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# The Church Guar Quiblis 1: sprolice or Sus ox and Quiblis

# Upholds the Doctrines and Rubrics of the Prayer Book.

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jeans Christ in sincerity."-Eph. vi. 24. "Exruently contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."-Jude \$

#### MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1890

#### ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

CANON ARGLES has offered a marble floor for the choir of the Cathedral, Peterborough, Eng., to the Restoration Committee.

THE tract, "The Church and Her Ways," is getting a world wide fame. The one hundred and tenth thousand has just been printed.

THE Bishops of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Scotland, have just become patrons of the Church Army. A night rescue shelter has Church Army. A night rescue shelter has been opened in the Edgware-road, Glasgow by this society, which seeks to reach the lowest and most depraved. It is conducted on distinct ly religious lines.

THE Bishop Suffragan of Reading, Eng., (Dr. Randall), has been presented with a Pastoral Staff value £200. At the same time Mrs. Randall was presented with a fine portrait of Randall was presented with a line purpose, sor her husbard, painted by Mr. Charles Furse, sor Westminster. The gifts of Canon Furse, of Westminster. The gifts were accompanied by a beautiful album, containing an illuminated address and the names of the subscribers

AT Trinity Church, Eastbourne, England, recently, a young woman, who was a candidate for Confirmation, made a public renunciation of the doctrines of the Church of Rome. After the lesson, the vicar, Rev. W. Bathurst, M.A., proceeded to the Communion Table, and having made some preliminary remarks, read a Form of Recantation, which the convert repeated aloud after him. Prayer was then offered up, and the service was resumed.

UNDER the instruction of the Bishop, the Sunday schools of Iowa, U.S., are to be organized as a "Missionary Host" Any school may become a "Cohort" of the Host with a "Commandant," Each Cohort is to be divided into "Bands" of ten under a "Captain." A hadge is to be given to each member and badge is to be given to each member and a banner will be presented to the Cohort which shall make the largest offering in proportion to membershap during any year.

THE USE OF OUR CHURCHES -The question is sometimes raised as to the use of our churches for the funeral services of members of orders, secieties, military organizations, etc. It should not admit of a question, that no order, society, or the like, has any right to occupy our houses of worship which are set apart by consecration solely for religious uses according to our own forms. These societies and associations have no more control over the Church or the services to be conducted in the Church, than the clorgyman or vestry can control the halls and lodge rooms of these same sec eties, or the observances held in the same. The clergyman is the sole arbiter respecting the services held in the church building under his charge, and he is responsible not to the public, the newspaper press, or even to the vestry for his decisions in this matter, but to the Canons of the Church and the ecclesiostical authority.-The Iowa Churchman.

he forgotten that it is not in the power of a "to encumber or alienate any conse crated church or chapel without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee " This is not the arbitrary decision of the Bishop, but the express provision of the Canons of the general Church. Any action in contravention to this Canon is, so far as the vestry is concerned, ultra vires; and any such mortgage or deed of sale would be held invalid by the civil courts -The Iowa Churchman.

THE BISHOP DESIGNATE OF DURHAM -Canon Westcott's appointment has evoked wide spread expressions of satisfaction, even more perhaps outside the Anglican Church than within its pale. He has written a letter to the diocese earnestly asking for the prayers of those with whom in future he is to be intimately connected, adding -" My whole strength lies in the trust that the prayers of friends of the whole diocese will be with me. I come in simplest obedience, offering the little which I have with out reserve." It is anticipated that the Ember Collect, slightly varied to meet the special case. will be generally used until the new Bishop's consecration. Amidst all that has been written upon the merits of the Bishop designate of Durham, it is curious, says the Yorkshire Post, that so little should have been said as to his oratorical power. He has never been a frequent speaker on a platform, or pulpit drudge avail able at almost everybody's book and call, pro vided that the occasion was one of sufficient importance, but as a matter of fact there are few more powerful speakers than Dr. Westcott. The Bishop designate has five sons in Holy Orders, all of whom were ordained by Bishop Lightfoot; three on one day-St. Thomas Day, 1864 - five years before the death of the Bishop on the same festival. One of the sons was offered the Greek Proffership in the University of Durham on the death of Canon Evans, but declined it. It is an interesting coincidence (the Pall Mall Gazette observes) that one of the windows in the Bishop's Chape! at Auckland Castle contains a striking portrait ol Canon Westcott, arrayed in a gorgeous cope. It is said that when the late Bishop was renovating the interior of the chapel he was asked by the artist of the new windows what kind of faces he preferred for the bishops and monks, whereupon Dr. Lightfoot handed him a number of photographs, saying that "those were the faces he liked best to see around him " Accordingly the present Archbishop of Canrerbury appears in a cope and mitre as the representative of one of his early predecessors, and on his right hand stands the newly appointed Bishop of Durham. Among the other faces in the picture are clearly recognizable the late Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Frazer), and the present Bighop of Winchester.

LAY READERS .- The Canons of the Church limit the duration of a Lay reader's license to one year. The license of a Lay reader in a vacant parish terminates when a clergyman enters upon duty in the same, either as rector or by the Bushop's appointment. It is not in-WHAT A VESTEE CANNOT Do.—It must not in any case without the written request of the ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and

olergyman in charge No loyal layman will presume to officiate as a Lay reader without a license, which when properly asked for, can be had by any communicant possessing the moral and intellectual qualifications. This is the law of the general Church.—The Iowa Church-

#### CONFIRMATION.

THE INWARD GRACE OR GIFT OF GOD.

Q. Was there any circumstance in the Life of our Lord that may be said to have prefigured this Gift of the Holy Spirit, as following sfter Baptism, as a distinct Gift, yet very closely united with it?

A. Yes. When our Lord Himself was baptised by John the Baptist He "went up straightway out of the water, and, lo," (while He was "praying," St. Luke adds,) "the heavens were opened unto Him, and he (John) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him." S. Matt. iii 16.

Our Lord had been born by the operation of the Holy Ghost. He had been sanctified, in His human nature, wholly by the same Holy Ghost, even from the beginning; but, nevertheless, the Holy Ghost descended upon Him now in a fuller measure, anointing Him for the work of His life

So we are "born anew of water and the Holy Ghost" in Baptism, "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body," but "we receive afterwards, through Laying on of Hands, a renewal of the Holy Ghost, when God anoints us, and seals us, and gives us the earnest of our inheritance"-stablishing, strengthening, or confirming, us for the work of our life. We thereby receive our Consecration to the Priesthood of the Laity. "Ye also... are built up of a spiritual house, an HOLY PRIESTHOOD, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter

ii 5.
Q How do we pray for this great Gift in our Confirmation Office?

A. In a prayer "which in substance has been used in both the Eastern and Western branches of the Church in Europe from time immemorial." It is one of the oldest provides immemorial." It is one of the oldest prayers in our Prayer Book. St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, fifteen hundred years ago, refers to it. It has been used in the Church of England for at least 1,200 years. By the universal use of this prayer throughout all Branches of the Church in all ages, we have a very clear testimony to the universally received doctrine on the subject of Confirmation.

Q. Which is the prayer?
A. It immediately precedes the Laying on of Hands-

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy Servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen them forgiveness of an their sins; Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and analysis attempts to a spirit of knowledge and

true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever Amen.

This is the Confirmation Prayer, but it is too long to repeat over each person separately; it is used for all collectively first, and then a short form of benediction is pronounced as the Bishop lays his hands upon the head of each one.

[This latter form, as used in our Church, dates from only 1552. It took the place of a form used when the Bishop made the sign of the Cross and anointed the forehead of the per son upon whom he had laid his hands. These eeremonials were very ancient accompani-ments of the Rite of Confirmation, probably deriving their origin from the names "Soul" and "Unction." The spiritual thing shoulded was given an outward expression. For minimar "anointing with oil" can be traced at least to the second century. The use of the sign of the Cross seems to have always accompanied this anointing. The form of words used here the First Prayer Book of Edward VI. was -The form of words used here in

" N., I sign thee with the man of the cables. and lay my hands upon theo. In the same of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Hely

Ghost. Amon."]

Q In this prayer we pray that the effect of this Gift of the indwalling of the Long Court the Comforter, may be a "daily it. His "manifold gifts of grace" West ity have we for enumerating seven arounds was gifts of grace?"

Lord (xi. 2 3). Allusion is also a acts to the Seven gifts of the Spirit in the Book of Revelations (iv 5), "There were seven limes of fire burning be ore the throne which are the seven do, at whatever cost, that which the spirit Spirits of God."

[It may be noted that seven is the number always used in Scripture to signify complete

ness.
In our authorized version of the translation of the prophecy of Isaiah "there seems ht so distiction in the last two gifts mentioned; but in the Greek translation which one L and ment (Ep. 115, 16) and preached from, which, also, the appearer employed, the rendering is varied, and is represented in the Confirmation Prayer is our Service."]

Q. What do these seven gifts severally mean?

N.B.—It is well for us to have a cofinite understanding on this point, as o shall know then what to look for through the strongehous ing of the Holy Spirit. Very much of our want of power in the Christian life in dies to indefiniteness as to what we may seek for from God. Try, then, to think of each o there GIFTS separately; and during your time of proparation pray for each.

A. Those seven Manifestations or Gifts of the Spirit have each a distinct purpose and method of operation; though some of these are very closely allied. Some of them may by found in some persons in a faller accession cases in others, for "there are diversities of Girls," and the Holy Spirit "divideth to every on a severally as He wills; " but they are all needed

in some measure for overy soul. Three have special reference to the illumination of the mind:

Two have special reference to the discetten and strengthening of the will or conduct;

Two have special reference to the same these tion of the heart.

The three that have special reference to the

are enabled to discount the area charges of the instanding, to apprehend spiritual truths; Counsel, "God hath revealed them arts is he like ever rigary to perceive what then wouldest Spirit; for the Spirit searchein all takes, yea, have the to do; Strength, that I may conthe deep things of God" (1 Cor. ii. 10). "We sistently be enabled to do what I perceive to be

speak wisdom among them that are perfect" (1 | rubies" (Job xxviii. 18.)

The spirit of Understanding has special reference to apprehension. It is the power by which we apprehend and intelligently assent to spiritual instruction. It enables us to give an enswor to those who desire for the faith that is in us (1 Pet iii 15), "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God" (St. Watt xili II).

The spirit of Knowledge has more special reference to memory. It fills the mind with Divino tende. It also onables us to gain self knowledge. We need this Gift, especially in the work of silf-examination, through which repent-

ance is desponed.

N.S. - When we read the pages of Holy Scripture or meditate upon the revelution of Gal, we should always offer up a prayer to the Haly Gares to enlighten our minds: "O Lord. open Thou mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things of thy law! And we must believe that its will guide us. At the same time, we must commonder, in difficulties, that God has appointed His Church as "the pillar and ground of the truth," and that its decisions, where decisions have been given on the interpretation of Holy Socipture, are as much God's voice to just as that written Word.

The two that have special reference to the Will or Conduct, we Counsel and Ghostly Strength.

The spirit of Counsel is that which guides us or enables the right path whom we are in doubt A. These "seven fold pitts" are the dienced in the weather to do." "Thou shalt guide in the prophecy of Isaiah we reading to the ma with Thy counsel" (Ps. Isxiii. 24). "O send Lord (xi. 23). Allusion is also a related to the light and Thy truth that they may lead  $me^{+}(Pe. \times mi. 3)$ 

> The spicit of Ghostly Strength enables as to or Coursel tells us to be right. It strengthens resemble the for action and suffering. Through ex temperation, hardship, danger, persocution, exity and centh are calmly faced. It is that scheroby "the noble army of martyrs" were anabled to win those crowns of eternal glory. He shall "strengthen you with might in the inner

> The two that have special reference to the saledification of the heart, are True Godliness

and Holy Fear.

