sills, Treasurer; which were very encouraging. The C. C. M. G. also had their report ready, which was beautifully read by Miss Ethel Twining. The Rev. Mr. Beamish announced that by the request of the Lord Bishop, the Children's Lenten offering would be devoted to Indian Missions. The election of officers then took place, as follows: Pres., Mrs. Beamish; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hungerford; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Northrup; Rec. Sec., Miss Smart; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Carre; Treas., Mrs. Sills; Supt. of Work, Mrs.

Patterson; Buyers, Miss Murney, Miss Chandler, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Johnston; Supt. Junior Guild, Miss Casswell; Supt. Children's Guild, Mrs. Beamish; Delegates to Diocesan Meeting, Mrs. Northrup, Miss Smart. The meeting then closed with the Doxology.

HURON.

Woodstock.—New St. Paul's.—At the regular meeting of the W. A. of this Church for Bible instruction on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st inst., Mrs. Farthing, wife of Rev. J. C. Farthing, was made a life member of the Auxiliary in recognition of her faithful services in connection with the work of the association. She was presented with a purse containing \$25 in gold, a gold pin, and an exquisite bouquet. Mrs. Farthing made a feeling reply to the appreciative address presented by the ladies.

INDIA FAMINE ORPHAN WORK.

With very grateful thanks I acknowledge the following contributions:—Mrs. Moore, London, Ontario, \$2.00; W. L. Roberts and family, Horning's Mills, thank offering to support child for one year, \$15.00; from Infant Class of All Saints' Sunday School, King, 63c.; friend, 37c.; Eirene, half-year's payment for orphan, \$7.50; Mrs. Boyce, Toronto, \$2.00; A. J. B., \$5.00. These offerings all mean a good deal to the little children who are benefited by them. May I therefore once more commend these little famine orphans of India to your kindness, dear friends. Anything you feel induced to devote to this rescue work is helping greatly in the great missionary work of the church, as well as in the humane work of feeding and caring for some of these destitute children. Will you remember them lovingly, and speak of the work to your friends, Sunday Schools, or in any way you can forward our efforts to keep these little ones where they will be cared for? Lastly, will you remember these orphans in your prayers, and do not forget the missionaries who are trying at the least possible cost to maintain those who have been placed in their homes. As a rule they are intelligent children, and their little hearts are full of affection. One hears now and then how warmly they cling to these new Christian friends who show them love and kindness, and give them the true teaching of God's love, and lead them into the fold of the loving Shepherd. Please address any contributions for this work to MISS CAROLINE MACKLEM, Sylvan Towers, Rosedale, Toronto. Shall I again remind you \$15.00 is the sum required for one year's maintenance of a child, but any amount is thankfully received.

REVIEWS.

Holy Orders. By Rev. A. R. Whitham, M.A., Principal of Culham Training College, formerly Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon College. Longmans, Green & Co., London, England. Price, 5s. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society.

This is another volume of the admirable series known as "The Oxford Library of Practical Theology." It is in no wise inferior to any of the former volumes, being in the truest sense practical. It consists of what may be described as a series of historical lectures on the subject of Holy Orders, tracing the history from the Gospels down to our own day. It has a copious index apparatus. It deals also with the view of orders as regards the laity, and the view laymen ought to take, both of the nature of Holy Orders, and the way in which the clerical office ought to be looked upon by the laity. It is a most useful book for clergy and laity; in fact, it would richly deserve to be made a text book for candidates for ordination. It is a book most suitable for our own times, and along with Dr. Strong's treatise, would prove most useful for the especial needs of the Church to-day. Of course it is most ably written, but is at the same time most interesting. We can heartily commend it.

Retreat Addresses to Clergy. By the late J. P. F. Davidson, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthias', Earl's Court, London, England. Wells, Gardner, Darton & Co., London. Price, 3s. 6d., net. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society.

These are rather full notes of addresses delivered to clergy gathered for a "Retreat," or, as we call them in this country, "Quiet Days."

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There are in all six of these retreats, and nine addresses at each. It is impossible in the short space at our disposal to give anything approaching to a "summary" of these addresses. Though the notes are full, yet doubtless they were enormously expanded. But the book is most admirable as furnishing topics for private meditation. Any one might arrange for himself a time for going apart for a few hours, and thus, by the use of this book, "conduct a retreat" for himself. The book would be of especial use when travelling by train or boat, and the benefit so accruing would be immense. The treatment of the various subjects is very deep and heart-searching, and if practically acted out, will entail both self-denial and determined perseverance. It is a book that will last a long time if rightly used, and will easily bear many a going over. We are quite sure that all who use the book in the way we have indicated will find themselves amply repaid.

God and the Individual. By T. B. Strong, D.D., Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Longmans, Green & Co., London, England. Price, 2s. 6d., net. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society.

As might be expected from the author's name, this is a book requiring most thoughtful reading. It treats of the real test question of the religion of the day: Is man saved as an individual, practically apart from others, so that it does not matter to what religious body of his own choosing, or making, he belongs, or if he belongs to no religious body at all, or is he saved by corporate union with Christ in a living, organized society, divinely constituted—the Church—the visible portion on earth of the Body of the risen Saviour? These are the two distinct forms of the Christianity of to-day. Dr. Strong makes a very deep and full examination of the teaching of Holy Scripture on this vital point. The subject is treated of most impartially, as regards both views of the question of "Individual Salvation." The book is a model of clearness of reasoning, but no mere superficial reading will convey its vital lessons. We do not hesitate to say that it is the book for the times, and that no one who wishes for accurate information on the subject it treats of should fail to study it carefully and earnestly. No clergyman of any degree should fail to get it.

Magazines.—Scribner's Magazine.—The March number of this magazine opens with an article by J. Corliss, entitled "The Twentieth Century City," in which the writer reveals many of the strangely picturesque aspects of modern life. Under the caption of "A Moro Princess," Mrs. Feibiger describes a visit paid to her husband, Major Feibiger, and herself, by one of the Moro chiefs, or Datus, of the island of Mindanao, and his wife. E. X. Peixotto, the artist, describes very entertainingly Punch and Judy shows in his article entitled: "Marionettes and Puppet Shows." There are further instalments of the papers, letters and story written by Mr. Justice Brewer, Madame Waddington and John Fox, Jr., on "The Supreme Court of the United States," "At the Coronation of Czar Alexander III.," and "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," chapters IX.-XII., respectively. Miss Edith M. Thomas contributes a poem entitled, "The Dark Before the Dawn," and there are also four illustrated short stories in this number, in addition to the above. The illustrations throughout are of their usual excellence, the front-piece being a drawing by F. C. Yohn.

Steady and telling work has been done in the Shanghai Chinese parishes and in the numerous out-stations within thirty miles or so of that city. Recently two new stations have been opened in the farther away cities of Wush and Soo-chow. The former has a population of about 200,000, and the latter over 500,000. For the still further development of the mission both men and women are greatly needed.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Frederick Courtney, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S.

Halifax.—Sunday School Committee.—The Sunday School Committee of the Diocese of Nova Scotia have decided to hold the examinations in Normal Work on Thursday, May 28th. Please advise the secretary at once if you expect to have any candidates, and send the names and fee (25c. each), to Mr. C. E. Creighton, Bedford Chambers, Halifax, not later than May 18th. The Examination will be held in the same manner as last year, viz.:—the candidates will receive through their class leader the questions in a sealed envelope. This envelope is to be opened only on May 28th. The questions are all to be answered on that day without the help of any book or outside aid of any kind. Candidates will be required to sign a certificate that they have observed all these conditions. It has been decided to do away with all distinctions on the Diploma, except for a perfect paper. All who make 50% or over will obtain a handsome Diploma, signed by the Bishop and Examiners with a red seal thereon. All who make 100 will receive a gold seal. It is important that this communication be answered immediately. W. J. Armitage, chairman; C. E. Creighton, secretary.

St Paul's.—A marble tablet which has been erected to the memory of the late Stanley Banfield in this church, was unveiled Sunday morning the 26th ult., in the presence of a large congregation. The 63rd Battalion of Rifles under the command of Colonel Crane, paraded in uniform and attended the memorial service, as well as a number of the Halifax Bearer Corps. Rev. W. J. Armitage preached the sermon. The tablet is of polished white statuary marble, with a background of polished red Sienna marble, surmounted by the regimental crest of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. The inscription is as follows: "Sacred to the memory of Stanley Banfield, trooper, C.M.R., who died at Elandsfontein, South Africa, June 5th, 1902, aged 23 years, 7 months. This tablet is erected by his brother Freemasons of the C.M.R., and Canadian Field Hospital Corps. The spirit shall return to God who gave it."

Summerside.—St. Mary's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 22nd ult. Wardens; W. B. Mills and R. L. Romoke. A committee was appointed to ascertain what steps could be taken towards the erection of a new church. It was also decided to introduce a surpliced choir in the near future.

Truro.—St. John's.—The ladies who are members of the parochial guild of this Church held their annual meeting recently. The reports of the year that were presented were most satisfactory and showed the Guild to be in a most flourishing condition. The net surplus from the late Easter sale will be fully \$130. The following officers were elected for 1903-4: President, Mrs. W. S. Muir; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Chase; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Hemmeon.

