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Opholds the Doctrines and Rabrics of the Praver Book.
"Grame be with mil them that love oar Lori Jenas Ohrint in nincerlty."-Ephe Fi. 94.
"Eariently contend for the faith which vas onco dedivered unto the natmin."-Jade $k$.

| volet mi. | MONTREAL. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1890 | Sprisine |
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## EgClesiastical hotes.

Canon Abgles has offered a marble floor for the choir of the Cathedral. Peterborongh, Eng.. to the Restoration Committee.

Tene tract, "The Church and Her Ways," is getting a world wide fame. The one handred and tenth thousand has just boon printed.

The Bishops of Edinburgh and Glargow, Scotland, bave just become patrone of the Charch 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 distinet ly religious lines.

The Bishop Suffragen 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 ber huebard, painted by Mr Charles Furse, son of Canon Farse, of Westminster. The gifts wero accompanied by a beartifal album, con raining an illuminatod address and the names of the subsoribers
At Trinity Charoh, Eastbourne, Eingland, recently, a young woman, whowas a cardidate for Confirmation, made a public renunciation of the doctrines of the Church of Rome. After the leseon, the vicar, Rev. W. Batharst, MA., proceeded to the Commanion Table, and having made some preliminary remarks, read a Form of Recantation, which the convert repeated aloud aftor him. Prayer was then offered up, and the service was resumed.

Unbsu the instruction of the Bishop, the Sunduy sohools of Iowa, U.S., are to be organ;zed as a "Miscionary Host"" Any eohool may become a "Cohort" of the Host with a "Commandant." Eroh Cohort is to bo divided into "Bunds" of ten under a "Captain." A badge is to be given to each member and a bunder will be presented to the Cohort which ahall make the largest offering in proportion to membershsp during any jear.

The Ube of Odr Churohes -The question is sometimes raised as to the use of our churches for the funeral services of members of orders secectice, military organizationa, e!c. It should not admil of a question, that no order, society, or the like, bas any right to occupy our honses of worship which are set apart by consecration solely for religions uses according to our own forms. These societies and associations have no more control over the Charch ol the aervices to be conduoted in the Church, than the olorgyman or vestry can control the balls and lodge rooms of these samo soc olies, or the observances held in the same. The clergyman is the sole arbiter respecting the tervices held in the church bailding ander bis ohsarge, aud ho is responsible not to the pablic, the newspaper prese, or even to the vestry for his decisions in this matter, bat to the Canons of the Charch and the ecolesiostical anthority.The Iowa Ohurchman.

What a Vegtry Camaot Do.-It must not
he forgotten that it in not in the power of a vestry "to enonmber or alionsto any conse crated charch or chapel without the previnas consent of the Bishop. soting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committeo" This is not the arbitrary decision of the Bisbop, bat the express provision of the Canons of the genoral Charch. Any action in contravention to this Canon is, so far as the vestry is concerned, ultra vires; and anp such morleage or deed of aale wonld be held invalid by the oivil courts -The Iowa Churchman.

The Blahop degignate of Dekham -Canon Westcott's appointment his evoked wide spread expressions of satisfaction, evon more perhapa oulside the Anglican Cburch tban witbin ics pale He bas written a letter to the diocnae earncesty asking for the prayers of thore with whom in futare he in to be intimately connooted, adding - " My wholo strength lios in the trast that the prapers of friends of the whole diocese will be with me. I come in simplest obedience, offering the litlle which I have wilh ont reserve." It is anticipated that the Ember Collest, slightly varied to meet tho special caso. will be generally aped natil the now Bishop's consecration. Amidst all that has boen written apon the merits of the Bishop designato of Dar ham, it is curions, says the Yorkshire Post, that so lítile should have boon said as to his ors. torical powor. He bas never been a frequent apeaker on a platform, or pulpit drudgo avail able at almost overybody's book and call, pro vided that tho occarion was one of sufficient importance, bat as a mattor of fact there are fow more powerful spoakers that Dr . Weatcott, The Birhop designate has five sods in Holy Ordors, all of whom were ordained by Bishop, Lightfoot; three on nine disf-St. Thomas Dsy, 1864-Give yorrs bofore the death of the Bishop on the fame ferlival. One of the rons was offered tho Greok Proffership in tho Uni. versity of Durham on the doath of Canon Evans, bat declined it. It is an interosting coincidence (the Pall Mall Gazette observes) that one of the windowe in the Bishop's Chape! at Anchland Castio contains as striking portrait ol Canon Wostcott, arrayed in a gorgeous cope. It is said that whon tho lato Bishop was renovating the interior of tho cbapel he was asked by the artist of the now windows what kind of faces he preforrod for the bishops and monke, whereapon Dr. Lighlfoot banded bim a number of photograpbs, saying that "those wero the facos he liked bent to see around bim " Ar. cordingly the prosont archbishop of Canrerbary appears in a copo and mitre as the representative of one of bis carly predocossors, and on his right hand stands the newly appointed Bishop of Darham. Among the other faces in the picture are cloarly recognizabie the late Bishop of Manohester (Dr. Frazor), and the present Biehop of Winchester.

Lay Readsas.-The Canons of the Church limit the daration of a Lasy reader's lioense to one year. The hicerse of a Lay reader in a vacalt parish terminates when a clergyman onters upon duty in the same, either as rector or by the Bishop's appointment. It is not intended that a license shall be given or renewed
in any case without the written request of the
olorgyman in obarge No lopal layman will presamo to offliciato as a Lay reader without a liconse, which when properly asked for, can be bad by any oommonicaut poseassing the moral and intellectanal qualifications. This is the law oi the general Charoh.-The Iowa Churchman

## CONFIRMATION.

## Tey Infard Grade ou Gjft of Ged.

Q. Was there any cirametance in the Life of our Lord that may besaid $t$ have prefigured this Gift of the Holy Spirit, as lollowing sfter Buptism, as a distinct Gift, yet very olosely nnited with it?
A. Yes. When our Lord Himself was bap. lifed by John the Baptist Ho "wont up atraightway out of the water, and, 10 ," (while He was "praying;" St. Lake adds,) " the heavens were oponed unto Him, and he (John) frow the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting opon Him." S. Matt. iii 16.
Our Lord had been born by the operation of the Holy Ghost. He bad boow sanctified, in His buman nature, wholly by the aame Holy Ghost, oren from tho beginning; but, nevertheless, the Holy Ghost derconded upon Him now in a fuller mossure, anointing Him for the work of His lifo
So we aro "born anow of water and the Holy Ghost" in Baptiam: "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body," bat "we recoive aftorwarde, throagh Lafing on of Hunds, a renewal of the Holy Ghost, when God anoints an, and soals as, and gives as the oarnoat of our inheri-tario"-stablishing, strengthening, or confirming, us for the work of our life. We thereby receive cur Consecration to the Priosthood of the Laity. - Ye also...are built up of a spiritual housc, an нoly paisetnood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter ii 5

How do wo pray for this great Gift in our Coufirmation Oflico?
A. In a prayer "which in substance has been used in both the Hesiern and Western branches of the Church in Earope from time immemoriai." It is one of the oldest prayers in our Prayer Book. St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, fiftean handred years ago, refers to it It has been used in the Charoh of England for at least 1,200 years. By the universal nae of this prayer throughont all Branohes of the Charch in all ages, wo have a very olear teatimony to the universally received doctrine on the subject of Confirmation.
Q. Which is tho prayer?
A. It immediately precedes the Laying on of Hands-

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast vonchsafed to regenerate these thy Sorvants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given gnto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strencthen them, wo beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in thom thy manifold graoe; the spirit of wiedom and andorstanding; the spirit of connsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and
true godliness; and fill them, $O$ Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for 670 : Amen.