This specied True Godliness is the gift of the child heart—the tove of God as a father. "It heans the root of devotion, and excites praise, adocation, thank-giving, and contrition; and emples unity leve all who with us are united to God in Christ Jesus." It is that whereby we are gradually formed into the image of Christ. " To have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, wbba, Fat ver" (Rom. viii 15).

The spirit of Holy Fear is very closely con accied with that of True Godliness. This Gift makes us rour to dishonor God, four to do what is within, the bossess of the punishment, but accumed the is an offence against a loving Fisher, it produces hatred of sin, and sened verses of consecrates. It provents love deser eccentry, into familiarity, and makes us truly revoledit

" The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wis dem' (1 s. cx: 10).

#### DIRECTIONS.

Offer up some such prayer as this continually come the time of your preparation.

Oh an, Who hast promised to give the Holy Spire to thom that ask Theo, and hast ordained the live of Laying on of Hands as the means mind, are Wisdom, Understanding, Know who ony Taou will specially fulfil Thy gracious ledge.

The spirit of Wisdom is the highest quality we first light spirit; fill me with His Power; which the Spirit bestows to the a courter to the large sure Wisdom, whereby to discorn ence to thought, and is the power by wisting a manufacture of Thy Revolution; Under the courter of the spirit and the sp

right; Knowledge, that I may ever remember all Cor. ii. 6). "The price of wisdom is above the teaching of Thy Law, and may know myself as Thou knowest me; Godliness, that I may ever more and more love, and praise, and adore Thee as my Father, and may daily become more what Thy child should be; Holy Fear, that I may learn to hate sin, and be preserved by reverence and love for Thee from all wrong doing; Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

REMEMBER that though a definite special Gift is now offered you in this Holy Ordinance, It is to be in you afterwards, a growing Power.

The Holy Spirit, once given, works in us through our will, mind, and affections. He cannot make us act against our will, or we should cease to be responsible creatures. He can only guide, admonish, urge, help, strengthen

We must yield to His influence, seek His guidance, listen to His loving voice, obediently do what He. through the voice of conscience tells

us to be right.

We "grieve," "quench," "do despite to" the Spirit (Eph iv. 30; 1 Thess. v. 19; Heb. x. 29) when we turn away from His loving counsels. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Give yourself up rather, entirely to His influence, and He will lead you on from grace to grace, forming you more and more after the likeness of Christ, and perfecting all holiness in you, making you fit for the Presence of year God in heaven.

Our prayer for those who come to be Confirmed is-

"Daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace."

"Daily [may they] increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more until they come to Thy everlasting kingdom."

Make this the prayer for yourself.

Resolve to go on nearer and nearer to perfaction.

Confirmation is not the end, but the beginning, of the real battle of life, for which, in it, God offers you all the "armour" you need—

"My Grace is sufficient for thee."
"Fear rot; for I am with thee." "For not; will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer.

Make your preparation for this Holy Rite, with-

1. Earnest faith in the promises of God;

2. Steadfast resolution to live for Him; Unflinching courage. Humble in yourseif, be strong in Him.-Our Messenger, Qa'Appello.

#### OHORAL SERVICES.

It is a correspondent of The Rock that speaks as follows :- The old assertion, repeated again and again, as if it were an incontrovertible truth, viz, that praise should be sung and prayer said, will not hold water for a moment. The Psalms of David were written for music. Many of them are of a deeply penitential character. Many are prayer, not praise; so that fine aphorism would condemn David as much as any modern musical service. If anyone shuld say, "Oh! but the Temple service and Christian worship are very different affairs," I would reply, surely the inspired Psalmist would not have been allowed to encourage sensuous and unspiritual worship; and even if we admit that his practice is not a guide for us, the very hymns which people sing without a qualm of conscionce as to its being wrong to give musical expression to the most solemn thoughts, are many of them essentially prayers and not praise. The very people who gravely assort, lifting their eyes to heaven in pious horror, that it is profauity to sing the petitions in the Litany, will sing-

> Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee,

apparently unconscious that no more solemn prayer could be presented to the Throne of Grace. I can quite sympathize with people who say "To me a mu cal fervice is a hind sarce, not a help, to spiritual worship.' I fully feel that there is danger lest men should mistake the mere emotion aroused by music for true worship; but there is like danger in listening to a popular preacher, or joining in the bymns at a Moody and Sarkey meeting. Spiritual worship is only possible for spiritual people. But no one, I suppose, would ask all those whose hearts are as yet unchanged by the Spirit of God to keep away from public worthip.

Another cuckoo cry which I have heard re peated usque ad nauseam is this: that in a musical service you have a duet between parton and clerk. It has been my lot to preach in many churches. I have been in Evangelical churches where almost every voice took part in the musical responses. Personally I greatly enjoy a plain service. Where the people really responded, such a service is to me delightful; but I can also enjoy a musical service, and I am bound to say that I find small difference as to heart worship. When my heart is in tune, it matters to me little whether the service is very plain or musical. I do object very strong ly to a type of service which shuts the people's mouth; but experience has shown me that what is called a plain musical service promotes general responding more than a non musical service. There are parishes where a service with little music is to be performed, because the people cannot join in any other; but co not let us condem as sensuous and unspiritual services which to many are certainly no hind ranco to spiritual worship, and, above all, do not let us look upon those who have such services as unfaithful to Evangelical principles, to long as they teach Evangelical truth and live boly lives .- The Church Eclectic.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

STILL MORE STRONGLY.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

Sis,-I feel constrained to appeal through Your columns still more strongly on behalf of my Indian Home, as there has thus far been little or no response to the appeal already made in the Church papers and through the medium

of the 'Church Magazine.'

We have now 125 pupils in our Homes here at Sault Ste. Marie and in Manitoba, and are expecting them daily to increase. Our aggre gate weekly expenses are now about \$300, every mail I am looking anxiously for help and yet the help does not come. At t e beginning of the year we were a thousand dollars in debt, and during the last three months our debt instead of decreasing has been gradually creeping up. My work must I feel be either supported or else suspended. The strain is becoming too great. It seems to me that by too many, this work in which I am engaged is regarded more as the hobby of an individual than as a work meriting the general sympathy and support of the Christian Church, I am fully aware that there are numbers of other good work going on in the country, and that I have no right to expect more than a moderate share of the Church's liberality. But it comes simply to this that unless my work receives more liberal support than it has been doing of late it i impossible for me to keep on If I close my work it is yielding the field to the other Protestant denominations and to the Roman Catholics,—probably the latter. It is no use to try and economise funds by reducing the number of our pupils, as by doing that we lose the per capita grant from Government. Government grants

prizes and entertainments, and always my own travelling expenses without onling on the funds of the lustication

But this cannot always go on. Soon my cwn private purre will be empty as well as that of our Homes, and I shall have to move with my family to some o her sphere where my life work for the Indians will I hope be more appreciated and better sustained.

I am sorry to be compelled to write in this strain, and would not for a moment have it thought that I am ungrateful to those who have been helping us so kindly and so faithfully for many years past, and I cannot but believe that A mighty God, whose work my work has been -dedicated to Him, step by step, is even now preparing for us-in a way unknown to myself, some solution to our present difficulties, and so it will end as it has ended before in praise and thankegiving. Yours, &c.,

E. F. WILSON. Sbingwauk Home, April 7th, 890.

#### THE MISSION FUND ENVELOPE.

Sia,-Without being at all aware as to whom was given the task of drawing up the printed matter on the outside of the Mission Fund Envelopes that are distributed annually from the Synod office in this Diocese (Montreal), let it not be thought hypercritical to call attention to the Scriptural quotation given thereon, as not being as apposite as it might be. With all the offertory texts that are found in the Prayer Book, familiar and pointed, to pass these and many others of equal import, and to cuil from the Book of Proverbs such a text as: "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich," a text that has but an indirect bearing on giving, even if it has that; a text that has not in itself any allusion to giving; but solely to industry in ordinary life, is to say the least, peculiar. Wishing to preach the required sermon for the Mission Fund on the day appointed I deemed at first that this text ought to have 'point' in it for the occasion; but when I studied it and its context I could not see that the matter of giving was in any form before the writer's mind and was therefore useless except as an illustration and not a very direct one either. Let us have something better next time.

W. R. B.

#### NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MULGRAVE -The Lenton services in St Andrew's Church have been well attended. During Holy Week services were held overy day, morning with prayers, and the evening with prayers and addresses. The Easter Day service was held in the evening. The church was filled in every part; the service was bright, and the singing beautifully rendered, especially the anthem "Why seek ye the living among the dead." Mrs. Ross kindly presided at the organ for the hymns and canticles, and the Rev. Mr. Lloyd played the anthem. many thanks cannot be given to Mrs. Donkin, Mrs. Trite, Mrs. G. Hadley, and to Mrs. and Miss Lloyd, for the labor of love devoted, by each of the above ladies, for decorations.

The altar decorations were very beautiful consisting of cross and vases. Suspended on the cross was a handsome wreath of white flowers, and the vases filled with the same. Behind and along the back of the altar was a very brilliant text (allelulia), of gold letters on a white ground. This church will soon be reseated throughout as the order is now being executed.

On the same day services were held in each

throughout, and preparing it for consecration, and will be completed shortly.

A site for the new church at M ddle Melford has been presented to the parish by the "Termical City Co," and the deed of git is now being prepared; on the completion of this, the work of building will be at once proceeded with.

The annual vestry meetings have been held, when the following gentleman wore re-elected as church wardens for the ensuing year, Mr. G. B. Hadley, and Mr. Fred. Reeves. Chapel wardens elected at Middle Melford, Mr. W. Maguire, and Mr. R. Sawyer. Oyster Ponds, Mr. G. Hadley, and Mr. Godfrey Hadley. Mesers. Henry Carr and J. Wylde, representatives to S, nod.

It is very pleasing to note that all the churches in this parish are well attended, and well repays the labors of the Rov. Mr. Lloyd, who, we are pleased to say, is most indefatigable in his work throughout the whole dis-

Prorou -The Leuten season and Easter are past, and not, I hope, unblessed with spiritual growth and good to some

During Lant the afternoon services in St. James' Church were very well attended; there being forty-four of the congregation who at one time or another were present, compared with eighteen last year whon the services were bold tentatively in the rectory.

I pray that another year the privilege of moditating upon Christ in his fasting and temptation may not be yielded so completely to

the women.

The Wednesday evening services were well attended by both men and women, and the Holy Week evening services also. Friday evening a lecture was delivered on Jewish Missions, and the day's offerings for the fund were larger than on either of the two

previous years.

On Easter Day, the east window was banked with Easter lilies and other flowers, the offerings of three of the lady members of the choir. The choir had labored diligently to prepare the proper Psalms, an Anthem, and E ster hymns, and the singing was more than excellent. The congregations were large both morning and evening, and the number of communicants greater than on any previous occasion during the present incumbency. Though to one who is anxious to do good work on Church lines, there must needs be discouragements, yet there is also much reason to thank God and take courage; to realize that He is with us of a truth, and is helping honest endeavor in His service and for His honor and glory.

LIVERPOOL. -The Easter services are over and Easter teachings told, and we within this parish have had a share of Easter joy. sounds of praise and prayer ascended nobly to the King of king's from His, and He is satisfied. The sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood was not a forgotten part within the sanctuary. At 8:30 on Easter Day, the number of communicants was 48, and at the 10:30 service the number was 67; so the rich and poor met together to receive the holy food, and all are equals there. The responses too were hearty, the singing fair, all tending to to give encouragement and joy unto the minister.

At the parish meeting held in the Sunday school house the following Monday, F. W. Collins, and J. G. Pyke, were elected wardens; the former rector's and the latter people's

warden.