FREDERICTON.

Hollingsworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

St. John.—Trinity.—Wardens, J. A. McAirtly and C. P. Clarke. Receipts, \$8,452.87.
St. John's.—Wardens, W. M. Jarvis and A. H. Hannington, K.C. Receipts, \$7,886.70.
St. Lukes.—Wardens, D. F. Tapley and H.

Hilyard. Receipts, \$5,001.13.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, J. K. Schofield and Frank P. Starr. Receipts, \$5,058.00.

St. James.—Wardens, George Bridges and S. S. deForest. Receipts, \$2,420.76.

St. Mary's.—Wardens, J. M. Witmore and S. M. Givan. Receipts

St. George's.—Wardens, Jos. Mosher and Martin Petersen.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, F. L. Britain and Chas. Austin.

Sussex.—Trinity.—Wardens, Major T. E. Arnold and Col. E. B. Beer; delegates to Synod, Col. E. B. Beer and W. Howes. Substitutes Major O. R. Arnold and Major T. E. Arnold. An extremely gratifying report of the past year's accounts and work was presented at the meeting which was held in the Medley Memorial Hall.

QUEBEC.

Andrew Hunter Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec.

Quebec.—The Rev. Canon Richardson died in this city on the 28th ult. aged 67. The deceased was born in Bristol and came to this country in 1864 and was ordained deacon at Lennoxville in the same year. His first sole charge was Bury, P.Q. He was for a number of years rector of St. Paul's in this city, which living he resigned in 1894.

The Sunday School Union of the Province of Quebec has been fortunate in obtaining the services of the Rev. E. T. Capel, of Sutton, as its general secretary, Mr. Capel having accepted their offer, and commences his work on June 1st next. Mr. Capel has long been an active worker in the Sunday School. He was president of the union in 1897, and since that time has been on the general committee. The very successful Sunday School conference at Knowlton last year was under his management, and arrangements are already nearly completed for another similar one this year.

Lennoxville.—Bishop's College.—H. E. the Governor-General has announced his intention of visiting the university on the 18th June next, when it is intended to confer upon him the degree of D.C.L. honoris causa.

Stanstead.—Christ Church.—Wardens, A. H. Tiffen and P. B. Tucker; delegate to Synod, H. E. Channell.

Cookshire.—St. Peter's.—H. S. Osgood and F. E. Halls.

Ascot Corner.—Wardens, E. Stacey and A. Bell; delegates to Synod, E. Stacey.

Windsor Mills.—St. George's.—Wardens, D. Stuart and A. Rowland. Meeting adjourned to April 28th.

MONTREAL.

Wm. Bennett Bond, D.D., Archbishop, Montreal.
Jas. Carmichael, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor, Montreal

Montreal.—St. John the Evangelist.—The adjourned annual vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday evening the 20th April. Wardens, W. H. A. Eckhart and C. E. Reiffenstein; delegates to Synod, A. G. Brooke Claxton and J. J. M. Pangman. Most satisfactory reports were presented. Receipts, \$9,379.72. Amongst the donations received during the past year was the sum of \$100 from an anonymous friend for gilding the back of the reredos. A handsome white festal altar cloth was also given by two ladies of the congregation.

St. James the Apostle.—The adjourned Easter vestry meeting was held on the 20th ult. Wardens, S. O. Shorey and G. T. Crowdy; delegates to Synod, A. M. Crombie and H. Miles. The financial statement submitted to the meeting was of a most satisfactory character. Since the beginning of the year, No. 236 St. Antoine street has

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Synod Hall. Montreal Branch Association, he the following Archbishop Coadjutor, he Dyson Hague Troop, first vice-president; Miss Bond, t Rev. Prof. O. ford, Mr. W. Miss Norris, very interesting ings was a lec illustrated by "The Books e events." Th was rendered

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been purchased for the new Mission premises of this parish at a cost of \$6,000. The Mission will shortly be removed from its present location in Richmond Square to the new premises.

Synod Hall.—At the annual meeting of the Montreal branch of the Diocesan Sunday School Association, held in this hall on the 20th April, the following officers were elected: His Grace Archbishop Bond, honorary president; the Bishop Coadjutor, honorary vice-president; the Rev. Dyson Hague, president; the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, first vice-president; Miss Ekers, second vice-president; the Rev. H. T. S. Boyle, secretary; Miss Bond, treasurer. The committee are the Rev. Prof. O. W. Howard, the Rev. E. I. Rexford, Mr. W. F. Campbell, Mr. R. H. Buchanan, Miss Norris, Miss Mudge and Miss Reddy. A very interesting portion of the evening's proceedings was a lecture by the Rev. Prof. Abbot Smith, illustrated by limelight views, the subject being "The Books of Samuel, with places, persons and events." The musical part of the programme was rendered by St. Luke's Church choir.

St. Stephen's.—The Archbishop held a confirmation service in this church on Sunday evening, the 26th ult. The church was crowded to the doors, and among the clergy who were present were the rector, the Very Rev. Dean Evans; the Rev. Principal Hackett, of the Montreal Diocesan College; the Rev. J. Benoit, formerly a missionary in India, and the Rev. E. I. Rexford, rector of the High School. Instead of a sermon, the Rev. Principal Hackett delivered a very earnest address to the candidates, in which he dwelt upon the responsibility which they assumed by the act. The candidates, fourteen girls and four boys, were presented by Dean Evans. After they had been confirmed they were addressed by His Grace, who emphasized the efficacy of prayer and the need of spiritual life, exhorting one and all to make Christ their example.

Diocesan Theological College.—The results of the annual examinations have been announced as follows:—Galt gold medal, for highest general standing in the subjects of the final year—G. O. T. Bruce, B.A. The Garth prize for Old and New Testaments—G. O. T. Bruce, B.A. The Hague prize, for knowledge of the English Bible—G. O. T. Bruce, B.A. The Leonard prize for Liturgies—G. O. T. Bruce, B.A. Elocution prize—C. Ireland, B.A.

St. Martin's.—The adjourned vestry meeting of this Church was held on the 26th ult. The officials were able to announce that they had made arrangements with the brokers who held the mortgage on the church, for the payment of the entire debt, and it had been paid off, a small sum having been paid for the release before the mortgage was due. There is now on hand over three hundred dollars towards the debt on the rectory. Arrangements will be made for the consecration of the Church as soon as possible now that the debt has been wiped out, and it is hoped that the parish will be entirely free of debt before long.

Church of the Advent.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 26th April when a scheme was proposed by which it is hoped the sum of \$2,000 can be raised toward the Church debt. The matter was entrusted to a committee, with instructions to encourage by all possible means the envelope and quarterly systems of subscriptions to the Church.

Iberville.—Trinity.—Wardens, Wm. McGinnis and J. Black; delegates to Synod, E. Judge and Dr. Wood.

Clarenceville.—St. George's.—Wardens, B. Bullock and H. P. Young; delegates to Synod, T. Hunter and A. I. Derick.

Noyan.—St. Thomas.—Wardens, R. F. Derick

and W. J. Mosher; delegates to Synod, E. N. and M. C. Derick.

Adamsville.—St. George's.—Wardens, F. Wilkins and G. A. Cameron; delegates to Synod, G. A. Adams and H. Hity.

East Farnham.—St. Augustine's.—Wardens, E. L. Hall and F. R. Hall; delegates to Synod, H. H. Hutchins and F. R. Hall.

Glen Sutton.—Church of the Good Shepherd.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 20th ult. Wardens, C. Comser and E. Eastman; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Francis.

West Sheffield.—St. John's.—Wardens, W.A. Jolly and H. Booth; delegates to Synod, Major R. E. Bell and Dr. H. B. Carmichael.

Fulford.—St. Stephen's.—Wardens, O. Sherwood and H. Hayes; delegates to Synod, Dr. F. D. Adams and S. Carmichael.

Boscobel.—Wardens, M. Hackwell and J. Lang, Sr.; delegates to Synod, J. Copping and N. Moffat.

Chambly Canton.—St. Stephen's.—Wardens, B. Farrel and W. B. Austin; delegates to Synod, J. W. Howard and W. R. Wonham. Receipts, \$1,142.87.

Iron Hill.—Holy Trinity.—Wardens, W. Shuffeldt and T. Jones; delegates to Synod, J. McCrum and L. Hastings.

West Brome.—Wardens, M. E. Owens and G. A. Williams; delegates to Synod, M. Taift and D. D. Taylor.

Eastman.—St. John's.—Wardens, E. J. Esty and M. M. Dunlop; delegates to Synod, E. J. Esty and A. Robinson.

South Stukeley.—St. Mathew's.—Wardens, J. Marshall and J. J. Hovey; delegates to Synod, E. Booth and J. Marshall.