This is the Confirmation Prss or, but it is ton long to repeat over each person separitelv; it is used for all collectively first, and then athort form of benediction is prononnced ata tho Bithop) lays his hands upon the hosd of coch ome.
[This latter form, as osed in one Chareb. dates from only 155\%. It wot tho plate af
 the Cross and anointed the forehoal of the por son apon whom bo had laid his hatein, Jy, 5or eeremonials wero ver'pancient secoman:ments of the Rite of Cot firmatiom, peothaty

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"N., I sign theo with the bitm of tav cero.. and lay my hands upor the In im ane of tho Father, and of tho San, whe ato lit, Ghost. Amon."]
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gifte of grace?"
 in the propheeg of Isaiah :Lord (xi. 2 3). Alluxin, is ai Seven gifts of the spipll
Revolatione (iv 6), "therewere spen lim s.l fire burning be ore the throne wich are lie witen Spirits of God."
[It may bo neted rhat seven is the numbr alpaye used in Scripioro to restiy compotete ness.

## In our anthorizod version of tho thachatso

 of the prophooy of J Jaish " hisere recs. I? diatiotion in tho hat two yifte mentional ; b in tho Greek trandation whicio oni $\mathcal{L}$ : and preanhed from, whim, shes, the s: omployed, the rondaring is ramol, sal in presented in the Cuffimaion $P_{i}$ ajor is chit Sorvice, "]Q. What do theso soven gifin rimatily mean?
N.B.-It is woll for as th have a cofatu understanding on this point, at 0 ashathent then what to look for wroneh hic whentio: ing of the Holy Spirit. Vary turs at cis. want of powor in tho Chrmitan hive jatito i. indefiniteness as to what we tuay acels tor :rem God. Try, then, to thak of cath o thaco
 paration pray for each.
A. Those soven Manifestations ar Giftes of the Spirit havo onoh a disianti pury method of operation; hough somu tis ta...te ain very olosely alliod. Sima ar lusin riay bo

 and the Holy Spicit " divitutia towey an.an severally as Ho willa; " bui uley aro wh necina in some measure for overy moul.
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Two have apecial roferoned io the dicent:m and strengthening of the will ur conduct;
 tion of tho heart.
The threo what havo npeeial refecere mind, are Wisdum, Understatias: K. ledge.
The spirit of Wisdom is the hith which the Splrit besturs it ite enoe to thought, and is tho prict oy
 "God hath rocealod then wit" Spirt; for the Spirit sourchein an : 1 as the deed things of God" (1 Cor. ii, 10).
epeak wisdom among thom that are perfoct" (I Cor: ii. 6). "The price of wisdom is above rabiss" (Job xxviii, 18.)
The spirit of Uwlerst inding has epocial refor. ance to appreansion. It is the power by which ro apmrebond and intalligently assent to
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 ripine or meditates upon the resvelation of if of ofould if:a, offor up a prayer to the H jy Geret to mhligion onv minds: "O Lord. op?: Thou mine eyles that I may see the wondrous ihtigi of hy law." And wo must believe that du will guide no. At tho same timo, we must munter. in difisulvies, that God has ap indel His Courch ss "the pillar and ground of the truth," wat that its decisions, where curath havo bun aiven on tho interpretation a limy Souipturb, aro ns muoh God's voicá to and thet nituen Word

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in: fist of Counsel is that which guides as sight path whul wo aro in doabt two: :口, wo mudt to do." "Thou shalt guide Me rith Thy comsel" (E.s. IExiii. 2t). "O send on: fing liget ond ihy truth that they may lead

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'wat atirrue Gorliness is the gift of the chlu hece $t$-iho hovo or God as a futbor. "It $\because$ atheryot of wotima, and excitos praies,

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## DRECTIONA.

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 a, ixat selo wo; Sirength, that I may con We sisicatiy buchsbled to do what I porcoive to be
right ; Knowledge. that I may ever romember all the teaching of Thy Law, and may know myself as Thon hnowest mo; Godliness; that I may ever more and more love, and preise, and adore Thee as my Father, and may daily beaome more what Thy child shonld be; Holy Frear, that I may learn to hate sin, and be presorved by reverence and love for Thee from all wrong. doing; Grant this for the sako of Jeaus Christ oor Lord.

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

The Holy Spirit, once given, works is us through our will, mind, and affections. He cannot make as aot againat our will, or we ahould coase to he responnible crestares. He can only guide, admanish. urge, help. strengthen

We mast yield to His influence, seek His guidance, listen to-His loving voice, obediently do what He. through tho voice of conscience tells us to be right.
We " grieve," "quenoh," "do despite to" the Spirit (Eph iv. 30 ; 1 Thess. $\begin{gathered}\text { v. } 19 \text {; Heb. } x .29 \text { ) }\end{gathered}$ when wo turn awty from Hid loving counsels. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sesied anto the day of redemption."

Give yourself ap rather, entirely to His influence. and Ho will lesd you on irom grace to yrace, forming you moro and more after tho likeness of Christ, and perfecting all holiness in you, making gou fit for the Presence of goar God in hearea.

Our prager for those who come to be Confirmerl is-

- Daily increase in themi Thy manifold gifts of grace."
"Daily [may they] increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and moro until they come to Thy overlasting kingdom."
Mako this the prayer for jourself,
Rasolve to go on nearer and nearer to perroction.
Confirmation is not the ond, bat the begin. ning; of the real battle of life, for which, in it, God offers you all the "armonr" you need-
"My Grave is sufficient for thes."
"Fear not; for I am a ith thee." "For not; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redoomer."

Make your preparation for this Holy Rite, with-

1. Earuest faith in the promises of God;
2. Steadfast rosolation to live for Him;
3. Unflinohing courage. Hamble in fonreeif, be strong in Him,-Our Messenger, Qi'Appello.

## OHORAL SEVVIOES.

It is a correspondent of The Rock that spoaks 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 bold water for a moment. The Psalms of David were writion for masio. Many of them are of a deeply penitential character. Many are prayer, not praiee; so that fine aphorism would condemn Divid as much as any modorn musical service. If sayone oh uld eay, "Oh 1 bat the Temple aervice and Cbristian worship are vers difforent affairs," I would reply, surely the inspired Palmist would not have been allowod to oncuarage sertacous atad nospiritaal worship; and even if We admit that bis practioe is not a guide for us, the very hymns which peoplo sing withont a qualm of conscionce as to its boing wrong to gise masical expression to the most solemn thoughts, aro many of them eseentially prayers and not praise. The vers peop!o who grevely assort, lifting their eyes to beaven in pions horror, that it is profanity to sing the petitions in tho Litang, will sing-

> Rook of ages, oluft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee,
apparently unconsoious that ro more solemn prayer conld be preserted to the Throne of Grace. I can qui:e rympathize aith per pile whosay "To mea maresal fervice is a hind wasce, not a help, to tpititial a orsb p. fully feel that there is danger lost men should mistake the were emotion aroused by masic for true worehip; but there is like danger in listening to a popular preachor, or joining in the bymne at a Moody and Sarkey meeting. Spiritual worship is only possible for spiritual people. Bat no noe, I suppose, would afk all thoso whose hearts are as yet unchanged by the Spirit of God to keep away from public worthip.
Anoiber cackoo cry which I bavo board ro peated usque ad nauseam is this: that in a masical service you have a duet between parton aud olerk. It bas been my lot to preach in many churches. I bave been in Evangolical charches where almost every voice took palt in the masical responses. Personally I frestly enjoy a plain service. Where the poopla really responded, kroh a serviee is to me delightfal; but I can also enjog a marical service, and I am bound to say that I find small difference as to heart worship. When my heart is in tune, it matiers to me little whether the service is very piain or musical. I do object very strong. If lo a typo of service which shats the people's moulh; bat experience has shown me that what is called a plain musical service prumotes geveral respording more than a non manical service. There are pariches where a service will ittle masio is so be performed, becauge the people cannot join in uny other; bat co not le: us condem as sensuone and ouppiritas Eerrices which to many are certainly no hind raico to spiritual worship, und, abtive all, do not let as look avon those who bave euch ecjvices as unfaitbinl to Evangolical prit:ciples, zo long as they teach Evangelical truth and live boly lives.-I he Church Eclectic.