The finances of the parish were in good condition, there being an increase in collections over the past year. After all expenses were paid, a balance was found to be on hand, which cannot be used to liquidate debts. I have tried of the other two churches in this parish viz, was given to the rector. The Rev. A. W. in every way to keep down expenses. Our books will show how often in past years I have well filled. Oyster Ponds church is now in paid the cost of freight and of medicines and of the hands of the carpenters, sheathing it chosen as delegates to attend the centennial an-

niversary of King's College, to be held in June, 1890, at Windsor, N.S. The same gentlemen were appointed to attend the Synod. Hon. W. 1890, at Windsor, N.S. B. Vail, and F. G. Forbes, E.q., substitutes to

Synd.
So wongain begin another year and pray that prosperity may be within her palaces and peace within her borders.

FALMOUTH. - Kaster services were held both in St. George's and in St. Michael's at the Forks. Owing to the almost impassable state in which the roads were the attendance was much smaller than usual.

After morning service and celebration of Holy Communion in St. George's, the incumbent, the Rev. Charles H. Fallerton, drove to Hantsport, where a very bright Easter service was held in Odd Fellows' Hall. The choir rendered music appropriate for the day in their usual efficient manner. Before another Easter day comes, we hope to worship God in an House set apart for that sacred object - ' he outside of the new Church is nearly completed. The contractor is only waiting for warmer weather to come, when he will fin. h the outside work and after that proceed to that inside. The few church people here deserve great credit for undertaking to build a place of worship in Hantsport, which being a hot bed of Baptists, has been one great obstacle to progress in this work. It is to be hoped that before the Church is completed some generous hearted churchman in Canada and the Maritime provinces will kindly give these poor brethren of theirs a little help in the way of clearing off the debt that will be upon this the first church ever erected in Hants. port. Are there not a few more in Canada like Robt. Hamilton in Quebec, who a year or more ago generously contributed towards such a worthy object, though outside the diocese he lives in.

During Lent, the incumbent delivered a course of lectures on 'The Book of Common Prayer,' which, (it is to be devoutly wished) may be the means not only of strengthening the love of his parishioners for that incomparable book, but also the means of binding them nearer to 'The one Catholic and Apostolic Church' into which they have by Holy Baptism

been incorporated.

RAWDON.-Owing to the bad roads and the scattered nature of the parish the congregation on Easter morning was not quite as large as ususl. The communicants being only twenty-four as against 23 last year. During the preceding week it was feared that no flowers would be forthcoming, those at the Rectory persistently refusing to bloom. However, through the care and kindness of a lady member two genaraniums were sent, and placed one each side of the altar cross, thus giving the church a more Easter-like appearance than we had hoped for. The service was semi-choral and very bright.

The annual meeting on Monday was not largely attended; but was of a very satisfactory nature The wardens reported a surplus of \$21.47. The insurance upon the two churches having expired was ordered to be renewed, and a policy of \$1,000 taken upon the Rectory.

B. A. Smith and Joseph Moxon were re-elected wardens; R. J. Wilson, of Halifax, and J. W. Bond, of Rawdon, were elected representatives to Synod, and Michael Casey and George Campbell appointed to represent the parish at the coming centennial of King's College.

Horron.-The services on Easter day in the parish Church of St. John, Wolfville, were very kindly taken by the Rev. F. W. Vroom, M.A., Professor of Divinity in King's College, Windsor. They were held at 8 and 11 a.m., and at 7 p.m., and were largely attended. Between the two celebrations there were 59 communicants.

taken by the Rector, kindly assisted by the Rev R Avery, M.A. They were held at 8 and 11 am. 3 and 7 pm, The regular moring and evening services were attended by very large on gregations. At the two celebrations there were 124 communicants; making a total including two private celebrations in Easter week, of 195 communicants at Easter 1890 in the parish of Horton.

The financial statement of the wardens of St. John's Church, Wolfville, showed that the whole remaining debt of \$400 on the Church had been paid off during the year from the or-dinary revenue, and that a balance of \$84 was

in bank to the credit of the church.

The financial statement of the wardens of St. James' Church, Kentville, sho ved that during the year ending March, 1890, a sum of \$200 had been paid off on the mortgage on the Church property; 100 of this was contributed by the Ladies' Guild, the remainder was provided from the ordinary revenue of the church. The warden's statement showed that a balance of \$119 was in the bank to the oredit of St. James' Church.

The finances of the parish were considered in such a satisfactory condition, that the parish-ioners assembled from its eastern end at Wolfville on Raster Monday, and from its western end at Kentville on Easter Tuesday voted with entire unanimity and great cordiality an in-

crease of \$100 to the Rector's salary.

During the past year both churches in the parish have been provided with three new stoles, according to the chief Sarum colours; those in Wolfville were paid for out of the funds of the Mite Society; those in Kentville were paid for by the generous offerings given for that special object The Ladies' Guild in Kentville are about to cushion St. James' Church throughout, the funds for this are now in hand.

At the Parochial meetings on Easter Monday and Tuesday, the Rector submitted a statement of parochial statistics for the parish of Horton for the year 1889, of which the following is a summary. Sunday services in the parish during the year 192, weekly services o7, public celebrations of the Holy Communion 47, private celebrations 14, baptisms I4, including 12 adults; churchings 8, marriages 8, burials 6. Persons confirmed, males 13, females 15. Jan. 1, 1889, Communicants on the roll 246, losses during the year 15, gains 57. January 1, 1890, communicants on the roll 288, of these 86 belong to St. John's, Welfville, and 202 to St. James', Kentville.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

NEW IRELAND Mission,-On Easter Sunday Rev. Mr. Hewton preached his farewell sermon in this Mission, having accepted a call from the Parish of Lachine. During his discourse to an unusually large congregation, many shed tears in token of their love and esteem for their Pastor.

On Easter Monday the annual Vestry meet ings were held. After the usual business was transacted at Trinity Church, Rev. Mr. Hewton was presented with a purse containing \$35, accompanied with the following address:-

To the Rev. R. Hewton:

We the undersigned churchwardens and members take this occasion to express our deep regret, that, through the state of Mrs. Hewton's health, and the extreme tax on your own health, also in carrying on the work of this extensive mission, you have considered it necessary to accept an appointment where you will not have so far to travel. We fully appreciate the good work you have carried on for the past six years among us: especially in holding an extra service at Black Lake; your labors in the completion of Christ Church, the great im provement in Trinity Church and parsonage, your constant attention and assistance in the nts.
The services in St. James, Kentville, were young people for confirmation, your firm stand

on the temperance question and your earnest and able exposition of the Scriptures. We beg you to accept the accompanying purse as a token of affection and a slight compensation for your outlay on the parsonage and other buildings. That the change may be conducive to Mrs. Hewton's and your own health, and that you may be long spared to carry on the good work, and be instrumental in bringing many souls to Christ, is the prayer of your faithful parishioners.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTENAL -Trinity Church -The Rev. Er. nest King, assistant minister of Trinity Church, has been presented with a handsome silk embroidered stole and a very flattering address by the members of his Bible class.

Christ Church Oathedral .- The Rector, Rev. Dr. Norton, presided and there was a good attendance of parishioners. The church wardens report showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs, \$1000 of the debt on the Cathedral property laving been paid off during the year, all current expenses met and a balance remaining on hand. Messrs. C. E. Colson and N. Godard were resppointed wardens, and Messrs. Robert Evans and A. D. Nicolis delegates to Synod. It was also decided to increase the salary paid to the Rev. G. A. Smith, B.A., assistant minister.

St. George's Ohurch.-The Very Rev. the Dean, Rector, presided and there was a large attendance of the congregation. Objection was taken by several members, to a circular which had been issued by one member of the vestry, urging attendance, as it was expected that the question of choral or musical service might be brought up. The church wardens' account showed total receipts for the year \$15,801 of which \$8142 were from pew rents. The special collection for Diocesan Mission Fund amounted to \$3 185. Measrs. Mills and Lightbound were unanimously re-elected church wardens, and Messrs. A. F. Gault and Richard White delegates to Synod.

St. James the Apostle.—Rev. Canon Ellegood presiding. The church wardens' report showed receipts of \$8,581 and all expenses met besides a payment of \$2,000 on account of the Rectory debt. Mesers. John S. Hall and J. S. Gault were chosen as wardens, and Messrs. J W. Marling and E. P. Hannalord delegates to Synod. Mr. E. Judge reported that considerable progress had been made towards forming a new mission in the west end of the parish. The Rector also read Dr. Davidson's report to him of the Mission work at Cote St. Paul, showing services regularly held throughout the year, morning and evening on Sundays, and on many of the principal Festivals, and every Thursday during Lent, and also on Wednesday and Friday in Holy Week. The attendance at the services had been if anything larger than during previous years, and the mission work was progressing satisfactorily. Special reference was made by Dr. Davidson to the valuable assistance rendered by J. W. Marling, Esq., who had attended and helped in the services nearly every Sunday morning during the year, besides manifesting deep interest in the work in other ways, for example by gifts of books, contributions for special objects, &c. On Easter he presented Dr. Davidson with four exquisitely bound copies of the latest edition of hymns Ancient and Modern.

St. John the Evangelist.—Rev. Edmund Wood, M.A., Rector, presided. The church warden's statement showed receipts during the year of \$5,691 and expenditure of \$5,351. A. K. G. Heward was unanimously chosen people's warden; the Rector postponed the appointment of his until the adjourned meeting. Delegates to Synod, Mesers. D. R. McCord and W. Sutherland T.ylor.

St. Martin's .- Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Rec-

tor, presided. The statement submitted by wardens showed receipts of \$90 83, and expenditure of \$84 38 Messrs S. Bethune, Q.C., and R. Wilson Smith, were chosen as wardens. and Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., and J. P. Cleg-horn delegates to Synod. The vestry disoussed at length the question of free seats, which has lately been brought before the congregation, as reported in a previous issue of the GUARDIAN, and confirmed the scheme.

Trinity.—The Rev. Canon Mills, B.D., Rector. Receipts for the year, \$6 515; expenditure, \$5,999. The amount contributed to the Mission fund reached the large sum of \$530 Messrs. Bone and Chas. Garth were appointed church wardens, and the latter and Mr. A. Baile, delegates to Synod.

St. Stephen's.-Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rector. At the Easter meeting Messrs. C. E. Cooke and W. A. Scott were appointed church wardens, and Messrs. McCullough and J. Tough delegates to Synod. The r port of the church wardens showed a satisfactory condition of af fairs.

St. Jude's.—Rev. J. H. Dixon, Rector. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation and a harmonious meeting. Messrs. Redfern and Forgrave were appointed church wardens, and Messrs. J. H. Mudge and Redfern delegates to Synod. A discussion took place in regard to free seats in connection with the proposed extension of the church, but action was deferred until the 21st inst., when it is expected the architects plans of the proposed new chancel will be ready for submission to the vestry. The accounts for the past year will then also be submitted; but the wardens report shows a satisfactory condition of finances, every pew let and necessity for increasing ac

-Rev. R. Lindeay, M.A., Rural St. Thomas'-Dean, Rector. Here, too, there was a good attendance, and the report of the church wardens was vory satisfactory. Messrs. Spicer and Kaiser were appointed wardens, and Messrs. Walter Drake and Robert Flack delegates to Synod.

Grace Church -- Rev. John Kerr, B.D., Rector. The condition of affairs as shown by the church warden's report was so satisfactory as to enable the vestry to vote a bonus to the Rector of \$200, for the past year. Exceedingly good work would seem to have been done in this parish, and certainly it offers one of the best fields in the city for active earnest church enterprise. The retiring church wardens Messrs. H Powell and Holt were re-elected and Messre. Wm. McWood and Geo, Ontram reelected delegates.

L'Eglise de Redempteur.—Rev. D. Lariviere, B.A., Rector. This is the only church maintained in Montreal in connection with the brench work of the Church of England, There is also in connection with it a school under the management of the Incumbent. The report at the Easter meeting shows an increase in mem-bership and church attendance, and a balance in hand of \$62 after payment of all expenses.

Messrs. D. Lepage and F. Crepellee were
chosen wardens, and Messrs. E. Picard and E. Beaudry delegates to Synod.