Durham.—The quarterly Ruri-decanal meeting was held in this place on Tuesday, April 21st. There were present the Reverends Wm. Harris, H. Plaisted, M.A., W. P. R. Lewis, B.A., H. Hersey, M.A., B.D., A. A. Ireland, H. Charters, B.A., and J. J. Willis, B.A. There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the parish church after which the morning session was opened. The Rev. H. Charters read a splendid paper upon the order for the visitation of the sick which elicited considerable discussion. The epistle of St. Jude was next discussed. The Revs. H. Horsey and H. Plaisted were the principal speakers. The afternoon session was taken up with two essays. The Rev. W. R. P. Lewis read a carefully prepared biography of the Archbishop of York, Dr. McGee. And the Rev. J. J. Willis presented an After evensong in the church the members dispersed to meet again (D.V.) on Tuesday July 7th, at Abbotsford where several important essays will mark the proceedings. The hearty thanks of the clergy are due to the Rev. H. Plaisted for his energy in making the meeting so profitable, and to Mrs. Plaisted as well for her kind and generous hospitality.

Bryson.—St. James'.—On Sunday, the 19th ult., after the morning service Mr. George Houston, who is leaving the parish was presented by the rector, the Rev. J. A. Lackey, on behalf of the congregation with an address expressing their appreciation of his services and character and their regret at his removal from amongst them. At the same time he was presented with a handsome Prayer Book and hymnal as a farewell souvenir from the congregation. The recipient, who expressed his thanks in feeling terms, was deeply affected by these unexpected expressions of appreciation.

Aylmer.—Christ Church.—The Easter services in this church were of a bright and inspiring character. There were two celebrations at 8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. The number of communicants was large, over 100. The chancel and Holy Table were beautifully decorated with lilies and

palms. The church was filled at the 11 a.m. service. The music was exceptionally good. The Rev. R. F. Taylor preached a powerful and eloquent sermon from the text 1. Cor. xv., 20. "Now is Christ risen from the dead." etc. Two points were clearly and forcibly demonstrated, viz., The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the resurrection of ourselves from dead works to serving the Living and True God in the Holy Catholic Church. The evening service was well attended, when the music was repeated. The offertory for the day amounted to \$141.50. The children's service was held on Sunday, 19th of April. A large number of teachers and children were present, and a few of the congregation. The rector gave a short address upon the subject "Duty towards parents." The offertory was in excess of any previous year, the sum amounting to \$35.22. The parish under the fostering care of 'he live and energetic rector is in a healthy condition. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening in the chapel, when a large number of parishioners were present. Wardens, Dr. Church and G. F. E. Ritchie; delegates to Synod, A. L. Gilman and J. W. Mcrling. Receipts, \$1,199.90.

Odessa.—St. Alban's.—Wardens, G. Ferguson and T. Graham; delegate to Synod for next three years, H. A. Shaw. The financial report presented at the meeting was an encouraging one.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop Ottawa.

Ottawa.—Christ Church Cathedral.—The annual vestry meeting was held on the 25th ult. in the Lauder Memorial Hall. Wardens, Dr. Molizambert and Mr. A. E. Fripp. Receipts, \$12,000.00. The cathedral is now free from debt, and it was agreed to send a petition to the Bishop of the diocese, requesting him to consecrate the cathedral. It is likely that the consecration service will take place during the meeting of Synod in June next.

Ottawa.—Grace Church.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 22nd. Wardens, G. H. Perley and H. B. Lewis. Total receipts, \$4,500.

St. Bartholomew's.—The vestry meeting of this church was held on Monday, April 27th. Wardens, G. E. Preston and R. Nettle; delegates to Synod, G. E. Preston and L. J. Burpee. The financial status of the parish was reported to be in a very satisfactory condition.

Lady Ruby Elliot, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Minto, was confirmed in this church by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Sunday the 19th inst. Six other candidates were confirmed at the same time. The Bishop and the Rev. Canon Harrington, rector of the church, prepared Lady Elliot for confirmation. Their excellencies and a party from the Government House attended the service.

ONTARIO.

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

Clarendon and Palmerston.—The Lenten services in this Northerly Mission were well attended on the whole. Special sermons were preached on Sundays on "The characters connected with the passion of Christ." and on the "Temptation in the wilderness." On Wednesday in Holy week at Ardoch church there was a special service of instruction and devotion, with reference to Easter Communion and about thirty five were present. On Good Friday over fifty were present. At Holy Trinity, Plevna, where the congregation is not so numerous, there was a fair number present each Friday evening on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday morning. Offerings on the latter day were taken up in the three churches

for Bishop Blythe's Mission and realized \$2. Easter Day saw bright and well attended services. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at St. John's, Ardoch, when there was a very good attendance and 18 communicants. The offerings were devoted towards the cost of a chancel carpet, and realized \$1.48. Evensong at three p.m. was held at Holy Trinity church, when the largest congregation was present that has been seen there for some time, a considerable number of them belonging to the Methodist congregation, who were without a service. White flowers were in the altar vases, and a few flowering plants and other decorations, including a beautiful banner with the text, "Christ is risen," in gilt letters on a red ground, gave a festal aspect to this very well-appointed country church which, with its fine bell, beautiful brass altar cross, and chancel screen, bears witness to the zeal and generosity of those who are no longer with us. The service was opened with the Easter Anthem instead of a hymn, and all the singing was remarkably good and correct, showing the value of regular practice. Mrs. Ostler efficiently presided at the organ in the unavoidable absence of the usual organist, Mrs. Wensley. The collections for the church funds, realized \$2.73. At 7 p.m. evensong was held at All Saints, Ompah, where there is only a small, but faithful, flock left. There are many careless souls around here, perfectly indifferent to the regular Sunday service, whether Anglican or any other, and not even the residence of a clergyman in their midst for eight years availed to effect a reformation. His successor who has his headquarters nine miles away, although frequent in his visitations, has failed to bring about a better spirit. Attendance on Easter Day evening was as usual small, about seventeen persons: The Ompah organist, Miss Dawson, had adorned the little church as far as possible, and some of the Easter hymns were sung. Collection, 37 cents. The Easter annual meetings at Plevna and Ardoch showed a very gratifying state of things, the finances being in good order, and at Plevna a balance of over \$27 in hand. At Ardoch about \$6.00. This is partly attributable to the policy of allowing the wardens to take charge of all ordinary collections, they making themselves responsible for the clergyman's stipend by subscriptions, supplemented by part of the collections. These collections are in consequence larger, proper accounts are kept by the wardens and the congregations know (as they should know) exactly what is done with the church moneys. A small, but very necessary, improvement has recently been effected at the Plevna church. New kneeling benches have been made and fixed in the seats. The old ones, being movable, seemed to get moved about more than was necessary during service, causing considerable noise. Last, but not least in importance, a very neat and becoming marble font has been placed in St. John's church, Ardoch. It was the kind gift of the Ontario W. A. "Extra cent a day Fund," and has been gratefully received by the congregation, who are doing what they can for themselves also to complete the furnishings of the church, and they at the same time procured, with the kind aid of Mr. Ostler, Plevna, a very good carpet for the chancel which has effected a great improvement. The new font was dedicated to the service of God, on Low Sunday, April 19th, at evensong, by the Incumbent with suitable prayers, after which the "Old Hundredth" was heartily sung. The church was completely filled. The Rev. James Williams, in (charge of this Mission for the past eight months), is returning very shortly to his old diocese of Qu'Appelle, where he has undertaken the charge of a large ranching district South of Medicine Hat, of about forty square miles in extent. It should have been mentioned earlier that the Ardoch church is to be further improved by a new altar cloth, kindly being made by the well known Kilburn sisters.

Kingston.—Now that Lent, with its efforts at greater earnestness in church life, and Easter, with its climax of church worship, are over, and the business concerns of the various parishes have been discussed and settled for another year, it may occur to many, to ask what permanent results have been obtained. But it is a hard question to answer, and a different chapter will have to be written for every parish on the subject "Easter and after." The separate resolutions of individual members, and the corporate resolutions of Easter vestries, have now to stand the test of time, and the temptations of "the common round, the daily task." Will duty undertaken amid the enthusiasm of a successful vestry meeting be conscientiously performed throughout the year? I have yet to read or hear of the report of a single vestry which was not successful and harmonious and progressive. We have seen the names of wardens and sidesmen and other officers published with all prominence, and I have no doubt that at the time a man undertakes an office, it is his intention to do his very best to make his year of office a memorable one, so far as his efforts are concerned. But many a man becomes discouraged from the very first by the coldness and indifference even of those very ones who have urged him to accept office. It is not fair to put a man into such important positions and then leave him to work almost alone. There is work for the whole congregation and every member of it. The financial part is essentially the part of the layman and it is both wrong and foolish to leave it to the clergyman. It is wrong because the worry of parish finances cannot but interfere with his right attention to the spiritual affairs, and it is foolish because, no matter how good a business man he may be, such a thing must weaken the effect of his ministrations. Let laymen relieve their clergymen entirely of the work connected with the temporal concerns of the parish, and they will find the returns will more than justify them for any labour involved. Of course, in missionary parishes the clergyman generally has to do nearly everything, but part of the organization to work up to as an ideal would be this development of lay management of the temporalities. Not that a priest must be regardless or careless of these matters. He should know what is being done and how it is being done, and if it is not done well his duty is plainly to see that it is so done, even if he undertakes it himself. He must not forget that, in the eye of the law, he is one of the trustees and so liable for the mistakes or worse that may be made. But if laymen, and especially the officeholders, are doing as they should, the clergyman's oversight will be attended by no difficulty or worry. And there is one thing that every Churchman can do, which, if he does, will soon lead him to find many a field of labour which he could work and in which he could produce rich fruit for his Church. He can keep up what he began in Lent or on Easter Sunday. He can be a regular attendant at "the breaking of the bread and the prayers" whenever the opportunity is afforded him. The man who stays away from church is the man who never sees anything to do except to grumble at what others do or leave undone. Keep up your Easter services all the year round and your Easter vestry reports will keep up themselves.