## CORRESPONDENGE.

STILL MORE STRONGLY.
To the Editor of the Church Guardian:
Sis,-1 feel constrained to appeal througb Sour columns atill more atrongly on behalf of my Indian Home, as there has thas far been litilo or do response to the appeal alleady made in the Charch papers and through the medium of the ' Charoh Magazive.'
We hare now 125 pupils in our Homes hore at Sault Ste. Marie and in Manitobs, and are expecting them daily to increase. Our aggre gute weekly cxponses arenow about 8300, evory mail I am looking anxiously for help and yot the belp does not come. At $t$ e beginning of the gear we were a thoueand dollars in debt, ard during the last three monthe our debt in stead of decressing has been gradually creaping up. My work mast I feel be either supported or elso suspended. The atrain is becoming too great. It seems to me that by too many, this work in which I am engaged is regarded more as the bobby of an individual than as a work meriting the general aympaiby and sapport of the Curistian Church. I am fully amare that there are numbers of other good work going on in the country, and that 1 bsve no right to expect more than a moderate share of the Cbnrch's liberality, Bat it comes simply to this that anless my work reocives more liberal support than it has been doing of late it $i$ im. possible for me to keep on If [ close my work it is yielding the field to the other Protestant denominations and to the Roman Catholics, 一 probably the latter. It is no use to try and economise fands by reducing the namber of our papils, as by doing that we lose the per capita grant from Government. Government grante cannot be need to liquidate debts, I have tried in every way to keep down expenses. Onr books will show how ofien in past years I have paid the cost of freight and of medioines and of
prizes and entertainments, and always my own travelling expences withont cefing on the fund ol the listi:ation
But thin cadnot alwayg g, in. Sooding c.in pris:ito purie will he emply an well as that of our Homer, and I sha! have to move with my family to some 0 . her sphore where my life work for the Indians will I hope be more appreciatêd and better snstained.
I am sorry to be compelled to write in this atrain. and would not for a moment have it thought that I am angratefal to those who have been helping us so kindly and so faithfully for many years past, and I cannot bat believe that A mighty rind, whoao work my work has been -dedicsted to Him, step by step, is even now preparing for us-in a way unkuown to myself, some solution to oar prosent difficulties, and so it will end as it has conded betore is praise and thavlegiving. Yours, \& \& ,
E. f. Wilmon.

Sbingwank Home, April 7 ch , .890 .

## TAE MISSION FUND ENVELOPE.

Sin, - Withont boing at all awarear to whom Wha given the task of drawing up tho printed mattor on the oatside of the Mission Fund Enveloper that are distribrted annatlly from the Spnod cfice in this Diocese (Montreal), let it not bo thooght hypercritical to call attention to the Scriptaral quotation given thereon, as not being as sup ssite as it might bo. With all the offertory texts that are fouod in the Prayer Book, lamiliar and printod, to pass these and many others of equal import, and to cuil from the Book of Proverbs fach a lext as: "Ha be cometh poor that doaleth writh a slack hand, bat the havid of the diligent maketh rich," a Cext that bas but an indirect boaring on giving, oven if it has that; a text that has not in itsolf any allasion to giving ; bat sololy to iudastry in ordinary life, is to say the losst, peculiar. Wishing to proach the required sermon for tho Miesion Fand on the day appointed I deomed at first that this text ought to have 'point' in it for the occasion; bat when I studied it and its context I conld not see that the matter of giving was in any form before the writer's mind and was therefore useless oxcopt as an illastra. tion and not a very direct one eithor. Let de bave something better next time.
W. R.B.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Molarate -The Lenten services in St Andrew's Church havo been well attended. Daring Holy Weok sorvices were hold ovary day, morning with prayers, and the evening with prayers and addressos. Tho Thastar Day sorvico was held in ibe evening. The charch was filled in every part ; the eervico was bright and the singugg veantifally rendered, especially the anthem "Why seok yo the living among the dead." Mre. Rosh kindly presided at the organ for the bymana and cunticles, and the Rev. Mr. Lloyd played the unthom. Too many thanke cannot be given to Mre. Dunkin, Mrs. Trite, Mrs. G, Hadley, snd to Mre. and Miss Lloyd, for the labor of love devoted, by each of the above ladies, for decorations.
The altar decorations wero very beantifal consisting of crose and vages. Suspended on the cross was a handsome wroath of white flowers, und the vasos filler with the same. Bobind and along tho busk of the altar was a very brilliant text (alleinlis), of gold letters on a white ground. This olareh will soon be reseated thronghoat as the order is now being executed,
On the same day services were hold in each of the orber two charohes in this parish viz, Oyster Ponds and Middlo Melford, both being woll filled. Opster Ponds oharoh is now in the hands of the carpenters, 暗eathing
throaghout, and preparing it for consearation, and wfll ba completed shortlo.
A site for the s:"w ebath mi M Idle Melford bas beril prraented to the purish by the "Terminal (ity C ," and the deed of gi't is now being prepared ; on the complotion ofithia, the work of building will bo at once proceeded with.
The annaai vestry meetings bave been held, when the following gantleman wore re-elected as charch wardons for the onsuing year, Mr. G. B. Hadley, and Mr. Frod. Reoves. Chapel wardons oleotod at Middle Melford, Mr. W. Magaire, and Mr. R. Stapor. Oyster Ponds, Mr. G. Hadlos, and Mr. Godirey Hadloy. Mesers. Henry Carr and J. Wyldo, ropresenta. tives to $S$, nod.
It is vory ploasing to note that all the oharohes in this parish aro woll attended, and well repaye the labors of th Rov. Mr. Lloyd, who, we are ploasod to say, is most indefa. tigable in his work throng hout the whole dis. trict.

Protov - The Lauton geabon and Easter are past, and not, I hope, noblessed with apiritual growih and gont to simes
During Lent the aftornoon servicos in St. Jamee Church wero vory well attended ; thero being forty four of the oongregation who at ono time or another were prenent, onmpared with eighteca last jear whon the services were bold tentatively in the reatory.
I pray that anothor year the privilogo of modiating upon Christ in his fasting and temptation may not be yioldod so completoly to the women.
The Wodneaday ovoning fervicos were woll attended by both mon and women, and the Holy Woek ovening servines also. Oa Good Friday ovening a lectaro was delivured on Jew ish Missions, and the day's offorings for tho fand were larger than on vilhor of the two provions years.
On Eastor Day, the oast window was banked with Kayter lilics and other filwors, the offor. ings of three of the lady members of the choir. The choir bad labored diligently to propare the propor Paslms, an anhem, and E astor hymms, and the singing was more than oxoollont. Tho congregations were largo both morning and evoning, and tho number of commniosuts greater than on any provious oceasion during the present incumbeney. Though to one who is anxious to do good work on Charch lines, there must neode be discouragements, yat there is also mach reason to thank God and take courage; to roalize that Ho is with as of a truth, and is holping honost endosvor in His service and for His honor and glory.