Core St. Antoine, -St. Matthias. -Rev. J. P. Newnham, M.A., Rector. The wardens of this church submitted a highly satisfactory account showing good work done during the past year. Messrs. Wm. Hobbs and W. M. Knowles were appointed church wardens, and Col. Sweeny and Capt. Raynes, delegates to Synod,

HOCHELAGA. -St. Mary's. - Rev. J. Edgecombe, Rector. The financial statements submitted at the Easter meeting were satisfactory, and Messrs, Chippendale and Bramley were elected wardens for the ensuing year,

MANSONVILLE.—The Lenten season was fittingly closed here by the due observance of Holy Week. There were services every even ing and on all the mornings save Monday and Saturday, For a country congregation the attendance was very fair. On two of the evenings the Rev. Mr. Jones, Rector of St. Mark's, Vt., gave addresses, and very excellent ones too, the sermon being a very moving one. There was quite a good congregation gathered that night, The Good Friday gatherings were somewhat better than the year before. When it is understood that the day is not observel as a holiday as it is in our cities (although a statutory one), but business goes on as usual, and that to many it is contemptuously ignored, this is a hopeful sign. On Easter eve the service was at 4 p.m. and was ushered in with a prolonged bell ringing. At this service two adults received Holy Baptism, and a sermon preached from the text "Baried with Christ in Baptism, &c." The congregation on this occasion was very good and chiefly composed of young men and women. The Easter Sunday morning service was very good in every point, save decorations, of these there was an abscence. But the Altar was duly vested in white and on the gradine were the usual vases filled with dried flowers, while the music and sermon was good, and the attendance, for this place, unusually large.

St. Paul's -The annual Easter Monday meeting was held in St, Paul's Church, unavoidably this year. Appointment had been made for the adjoining premises, but for unfore seen causes, the church had to be resorted to. The usual routine business was gone through. The report of the church wardens showed rather a lamentable deficiency in the sums raised for the minister's stipend and Mission fund. Both however are yet incomplete. The church warden, Mr. Lynch, strove to urge on the members present to increase their con-tributions, and would set the example, but his words found no response. The officers for this year are: wardens, W. Lynch, Alison Barry, re-elected; sidesmen re-elected, J. P. Heath, Asa Airger; Lay delegates to Synod, W. Lynch and A. A. Mooney. The meeting was duly closed with Benediction.

ALLEYNE - On Good Friday we had in Alleyn Church, Holy Trinity, an abridged form of the Three Hours service, with addresses on the Seven Last Words. There as a good congregation and the offertory was devoted to Missions to the Jews.

On Easter Sunday was the funeral, at Holy Trinity, Allevne, of Miss Katie Heeney, second daughter of Mr. Luke Heeney, churchwarden, who passed peacefully to her rest on the evening of Thursday in Holy Week.

The Easter Communion was celebrated on

Sunday, the 13th April.

On Easter Monday the annual vestry meeting of S. Peter's, Cawood, was held, when Messrs. George Tanner and James Puck were appointed wardens for the ensuing year, and Messrs. A. M. Gibbs and P. W. St. George were reelected delegates to Synod.

On Easter Tuesday the annual vestry meeting of Holy Trinity, Alleyne, took place, when Messrs. Luke Heeney and George Carruthers were appointed wardens for the ensuing year, and Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., and Mr. J. C. Spence were reelected delegates to Synod.

A bell has been purchased for St. Peter's, Cawood, and nearly all the material for the completion of the parsonage is bought and paid for, and efforts are to be made to complete it this summer.

The addresses on Good Friday delivered by the hard working incumbent, the Rev. J. Senior, the adoption of the Three Hours service; and addresses delivered seemed to be very much appreciated. This is the second year of its use here, and the results here and in other places, where this service has been held, on Easter morn, whose hearty participation in

should be an encouragement to others of the olorgy of the Diocese to commence its use.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTT.WA .- St. John the Evangelist - Clergy: Rev H. Pollard, Rector; Rev. A. W. Mackay, curate. The daily Lenten services were well attended. At 5 pm. was read Day's 'Pilgimage of the Elder Saints.' On Friday evenings a special L nten service, with sermon by different clergy of city and neighborhood. During Holy week three services daily, with sermons in the evening. On Holy Thursday the Bishop of Ontario held the annual Confirmation. There were 31 candidates, I4 males and 17 females.

On Easter Day Holy Communion at 7 a.m. 105 communicants; 8 a.m. 112; at 11 a.m. 140 -total 357. Offertory 117. The congregations were very large; in the morning extra chairs were brought in. The singing throughout was excellent all day and very joyous. Children's

service at 3 p.m.

At the Easter Vestry meeting the accounts were most satisfactory; the balance in hand \$300; with \$400 more due. During the year hot water apparatus was put in at a cost of \$1,400 The new Sunday school and Rectory will be proceeded with immediately.

KINGSTON.-All Saints'.- A special service during Lent and particularly those of Good Friday and Easter were well atte ded. On the "Great Death Day" the interior presented a sombre aspect, the altar, faldstool and pulpit having their black vestings each relieved by a white latin cross of appropriate size. As usual on this day Holy Communion was not celebrated; the Ante communion being followed by the singing of the "Reproaches"-an impressive and beautiful service when rightly understood - by the surpliced choir. At 12 noon the "Three Hours Agony" was commemorated, the service ending, of course at 3 p. m. The Rector, the Ven. Archdescon Daykin, held his hearers spellbound by his seven sermonettes upon the Seven Sayings from the Cross." Oce carried away the impression of having been an actual witness of the great sacrifice. The Easter services formed a vivid contrast. According to the custom of this parish the altar was brilliant with lights and flowers and vested in white. The late celebration was choral, the service commencing by the surpliced choir, preceded by Cross bearer, and followed by clergy in full vestments, making the circuit of the church singin; "Hail, Festal Day." The music in this church is entirely Gregorian, the Introit and "O Salutaris" being impressively sung The number of communicants at early celebrations on Monday, Thursday and Easter Sunday was unprecedeented, and the offertories were in proportion.

The annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday was most harmonious. The Ven. Archdeacon Daykin, the Rector, recited the opening prayers and the churchwardens presented their reports showing total receipts of \$1100 and expenditure \$1150, with a debt of \$2300 on the now capacious edifice. The Rector reappointed Capt. Wurtele, as his warden, and the vestry elected Mr. H. A. Harvey as people's warden in room of Mr. Waterbury who retires. Thanks were voted to Rev. A. Sponcer for his acceptable services while the incumbency was temporarily vacant; to the retiring warden, the sacristan, and to Ald. Creegan for services rendered. The latter was unanimously re-elected lay delegate. Through the generosity of Mossrs. Harvey and Creeggan the church is now reseated with suitable chains throughout and all sittings are free and unappropriated.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLBORNE .. Trintiy Church .- Holy week, with its duly solemn commemorative services having passed, a large congregation assembled divine worship, showed that they were delight

ed to praise their risen Lord.

That the choir Lad done their utmost in careful preparation for this high and Holy day. was abundantly evidenced by their rendition of

The pretty country church, with its now interior, bears evidence of the taste and energy of the late warden, (Walter Ridout, E.q.,) who has recently been removed by death, was beautifully decorated with flowers, sweet emblems of the resurrection to life.

A communion table was used for the first time, which has been presented, as a Thankoffering for the restoration to health of the son and daughter of the Rector, after a long term

of grievous illness. Fifty four persons partook of the Heavenly Feast, among whom were several who had not before availed themselves of this greatest privilege: and thus to many here was Easter

joy complete.

The Easter day offertory amounted to \$97. This from a small and struggling congregation, speaks of something deeper and truer than mere lip service. To God be all the praise.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

Mount Forset,-The special week of services prior to Raster were well attended at St. Paul's. Mr. Tytler, the son of an Indian officer, at present residing in Harriston, very kindly occupied the pulpit on Palm Sunday and also one night during the week following be read the services and preached most acceptably. Mr. Herbert E Browers, M.A., at present located at Grand Valley, preached on Monday and Tuesday evenings He handled his subjects in a scholarly manner and gives every promise of being an able preacher. The church is to be congratulated upon having such aspirants for Holy orders.

The Easter services at St. Paul's Church were well attended and were bright and hearty. On the retable wore, as usual, on this the Queen of Festivals, beautiful brquets of cut flowers, tastefully arranged. The potted plants grouped about the pulpit, leatern and font, with the white fontals and cheerful Easter hymns all made the fact more patent, that each soul was worshipping a risen Christ. The children's service in the afternoon was a great success.

The annual vestiy meeting was held at the rectory on Tuesday evening, when everything passed off harmoniously. The churchwardens presented their financial statement and although not as good as the previous year was very oreditable. Total receipts for the year were \$1414.75; and the total disbursements were \$1217.46; balance on band, \$197.29. All the retiring officers of the congregation

were re-elected, and after a hearty vote of thanks to all the officers of the Church, the Rector, Ladies' Aid, Organist and Choir, the ly reelected as people's warden. This is his meeting adjourned until Thursday, the 17th 21st, year in office.

inst., to receive the Auditor's Report.

Mr. W. F. Burton was elected Lay Delegate

#### HAMILTON VESTAY MEETINGS.

All Saints'-The receipts to the present time are \$3014.31, and the expenditure \$2898.03 The new Sunday school fund is rapidly increas ing, about \$390 having been subscribed. A corner of Tom and Sophia streets, with one hundred feet frontage on the former street

and subscriptions accoived for the erection of and that the proposed addition to secure this the building amounting to \$3250. The church will cost about \$160. This would give double will be 64 feet long by 40 feet broad, so arrang the present scating capacity; and power was ed as to allow of extension. The fabric itself given to the building committee to commence

estimated cost. an bacribed.

The wardens elected were Messrs. S. F. Ross and Thomas E. Leather.

St. Matthews'.—The reports presented at the the hymns, chants and anthoms: With the annual Vestry meeting showed a healthy state latter, "Why seek ye the living among the of affairs. There was only a deficit of \$3 00, and dead?" being heautifully rendered.

"No outstanding claims. The choir numbers no outstanding claims. The choir numbers fifty voices and the singing is always bright and good. In the three years of its existence. there have been 152 members confirmed; 200 baptized; and with S.S. there are 280 children, and 23 teachers, all communicants. The of ficers elected were, Mossrs. Thos. Irvin and Jas. Burt, churchwardens; John Sand, Lay Delegate.

> Ohrist Church Cathedral.—The Rector, Rev. E. L. Bland presided at the Vestry meeting. Mesers. Robert Quinn and G.H. Bull were appointed churchwardens, and Dr. Ridley was elected Lay Delegate to the Synod.

> St. Lukes'.- The finances in this church were reported in satisfactory condition, and the officers elected, are, Mr. Geo. Hewson, Rector's warden, and Mr. Worcall, Delegate to Synod.

> St. Johns'.—This parish held its first Vestry meeting on the evening of the 2nd, inst., in the Mission House, on Herkimer street, Rev. C. L Brine presiding. The wardens appointed were, Mesers. Maitland Newman, and F. L. Whattery, and those elected to Synod, were, Mesers. A. Studdart, Richard Jose, and F. L. Whitlery for three years, two years, and one year respectively.

> Church of the Ascension .- The annual Easter Vestry meeting was neld on the evening of the 7th, inst, the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Recter presiding. The churchwardens' report showed total receipts for the year 12,831.95. and expenditure \$12,826.17.

> The Rector nominated Mr. Henry McLaren, as his churchwarden, and Mr. Archdale Wilson was unanimously chosen people's warden for the ensving year.

> Votes of thanks were tendered to the choir, and the organist, Mrs. Wyles, and also to the auditors.

> At the election of delegates to Synod, some little amusement was created by the demand that ladies should vote; but finally it was ruled that ladies lould not vote for Lay Delegates. Mr. Gaviller was elected as Lay Delegate to the Synod.