The spring meeting of the General Board of Missions which was held in London has done a good thing in scattering through the country for the Sunday after some of their episcopal members who have spoken to congregations in many places concerning their work and its needs. This city was especially favoured in having the Lord Bishop of Quebec, whose diocese is a model for all in its organization and its missionary zeal. The bishop is himself a missionary, for many parts of his own diocese are almost as difficult to reach and to work as the missions of the North-West. In the morning he preached at St. Paul's to a large congregation and delivered a most interesting and instructive address on St. Matthew xxiv., 14, pointing out

that our Saviour's words might be said literally to have been fulfilled in the days of the apostles, the gospel having been preached before their death to all the nations then under the sway of the Roman empire. He spoke at length of the action of the General Board of Missions and pointed out that with a little energy the assessments levied on the several dioceses might easily be made up, and alluded to the vast tide of immigration which has set in towards the North-West, and the church's responsibility in the matter. In the evening, at St. George's Cathedral, he preached a convincing sermon on the truth of the resurrection from the text "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." The dearest and most important spot in the world to Christians, the preacher said, was the Holy Sepulchre, which he vividly described. There is no doubt whatever that the small cave, covered within and without by marble, which is within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Mount Calvary, is the very spot where our Lord lay. It is supremely important as being the place where Christ lay (not where He lies) and from which He rose, proving thus His Godhead, and the certainty of our rising again.

On Monday evening a missionary meeting was held in St. George's Hall which was well filled for the occasion. The speakers were the Lord Bishop of Quebec and Mr. E. J. B. Pense, the able and popular member of the Legislature from Kingston, and one of the most earnest and liberal Churchmen in the diocese. The Bishop, who was introduced by the Dean, said that he wished to speak more particularly of mission work in our own Dominion. It's natural to be most interested in our own, but we will find that the more faith we get, the more interest we have in our brethren far away. We must remember the help England has always given us. A large amount of our fiscal prosperity is due to the gentle way in which we have been treated by the Old Land. She paid our clergy in early days altogether and gave rich endowments for all time, most of the income from this source, however, is now divided amongst the Protestant bodies. His lordship spoke strongly of the church's duty towards the immigrants, who are pouring into Winnipeg at the rate of a thousand a day. Unless cared for, they will deteriorate rapidly. They will forget Sunday, and the two great British vices, drink and gambling, will abound. He knew how the settlers in the North-West would appreciate spiritual care, from his experience in his own diocese, which has sections with quite as missionary an aspect as any in the Dominion, not excepting the polar regions.

Bishop Dunn spoke of the steps which led to the formation of one missionary society for the Canadian Church and one general fund for its missionary needs. The board of this society has asked for \$75,000 and if the bishop of each diocese gives all that he can himself to the fund, then writes to his clergy and sees that they are giving all they can ("and sometimes it will take a good many letters to do it," said his lordship) and if the clergy in their turn will stir up their people to do their best the board won't make the appeal in vain. Business men must be sent to business men, to show them the Church's needs, and collect their money to meet them. He instanced a case in Quebec, where under the old system of numerous little appeals throughout the year, a man who had given five or ten dollars had, when approached by a business man who explained the new scheme whereby there will be only one or two collections in the year, which will be paid into the general fund, gave one thousand dollars down, and promised the amount yearly. Parishes should find out how much they were expending on themselves yearly, and then give proportionately to the mission cause. Mr. Pense then gave a most interesting account of the meeting in London, the most inspiring part of which was the statement that there was now no "party" in the Church, as regards mission work at

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any rate. Not a word of "high" or "low" had been heard. The C.C.M.S. had thrown in its lot and its strength with the new society, and it is confidently expected that after the October board meeting, the question of the Sabrevois mission will be satisfactorily settled.

St. Paul's.—The annual vestry meeting was held last week, and the reports presented showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. The revenue was \$300 more than last year, and the largest in ten years. In view of this, the rector, Archdeacon Carey, was presented with a purse of \$50. G. F. Joy was elected people's warden and Capt. Gaskin was re-appointed lay delegate to the Ontario Synod. R. F. Elliott was appointed rector's warden.

St. James'.—Rev. Canon Macmorine has engaged as curate of St. James' Church, to fill the vacancy about to occur by resignation, Mr. Masters, of Wycliffe College, also a graduate of Toronto University. He will be ordained in June by the Bishop of Ontario.

Joyceville—St. James'.—The annual vestry meeting was held on the 20th ult. Wardens; J. A. Todd and W. Carey. The question as to whether it was best to renovate or build a new church was thoroughly discussed, and the conclusion was arrived at that it would be exceedingly unwise to spend the considerable sum of money that expediency would call for to make the old structure something like a church. Wherefore, the meeting was unanimous that a new church should be built. But the effects of Rev. C. J. Hutton's visit is very present with many of the members. Hence they feel unable to contribute in such a way as the case would call for, at present. So the congregation has agreed to make strenuous efforts this summer to raise money to help their personal subscriptions to build a new church in the summer of 1904. The old church is a mile from the parsonage, without a single church family living near it, or even in sight. This means much inconvenience to the clergyman, and implies, too often, discomfort to people driving on cold winter days to church. This awkward feature could be obviated by having the church and parsonage together. Buying a site is beyond the means of the congregation. Mrs. A. Hamilton comes to the rescue and offers the gift of a free site on a lovely spot adjoining the parsonage. Those living east can reach this spot by the Woodburn road without increasing the distance to church, which has always been long enough. This generous offer has only been just made and has not been submitted to the congregation yet.

TORONTO.

Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Bishop, Toronto.

St. George's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, held on Monday evening, April 27th. Mr. R. A. Baines was elected people's warden and Mr. Charles Heath was appointed vestry clerk.

Trinity.—On Sunday morning, the 26th ult., the members of the Sunday morning Men's Bible Class bid farewell to the Rev. T. R. O'Meara, who has been their devoted friend and teacher for the past thirteen years. They presented to him, as a parting gift, a handsome travelling suit case. There were forty members of the class present.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. R. B. Nevitt, M.A., the curate of this church, is lying very seriously ill with fever at his father's residence, and is in a critical condition. Prayers were offered at all the services in this church last Sunday and the Sunday before for his recovery. His symptoms point to typhoid fever.

Wycliffe College.—The closing Convocation of the present academical year was held in Convocation Hall on Thursday, April 30. Mr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., presided and addresses were delivered by Principal Caven, of Knox College, the Bishops of Toronto and Huron and Dr. Sheraton, the Principal of the College. The Bishop of the diocese held an ordination service in the chapel on Friday last at 10 a.m. (S.S. Phillip and James' Day), when he admitted Mr. W. F. Taylor, M.A., to the diaconate. The candidate was presented to his Lordship by the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A., the bishop's examining chaplain. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Principal Sheraton, D.D.

Unionville.—St. Phillips'.—Wardens, J. F. Davidson, and E. Rick; delegates to Synod, W. Monkman and A. Weighill. The financial report was most satisfactory in every way.

St. Mark's.—The Rev. E. J. Dymond preached his farewell sermon, as rector of this parish, last Sunday. He will enter upon his new duties at Stayner early in May.

Penetanguishene.—A very pleasing event took place here on Thursday evening, the 23rd of April, when the Rev. Charles Kingston, who has recently been appointed assistant to the Rev. F. G. Plummer, of St. Augustine's church, Toronto, and who has in consequence resigned his vicarage in this town, was presented with a very valuable gold watch and a purse by his late devoted parishioners, at a tea given in his and Mrs. Kingston's honour. The latter, who has endeared herself among her husband's people, was not forgotten by them at this time, and was also made the recipient of many personal gifts, as well as several parochial ones. Mr. and Mrs. Kingston and the family will arrive in Toronto this week, and will take up their residence on Winchester street, where they have secured a house.

NIAGARA.

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

Norval.—Churchwardens, Messrs. H. Pettigrew and J. Fiddler; sidesmen, Messrs. J. Bird, Cook, Day, Graham and Slingsby. The purchase of a new organ is contemplated, and it is intended to convert the house on the lot adjoining the church into a parochial hall. A system of quarterly payments by envelopes was decided upon.

Glenwilliams. — Churchwardens, Messrs. H. Holdroyd and J. Beaumont; sidesmen, Messrs. Armstrong, Prout, Puzey, Reddy, Scott. It was decided to adopt a system of weekly payment by envelopes.