Liverpool.-The Easter servicos are over and Eastor terchinge toid, and wo within this parish have had a sharo of Euster joy. The soand of praipo and prayer asoended nobly to the King of king's from His, and He is satisfied. The sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood was nol a forgoten part within the sanotasry. At 8:30 on Easter Day, the number of commnnicants was 48, and at the 10:30 servies the number was 67; so the rioh and poor mot together to receive tho 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 Sanday school hone tho following Monday, F. W. Collins, and J. G. Pyke, were olected wardons; the former rector's and the latter poople's warden.
The finadces of the parish were in good condition, there being an inorease in colleotions over the past year. After all expenses were paid, a balanco was found to bo on hand, which was givon to the rector. The Rev. A. W. Haley, carate, had his balary increased. Dr. H. J. Farish and John G. Pyke, Eiqq., were chosen as delegates to attend the contennisl an-
niversary of King's Colloge, to bo held in Jane, 1890, st Windsor, N.S. The asme genclemen were appointed to attend the Synod. Hon. W. B. Fail, and F. G. Forbes, E: $q$, sabstitates to Synud.
So whyain begin another year and pray that prosperity may be within her palaces and peave within her borders.
Faimoutin.-Kiaster services were held' both in SL. George's and in St. Michael's at the Forks. Owing to the almost impasesble atate in which the roads were the attendance was mach amaller than uenal.
After morning service and celebration of Holy Commanion in St. George's, the incumbent, the Rev. Charics H. Fallerton, drove to Hanteport, where a very bright Easter service was held in Odd Fellows' Hall. The choir rendered masic appropriate for the day in their abasl efloient manner, Before another Eabtor day comes, wa hope to worship God in an House set apart for that escored objeot 'i he ontside of the new Church is nearly completed. The non tractor is only waiting for warmer westher to come, when be will fin, th the outeide work and after that proceed to that inside. The few ohuroh people here deserve great oredit for an dertaking to baild a place of worship in Hants. port, which being a hot bed of Baptists, has been one great obstade to progress in this work. It is to be hoped that before the Charch is com. pleted some generons hearted charchman in Canads and the Maritime provinoes will kindly give theee poor brethren of theirs a little help in the way of olearing off the debt that will be apon this the first churoh ever er eoted in Hents. port. Are there not a few more in Canada like Robt. Hamilton in Quebeo, who a year or more ago generously contribated lowarde such \& worthy objeot, though outside the diocese ho lives in.
Daring Lent, the inoumbent delivered a cous eo of loctares on 'The Book of Common Prayer,' whioh, (it is to be devoatly wished) may be the mesns not only of strengthening the love of his parishioners for that incomparable book, but uleo the means of binding them nearer to 'The one Catholio and Aposiolio Chaioh' into whioh they have by Holy Baptism been incorporated.

Rafton.-Ofing to the bad ruuds and the soattered natare of the parish the congregation on Easter morning was not quite as large as asasl. The commanioants being only twentr. four as againgt 33 last year. Daring the precoding weok it was feared that no flowers would be forthcoming, those at the Reotory persistently rofusing to bloom. However, through the care and bindness of a lady membert two genaraniame were sent, and placed one each side of the altar oross, thas giving the obarob a more Easter-lize appearance than wo had hoped for. The service was semi-choral and very bright.
Tho annual meeting on Monday was not largely attendod; but x as of a very satisfactory nature The wardens reported a sarplas of 881.47. The insarance apon the two charohes baving expired was ordered to be renewed, and a polioy of 81,000 taken upon the Reotory.
B. A. Smith and Joseph Moxon were re-eleoted wardens ; R. J. Wilson, of Halifax, and J. W. Bond, of Rawdon, wore eleoted representativos to Synod, and Michael Casoy and George Campbell appointed to represent the parish at the ooming contennial of King's College.

Hobton.-The services on Eraster day in the Horikh Churoh of St, John, Wolfville, were very kindly taken by the Rev. F. W. Vroom, M.A., Profebsor of Divinity in King's College, Windsor. Thes woro held at 8 and 11 a.m, and at 7 p.m, and were largely attended. Between the two oelebrations there were 59 commanicants.
The services in St. Jamef, Kentville, were
trken by the Rector, kindly sasisted by the Rev R. Averg, M A. They were beld at 8 and 11 am .3 and 7 pm , The rogular mor ing and evening fervices wore attonded by very large unigregations. At the two celebrations there were 124 commanicants ; making a total including two private celebrations in kaster week, of 195 commanicsnte at Eastor 1890 in the parish of Horton.
The financial statement of the wardens of St, John's Charoh, Wolfville, showed that the whole remsining debt of $\$ 400$ on the Charoh had been paid off daring the year from the ordinary revenne, and tbat a balance of $\$ 84$ was in bank to the oredit of the charch.
The financial statement of the wardens of St. James' Cburch, Kentville, sho ved that daring the year ending March, 1890, a sam of 8200 had been paid off on the mortgage on the Charob property; 100 of this was contribated by the Ladies' Guıld, the remainder was provided from the ordibary revenne of the charch. The warden's ststement showed that a balance of 8119 was in the bank to the oredit of St. James' Charoh.
The finances of the parish were considered in auch a satisfactory oondition, that the parishionors assembled from its eastern end at Wolfville on Raster Monday, and from its wostern end at Kentrille on Eastar Tuesday voted with entire ananimity and great cordiality an inorease of 8100 to the Rector's salary.
Daring the past year both oharohes in the parish hava been provided with three new stoles, according to the chief Sarum colonrs; those in Wolfville were paid for out of the funds of the Mite Society; those in Kontville were paid for by the generons offerings given for that epecial object The Ladies' Gaild in Kontville are aboat to cuabion St. James' Cbarch thronghout, the fands for this are now in band.
At the Parochisl meatinge on Esater Monday and Tuesday, the Reator submitted a statement of parochial statistics for the parish of H rton for tho year 1889, of which the following is a summary. Sundey serviees in the parish dar ing the year 192, weekly services ot, public oelebrations of the Holy Commanion 47, private colebrations 14, baptisms I4, inclading 12 adalts ; oharehings 8 , marriagos 8 , barislo 6. Pursons confirmed, malea 13, females 15, Jad. 1, 1889, Commanicants 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, Wolfville, and 202 to $\mathrm{Sb}_{\text {, }}$ James', Kentville.

## ULOCBSH OF QUEBEC.

Nif Iriland Miseion.-Oa Kaster Sanday Rev. Mr. Hewton preached his farewell sermon in this Mission, huving accepted a coll from the Parish of Lachino. Daring his discoarso to an unusually large congregation, many shed tears in token of their lovo and esteom for their Pstotor.
On Easter Monday the annoal Yestry meet ings were held. Aftor the usaal business was transacted at Trinity Charch, Rov. Mr. Hew. ton was presented with a parse containing $\$ 35$, accompanied with the following addross:To the Rev. R. Hewton:
We the andersigned oharchwardens and members tuke this occasion to express onr deep regret, that, through the state of Mra. How Lon's health, and the cxireme taz on your own health, also in carrying on tho work of this ex. tensive mission, fou have considered it neces. sary to socept an appointment whore you will not have so far to travel. We fally appreciate the good work goo have carried on for the past six years among as: expacially in holding an extra service at Black Lake ; your laborsin the completion of Christ Church, the great im provement in Tridity Charob and paraonage, your constant attention and assiatance in the oharoh choirs, your diligenoe in training the young people for confirmation, your firm stand
on the temperance question and your earnost and ab'e exposition of the Soriptares. We beg you to acoept the aconmpsnying parse as a token of affeotion and a slight compensation for your outlay on the parsonage and other brildings. That the change may be conduoive to Mrs. Hewton's and your own heslth, and that you may be long spared to coarry on the good work, and be ivistrumental in bringing many souls to Christ, is the prayer of your faithfal parishioners.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montryal - Trinity Church -The Ror. Er. nest King, sesistant minister of Trinity Charoh, has been presented with a bandsome silk om. broidered stole and a very flattering address by the members of his Bible clises.
Ohrist Church Oathedral.-The Rector, Rev. Dr. Norton, presided and there was a good attendance of parishionsrs. The church wardens report showed a very satiefaotory condition of sffairs, $\$ 1000$ of the debt on the Gathedral property faving been paid off daring the jear, all carreat expenses met and a balance remaining on hand. Mesers. C. E. Cotson and N. Godard were resppointed wardens, sad Messrs. Robert Erans and A. D. Nicolls delegates to Synod. It was also decided to incresse the sal. ary paid to the Rev. G. A. Smith, B.A., assistant minister.