> St. Thomas'.-Rev. Canon Curran presided at the Vestry meeting. From the churchwardens' account it appeared that when all out standing pew rents were paid there would be a surplus of about \$400. The offertory averaged about \$36 per Sunday. There is a standing There is a standing liability of about \$1,600 for improvements to the interior of the church, and a special committee was appointed to suggest means of raising funds to pay off such indebtedness. The Rector named as his churchwarden, Mr. K. Fuller, and Mr. K. K. Morgan was unanimously reelected as people's warden. This is his

to Synod.

St. Marks'. - The Rector, Canon Sutherland, presided at the Vestry meeting in thi church and from the statistics furnished of the work done in the year, it appeared that there were 145 celebrations of Holy Communion; 160 adspecial committee in regard to a Chapel of drosses delivered, 7 marriages, 25 baptisms, Rase in the west end of the parish, reported that it had bought a site on the north western societies. The expenditure for the year had corner of Tom and Sophia streets, with one been \$1649.34, and the receipts \$1657.78. From the report of the building committee, it Plans and specifications had been adopted, appeared that more seating capacity was needed

Of this \$2000 has been already and Mr. K. Martin was elected Delegate to Synod.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON .- A most interesting service was held in St. James' Church, London South, on Easter Sunday at 3 p.m., when the 7th Battalion of volunteers assembled, and a special sermon as preached by Rev. Canon Davis. The 7th Fusileers presented a fine appearance and were in full force, next, clean and fresh; the fine bushies adding much to their general attractiveness. The church was well filled, and after the service a most practical and logi. cal sermon, with much earnestness, was delivered from Eph. vi, 10 II. The church was handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers. The people of London are justly proud of their brave and loyal Battalion.

All Saints' Chapel.—Raster Day was cele brated very beautifully in this church. In the afternoon a service was conducted by Rev. Canon Richardson, more especially for the Sunday schol children The exercises opened by the singing of 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' during which the children to the number of some 125 passed up the aisle, and each made an offering of flowers, laying them upon a table provided. The effect was very pleasing, and a great mass of flowers was received. A feature of the festival was the presentation of a basket of magnificent roses to the Rector. The little chancel of the chapel was tastefully adorned with ferns and flowers, and the appearance was very fine. The sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was on 'The Open Sepulchre in the Garden.' The building was completely filled by a large congregation, many standing in the The flowers were presented to the city airle hospita!

#### LONDON E. STER MEETINGS

St. Pauls Cathedral.-The Rev. Dean Innes presided at the vestry meeting of this church, which was well attended. Mesers, R. W. Birker, R. Bagly and Edward Paull were elected de egates to Synod, and Messrs, W. J. Reid and J. S. Pearce churchwardens. The churchward. ens' reports of Easter, &c., were after a lengthy discussion adopted.

One hundred dollars was granted to the S. School. The old St. Paul's Cemetery accounts were closed and surpluses transferred to the Woodland Cemetery for permanent care. following resolution was passed in regard to E. Baynes Reed, E.q., who has always taken an active interest not alone in church matters in this city and in the Diocese, but also has been a valued number of the Provincial Synod of Canada. This vestry having heard that Mr. E. B. Reed purposes leaving the city i 1a few weeks, desires to express its sense of the value of the services be has rendered to the Cathedral congregation for many years past as representative to the Diocesan Synod and in other capacities. Our wish and prayer is that the blessing of God may rest upon him and his family wherever in His providence his lot may be cast,

The usual votes of thanks to the choir, superintendent of he S. School, and Missionary Association were passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Memorial Church.—The Rev. Canon Richard son presided, and it appeared from the churchwardens' report that the total receipts for the year had been \$4 096.77, of which \$3,268 were received from the offertory; \$677 were paid to the Synod of Hu on, and a contribution to Foreign and Domestic Missions amounting to \$105.88. The mortgage account showed that the entire debt on the church property had been reduced to \$3,600.

Mesers. J. B. Betts and W. C. L. Gill were elected churchwardens. The thanks of the vestry were tendered to Company 'D for serwill cost \$2250; pews and permanent furniture the work at once.
\$600; site \$400, making a total of \$4250 as the Mr. John Bailie was named people's warden, L. S. Wright, Sunday School Superintendent;

the Woman's Aid Association, and the choir for effective services. Messrs, V. Cronyn, F. H. Luscombe and E. F. Hanson were elected dele gates to Synod.

St. James' -The Rev. Canon Davis presided at the vestry meeting at which there was a good attendance. The statements submitted shows receipts from all sources \$4.795.79, leaving a balance in hand of \$176.83.

The wardens of the parish annexed to the statement amounting to \$2,079 51, and a liability of \$415. The churchwardens reported that during the year they had some difficulty in providing suitable pews for many applicants, and that the question of enlarging the church would need to be taken into consideration. The churchwardens appointed were Messrs. John Beatty and George White; delegates to Synod Messrs, J. Moore and G. D. Sutherland.

St Matthew's .- The auditor's report showed the total amount received \$848.30, with an expenditure of \$829.29; of the receipts \$100 came from the Girls' Aid, and \$72.55 from the Women's Aid Society. It is considered that the Church has nover been in such a good finan cial condition, The wardens chosen were Messrs. Thomas Clark and Minhinick; and the delegates to Synod, Messrs. Chadwick, Cooke and Oxley. The salary of the incumbent, Rev. Mr., Seaborn, was increased \$150, on his giving up Immanuel Church.

St, George's,—Rev, D. B. Sage, B.D., in the chair; delegates to Synod, Messrs Fitzgerald and S. Gibson; churchwardens, Mesers. H. A. Kingsmill and J. H. Lings.

St. John the Evangelist, - Rev. F. W. Hill. Rector, Messrs, Imlach and Henry Macklin were elected delegates; and Messrs. Coughlin and Collette, churchwardens. The Rector read reports from the Parish Guild; the Mother's Mission; Auxiliary Missionary Association; Ladies' Aid and S. S., all of which were favourably received and ordered to be printed; \$300 were appropriated to the Sunday School.

Power was given to the Churchwardens to purchase land to the east of the church as oc casion offered. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed.

Christ Church .- Rev. Canon Smith, Rector. The churchwardens' report was received and considered highly satisfactory; the Rector's statement showed all the parochial organizations in good working order. The wardens chosen were Messrs. A. McCormick and F. Rob inson; and delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. Robinson and F. Robinson.

Woodstook.—St. Paul's —The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday, the Rev. J. C. Farthing, Rector, presiding. The financial statement was most satisfactory. The total income for local purposes was \$2,599 09, which after paying current expenses, enables the wardens to pay \$400 on the debt. This is the first amount yet paid on the debt from the offerings of the people. On motion of Mr. James Caufield, seconded by Mr. D. H. Charles, all seats in the church were declared free. This motion was carried by a majority of ten.
Besides this it was decided to call a meeting

of the congregation to discuss what steps should be taken to erect a Mission chapel in the west end. About \$500 have already been promised. The vestry was unanimous in considering the chapel anecessity there.

Mr. J. J. Hall and Captain Higgins were appointed wardens, and Mesers. W. Grey, F. C. Martin and D. K. Charles, lay representatives.

ST. MARY's.—Our highly esteemed and faithful pastor was called to his rest on Good Friday. Rev. T. Magahy, so recently placed in charge financial statements showed all nabinities had, of this parish, and who had already made himself beloved by his people, preached and at tended to some official duties only a few days before death removed him. He had been suffering from inflammation of the bowels, and

got up out of bed to attend the services. was too much for his strength, and troub'e and anxiety soon set in. He was buried at Lucan, (a former parish of his) on Easter Monday The Bishop and several of the clergy were in attendance Service was hold in the Church here, and the Bishop preached a most earnest sormon. Then the Bishop and mang of the olergy, with the friends, took train at Lucane where the body was baried in St. James' church-

The annual Easter vestry meetings were beld on Monday evening in the city. Encourager: reports were produced, and the church is eve dently in a most hearty and prosperous cordi-

MITJUELL -- The ten days' Mission held here recontly was a great blessing. It was under taken by the Rev. A. Murphy, N. Watford and the Rector. The afternoon Bib's readings were largely attended, and the Evangelistic services each evening drew larger numbers each time On the second Sunday afternoon both eleggy men spoke to men only, when the church was filled: the service was a memorable one, and the subject of Parity' was holdly yet delicatory treated. The Rector conducted the services and the after meetings, and the Roy Mr. Murphy preached. His cormons were just with such utterances should be, and did much pool-At the close of the Mission those who had been won for Christ, and all who had been hopeen of partook of the Holy Commember That has much refreshed and stren then of the pure b.

Services were held every day during Holy Week, and were well attended.

Trinity .- The Easter Day servious in Tribalic Cherch, Mitchell, were largely a tended, a d the singing of the excellent cools, under the direction of their accomplished organized to the Nessie Howard, was ex remaly good, a postably the solos by Miss Done to the Most Dentages Me. Blowes, and theducts by the Moses Described. The chancel was most beautifully described with flowers, and the services of the cay were heartily entered into by all present. Taxin was ing and evening sermons by the Rectar, Rev. W. J. Taylor, were very suitable to the open sion, and were attentively listened to by all present. The offeriories of the day were towards the church debt. The halfest of the congregation hid approach by the second construction of the second construction and the second construction are second construction. congregation laid upon the plant is the constant of the \$357-92, gathered up from finite 'constant or constant of the constant given by the congregation during the provider months, and by a sale of work. The contract of t this was given the successful 95 to log a total of \$568 90 Considering how many front ilies have moved from town during the prothree years, this speaks extremely well for the congregation.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

BUBKS FALLS.—The Rev. A.W. H. Chemre, B D, begs to acknowledge with nearly that he the receipt of a purse of \$30 presented to Mist. Chowne, collected by Mes. Chifford wase if the churchwarden, on the occasion of the Rev. A. W. H. Chowno leaving Ro-scan to take charge of the Emsdale Mession, and appreciates this kind gift as a mark of good will on the part of their friends at Rosscau.

The Rev. A.W. H. Chowne, having resigned the Mission of Rosseau, and having ancepred that of Emsdale in the rame Diorese his address s. However, people's warden, Messrs. T. W. to be known, for the present, until the passons (Tajiar, J. H. Brock and Jas. Johnston were age is built at Emsdale, as that of Bark's Falls, cheered delegates to Synod.

Easter Monday was largely attended. The financial statements showed all mabinities [10],

church bailding fand, contributions to the lay fund are earnestly asked from friends outside. This self-sectificing congregation is most worthy of being helped. Donations will be gratefully seknowledged by Rev. Thomas Lloyd, Mission-

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipeg - Holy Week was kept by special envices in the city churches. At Christ Church, R.v. E. S. W. Pontreath, Sir John Stainers' Meditation on the Crucifixon' was sung on Manday and Wednesday ovenings by the full choir of even firity voices, conducted by Mr. A. J. Tuenwell, M.A., cheirmaster. Mr. R. Honber, erganist of St. John's Cathedral, took the solo tenor part. The church was crowded by a most revocent congregation, who were deeply impressed with the rendering of this most beau iful composition. On Good Friday there were Moraing Prayer at 8 a.m ; the Three Hours Services from 12 to 3, and Evensong at 7:30.

On Easter Day there were five services in the church and one at the Mission room Flowers were on the alter, on the Memorial Litany desk, and around the Memorial tablet on the wall. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion and 185 communicants; 113 of whom cose must ated at the early colobrations.

At All Saints, Rev. H. A. Tudor, there were the services daily in Holy Week, and the Three commercivice on Good Friday and three cole-Adoms on Easter Day.

At Holy Trinity, Archdeacon Fortin, the hearter services bave been better attended than the my previous year. The musical service was rany good on Easter Day, and the Metropolitan presched in the morning.

In the afternoon a Missionary service for the children was held, and the results of the misstermy toxes, \$73, announced. The Indian bay supported by the school was present.