Port Maitland and South Cayuga.—The Rev. A. W. H. Francis left on the 2nd ult., per Cunard steamer, "Campania," for a three months' trip to the Old Country, leaving the Rev. J. Francis, of Hamilton, in charge of his parish during his absence. On the eve of his departure, he was presented, on behalf of the congregation of St. John's church, South Cayuga, with a very liberal sum of money, as a mark of their esteem and good wishes, and with the hope that he would return in due time much benefited by the change. On Easter eve there was placed in St. John's church, South Cayuga, by the venerable Mrs. G. Docker, a very beautiful stained glass window, containing the figure of St. John the Evangelist, as a memorial to her deceased husband and other members of her family circle. It is from the well-known works of Messrs. N. F. Lyon & Co., Toronto, and is the fourth memorial window erected in the church. It is worthy of note that Mrs. Docker, who laid the corner-stone of the foundation wall of the church

about sixty years ago, is still a regular worshipper in it, driving upwards of two miles to the services even in bad roads and weather, though nearly ninety-two years of age. She is now the sole survivor of the heads of well-to-do English families, who settled along the north-easterly shore of Lake Erie down to the year 1842

Hamilton. — Christ Church Cathedral. — The school-house was well filled on the evening of the 27th ult., when there was a large children's meeting in the interest of the missions of the Church. His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, presided, and with him on the platform were the Rev. Canon Bland, Rev. Canon Forneret, and Rev. L. Norman Tucker. A feature of the evening was the singing by the children of a number of missionary hymns. Bishop DuMoulin spoke briefly, impressing on the children their value to the country, to the community, and to the Church, and seeking to implant in their minds a sense of the importance of missionary work in Western Canada and foreign lands. The annual report of the junior branches showed the various children's missionary societies to be doing excellent work, adding to their membership and contributing largely of cash and goods. The principal address of the evening was made by Rev. L. Norman Tucker, secretary of the Anglican Board of Missions. He began by pointing out that every member of the Church of England in Canada is a member of its missionary society, and every Sunday school is an auxiliary. Referring to the remarkable influx of immigrants to the Northwest, he pointed out how money is needed with which to build churches and pay the missionaries. In return for all that God has given, His children are required to give to others—their time, their money, and their activity for the advancement of God's cause. No one is so poor or so weak but that he can give something or do something. The gift should be followed by prayer, that God may bless it. The duty of missionary activity was the last command of Christ to His disciples, and the call still goes forth to the Church to-day. At the annual vestry meeting, the following were appointed: Wardens, A. Bruce and C. S. Scott; delegate to Synod for three years, J. J. Mason. Receipts, \$6,801. The sum of \$215 was added to the rector's stipend.

Winona.—St. John's.—The adjourned Easter vestry meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24th. Wardens, E. D. Smith, M.P. and E. M. Smith. Most satisfactory reports were read and adopted at the meeting.

Guelph.—St. George's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the 27th ult., Wardens, W. H. Jones and C. Law; delegate to Synod, J. M. Bond. Receipts, \$4,575.33. There was a large number of parishioners present. Meeting adjourned for a week.

St. James'.—At the adjourned vestry meeting held on the 27th ult., the auditors presented their report, which was received. A number of sidesmen were appointed. It was stated at the meeting that the rector, the Rev. E. A. Vesey, had tendered his resignation of the living to the Bishop, and that his resignation had been accepted.

Dunnville.—St. Paul's.—The Easter services at this church were, as usual, attended by very large congregations, and the church having been tastefully decorated with palms and Easter lilies, presented a beautiful appearance. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion at which there were 105 communicants; at 3 p.m. there was a special service for the children of the Sunday school, which was well attended by scholars, teachers and parents of the children, and at the evening service the large church could

scarcely hold the congregation. In spite of the wet evening, there was a large attendance at the vestry meeting, at which all the societies presented reports, the total amount raised by the congregation from all sources amounting to about \$1,800, the special Easter offering for the debt of the church being \$125. Messrs. F. J. Ramsey and C. Stevens were reappointed church wardens, and Messrs. G. H. Brett, W. H. Fisher, and F. J. Ramsey were elected delegates to the Synod. The rector's salary was raised \$100. The whole meeting was very satisfactory and encouraging, and showed the church to be in a prosperous condition in this place.

Barton.—St. Peter's.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held on Tuesday, April 21st. Wardens, J. Gathercole and A. S. Turner. An encouraging financial report was presented.

Stoney Creek.—Church of the Redeemer.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Wardens, W. Denne and J. B. Davis; delegate to Synod for a period of three years, W. Denne. Receipts, \$282.14.

Milton.—Grace Church.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on April 21st. Messrs. Dice and Chisholm were re-elected wardens. The financial statement showed receipts of about \$1,300 for the year. After providing for every current debt and the payment of \$250, with accrued interest, on the mortgage, a balance of nearly \$30 was left in the hands of the wardens, \$25 of this was voted to the rector. The mortgage debt has been reduced by \$400 during the year, and now stands at \$1,600. The work of the Young People's Society helped materially to this reduction. The W.A. has also done an excellent work. On Easter Sunday morning the service was taken by the Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., Hamilton, and the Rev. Canon Mackenzie. Canon Bull also addressed the Sunday school children in the afternoon.

All Saints' Mission.—This mission at the brick works showed an excellent report—a pretty little church, clear of debt, and a good working congregation. There were twenty-three baptisms here, and the average attendance at Sunday school was thirty.

Omagh.—Christ Church.—The vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 20th. The old wardens, Messrs. W. T. Beaty and Robert Biggar, were re-elected. Jos. Gibson was appointed lay delegate to the Synod for three years. After all current accounts were paid, a balance of \$13 was left on hand. This will be expended in needed repairs to the church building.

Palermo.—St. Luke's.—The Easter vestry meeting was held on Thursday, April 23rd. Messrs. Wm. Cowan and George Wilkinson were appointed wardens.

HURON.

Maurice Scollard Baldwin, D.D., Bishop, London

London.—St. Matthew's.—The adjourned vestry meeting took place on the 27th ult. Wardens, M. Moulton and H. E. Jell; delegate to Synod, J. H. Phillips. The financial report presented at the meeting was a very satisfactory one.

All Saints'.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Wednesday, April 22nd. Wardens, P. Phillips and F. L. Ross; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Swanwick and Parmell.

St. George's.—The adjourned vestry meeting took place on Monday, the 27th April. Receipts, \$2,314.24. The parishioners expressed their

gratitude to the relatives of the late Miss Graham for the beautiful memorial window which they had placed in the church.

Brantford.—Grace Church.—The Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation service in this church on Monday evening, the 27th ult., when he laid hands on thirty-one candidates, who were presented for the sacred rite to him by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Mackenzie. There was a good congregation present, and the Bishop delivered an impressive address. The adult members of the choir met at the Conservatory of Music immediately after the confirmation service to bid farewell and express their good wishes to Mr. Belcher, who is leaving for St. Thomas. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, after which short complimentary speeches were made by those present, expressive of regret at parting with Mr. Belcher. On behalf of the choir, Mr. Andrews, organist and choirmaster, presented Mr. Belcher with a beautiful umbrella suitably engraved. Though the recipient has been here only a little over a year, yet in that short time he has won the good-will of all members, boys as well as men. Not only does the choir lose one who has been most regular morning and evening, but the congregation likewise loses the services of a most faithful and devoted chorister. The best wishes of all go with Mr. Belcher.

Strathroy.—St. John's.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 27th ult., when all the various parochial reports were presented, including the auditor's report, and all were ordered to be printed. There was a large number present at the meeting.

Wingham.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, T. Bell and W. Corbould; delegate to Synod, H. Hollister. The financial report was a very satisfactory one. It was unanimously agreed to increase the rector's salary to \$1,000 per annum, and it was also agreed to sell the present rectory for not less than \$2,800, and that a new and more suitable rectory be erected or purchased.

Kingsville.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 28th ult. Wardens, Dr. Allworth and Mr. C. T. Miller. Receipts, \$1,950. A fine new organ, built by the Karn-Warren Co., has recently been placed in the church.

Galt.—The Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, Mrs. Ridley and Miss Ridley left on an extended visit to England on Wednesday evening, April 29th, sailing from Montreal on the C.P.R. steamship "Lake Champlain." The rector goes direct to his home at Cambridge, and expects to return the latter part of August. They will spend some time on the south coast of Devon, among the Devonshire dales, and later on go to the English lakes. It is sincerely hoped that the health of his family will be greatly benefited by the trip. They leave with the best wishes of the congregation and the whole community, and the excellent arrangements made by the rector for supplying his place during his absence are greatly appreciated. The following resolution was unanimously passed at the recent Easter vestry meeting: "That we hereby express to the rector the good wishes of the congregation on the occasion of his trip to England, and hope that it will go far to benefit the health of each, and bring back all with renewed vigour. We also congratulate him and the congregation on the able supply which has been procured for the services of the church during his absence." The following clergy will officiate: The Rev. James Thompson, M.A., of Ingersoll; the Rev. T. C. Macklem, LL.D., Provost of Trinity University, Toronto; the Rev. Canon Welch, D.C.L. (or Curate), of St. James' Cathedral; the Rev. Professor Waller, M.A., Principal of Huron College; the Rev. Prof. Cody, M.A., of Wycliffe College; the Rev. Prof. Clark,

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Sarnia.—St. George's.—The kindness shown by the parishioners in increasing the Rev. Canon Davis' salary at the last Easter vestry meeting is only one of several courtesies and appreciative acts which the people of this church have shown their rector. A free pleasure trip to New Orleans, another to Muskoka, a lengthy leave of absence preceded by a goodly purse of \$150, and followed by the congregation defraying expenses of supply, etc. Such actions show the warm appreciation of the people for their rector, and set an example worthy of emulation by every vestry in the land. When it is remembered that the people of St. George's have raised and spent on the parish, in the present pastorate, some \$30,000, their action towards their rector is all the more creditable to themselves and to him. The property is a very valuable one, and the remaining debt is only \$2,000, and will speedily disappear.