St. George's Ohurch-Tbe Very Rev. the Doan, Reolor, presided and there was a large attendance of the congregation. Objection was taken by several members, to a circalar whioh had been issaed by one member of the vestry, urging atteindance, as it was expooted th.t the question of ohorsl or masioal servioe might bo brought ap. The oharch wardens' scocount showed total receipts for the year 81 N .801 of which $\$ 8142$ were from pow reats. The special collection for Diooesaa Misaion Fund amounted to $\$ 3185$. Mesors. Mills and Lightbound were ananimonsly re elected oharoh wardena, and Messra. A. F. Gault and Riohard White delegates to Synod.
St. James the Apostle.-Rev. Canon Eillegood presiding. The churoh wardens' report showed receipts of 88.581 and all expenses mat besides a payment of $\$ 2,000$ on acconant of the Rectory debt. Mesars. John S. Hall and J. S. Gaalt were chosen as wardens, and Mesers. J W. Marling and E. P. Hannalord delegatos to Synod. Mr. K. Judge reported that oonsiderable progress had been made towards forming a le ew mission in the west end of the parish. The Reator also read Dr. Davidson's report to Lim of the Mission wort at Cote St. Paul, showing serviees regalarly held throaghoat the year, morning and evening on Sandays, and on many of the prinoipal Festivals, and overy Thuraday daring Lent, and also on Wednesday and Friday in Holy Week. The artendance at the eervices had been if anything largor than during previous years, and the mission work was progressing eatisfactorily. Special referenco was made of Dr. Davidion to the valuable assistance rendered by J. W. Marling, Esqu., who had attended and helped in the services nearly every Sanday morning daring the jear, besides maniteating deep interest in the work in other ways, for exa ople by gifts of books, contribnuons for special objeote, \&c. On Easter he presented Dr. Dapidson with foar exquisitely bound oopies of the latest edition of hymus Ancient and Modern.
St. John the Evaargelist.-Rev. Edmand Wood, M.A., Reotor, presided. The oharoh warden's statement showed receipte daring the year of $\$ 5,691$ and expenditare or 85,351 . Mr. A. K. G. Heward was unanimously chosen people's warden; the Rector postponed the appointment of his antil the adjoarned meeting. Uulegates to Synod, Mesers. D. R. MoCord and W. Satherland Taplor.

St. Martin's:-Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Ree.
tor, prosided. The statement submitted by wardens showed receipts of $\$ 9083$, and expenditare of $\$ 8438$ Mesers. S. Bethane, Q,C., and R. Wilson Smith, were chosen as wardons, and Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., and J. P. Clegand Morn delegates to Synod. The vestry dis. cuesed at length the question of free seats, whioh has lately been brought before the congregation, as reported in a previous issue of congregation, and and confirmed the rcheme.
Trinity.-The Rev. Canon Mills, B.D., Reotor. Receipts tor the year, 86515 ; exper., diture, 86,999 . The amonnt contribated to the Mission find resched the large san of $\$ 530$ Messrs. Bone and Chas. Garth were appointed oharch wardens, and the latter and Mr. A. Baile, delegates to Synod.
St. Stephen's.-Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Reotor, At the Elaster meeting Messrs. C. Ei. Cooke and W. A. Scott were appointed ohareh mardens, and Mesers. McCallongh and J. Tough delegates to Synod. The $r$ port of the oharoh 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 harmonions meeting. Mesers. Redforn and Forgrave were appointed oharch wardens, and Messrs. J. H. Madge and Redfern delegates to Synod. A discansion took place in regard to free seats in connection with the proposed extension of the church, bat action was deferred until the 2lat inst., when it is expeoted the arohitects plans of the proposed new ohancel 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 eatisfactory oondition of finances, every pew let and necessity for increasing ac comodation.
St. Thomas'-Rev, R, Lindeay, $M, \mathbf{A}$, Raral Desn, Reotor. Here, too, there was a good at. tendance, and the report of the charch warderis was vory satistactory, Mesers. Spicer and Kaieer wers appointed wardens, and Messes. Waltor Drake and Robert Flack delegates to Bynod.
Grace Ohurch-Rev. John Kerr, B.D., Rector. The condition of affairs as shown by the ohuroh warden's report was so satisfactory as to enable the vestry to vote a bonua to the Rector of 8200 , for the past year. Exzoeedingly 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 charoh enterprise. The retiring charch ward. ons Mesers. H Powell and Holt were re eleoted and Messre. Wm. MoWood and Geo, Ontram re. docted delegates.
L'Eglise de Redempteur. - Rev. D. Lariviere, B.A., Rector, This is the only charch maintained in Montreal in connection with the french work of the Charoh of England, There is aleo in connection with it a sehool ander the management of the Inoumbent. The report at the Easter meeting shows an increase in mem. berehip and charoh attendance, and a balanoe in hand of 862 after payment of all expenses. Mesers. D. Lepage and F. Grepellee were ohoenn wardens, and Messrs. E. Picard and E, Beardry delegates to Symod.
Core St. Ántoinm,-St. Matthias:-Riov. J. P. Newnham, M. A., Rector. The wardens of this church sabmitted a highly satisfactory ac. count showing good work done during the
 Knowles were appointed church wardens, and
Col. Sweeny and Capt. Raynes, delegates to Col. Sweeny and Capt. Raynes, delegates to
Synod. syood.
Hoonmlaga,-St. Mary's.-Rev. J. Fsdgeoombe, Rector. The financial statements submitted at the Faster meeting were satisfactory, and Mesers, Chippendale and Bramley were elected wardens for the ensuing jear,

Mansinville.-The Lionten season was fittingly olosed here by the due observance of Holy Weak. There prere se! vices every even ing and on all the mornings save Monday and Satordsy, For a conntry congregation the at. tendance wos verp fair. On two of the ovenings the Hov . Mr, Jones, Reotor of St, Mark's, Vt. gave addresses, and very excellent ones too, the sermon boing a very moving one. There was quite a good congregation gaihercd that night, The Good Friday gatherings Were nomewhat better than the year bofore. When it is understood that the day is not ob servel as a holiday as it is in our oities (although s atatutory one), bat business goes on as usnal, and that to many it is contempluously ignored, this is a hopefal sign, On Eister eve the service was at $4 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$. and was usherod in with a prolonged bell ringing. At this sor. vice two adalts received Holy Baptism, and a sermon preached from the text "Baried with Christ in Baptism, \&o." The oongregation on this occasion was very good and ohiefly com. posed of young mon and women, The Easter Sanday morning service was very good in every poinl, save decorations, of these there was an abscence, Bat the Altar was duly vested in white and on the gradine were the usual vases filled with dried flowers, while the masio and sermon was good, and the attendance, for this place, unasually large.