Easter Weetings - All the city churches have beld their Baster meetings, except Christ Church. As usual they were most harmonious. Hely Tribity has paid \$,1000 on its mortgage, colleged its Studay school at a cost of \$1,359, 43. the less \$766.86 on hand. Leave of absence was given to Archdoscon Fortin for one year, and many kind words said in the hope that he said seture to his work with health restored \$525 mas subscribed towards the \$1,000 dae on the mortange in January, 1891. A strong resolution was passed against the contemplated tax vien of Chu ch buildings.

Maris. T. Clark and W. G. Mitchell wore appointed warders; Messrs. Wrigley, Mulock and Mathewern, delegates to Synod.

Ali Saints' Church has been obliged to reduce has a cetor's salary, with his concurrence, to

As a result of the Rector's visit to England 31,740 on been paid on the mortgage, besides 8925 paid by the hondemon The Rev. Mr. There was sharled for the result of his visit. The estimated expenditure for next year is \$2 523 J. Stowart Tupper was appointed Records worden, and Mr. A. F. Eden, people's warden.

St. George's Church, Rev. J. J. Roy, has in-elected its Rector's sulary. The Sanday school reports 321 scholars, a gain of 16 The financial matement was oncouraging. Mr. O. Garcine tas appointed Rector's warden; and Mr.

A(S'. John's Cathedral, Sheriff Inkster was HUNTSVILLE.—The Vestry of All Schole' on problem Rector's worden, and J. Bruce, peo-Nor, G. R. horwood, W. G. Frasor.

Trac forgiveness involves two things, a perresolved to increase the sub-cription to discoson for knowledge of the offence and a perfect restipend fund from \$300 to \$400 per annum, for knowledge of the offence and a perfect restipend fund from is bending its energies to storation of love. In this sense we believe in

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#### CALENDAR FOR APRIL.

APRIL 1st-Tuesday before Easter.

- 2nd-Wednesday before Easter.
- 3rd-Thursday before Easter.
- 4th-Good Faiday, Pr. Pss. M. 22, 40, 54. E 69, 88.
- 5th-EASTER EVEN.
  - 6th—Haster Day. Pr. Ps4. M. 2, 57, 111. E. 113, 114, 115. Pr. Anth. instead of Venite. Athan Cr.; Prop. Pref, in Com. Service till April 13th incl. Notice of Mon day and Tresday.
- 7th-Monday in Easter week.
- 8th-Tuesday in Easter week.
- 13th-1st Sunday after Easter.
- 20th-2nd Sunday in Easter. (Notice of St. Mark.
- 25th-St. Mark's Day. (E. & M.
- 27th-Third Sunday after Easter. (Notice of St. Philip and St. James

#### WORDS FOR TRUTH.

BY THE LATE REV. R. F. LITTLEDALE, L.L. D., D.C.L.

"THE OLD RELIGION."- [Continued.]

Article VI .- "I confess that under either kind alone, a whole and entire Christ and a true Sacrament is received."

This article is intended to uphold the usage of lay communion in one kind only. But communion in one kind is denounced as "sacriligious" by Pope Leo the Great (440-461) and Pope Gelasius I. (492-496), the latter stating the reason why it is so is, that it is a "division of the mystery." It was forbidden, save in cases of necessity, by Pope Urban II. in the Council of Clermont in 1005; and again by Pope Parchal II. in 1116, save in the case of infants and very infirm old people, who cannot swallow bread, and may therefore be com- from Jorusalem, first by the "strangers of municated with the chalice only. And the first Rome," who reported St. Peter's Pentecostal ruling the other way was at the Council of Constance, on June 15, 1415, when the Council not a missionary centre for a very long time.

is a very late innovation upon ancient doctrine and practice.

Article VII .- " I constantly hold that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls therein de-tained are assisted by the prayers of the faith ful."

Pius IV, who drew up this creed, mentions in his Bull against the Grocks that they "reject Purgatory;" and they did so, in fact, at the Council of Florence in 1437, as unknown to Oriental theology. And Cardinal Fisher, in his book against Inthon (A. D. 1535) against his book against Luther (A. D. 1535), says: "Since it was so late before Purgutory was admitted into the Universal Church, who can be surprised that at the earlier period of the Church no mention was made of indulgences?" Accordingly, this article also was new.

Article VIII -" In like manner I hold that the saints reigning with God are to be venerated and invoked, and that they offer prayers for us, and that their relics are to be vener ated."

There is not quite such overwhelming evidence against this clause as against those cited previously, for there is some seeming warrant of invocation of the saints found in Fathers of the fourth and fifth centuries; even this, how ever, being far too late to rank as part of the primitive Christian belief and practice. when there carliest examples are tested, they prove to be sermons on the anniversaries of Saints' Days and the like, in which merely a sort of poetical call is made upon the saint commemorated to unite in the worship being offered by the Church, exactly analogous to the mention of Ananias, Azarias and Missel in the Benedicite, which no sane person supposes to be addressed as a prayer to them. And invocations of the modern kind, asking the saints to confer favors, are not to be ound till the ninth century. This article consequently, is no part of the ancient faith of the Catholic Church.

Article IX -"I most firmly assert that the images of Christ, of the ever Virg n Mother of God, and of the other saints, are to be had and retained, and that due honor and veneration are to be rendered to them."

The cultus of images was first licensed by the pseudo General Second Council of Nice (a packed and fettered assembly) in 787, and was promptly repudiated and condemned by the Western Church in the Council of Frankfort in 794; while the so called "Caroline Books," a theological indictment sgainst image worship, drawn up at the instance of the Emperor Charlemagne, are still extant to testify to the opposition this novelty met at with the outset.

Article X .- "I most firmly assert that the power of Indulgences has been left in the Church of Christ, and that their use by the Christian people is of the most salutary charac-

There is no trace whatever of Induigences save as mitigations of canonical penalties imposed by human ecclosiastical law, discoverable till the year 1084, when Pope Gragory VII., offered remission of sins to all who would take up arms against the Emperor Henry IV., (And see with whom he was then at feud. above, under Article VII ) This is, therefore, a new doctrine.

Article XI.-"I acknowledge the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church to be the mother and mistress of all churches."

This article is one which has to be tested by facts as well as by dates. As it is certain that the Gospel was first preached from Jerusalem, it is to Jerusalem only that the title of "Mo-ther of all Churches" can historically or theologically apply. Rome itself was evangelized sermon there, and after by St. Paul, who first organized the Roman Church. And Rome was had deposed the reigning Pope or Pepes, and It is just possible that North Africa was what makes by far the largest portion of its had not elected another. This, consequently, evengelized thence, but after that Angle-Saxon practical working system, is most mediaeval,

England, in the sixth century, is the first fruits of Roman missionary enterprise.

None of the many hundred churches founded in the East or West up to that date were the result of Roman missions, or could have supposed for an instant that they were so; and it is thus impossible that a belief of the Roman Church being their "mother" could have made any part of their creed or tradition. As to us being the "Mistress of all Churches," though many strenuous efforts were made to establish such supremacy, yet the Eastern Churches never accepted it at all; and several of the Western Churches-and notably the Church of England—resisted it in principle and in detail. Consequently this claim lacks the mark of ancient consent, and is to be classed amongst innovations.

Article XII.—"I vow and swear a true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, the successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ."

Here it will be enough to say that the Church of North Africa, in 419 and again in 414, enacted canons repudiating the Papal claim to interfere in the concerns of the African church and excommunicating all African ecclesias-tics who should appeal beyond sea—that is, to the Pope, as that was the point at issuefrom the decision of an African Synod, and the famous St. Augustine took part in both these rejections of Papal authority. And the Western Church deposed Popes several times, on the ground of the superior authority of the collective Church over any single bishop, however exalted in station. The last case was as late as 1415. If the proposition in the Creed of Pius IV., was historically or theologically ancient or true, such an act would have been the outting off its own head on the part of the body, and thus its own self-murder and annihilation.

It will be seen from this chronological survey that while several of the twelve articles of the speciall Roman Creed may be called old in comparison with the tenets of various modern ects, they are not old in relation to the only standard of age which holds good for the Catholic faith. And although Rome differs from the sects in this important particular: that she has not cast away any of the ancient articles of Christian belief, however she may have overlaid and obscured them, yet the passion for religious novelties is just as acute amongst Roman Catholics as amongst the most innovating of the sects. The only difference is one of procedure. In Protestantism the inventor of a novel opinion or practice starts a new sect for its propagation and maintenance; in the Roman Church it is not necessary to secede for such a purpose, since it can be ef fected by starting a new cult, supported by a guild or confraternity of some kind, and certain octain formal recognition in course of time, if it can first succeed unofficially in winning a That is how sufficient measure of popularity. That is how the cult of the Sacred Heart, for example, came in. And it was freely alleged, during the inception and course of the Vatican Council, by some of the ablest Roman Catholic critics, that one of the most powerful motives which influenced the advocates of Papal Infallibility was that it would provide machinery whereby, without the long delays of previous inquiry and counciliar procedure, a perennial flow of fresh theological definitions and new articles of belief could be supplied for the jaded appetites of devotees, craving for some ever-new fashion in religion.

It is thus clear that not one of the twelve additional articles of the special Roman Creed can be traced back to primitive or even to very early times. What that means is this; that the only "old religion" to b found in the Roman Church is that part of its belief and practice which agrees with the standards of the Church of England. What is peculiar to itself, and what makes by far the largest portion of its

and sometimes not only modern, but extremely modern, as the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, which dates as a dogma from 1854, and that of Papal Infalli bility, which was first enacted in 1870, having been repudiated up to the very last by eminent Roman Catholic theologians.

Wherever, then, the "old religion" may be found pure and unmixed with modern additions, it is not in the modern Church of Rome .-

The Church Critic.

#### EASTER JOY.

The Easter joy is its own interpreter to every heart. It is something undefinable and unspeakable. If Easter meant no more than Christ's Resurrection, that were a charlish soul that could not say,

"Welcome, thou Victor, from the strife," that could not spare time to "come see the place where the Lord lay."

The crowded churches on Easter morning attest men's sympathy with Christ in His Victory. The epic of His Passion stirs men's souls, and the lyric of His Resurrection draws them. There is a link between men and the God-man, define it or deny as men may, and on that link hangs men's salvation. Salvation ! The man who rose from His Yes, and more. grave on the first Easter was more than a Sa viour. If Christ had ended His work, "for us men and for our salvation," on Good Friday, our Creed must have stopped at the article, "Crucified, dead and buried." There would have been an Atonement and a Saviour and the shedding of blood for the remission of sins. But what then? Shall men be pardoned, only; saved, only? Shall they not be made worth saving? The energy that burst the bars of death is the secret of men's sympathy with Easter. Men would fain burst the bars of their sins, and cast off the winding-sheet and graveclothes of their evil habits, and rise, with Christ, to newness of life.

There is such an aspiration in every man, and Easter evokes it as the bell in the church tower makes the harp in the distant parlor re spond in its note Must that be all that Easter shall do for men this year? When the Son of Man came forth from His grave, it was for all men too. He came to be the Resurrection and the Life to souls dead in t. espasses and sins; to be the Energy of righteousness in all men; the Source of a new lie; the Fountain of a new will; the re Creator of new mon; the Motive and the Strength of all that put their trust in Him.; His Resurrection means regeneration. It depends now upon men themselves whether they shall be worth saving. The grace of Resurrection and Regeneration is come into the world, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "He is risen, rise we too.