Cargill.—Cargill and Pinkerton having been united to form a new parish, their first rector, the Rev. Arthur Shore, of Port Rowan, has recently been appointed to this new field. The Cargill congregation, under the zealous and watchful leadership of Rural Dean Robinson, under whom the new church was built, deserve every praise. Its successful completion is due to the generosity of Mr. Henry Cargill, M.P., who has been and will be a tower of strength to the infant congregation. Its new rector goes to an interesting field, and the people are to be congratulated on so happy an appointment. The Cargill church, costing some \$3,000, is entirely out of debt, but not yet consecrated.

Petrollea.—Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 27th. Wardens, J. W. Hatchcroft and C. Egan; receipts, \$2,812.31, which is an increase of about \$320 over the receipts of last year.

Meaford.—Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on April 27th. Delegates to Synod, W. Moore and Captain Thompson; receipts, \$1,386.90. The report of the Select Vestry was read by Mr. C. T. Sutherland. It proved a most interesting document. After dealing with the Church's prosperous standing, the Church debt and organ, the report recommended the following matters for the consideration of vestry: 1st That as the church property was all in good order and the remaining debt would be wiped out on May 1st

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your committee thinks it would be advisable to at once proceed and procure a new organ. 2nd—That a sum of \$50 be voted to the rector, and that hereafter his stipend be raised by \$100 per annum. These recommendations were subsequently unanimously adopted.

ALGOMA.

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

Sudbury.—Church of the Epiphany.—The services at this station at Easter comprised an early celebration at 8.30 a.m. and a midday celebration at 11 a.m. the communicants numbering 23 at the former and 33 at the latter. A celebration was also held at Copper Cliff. Evensong, prayer and sermon at the Epiphany, Sudbury, completed the day's service of praise and thanksgiving. The congregations, morning and evening, were the largest of the year. The usual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. The churchwardens' report showing a balance on hand of \$8 over all expenses and no debts. The total amount raised in the mission of Sudbury alone was \$1,352; \$249 of this amount was sent out of the mission to aid the diocese, and the balance was given in aid of foreign missions. By a unanimous vote of the vestry, the congregation increased their assessment stipend to \$650, thus enabling the mission with \$150 promised by Copper Cliff to become self-supporting. The mission of Sudbury and Copper Cliff is therefore now a rectory, receiving no aid from external sources towards the support of its rector.

Port Arthur.—St. John's.—Easter day opened brightly with celebration of the Eucharist at 8 a.m. at which there were 74 participants. In all 149 persons made their Easter communion. The altar was beautifully decorated with white flowers: lilies, stocks, tulips and lilies of the valley, given by the Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. Marks. The musical portion of the service, was inspiring and devotionally rendered by the organist, Mr. Dixon. The choir was a large one, including the boys who are under training by the rector, aided by Miss D. Boyce, S.S. organist. The sermons as usual were excellent. The offertories for the day amounted to \$219. At the conclusion of Evensong we were gratified by hearing the "Hallelujah Chorus" played. The chancel screen was prettily decorated with white and fern leaves by loving hands—the font and pulpit, too, had their quota of attention, and several plants were about the screen and chancel steps. At the invitation of the rector two "congregational conferences" were held in the school during Lent. The result has been by God's blessing, a great increase of interest on the part of the men in the parish. Holy Week had celebrations of the H.C. each morning at 8, except Good Friday, and Evensong with sermon in the Church. Good Friday gave us two services and a memorable sermon at night from the rector on the proper mode of the burial of the dead. The indefatigable president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Gibbs, has been the means, by having concerts, evening entertainments and meetings at the school-room, the town hall and her residence, of adding considerably to the funds of the Church.

Bracebridge.—St. Thomas'.—This Church held its Easter vestry on evening of Easter Monday, Officers elected— Vestry clerk, Mr. J. Dowler; rector's warden, Mr. D. T. Hodgson; people's warden, Mr. J. J. Beaumont; sidesmen, Messrs. J. Thomson, E. R. Perry, Frank Beaumont, A. A. Mahaffy, A. C. Salmon and J. H. Elliott; advisory board, Messrs. W. Kirk, R. M. Browning, W. H. Buckerfield, S. Bridgeland, M.D., T. B. Aulph, A. A. Mahaffy, Geo. Sibbett, J. J. Beaumont and D. T. Hodgson; auditors, Messrs E. C. Salmon and F. S. Cochrane.

Falkenburg.—St. George's.—The annual vestry meeting was held on the evening of Friday in East-

er week. Officers elected—Incumbent's warden, Mr. Perkins; people's warden Mr. Melles; sidesmen, Messrs. Goggen, Moore, Robinson, Gearly, Blanchard and Dever.

Huntsville.—The Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd has been very ill for some weeks past, and his illness has been a cause of great anxiety to his people. He has recovered sufficiently to be able to take an occasional out-door walk. For the present the Bishop has appointed the Rev. T. J. Hay, of Blind River, as locum tenens, so as to give Mr. Llwyd the opportunity of taking a prolonged rest and charge.

(Being crowded for space we are obliged to hold over a quantity of diocesan and other matter.)

CURLEY'S CRYSTAL; OR A LIGHT HEART LIVES LONG.

By Emma Marshall.

Chapter V.

Mrs. Crawford's Niece.

"Why, I declare!" exclaimed Mrs. Crawford, when she opened the door; "it's Hetty Midgeley. I thought you were in Africa with your husband."

The tone seemed rather to intimate that if Mrs. Midgeley had stayed there Mrs. Crawford would not not have been very sorry.

"We have been back three weeks, Aunt, and here—Jem, come along and don't be stupid."

The man thus addressed came at his wife's bidding, and said in a free-and-easy way which Mrs. Crawford did not like.

"Well, old lady, and how do you find yourself?"

"I am very well, James Midgeley, and I hope you are earning your own living and not idling your time away."

"I hope not, but it's precious cold standing out here. Can you take us in?"

"You can come downstairs and see the children; there is a bit of supper presently, and you are welcome to sit down to it if you like."

"Thank you, Aunt," Mrs. Midgeley said, "we'll come downstairs with pleasure."

"Perhaps you won't mind going down the area steps, and I'll go round and meet you at the back door. The house is full now, and I have a very particular fidgety lodger in the parlor."

"And who have you got in the drawing-room, Aunt?" Mrs. Midgeley asked, continuing the conversation as she and her husband followed Mrs. Crawford into the kitchen below.

"Grand folk, eh?" asked the husband.

"Gentle folk," was the reply; "a dear, blind little boy, who is just the prettiest creature I ever saw. Here, Blanche and Olive, here's Aunt Hetty and her husband."

"Well, how they are grown to be sure! And what a handsome girl Blanche is to be sure, and that is little Olive, poor Dick's girl. Do you keep her for love? I am sure it's very kind. And is not there a boy?"

The boy now appeared to answer for himself; he came dancing into the kitchen.

"It's all settled—it's all settled," and then he turned head over heels in the excess of his delight, and "Hetty's husband," as Mrs. Crawford was careful to call him, declining the relationship of aunt to Mr. Midgeley, burst into a loud laugh.

"Why, young one, you are a born 'hacrobat.' You might make a pile of money out of these antics."

"He don't want to make it by any such means," said Mrs. Crawford, seriously. "Curley is still at his books, and when he isn't he is helping me. I think of trying for a place as page boy for him, when he has done schooling, but these are not days when children can leave school or not as they like. The board sees to that."

"Mother! it's all settled, and I have told Master Peter, and he cried a little at first, but then he was pleased, and Miss Hack is with him now telling

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him stories, and Diamond has made friends with her. Isn't it jolly?"

And again Curley could not resist another evolution, which brought another laugh and "Bravo" from Mr. Midgeley.

Now Mrs. Crawford had rather mingled feelings about this plan of Mr. Buckhurst. Her drawing-room apartment was dear to her, and although the money was to be the same, a child and a dog, and a poor half-starved governess were not the tenants she would have chosen.

Then Miss Hack might in prosperity be less agreeable than in adversity, so altogether Curley's delight was not shared as he expected.

"Oh! if Miss Hack is with Master Peter, I need not hurry, I suppose. Olive, my dear, see if the potatoes are ready."

"There is baked potatoes and bacon," she said, turning to Mrs. Midgeley, "and you and your husband are welcome. Where are you living, Hetty?"