St, Paul's -The annasl Easter Monday meeting was held in St, Panl's Church, unavoidably this year. Appointment had been made for the adjoining premises, but for unfore seen oanses, the church had to be rosorted to. The uanal rontine basiness was gone through. The roport of the obarch wardens showed rather a lacmentable defioienoy in the sums raised for the ministor's stipend and Mission fund, Both however are yet incomplete. The charoh warden, Mr, Lynoh, strove to arge on the members present to increase their oon. tribuntions, and would set the example, bat his words found no response. The offleers for this year are: wardena, W. Lynoh, Alison Barry, re-elected; sidesmen re elected, J, P. Heath, Asa Airger ; Lay delegatos to Synod, W, Lynch and A. A, Mooney. The meering we duly closed with Benediction.
Alleyar - On Good Friday we had in Al. logn Charch, Holy Trinity, an abridged form of the Three Hoars service, with addresses on the Seven Last Words. There as a good congregation and the offertory was devoted to Missions to the Jows.
On Easter Sunday was the funeral, at Holy Trinity, Alleyne, of Miss Katie Heoney, socond daughter of Mr. Lake Heeney, ohurchwarden, who paesed peacefully to her rest on the even. ing of Tharsday in Holy Week.
The Easter Commanion was celebratod on Sanday, the 13th April.
On Easter Monday the annual vestry meeting of S:. Peter's, Cuwood, was held, when Mossrs. George Tanner and James Pack were appointed wardens for the ensaing year, and Meesrs. A. M. Gibbs and P. W. St. George were reelected delegates to Synod.
On Easter Taesday the annual vestry meeting of Holy Trinity, Alleyne, took place, when Mesers. Lake Eifeney and Goorge Curruthers were appointed wardens for the ensuing year, and Dr. L. H. Davidaon, 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 matorisl for the completion of the parsonage is bought and paid for, and efforts are to be made to complete it
this summer. this sum mer.
The sddresses on Good Friday delivered by the hard working incumbent, the Rev. J. Senior, the adoption of the Three Hours' service ; and addresses delivered ceemed to be very much appreciated. This is the second year of its ase here, and the results here and in other places, where this service has been held,
should bean encouragement to others of the olorgy of the Diocese to commence its ase.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

Orrawa.--St. John the Evangelist-Clergy : Rev H. Pollard, Reotor; Rev. A. W. Maokay, oarate. The daily Lenten sorvisas were wollattended. At 5 pm . Was read Day's 'Pilgimage of the Flde- Saints.' On Friday evenings a special I nten sorvice, with sormon by different clergy of oity and neighborhood. Daring Holy week three sorvices daily, with sermons in the evening. On Holy Tharsdey the Bishop of Ontario held the annasal Confirmation. There were 31 osndidates, I4 males and 17 females.

On Exstor Day Holy Commanion at 7 a. m., 105 commnnioants; 8 a.m, 112 ; st 11 a.m 140 -total 357. Offortory 117. The oongregations were vory large; in the morning extra chairs were bringht in. The singing throughont was oxoellent all day and vory joyous. Children's service at 3 p.m
At the Waster Vestry moeting the a,000unta were most satisfactory; the balanoe in hand $\$ 300$; with $\$ 400$ more dao. Daring the fear hot water apparatus was pat in at a cost of $\$ 1,400$ The new Sanday sohool and Reatory will be prooeeded with immediately.
Kingston.-All Saints'-A special bervico during Lent and partioularly thoso of Good Friday and Master were well atte ded. On the "Great Death Day" the interior presented a sombre aspeot, the altar, faldatool and palpit baving their black vestings each relieved by a white latin cross of appropriate size. As usual on this day Holy Communion was not colebrated ; the Ante commanion being followed by the singing of the "Reproances"-an impres. sive and beantifal sorvioe whon rightly understood - by the sarpliced choir. At 12 noon the "Three Hours Agony" was commemorated, the service ending, of courso at 3 p . m. The Reotor, the Ven. Archdoaen Daykin, held his hearers spellbound by his eoven sermonettes upon the "Soven Sayings from tho Cross." Oie oarried away tho impreasion of having boon an aotual witness of the groat sacrifico. The Bibster services formod a vivid contrast. According to the castom of this parisb tho altar was bril. liant with lights and flowors and vested in white. The late celebration was ohoral, the service oommencing by the surpliced ohoir, precoded by Cross bearer, and followed by olergy in full vestments, making the oironit of the obaroh singin: "Hail, Nestal Day." The rausic in this churoh is ontirely Gregorian, the Introit and "O Salntaris" being impressively anng The number of commanioants at early colebra:ions on Monday, Tharsday and Etater Sunday was unprecedeonted, and the offertories were in proportion.
The annual vestry meating on Riaster Monday was most harmonious. The Ven. Aroh. deacon Daykin, the Rector, reoited the opening prayors and the churohwardens presented their reports showing total receipts of $\$ 1100$ and expenditare $\$ 1160$, with a debt of $\$ 2300 \mathrm{on}$ the now oapacious edifice. The Rector reappointed Capt. Wurtele, as his warden, and the vostry electad Mr. H. A. Harvey as people's warden in room of Mr. Waterbary who retires. Thanks were voted to Kov. A. Sponcer for his acceptable services while tho incambency was temporarily vacant; to the retiring warden, tho sacriatan, and to Ald. Creegan for servicos rondered. The latior was ananimonsily reeleoted lay delegate. Throagh the generosity of Mesers. Harvey and Creeggan the oharob is DOW roseated with saitable ohairs throughont and all sittings are free and unsppropriatod.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Colbonnx..- Trintiy Ohurch.-Holy week, with its duly solomn commemorativo services having pussed, a large congregation ascembled on Easter morn, whose hearty participation in
divine worship. Ehowed tbat they wero delight ed to praise their risen Lord.
That the oboir sad done their ntmost in oarefal preparation for this higa and Holy day. was sbundantly evidenoed by their rendition of the bymns, chants and antherss: With the latter. "Why peek ye the living among the dead ?" being beantifally rendered.
The pretity coontry charch, with its now interior, basrs covidence of tbe tarte and energy of the late warden, (Walter Ridout, E:q..) who has recontly buen romoved by deaih, was beautifally decorated with flowers, 6 weet embleme of the resarrcotion to life.

A commanion table was used for the first time, which ban been profented, as a Thank. offering for the reatoration to health of the son and caughter of the Reotor, aftor a long term of gricrous illness.
Fifty forr persons partook of the Hosvenly Feast, among whom wero several who bad not before avsiled themsolves of this grosiest privilege: and thas to many here was Eistor joy complate.
The Easter day offortory amounted to $\$ 97$. This from a small and struggling congrogation, epeaks of something deeper and trner than mere lip service. To God be all the praise.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

Mount Foasbt.-The apocial week of eervices prior to Easter wero wall sttended at St. Paul's. Mr. Tytler, the son of an Indian ofllaer, at present residing in Harriston, vory kindly ocoupied the pulpit on Palm Sunday and alro one night doring the week following be read the services and preached moat acceptably. Mr. Herbert E Browers, M. A.. at present located at Grand Valleg, preached on Monday and Treesday ovenings Ho banuled bis subjocto in a scholarly manner and gives every promise of being an able preacher. The obureh is to be oongratulated apon baving such aspiranta for Holy orders.
The Raster servicos at St Parl's Churob were woll attended aud were bright and bearty On the retable wore, as unaal, on this the Queen of Festivals, beantifal brquets of cut flowere, tastofully arranged. The potted plants groupod aboat the pulpit. leotern and font, with the white fontals and cheorful Easter' hymnsall made the fact more putent, that each eoill war worehipping a risen Cbrint. The cbildren's servico in tho afternoon was 4 great saccese.
The annaal rentiy mecting was bold at the roctory on Tuesday evening, when eversihing pased off harmonioutly. Tho churchwaidons presentid their financial atatoment and although not as good as the provions year was vory oreditablo. Total recoipts for the fear were \$1414.75; and the total dirbursements were 81217.46 ; balance on baxd, 8197.29 .

All the rotiricg offliers of the congregation wore te olented, and after a learty vote of thanks to all the officers of the Churoh, tho Rector, Ludien' Aid, Orguuist and Choir, the meeting adjuurned until Thareday, the 17 th inst., to receive the Auditor's Report.