#### THE FIRST EASTER.

The holy women who first approached the sepulchre after the Sabbath was passed came without that faith which now thrills all Christian hearts throughout the world. They came

"We trusted that it had been He which would have redeemed Israel." But, alas ! "this is the third day" since the rulers crucified Him.

followers of Jesus were scattered. Some were hiding for fear, and others had given up all hope. Of the Apostles there was probably but one—St John—who was ready to receive the news of the Resurrection. There is good evidence for believing that his faith lived on unbroken through all the tragedy of the Cross, and that it remained strong amid the awful silence and loneliness that followed the burial

He who never denied or deserted his Master, likewise never doubted Him. When both he and St. Peter came to the sepulchre he "saw and believed," while as yet his companion "only wondered." And from that open tomb those two disciples went away again to their own home, one of them trusting, knowing the truth, the other still waiting to be convinced. At first, and for awhile, therefore, St. John was the only representative of a faith which has since overspread the world and sanctified countless homes, and made the life which now is "worth living," because we know that it leads on to that which is undying and eternal. And in this new creation, of which the risen Christ is the Author, St. John stands above St. Peter. He leads in the gospel of the Resurrection.

#### THE P. WER OF EASTER.

When the chief priests and Pharisees arrested Jesus in the midst of His own chosen friends. the melancholy record reads that those friends all forsook Him and fled. None but the traitor Judas met the glance of His mild, reproving eve The bold Peter followed Him afar off but denied Him thrice. In all the night of suf-fering during His trial and condemnation He heard no friendly voice and saw no pitying eye. John, the beloved disciple, who leaned upon His breast, the youngest and fairest of the band, with the virgin mother and the two Marys, alone had courage to witness His death, " faith ful among the faithless found," "last at the cross and earliest at the tomb." In the interval between Good Friday and Easter the dis ciples were like sheep without a shepherd troubled, perplexed, dismayed. Their faith had perished, their energies were paralyzed. "We trusted that this had been He who would have redeemed Ierael" was the lauguage of broken hopes. Even the women who were early at the sepulchre came only to embnim the dead.
When the disciples were 'old "He is not here,
He is risen," they believed not, but regarded the words as idle tales. Despair had settled down upon their hearts, and nothing but the Easter sun could disperse the gathered gloom. That sun arise: , and they seem no longer the same men. Hope once more revives, yea, creates their courage. Their faith is not vain, their preachings will not be vain. The timid band of fishermen are now the bold champions of the Cross, and are ready to lead a forlorn hope in defence of the Gospel of a risen Christ. They reproach the rulers for their cruelty, and reprove the people for their sin. Jewish hate, whose terrible results they have just witnessed, no longer has any terrors for them. They re buke governors, they vennure upon the wrath of kings. They count not their lives dear, but regard all things as loss for Christ's sake; they suffer, they die. The Easter sun in its rising as mourners for the Dead. They brought not gifts wherewith to worship Him, but spices for the anointing of His Body. They did not dream of the great victory that had been wrought in the darkness and rest of the closing Schhoth of the old world.

They came the Son of God It was the condition the Son of God It was the gave efficacy to their hopes, and the seal that gave efficacy to their hopes, and the seal that gave efficacy to the testament of salvation. Yea, death itself had lost its sting, since it was the gateway of life, for Christ, being the first fruits, the harvest was sure to follow. With willing hearts they was sure to follow. With willing hearts they are now ready for their mission, which was, though they were peasants and fishermen, to confound the wise and to conquer the mighty; to reason with the world of righteousness, of Unristians of this age, rejoicing as they do in the light of a faith which has become clear and universal, can hardly imagine the difference between this Easter and the first. Then the city which witnessed the cross and passion

they proclaimed the life of Christ, and told His murderers how vainly they had imbrued their hands in innocent blood; He was risen and had appeared unto Simon. They were arrested, examined, scourged, and imprisoned. Their lives were sought, but they persisted in their faith. They filled the prisons with melody, and died with anthems and songs of joy upon their tongues, because life and immortality were brought to light. His death had excited their fears, and now His Resurrection more. than confirmed their hopes. It was the keystone that completed the Christian arch, was a stupendous miracle, a prophecy fulfilled, a type perfected, a substance springing from the shadow. It made faith a demonstration, it changed hope to fruition and joy. By such and so great a miracle had the Father showed that He had sent the Son. It was, if we may say so, the autograph credentials of His divine mission. Had He but died, doubt would still have remained of His person and His power. He might have been thought but the Son of When He rose from the dead He came man. forth the Son of God, and gave the world assurance of the Resurrection of the dead. Easter, then, may well be regarded as a high day, and we may well say with David, this is the day which the Litt. For though the Laster sun shall set and the Easter flowers shall fade, the Easter of earth is no less a type of the great Easter of paradise. - The Churchman.

#### FOOTPRINTS OF FACT.

#### BY REV. R. W. LOWRIE.

One fact is worth a thousand theories. Only by the test of facts can the soundness of any hypothesis be determined. Time was when it was held by scientists that, at deep sea levels, there could be no life. The fact, on further inquiry, upset the theory. Time was when it was thought that the earth's strata were successively deposited; but the facts, under the light of submarine telegraphy, show that simultaneous deposit is possible.

But it is of religious, not of scientific facts. that I would speak; and in this domain of thought, also, fact is better than theory.

Theorize as we may about the question of a bodily Resurrection, we have the attested living fact of our Lord's rising from the dead. opponent of the doctrine of the Resurrection must face and answer that fact, as the very first step of his argument against that Article of the Christian Faith.

In the year 251 a Council of 66 Bishop : met. The Council discussed the question, "Shall we baptize infants on the eighth day, and on this day only; or, is some other just as good?" Behold the sterling metal of a living fact l

And so, the Primitive mode of Church government. Is Episcopacy be a historio fact; if, at the year one hundred, it is found universally prevalent; if, up to three hundred years ago, it continued to prevail universally—it is like the footprint which Robinson Crusoe found upon the sand. Episcopacy left its footprints on the sand of the early centuries, many

To point to these footprints, is at once the implest and most unanswerable argument in favor of the Church's adherence to three Orders of her Ministry.

Mark how the Church values the facts of her history. She has no theory of the body's resur-rection. She nowhere says how we shall be raised, when or where; nor with what body we shall come. Her reply to all who intrude the tongue of rash and unwise speculation, is that of St. Paul—"Thou Fool!' But she does care for the fact of a resurrection. Her Easters emphasize the fact. If men had not seen the risen Lord, a fact, and recorded what they saw, another fact, and had they not been men well known for probity, a further fact, and made the record one of public notoriety—a still further fact, and handed it down as public property, common to all, free to be challenged and courting investigation—a fact like its predecessors; why, it would have been hard to accept such a contradiction of every know experience of mankind.

And so, of all the facts of the Saviour's life and of His Church's earlier days. So long as we can build our faith on the foundation of living fact, our house is built on the rock; and the wind may come and the rain descend, and

it shall not fall.

Let him who derides the use of a liturgy beware lest he blaspheme; for the fuct is that his Lord and Master, when on earth, worship ped in the synagogue and temple, each of which had its form of prayer and of praise, Let him who refuse the "washing of Regeneration" to the brow of his little one, beware lest he defraud it of its birthright; for there stands the earliest Council after Apostolic days; and the question debated, was (not whether infants should be baptized, but) at what stage of their intency they might be brought to the Font.

Christ died, rose and ascended, for men. On this, we build the most comfortable doctrine of the Atonement. He came, lived, suffered, died, rose, ascended; links in a burning chain of facts. Ingersoll and Paine and Voltaire, and all the "Thomases" of all the ages must face these facis, before they can move by so much as a line, the Doctrines and the hopes that are bused thereon. Wash out these footprints on the sands of time, not all the waves of all the oceans of infidelity ever can; praise ye the Lord!—Minnesota Missionary and Church Record.

#### FAMILY DEPARTMENT

#### FAIR EASTER-MORN.

Fair Easter-morn! Fair Easter-morn! By faith we see thy earliest dawn Now breaking through the mists of night To flood Juden's hills with light, And scatter beams o'er land and sea. Where'er a child of God may be.

Fair Easter-morn! Fair Easter-morn! Again we hear the angel throng Whose Hallelojah's rent the air Exultant, ringing, loud and clear-Filling the courts of heaven above With songs of Christ's redeeming love.

Fair Easter morn! Fair Easter-morn! Through many cycles thou hast gone, And yet the day grows brighter still— The light of truth more hearts doth fill; And resonant from clime to clime Triumphant rings our Easter chime.

Fair Easter-morn! Fair Easter morn! We too would sing our matin song For blessings rich since life began, And God's most perfect gift to man. Our hearts are ful of love and praise On this the Church's "day of days

- Mrs. D. P. Cotton in Minn. Record,

#### TRUE AS STEEL

CHAPTER I.

"Come! be off with you now, you young tramps! Haven't I said over and over again that I'll have none of the 'rag tag and bob tail' hanging around these doors? As long as I'm here I'll keep the place respectable."

So spake, in angry, querulcus tones, the cross old verger of a little wayside chapel, on whose white steps were resting wearily two ragged boys.

but these angry words caused them to start up smart to make you look as hardsome as the hurriedly, and the younger one. a pale, delicate boy, to cling timidly closer to his bigger brother, who, flushing angrily, was about to retort, when a hand was laid on the old verger's arm and a voice from behind said, 'Gently, gently, Robert. I can't say I quite agree with those sontiments.

'Beg pardon, sir,' said the old man, staring perceptibly, and turning to see the gentle white haired minister, 'I thought you was gone, sir: no offence meant, sir, I'm sure.'

'And I say again, Robert,' said the minister, gently tapping his arm to enforce his words, that I don't agree with your sentiments a bit. Now I do want to see the 'rag tag and bob tail,' as you call them, hanging round these doors, and what's more, Robert, I'd like to see them inside the doors, and I'd like to see them with tears streaming down their cheeks, as I told them of One who knew all about their sorrows and trials, their hunger and misery; One who left His radiant home, Robe t, that He might dwell among them, and mix with them, and eat with them- a Friend, a loving Friend, Robert, who bore their sickness and carried their sorrows. Ah, Robert! never forget how the Lord leved the poor, and how He died for them as much as the rich. Never mind keep ing the chapel respectable, let them all in I And from the bottom of my heart I say, the Lord bless 'rag-tag and bob tail!'

And, as he attered the last sentence, in solemn, reverent tones, the gentle white-haired man lifted his hat from his head, and the words sounded very like a prayer.

In a few minutes he had gone on his way. The doors were shut and the little chapel was left to silence.

"Come on, Willie," said the elder of the two boys, lifting a basket of withered flowers from the ground, "we must be getting on; its kegining to grow dark, 'rag-tag and bob-tail' indeed!" he muttered between his teeth, as he walked along, hurrying his weary little brother after him; "we're as respectable as that old door-keeper, and a good bit more so, I dare

say."

"I'm afraid we are rather ragged, Bobby,"

"The lacking at their poor work said little Willie, looking at their poor worn garments.

"Well we does the best we can, and we pays our way," eaid Bobby rather proudly, "and that's more'n some folks can say as dresses a deal better; and we wouldn't be ragged neither if mother was alive, Willie, I can tell you; she'd keep us tidy. But what's poor little chaps like us to do without a mother?" And the words ended with something like a sob.

"Oh, Bobby, tell me about mother ! said little Willie, creeping closer to his brother, and looking wistfully into his face. "I'm so tired, and it sort o' rests me."

"It makes me think of mother," Willio, said Bobby, "when I look at you, you are so like her; her eyes were big and blue like yours, and her hair sheeny and golden, but her cheeks were rosy before she was took ill, not white and thin like yours," and the strong rough looking boy looked tenderly down at his delcate little brother.

'We wer'nt poor little ragged boys then,

were we, Bobby?'

'No, that we wasn't; we'd a protty little home, and plenty to eat, and mother was as happy as the day, except when the wind blew atrong.

'And why wasn's she happy then?'

' Because father was always at sea, and mother was afraid for him.'

'I never saw father,' said little Willie.

' No, you was born just after he had gone on his last voyage. How proud mother was of you, to be sure; went on Bobby; 'and you was a pretty baby, too, and when the news came to say that father's ship would be home Very weary they looked, and very woebegone, that very day, how mother dressed you up me; he need not wait.

could for father to see!'