"Well, we can't be said to be living anywhere exactly. Jem is lookin out for a job, but we made a little at the Diamond fields, and we don't despair, do we Jem?"

"No; 'never say die,' that's my motto. We are looking out. Aren't we, Hetty?"

"I suppose you haven't got a room, Aunt, to spare? we would pay, you know, right and proper."

"No. I've no room."

"Yes, Mother, yes," exclaimed Curley; you forgot—Miss Hack's."

"That's only a small upper bedroom, Curley; it isn't fit for a man and wife."

"Oh! I don't know about that," said Mrs. Midgeley; "we can fit in anywhere, we ain't particular."

"But I am particular, Hetty," Mrs. Crawford said severely, "and I am not going to lend myself to any piggish ways. Two grown up folks could not live in that top room, so there's an end of it."

Mrs. Midgeley did not press the point further, but ate so large a share of the potatoes and bacon that Curley's was much diminished, and Mrs. Crawford herself had only the scraping of the dish.

"I suppose you can give us a pint of stout, Aunt," Mrs. Midgeley said.

"No, I can't," was the reply; "we don't drink anything here of that sort."

"Well, here's fourpence," said Mr. Midgeley, "you run to a public, my boy, and fetch us a pint."

"He'll do nothing of the sort," said Mrs. Crawford. "If you'll excuse me for saying it, Mr. Midgeley, my children are never sent out to public-houses, and I hope they'll never see the inside of one."

"Oh! never mind, Jem, you can refresh yourself as we go back; and now, Charlie, tell us more about the little gentleman upstairs."

"He is a little, wayward, cross patch," said Blanche. "I am sure there is not much to tell except that he is blind and has got light hair hanging down to his waist like a girl's."

"He's a darling," said Olive fervently, "isn't he, Mother?"

"He's beautiful," said Curley, "and, Jolly too. I don't know what Blanche means by saying he is

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cross. Keep out of his way, Blanche, you are not wanted upstairs at all."

"I shall please myself without asking your leave, Curley, so shut up."

Hush, now, Blanche," said her mother. "I don't like to hear you wrangle like that."

"How did you happen to meet with this poor little fellow, Aunt?" asked Mrs. Midgley.

"Through the parents of a dear young gentleman who had the drawing room for a year. He was a clergyman, and died of overwork for the poor and needy."

"Folks don't often die of that complaint," Mrs. Midgley said, with another of his loud laughs.

I don't see it's a laughing matter," said Mrs. Crawford, and then she went on with the history of Peter to Mrs. Midgley.

"The gentleman who brought him here is his guardian, and he thought a doctor in England might do something for his eyes, but its no good. The child is blind for life."

"Is the gent going to stay with him? What's his business?" asked Mr. Midgley.

"He is returning back to Africa shortly."

"And taking the child with him?"

"No," said Mrs. Crawford, with an air of importance. "The child is left in my care."

What Curley described as a "knowing wink," passed between Mr. and Mrs. Midgley, but only Curley's sharp eyes saw it.

"Well to be sure, poor little fellow, left amongst strangers; but I dare say you will make a good profit out of it, Aunt."

"I shall do my duty, please God," said Mrs. Crawford, very severely, "and take my rightful payment for what I do. And now girls we must clear away, and I must go upstairs, Hetty, so perhaps we had better say good-night."

Mrs. Crawford shook hands with but little cordiality with Mr. Midgley, kissed Hetty, and then said to Curley, "Mind you fasten the door safe after them. I must go upstairs to see about Miss Hack. I daresay the poor little boy feels strange."

Curley ran up the kitchen stairs into the lobby before the visitors.

"I say young one," Mr. Midgley said, "you are in luck's way with that blind child, ain't you now?"

Curley was a little on the defensive, he scarcely knew why.

"He's rich, ain't he?"

"I don't know what you call rich," Curley said.

"Well, he has got plenty of smart things, and there is no lack of 'oof'—eh? Money, I mean."

"Can't say," said Curley shortly. But on turning round he was surprised to see his sister standing on the top step of the staircase leading from the kitchen.

She now drew nearer and said, "You know, Curley, there's a box full of treasures—diamonds, and a wonderful crystal which Master Peter thinks no end of."

A chuckle from Mr. Midgley, and a sudden dig with his elbow in his wife's side, was not lost on Curley.

But the door was open, and the chill

foggy air came driving in with its icy breath.

Good night, all," came from Mr. Midgley, and the unwelcome visitors were gone.

"A good riddance," Curley said, as Blanche returned to her books below, and he went upstairs on all fours at a startling pace.

Miss Hack had won Peter's heart by her stories, and he was very happy.

"They are stories," he said, "like those my father told me. Guardy does not tell that kind, and the sailors on board the ship used to frighten me about sea serpents and flying fish coming to carry off little boys on their backs. I did not believe them," Peter said, "but they made me have horrid dreams. But Miss Hack's tales are lovely."

This was a promising beginning, and who shall tell the thankfulness with which Miss Hack ascended that night to her little room.

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"Yes, my dear, yes, when I was young."

"But don't you care about it when you are old, Mrs. Landlady? because Miss Hack said that when we die, and go up to God, we shall drink of that water, and that I shall see the light clear as crystal, which is the glory of God. Oh dear!" said poor little Peter, "I wish I could see it now, for I am tired of this darkness—I am indeed. Stay with me to-night just a little bit, till I go to sleep, Mrs. Landlady."

"I am afraid I can't, my dear; and you'll soon have Miss Hack to be with you morning and noon and night, and then you won't want me."

"Yes, I shall. Don't you like Miss Hack? Curley does."

"I like her very well, my dear; and I have helped her to what I could, but I am a hardworking woman, with children to feed and clothe, and I have no time to think of stories and such like. Good-night my dear."

Peter felt rather sorrowful, and he lay for a few minutes meditating. The gas was left burning in the adjoining room, but it made little difference to him. Presently Diamond,

who always slept at his feet, started, and gave a little short bark.

"Who is there?" Peter asked; speak, somebody."

"It's only me, Master Peter, I thought I must come and bid you good-night."

"Oh! that's jolly," Peter said. "Come close, Curley, and let me take hold of your hand. I say, Curley,

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who was that talking downstairs this evening after Guardy had gone, and while Miss Hack was here?"

"Mr. Pegg scolding, I dare say." "No," said Peter, decidedly, "it was not Mr. Pegg. It was a man's voice though, just like a man's voice who told me horrid tales on board the ship, and Guardy would not let me speak to him again."

"Oh!" said Curley, I expect you mean Aunt Hetty's husband; he was here to supper, and he did talk to Blanche in the passage. I let them out of the front door, but they came in at the area."

"I hope it was not that horrid man. I should be afraid if he came near me; but Mrs. Landlady would take care of me, so I will not trouble myself. But, Curley, tell me what Miss Hack is like. I love her voice—is she pretty?"

"Well no, not pretty. Her face is so sharp and thin—all points, you know. And she wears such a very old black dress—one for Sunday is grey. She looks smarter in that."

"But her eyes—what are her eyes like?"

"Oh! I forgot her eyes," said Curley. "Her eyes are like your crystal, clear you know, and they light up somehow. They are big eyes, or they look big, because her face is so small and thin."

Peter repeated what was said to him, as if to fasten it on his memory. "Eyes like my crystal—big eyes." Then after a pause he said, "She talked to-night to me about the crystal in the heavenly city, and she

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said it shone with the glory of God. Won't you like to see that, Curley?"

"I don't know," said Curley, doubtfully. "The heavenly city is up in heaven, and we shall have to die to get there, and I don't want to die. I like being alive," said Curley, with sudden vehemence.

"Ah!" said Peter with a sigh, "you can't know how a little boy feels who is blind. No of course you can't."

Curley was penitent at once, and returned to his position on the little bed, which he had quitted for a few minutes to try if he could hang by one foot from the post of the large bed, which was old-fashioned, and was a relic of Mrs. Crawford's early home down in Devonshire.

"I can be sorry for you," Curley said, "and I daresay you do long for the light of the crystal which Miss Hack told about. But you must try to be happy, Master Peter, and I'll do all that I ever can to make up to you for—"

"For what?" Peter asked. "Well fro your blindness," Curley replied.

Peter seemed to grasp the truth then as he never grasped it before. He had been living in hope that light would come back, and that this ever deepening darkness would disperse at last.

Mr. Buckhurst had always evaded the question. No one had told him in so many words that nothing could be done for him. Ever since he had begun the journey to England from his African home he had been thinking of the "eye doctor," and all he would do for him. Then came the

visits to him, and the remedies, and yet no change—if any change it was that the darkness deepened. For he could not see even the form of any face now, and with great difficulty could make out that the crystal itself was before him.

Peter squeezed Curley's hand very tight in his, and said—

"Good-night. I am not afraid to be alone. Kiss me, Curley. Good-night."

Then when Curley was gone, little Peter buried his face in the pillow, and cried quietly, only moaning in a low tone—

"Oh! make me patient, dear Lord; and one day—one day in the new city let me see the light on the crystal there, as I shall never, never, never see light any more here."

To be continued.

A SECRET SOCIETY.