## Hamliton Vebtay $^{\text {metinge. }}$

All Saints'-The roceipts to the prezont timo are $\$ 3014.31$, and the expordituro $\$ 2898.03$ The now Sunday iobool fund is rapidy incress ing, about $\$ 890$ having been subecribed. A apecial commilleo in regard to a Cbapel of Ease in the west end of the paiith, reported that it bad bnught a site on tho north western oornor of Tom and Sophis stroets, with one har.died feet frontsge on the farmorstreat
Plans and rpeuifications had been adopied, and subscriptions iccoived for the ereotion of the building amounting to $\$ 3250$. The charch will be 64 leot long by 40 feet broad, so arrang. od us to allow of extonsion. The fabrio itself will oust $\$ 2250$; pews and perwanent faruitare $\$ 600$; site $\$ 400$, making a total of $\$ 4250 \mathrm{us}$ tha
eatimated oost. Of this $\$ 2000$ has Foon already sabsorribed.
The wardens elected were Messrs. S.F. Robs and Thomas E. Leather.
St. Mathews'.-The reports presented at tho annual Vestry moeting abowed a healthy state of affuirs. There was only a defioit of $\$ 300$, and no outatanding claims. The choir nambera fifty voices and the singing is always bright and good. In the three years of itd existense. there have bean 152 members confirmed; 200 baptized ; and with S.S. there are 280 children, and- 23 teachera, all commanicants. The of ficord electad were, Mossrs. Thos. Irvin and Jis. Burt, charohwardens; John Sand, Lay Delegate.
Öhrist Church Oathedral.-The Rector, Rov. E. L. Bland presided at the Vestry meating. Mesers. Robert Qainn and G.H. Ball were ap pointed charohwardens, and Dr. Ridley was eleoted Lay Delegate to the Synod.
St. Lukes'.-The finanoes in this charoh were reperted in satisfactory oondition, and the officers elected, are, Mr. Geo. Hewfon, Rector's warden, and Mr. Worcall, Delegate to Synod.
St. Johns'-This parish held its first Vestry mesting on the evening of the 2 nd, inst., in the Mission Honse, on Herkimor street, ReV. C. L Brine presiding. The wardensappointed wore, Mobers. Maitland Nowman, and F. L. Whattery, and those elected to Sy nod, were, Messrs. L. A. Staddart, Richard Joso, and F. L. Whitlery for three jears, two years, and one year renpectively.

Church of the Ascension.-The annaal Euster Vostry meeting was held on the eveni.g of he 7 ib, imst, the Rev. Et. P. Crawfind, Reoter presiding. The ohncolhwarden' ropors showed total receipta for the year 12,831.96. and ex ponditare $\$ 14,826.17$.
The Rector nominated Mr . Henry Y . Lareu, as bis oharchwarden, and Mr. Archdale Wilfon wнs ananimously chosen people's wardon for the ensoing yeur.
Fotes of thsukg were tendered to the choir, and tho organist, Mrs. Wyies, and also to the anditors.
At the clection of delegates to Synod, some little a musemerit was created by tho demand lhat ladies should vote; bnt finaily it was ruled that ladies loald not vote for Lay Dolegates. M: Gaviller was eleoted as Lay Dologate to the Synod.
St. Thomas'.-Rev. Canon Carran presided at the Veatry meeting. From the charoh wardens' account it appeared that when all oat standing pew rents were puid there woald be a sarplus of about $\$ 100$. The offertory averaged aboat $\$ 36$ per Sunday. There is a standing liability of about $\$[, 600$ for iniprovements to the interior of the ohnroh, and a special committeo Fas uppointed to anggest meass of raising funds to pay off suob indsbtedness. The Rector named as his churchwarden, Mr. K. Fuller, and Mr. K. K. Morgan was nuanimous Iy reeleoted as people's warden. This is his 21st, jear in cffice.
Mr. W. F. Barton was elected Lay Delegate to Synod.
St. Marks'.-Tho Rector, Canon Satherland, presided at the Vestry meeting in thi oburch and from the statistice farnibied of the work done in the yeur, it appeared that there were 145 celebrstions of Holy Communion; 160 ad droeses delivened, 7 marriages, 25 baptismas, 1057 visits puid, and 92 meetings of gailds and societics. The exponditare for the 5 ear had been $\$ 1649.34$, sud the receipts $\$ 1657.78$. From the report of tho building committee, it appoared that more seating capacity was needed and that the proposed addition to aeoure this will cost about $\$ 1600$. This wonld give double the present seating capacity; and powor was given to tho building committeo to commence the work at once.
Mr. Jobn Eailie was nsmed poople's warden,
and Mr. K. Martin was oleoted Delegate to Synod.

## DIOCESE OF HORON.

LIONDJN.-A most interesting service was held in St. James' Charoh, London Sonth, on Rustor Sunday at 3 p.m, when the 7th Battalion of volunteors assembled, and a special sermon sas preached by Rev. Canon Davis. The 7th Fasileors presented a fine appearance and were in fall force, next, olean and fresh; the fine busbies adding maoh to thoir general attraotiveness. The church was well filled, and after the sarvice a most praotical and logi: cal sermon, with mach earnestness, was deliv. cred from Eph. vi, 10 Il. The oharoh was handsomely decorated with beantiful flowers. The people of London àre justly proad of their brave and logal Battalion.
All Saints' Chapel-Hastor Day was celo brsted very besatifally iu this charoh. In the afternoon a nervioe was conduoted by Rev, Canon Richardsion, more espeoially for the Sanday sohol children The exeroiser opened by the ainging of ' Onward Christian Soldiers,' daring whioh the children to the number of some 125 passod ap the aisle, and esoh mado an offering of finwers. laying them upon a table provided. The offect was verf pleasing, and a great mase of flowers was reseived. A fasture of the fustival wes the presentation of a basket of magnificont 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 ocgasion, was on The Open Sepulobre in the Garden.' The bailding was completely filled by a large congregation, many standing in the siiflec. The flowers were presented to the city hospita!.

## London E. stir Matingas

St. Pauls Cathedral.-The Rev. Demn Innes presided at the vestry meating of this oharch, whioh was well attended. Messrs, R. W. Burker, R. Bagly and Edward Panll were elected de' ogatea to Synod, snd Messre, W, J. Reid and J. S. Pearce charch wardens, The ohuroh ward ens' reports of Easter, \&e., were after a lengtby disoassion adopted.
One hundred dollars mas granted to the $S$. School. The oid St. Panl's Cemetery seconatwer olosed and eurplases transferred to the Woodland Cemetery for permanent care. The following resolation was passed in regard to E. Baynes Reed, Erq., who has always taken an active interest not alone in oharoh matters in this oity and in the Diocesa, bat also has boen a valued number of the Provinoial Synod of Cansda. This vestry heving heard that Mr.E. B. Rsed purposes lenving the city $i 1 a$ fow weeks, desires to express ite sense of the value of tho sorvieos he has rendered to the Cathedral congregation for many years past as representative to the Diccosan Spnod and in other capsoities. Our wish and prayer is that the blessing of God may rest apon him and his fomily 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 pere passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Memorial Church. -The Rev. Canon Richard son presided, and it appeared from the oharchwardena' roport that the total roceipts for the year hud been $\$ 4.096 .77$, of which $\$ 3,268$ wore received from the offertory; 8677 were paid to the Synod of Ha on, and a contribation to For. eign and Dumestic Miesions amounting to 8105.88. The mortgage account showed that the entire dobt on the ohurch property had been reduced to $\$ 3.600$.