'And didn't she make you look nice, too?' 'Ob yes,' said Bobby, carelessly, 'but I was Llway a big ugly fellow, not a bit like you.

Willie looked into the good natured honest face, surmounted by a shack of red hair, and if hadn't say so, he thought it the dearest face in the world. 'Tell me some more, Robby,' he said at last, as his brother relapsed into silence.

'Well,' said Bobby, rousing himself with a sigh, for his thoughts were sad ones, 'that day mother made the house all spick and span, and then putting on our best things, she took us down to the dock to meet father. All the way she kept making you say, 'Dada,' so as to surprise father when he saw you. It was the only word mother had taught you to say. Just as we came to the docks we saw a great ship com. irg in, and people said it was the 'Mary Ann.' Look out for father, Bobby,' mother kept cry. ing out 'he's sure to be on deck awaving his handkerchief at us; but I can't see anything, my eyes will get so full."

'And did you see him?' cagerly asked Willie.

'No; 'I can't see him, m ther, I kept on saying. 'Never mind, Bobby,' said mother, 'just stand here by me, and father'll come soon.' Well, we waited and waited; all the men were coming off, but still father didn't come. Just then mother starte forward and catching hold of one of the men's arms she said, 'Jem, Jem, you are my man's mate, why doesn't he come?' The man seemed all taken aback when he saw mother standing there, all bright and rosy with her baby in her arms. Why Mrs. Clay, he says, 'is that you?' Of course its me, says mother, laughing out; 'and here's baby too, come to see his father for the first time. Why is he so long a'coming, Jem? Jem didn't speak but looked about in a helpless sort of a way. A lot of men had gathered round us by this time, Willie, and Jem says at last quite desperate like, 'Some o' you tellows tell her. won't you, for I can't.' Mother didn't speak, only looked around in a wondering sort o' way, for they were all looking at her so sorrowful like. Then a big, kind-faced sailor came to her and said, Mrs. Clay, he says, we've got bad news for you, and then. Willie, he broke it gently to her that father was dead. Mother never screamed or oried, only she seemed to wither up and grow whiter and whiter, just like that, said Bobby, lifting a pale drooping flower from the basket.

Poor mother, poor mother! said little Willie, who was crying to himself.

Well, the man thought she was going to faint, went on Bobby, and perhaps she would have done, only just then you called, Dadal Dada I and stroked her face with your little hand; and she began to cry, and the man said. Perhaps it will save the poor heart from breaking. But oh! Willie, it didn't, her heart was broken all the same, and she died a few months

#### (To be Continued.)

#### MANNERS AND HABITS.

Be respectful to older people; when they come into the room, always rise and offer them a seat.

There is a story told of two boys, both of whom wanted a place in a lawyer's office. They came in together; one with capon, gave a careless nod to the gentleman sitting at the desk, and sat down, while waiting for the gentleman to address him. The other boy took off his cap, advanced in a respectful manner and stood quietly on one side.

This may seem to you of little importance, but the gentleman did not think so; he turned to his clerk and said, That boy will not suit The other boy obtained the situa tion, and gained a happy, comfortable home,

This is just as applicable to girls as to boys. No one likes to have rude young people about them.

Be careful never to pass in front

of a person sitting or standing, but always behind.

When you are spoken to, or speak to any one, look at them and not on the floor or about the

If you are reproved for anything that you may have done, do not answer, but receive the reproof quietly; afterwards, if you think the reproof was unjust, go and tell the person who has spoken to you, what you th nk is the truth in the matter-but always in a kind, gentle, and respectful manner.

#### I WATCHED FOUR BOYS.

Last summer I sat in a yard and watched four little boys at their game of hop scotch. These noisy rollicking boys, full of life and fun,

were alive to their play.
Were they good and kind? con safely answer Yes. Shall I tell you why? Out from under a step where I sat, and near the field marked out for the game, came a bright-eyed little toad. There he is! There is No. 1! they shouted. He was not afraid. Why should he be? He was one of them.

They said he came out every night and many others beside. Sure enough, while I was sitting there, I counted more than a dozen of these little fellows in different parts of the yard. They were out for their evening sport as well as the boys. The boys loved to see them, and would let no one hurt them. Would not you call that kindness to dumb animals? - Our Dumb Animals.

The Christian Intelligencer treats of The attractions of the Ministry. Yet there is another side:

All men have thei trouble. Very few men escape injustice, hardship, disappointment and sorrow. isters are not exempt. They should not be. How can they serve a race enduring hardness, if they know no hardships? How can they counsel the perplexed, if they are never in trying perplexity? How can they comfort the mis-represented and villified, if they know not what it is to have their words and deeds impugned and to be abused? How can they direct and sustain the downcast, if they never have reason to cry all thy waves and billows have gone over me? Surely a minister in such a world as this, must not be exempt irom the troubling of the wicked, or bitterness of soul. He cannot have a charmed life. He must learn and know what sorrow and suffering the unrighteous inflict; must share the common lot. And the ministry receive no more of hardship than the multitude of men can endure,

-:0:-What we eall time enough always proves little enough,

#### DO YOUR BEST.

There is a fable told about a king's garden, in which the trees and all the flowers began to make complaint. The cak was sad because it did not bear flowers; the rosebush was sad because it did not bear fruit; the vine was sad because it had to cling to the wall and could cast no shadow. 'I am not the least use in the world,' said the oak. 'I might as well dic, sin e I yield no fruit,' said the rose-bush. 'What good oan I do,' said the vine.

Then the king saw a little paney, which held up its glad, tresh face, while all the rest was sad. And the king said: 'What makes you so glad, when all the rest pine and are to sad? 'I thought,' said the paney, 'that you wanted me here, because here you planted me, and so I made up my mind that I would try and be the best little pansy that could be

Let us all try to do our best in the little spot where God's hand has placed us.

#### SWEAR NOT AT ALL.

It is said that it is in Japan one seldom or never hears curses or oaths, or anything like that form of profanity.

A missionary who tries to explain the teachings of the Scripin es against cursing and swearing has semetimes found it hard to make the natives understand just what he mesns.

The Japanese are not in the habit of committing this sin, and the question they naturally ask 18, Why should anyone want to be thus profane?' Sure enough! What is the use of it? The person who swears gets no good from it. The man at whom he swears is not hurt by it. To say the least it is absolutely uscless. Alas I that any one in a Christian land should be guilty of the sin! Yet how many living close to Christian churches might learn a good lesson in this matter from the Japanese! - Mission Dayspring.

#### TELL YOUR PASTOR.

Tell your pastor when his services have been a blessing to you. His words may have convicted you of sin, warned you of some lurking danger, guided you in perplexity. comforted you in sorrow, elevated your grovelling desires, and brought the very life of G.d to your soul. Whatever good his words may have conferred upon you, make it known to your pastor. The knowledge will comfort and encourage him. He has many discouragements in his work. Among these is the reticence of his people respecting their appreciation of his services or of the blessing which, in whatever form may have come through his words to their souls .-Pulpit Treasury.

A Baptist paper has the following intimation over its obituary column: "No charge is made for inserting the death of godly persons."

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#### THE BIDDENDEN MAIDS.

One of the most curious of English charities is that of the Biddenden maids. These two unfortunate women were born at Biddenden, in Kent, in the year 1800, joined to each other at the hip and shoulders. Their names were Eliza and Mary Chulkhurst, and they lived for 34 years. Then one fell ill and died, and the survivor was advised to be separated from her dead sister by dissection, but she refused, saying, 'As we came together, we will also go together,' Within six hours she was taken sick and died also. By their will they bequeathed to the churchwarden at Biddenden a piece of ground, which now brings in a rental of forty guineas. This is expended in the purchase of five hundred quartern loaves, and cheese in proportion, which are distributed among the poor of the parish, and on Easter Sunday one thousand small rolls, shaped like a grave stone, and bearing a bas relief portrait of the unfortunate maids, are distributed to all who attend divine service.

Johnson.—On Baster Monday morning at 5:15, aged nearly seven months, Mary Gerirade, daughter of Rev. G. Johnson, Rector of Alt Baints' Church, Durham, and Alice E. B. Seely, his wife.

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The first and indispensable step to the promotion of religion in ourselves is, no doubt, to realise what Religion means; what it is to us to have God for our God, and to hold the truth of God as it is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, by Whom Grace and Truth came; to realise how that Truth has made us free; how by that Grace we are what we are in Him. And so we are now to inquire why it is that a closer contaut in thought and interest with Missions to the heathen is a means of thus realising our own undeserv ed position as Christians

I am to assume that we all acknowledge the call to support Missions as a duty. What I have to suggest is that this duty should be, and why it can be, and will be, a help to other duties and a higher

religious life.

It was well said by Cardina Newman (in one of those thoughtful sermons preached long ago to a country congregation when he was still ministering loyally in the Church of England) that 'Every act of obedience has a tendency to strengthen our conviction of duty and its blessedness, Our duties to God and man are not only duties, but they are means of enlightening our eyes and making our faith apprehensive. Every sacrifice makes us more zealous; every self-denial makes us more devoted.' This of course is spoken of all duti s, generally; and it is only as a great general truth that I ask you to accept and remember it, while I take up the particular aspect of it which the Bishop has put before us, viz., that there is no duty which so directly begets duty and the love of duty as the support of Missions; and this because, if there is no better way to promote our religious life than the realization of our religious position and privileges, there can be no better way to do this than to begin by trying to realise, if indeed we call, the state of those who are without it, — 'without Christ, strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope,—in this world of pain and mystery, of sin and death, 'without God' to bless and enlighten either it or them.

I have sometimes thought that it must have strengthened the faith of the early Christian converts, when once sot at liberty by the when once set at liberty by the truth, to have before their eyes the degraded condition of their still heathen neighbors, however it may have tried the steadiness of others, not yet fully built up in the faith. God forbid that we should wish to run the lisk of such a trial for ourselves or others, or cease to thank God that we are not exposed to it; but this thankfulness for ourselves will be increased by the realization of the horrible condition of those now still in heathenism, which the

reports of Missionaries and others will in some measure bring home to the mind of those among us who read and think seriously over them and pledge their interest to them by their active support,

I said just now 'realise it if we can'—for I am sure we cannot realize it in all its depth. We must remember that, just as in the Bible the 'abominations' of idolatry are not openly and definitely described, so the general and reserved statements in Missionary reports of the deplorably degraded state of the heathen, even when most suggestive do not and cannot enable us to realise, even with the help of much imagination, all the depth of the misery, moral and mental, and I believe I may say physical, in which they live out their dark lives, and from which by the truth and grace we have been preserved

And this is true not only of the savage races, but of civilised unbebelievers like the followers of the False Prophet, and civilised heathen like the Hindoos.

But take only the savages, as we call them, the wholly untaught not perhaps morally the worst as regards responsibility,--and let us try to imagine for ourselves the intolerable state of dread, for in-stance, in which they are kept by their conception (if they have any at all) of the Supreme Being as an evil Spirit, cruel implacable, jealous, spiteful,—or by their belief in the secret but ever active power for vengeance or caprice, of the de-parted spirits of their fathers, and by their abject credulity and sub jection to the machinations of witch craft. It is hard to imagine. I have sometimes wished that we could obtain some really true notion of the mind, the thoughts, the conceptions of an unenlightened savage The lack of a common language and a common standard of comparison must always make it impossible even to Missionaries living among them to quite enter their minds and understand what the savage really feels about himself, about life and death, and such things, especially those of them whose enjoyment of natural life is limited by weakness, or captivity, or drudgery, - the women, the children, the aged and worn out and cast off —the weakly, the despised for their weakness,-what their inner life of thought is. It would help us to know what the light of life in Christ means to us.

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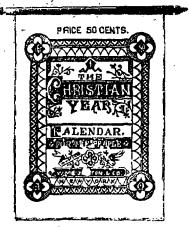
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