When four children with sound lungs talk at once can any big sister understand a story? Helen Howard could not, but instead of scolding her sister and brother and two cousins she said: "How you do chatter!"

"O Helen! we want to start a secret society!"

"What have you to keep secret?" she asked.

They did not exactly know, only Tom said that secret societies were great fun; they had them in great colleges; he had heard his big brother tell all about them.

"Well dearies, you run away now,

to-night I will tell you how to start a fine one."

"O Helen, you are a brick!" cried her brother Ned.

Helen laughed and told them to invite in all the girls and boys that they wished to have in their society, and she promised to have plenty of popped corn and apples. At 8 o'clock the Howard dining room was half full of children. Miss Helen made a speech; she proposed that they keep secret the name of their society, merely letting it be known as the S. S. Society. Then she explained what the object should

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her. Their name was really the Society of Stray Sunbeams, but outsiders knew it only as the S. S. Society.

One week later they had another meeting, and each one brought a basket or bundle, out of which came broken dolls, pictures, books and playthings of every sort, the most of them a little the worse for rough usage. These were spread in the table and examined by Miss Helen, who had been appointed president the week before. Out of her basket came paste, paints, pretty paper, silks, tubes of gold powder, and all kinds of queer things. The children came early this evening and stayed until half past nine. When they went away they said they had never had more fun than they had had in putting those toys in order, pasting the books neatly and dressing the dolls. The next day a box was going to the ward for sick children in a hospital not far away, and every toy or book would stand for the Stray Sunbeam that started it to make bright some dark corner.

Before the children went home the president asked for a report from the Searching Sunbeams, who were a division of the order. Then one of the members told of a child of a working woman, with spinal disease; she had only a few old playthings and books. Number two told of a lame boy, who could go to school much easier if he had a better crutch, for his old one was too short. Number three knew a little girl in a wealthy family; her mother, who was an invalid, had gone to a sanitarium; the father thought that the little girl need not be lonely when she had all sorts of playthings, but she had no little friend to play with her, and the days seemed very long. Then they told of an old gentleman who liked to have some one fetch him his letters and papers from the post-office, when he did not go for them himself; and last of all, Helen's sister said that a little girl who went to the same day school with the most of the Sunbeams never had a nice luncheon, but sometimes had only an apple.

Next the president made a fine-sounding speech about "the business before the meeting," and "motions" were "made" and "carried." She said that when the Sunbeams got to work, as they planned, they must not think that they were doing anything remarkable; for they would only be doing what they ought to do; that was to help wherever they could help anybody in need. The society was to make them see quickly, and to teach them to use tact; then she told them what tact was. After that they planned their next work, and how to do it best.

The little bed-ridden girl was to have a new book lent her every Saturday and something given her for easy fancy work. One little girl was to teach her how to do this work, which later, perhaps, she might sell. The president told them that the best help was to teach people to help themselves. The lame boy was to have popped corn and home-made candy to sell, and so he could buy his own crutch; they would make and give him the first candy, and later make it, but let him pay for supplies as he was able. Miss Helen also promised to see the father of the little rich but lonesome child, and to ask

him to let her join the Sunbeams, who would keep her busy and happy. After the business ended, the society spent a half hour in games, and then went home delighted with the S. S. Secret Society.

It was a real success. The very next day Jessie Evans saw only a bit of bread and an apple in Mollie Bennett's basket. Remembering what her sister Helen said about tact, she dropped down by Mollie and talked about the arithmetic lesson before she said: "What nice, big apples you have, Mollie! let's go shares. I love that kind of apple!" Then Mollie was glad to give her the larger half, and Jessie hurried to drop into Mollie's basket some of her cake, pie, cold ham, and all the nice things she had put up on purpose. The next day they had a "picnic luncheon," everything in together, and so in some innocently cunning way, they managed almost every day to help out Mollie's luncheon. Her apples were more sought after than any other kind, and the child did not suspect that it was because she had plenty of them.

The society grew, for whenever the president learned of a selfish or a hard-hearted boy or girl she got him or her to join, and so the society did good to others before they realized that.

PEOPLE WE LOVE.

The capacity of winning and holding the kindly regard of others is one of the best gifts of God and the means of the largest influence for good. In the Old Testament Joseph had this choice endowment. No matter with whom he came in contact, he elicited confidence and affection. One had only to come into relationship

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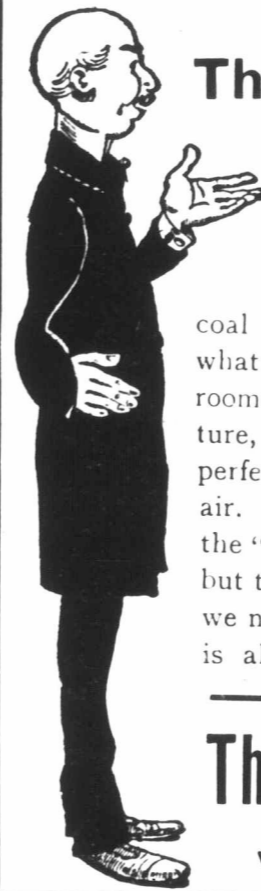
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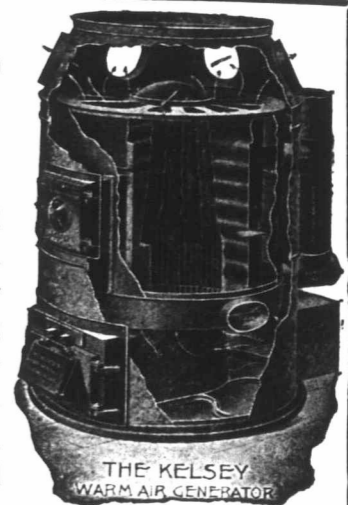
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The gentleman's body was found quite near the same place, and by his side was the terrier. The faithful little animal had stuck to his post for forty-eight hours without either food or water. Sambo had evidently gone for help, and, meeting a panther, had been killed by the savage animal.

BEAUTY OF A LIFE OF SERVICE.

No indeed, there is no wonder that God loved the world. There is no wonder that Christ, the Son of God, at any sacrifice, undertook to save the world. The wonder would have been if God, sitting in his heaven—the wonder would have been if Jesus, ready to come here to the earth, and seeing how it was possible to save man from sin by suffering, had not suffered. Do you wonder at the mother when she gives her

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There is one word of Jesus which always comes back to me as about the noblest thing that human lips have ever said upon our earth. When He was sitting with His disciples at the last supper, how He lifted up His voice and prayed, and in the midst of His prayer there came these wondrous words:—"For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified." The whole of a human life is there. Shall a man cultivate himself? No, not primarily. Shall a man serve the world; strive to increase the kingdom of God in the world? Yes, indeed, he shall. How shall he do it? By cultivating himself, and instantly he is thrown back upon his life. "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified." I am my best, not simply for myself, but for the world. That is the law of my existence.

You can help your fellow-men: you must help your fellow-men; but the only way you can help them is by being the noblest and the best man that it is possible for you to be. I watch the workman build upon the building which, by and by, is to soar into the skies, to toss its pinnacle up to the heavens; and I see him looking up and wondering where those pinnacles are to be, thinking how high they are to be, measuring the feet, wondering how they are to be built; and all the time he is cramming a rotten stone into the building just where he has set to work. Let him forget the pinnacles, if he will, or hold only the floating image of them in his imagination for his inspiration; but the thing he must do is to put a brave, strong soul, an honest and substantial life, into the building just where he is now at work. Let yourself free into your religion and be unselfish. Claim your freedom in service.

TO WHOM GOD REVEALS HIMSELF.

Those who approach God with a deep reverence, with an earnest desire to please Him; and with a dread of offending Him; those are the persons to whom He will, by degrees, reveal Himself more and more. He will open their eyes that they may understand "the wondrous things out of His law." It is not much learning nor cleverness, nor being quick and ready to collect the words of Scripture, which enables men to think rightly of such awful mysteries as this of to-day; but it is devotion and seriousness of heart. The Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, One God, reveals Himself in ways of His own, ways which no tongue can tell, no heart imagine, to the humble and meek, the contented and self-denying.—Rev. John Keble.

THE BRIGHT FACE.

There is nothing that conduces more to the happiness of the home than to find a bright, sunny face looking into ours as we enter the door. If the light of love shines, it lightens the load and brightens up the outlook. The bright, sunny face in the home is a power for good that cannot be estimated. There is nothing like the cheerful, happy frame of mind which it helps to bring about.

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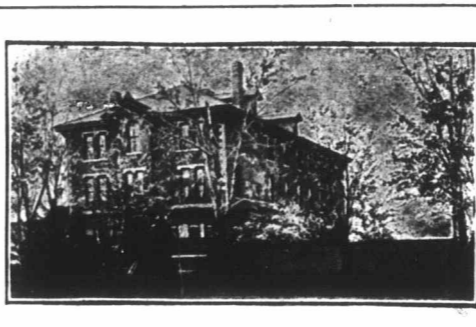
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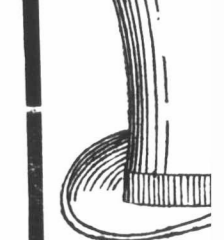
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