Mesers. J, B, Betts and W. C. L. Gill wero elected sharohwardens. The thanks of the vestry were tendered to Company 'D for eervices on Clíristmas and Elaster day, and to Mr. L. S. Wright, Sanday Sohool Saperintendent;
the Woman's Aid Association, and the choir for effective servioer. Massrs, $\overline{\mathrm{V}}$, Cronyn, F, H Luscombe and E. F.'Hanson were elected dele gates to Synod.
St. James'.-The Rev. Canon Davis presided at the veatry meeting at which there was a good attendance, The statements sabmitted shows receipts from all-sources 84795.79 leaving a balance in hand of $\$ 176,83$.
The wardens of the parish annesed to the statement amounting to $\$ 2,07951$, and $a$ liabil ity of $\$ 415$. The oharchwardens reported that during the year they had some difficalty in providing saitable pews for many applicarte, and that the question of enlarging the church would need to be taken intu consideration. The charchwardens appointed were Messers. John Bextty and Geerge White; delegates to Synod Mescre, J. Moore and G, D. Sutherland.
St Mathew's. -The auditor's report showed the total amount reeeived $\$ 848.30$, with an expenditare of 8839.29 ; of the receipts $\$ 100$ oame from the Girls' Aid, and $\$ 72.55$ from tho Women's Aid Society. It is considered that tho Charch has nover been in such a good fioan cial condition, The wardens chosen were Moesre. Thomas Clark and Minhi.iok; and the delegates to Synod, Messte, Chadwick, Cootse and Ozley, The aslary of the incaubent, Rav, Mr', Seaborn, was increased $\$ 150$, on his giving ap Immanael Cbarch.
St, George's,-Rev, D. B. Sage, B, D, in the chair ; delegates to Synod, Messrs Fiizgerald and S. Gibson; chorohwardens, Messrs. H. A. Kingemill and J. H Lings.
St, John the Evangelist, $\rightarrow$ Rer, F. W. Hill, Rector, Messre, Imlaoh and Henry Macilin were eleoted delegates; and Messre. Congblio and Collette, charchwardene, The Rector read reports from the Parish Guild; the Mothor's Miesion; Auxiliary Mipsionary Association; Ladies' Aid and S, S., all of which were favour. ably roceived and ordered to be priated ; $\$ 300$ wore sppropriated to the Sunday School.
Power was given to the Charchpardens to parchase land to the east of the churuh as oo casion offered. After the asaal votes of thanks the meeting closed.
Christ Church.-Rev. Canon Smith, Rector. The ebarohwardens' report was recoived and considered highly satisfactory; the Rector's stutement showed all the purochisl organiza tions in good working order, The wardont chosen were Messrs. A. McCormick and F. R $\mathfrak{b}$ inson; and delegates to Synod, Messry. W. Robinson and F. Robinson.

Woodgrook.-St. Paul's -The sunasl Eanter vestry meeting was held on Monday, the Rav. J. C. Farthing, Rector, presiding. The financial statement was most eatisfactory. The total income for local parposes was $\$ 2.59909$, which after paying current exponses, anables the wardens to pay $\$ 400$ on the debt. This is the first amount yet paid on the debt from the of foringe of the people. On motion of Mr. James Caufield, secouded by Mr. D. H. Charles, sill sests in the oharch were declared free. This mution was carried by a majority of ten.
Beeides this it was decided to call ss meeting of the eongregation to disurss what steps shon ld be taken to erect a Mirsion chapel in the wes ond. About 8500 have already been promised. The vestry was ananimons in considering the chapel a necessity there.
Mr. J. J. Hall and Captain Higgins wore appointed wardens, and Mesers. W. Grey, F.C. Martin and D. K Charles, lay representatives.

St. Maby's.-Oar highly eateomed and faith ful pastor was called to his reston Good Friday. Rev. T. Magahy, so recontly placed in oharge of this parish, and who had alresdy made him self beloved by his people," preached and at tended to some official datios only a few days before death removed him. He had been suf fering from inflammation of the bowels, and
got up ont of bed to attend the services. This was too mach for his strergth, and tronlio ecd anxiety soon eet in. He nas bricid at Luman, (a former parish of his) on Bister Mordsy The Bishop and several of the clorgy warn is attendanco Servico wa hold in tho Chere here, and the Bisbop preacherit a most west sermon. Tben the Bistir.p ans mary or the
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yard.
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## docese of rupldris land.

Tinnerea - Inly Wrek was kopt by special wiw in the vity churches. At Christ Charoh, R.v.Es W. Ponireath. Sir John Stainers' Abitulatu on the Crmifizon' was sang on 4, tar wat Wednerday ovenings by the fall hair ci cuan inty acieen, conducted by Mr. A. J. Thewweil. M. A charmater. Mr. F. Hod. her, mennet ei S: Jubn's Csibodral, took the wh teror part. The chnoch was orowded by a mas reracnt erneregation. who wore deoply intaress i with the rendaring of thia most bean al mamenitim. On Good Friday there were Monaw Payer at 3 am ; tho throe Hoars Shem from 12 'to 3, and Evolisong at 7:30.
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OALENDAR FOR APRIL.

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" 7th-Mondsy in Faster weok.
" 8th-Taesday in Easter wook.
" 13ch-Ist Sunday after Easter.
11 20th-2nd Sanday in Eastor. (Notice of Su. Mark.
(1)25th-St. Mark's Day. (N. \& M.

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## WORDS FOR TRUTH.

By the Late Ref. R. F. Littlidala, L.L. D., D.C.L.
"Thm Old Rbliaion."- [Continued. 7
Artiole VI.-"I confers that under either kind alone, a whole and entire Christ and a true Saorament is roceived."
This artiole is intended to uphold the usage of lay communion in one kind only. Bnt communion in one kind is denounced as "saoriligious" by Pope Leo the Groat (440-461) and Pope Gelabing I. (492-496), the latter stating the reason why it is so is, that it is a "division of the mystery." It was forbidden, buve in cases of necensity, by Pope Uiban 1I. in the Conncil of Clermont in 1055 ; and again by Pope Parohal II, in 1116, save in the case of infants and very infirm old people, who osn. not swallow bread, and may therofore be com monicated with the ohalice only. And the first ruling the other way was at the Council of Constance, on June 16, 1415, when the Council had deposed the reigning Pope or Pepes, and had not eleoted another. Thie, consequently,
is a very late innopation upon alucient doctrine and practico.
drticie VII.-"I constantly hold that there is a Pargatory, and that the souls therein do. tuined are assisted by the prayers of the faith fil."

Pias IV, who drew ap this oreed, mentions in his Bull' againet the Groeks that they "rejeot Porgatory;" and they did so, in fact, at the Conncil of Fiorence in 1437, as anknown to Oriontal theulogy. And Cardiaal Fisher, in his book againet Lather (A. D. 1535), says: "S.nce it was an lato bofore Pargutory was ad. mitted into the Universal Charoh, who can be surprised that at the earlier period of the Churoh no mention was made of indalgences?" Accordingly, this article also wny new.
Article VIII -" In like manner I hold that the raints reigning with God are to be venerated and invoked, and that they offor prayers for us, and that tieir relics aro to be vener ated."
There is not quite such overwhelming evidonce againat this clause as against those cited previonsly, for there is some reeming warrant of invocation of the saints found in Fathers of the fourth and fifth centuries; even this, how ever, boing far too late to rank as part of the primitivo Christian belief and practice. But when there carliest examples are teuted, they prove to be sermons on the anniversaries of Sainter Dajs and the like, in whioh merely a sort of poetioal call is made apon the exint oommemoratsd to anite in the worship being offered by the Church, exactly analogous to the mention of Ananias, Azarias and Miezel in the Benedicite, which no sane person supposes to be addressed as a prayer to them. And invo. cstions of the modern kiud, asking the saints to coufer favors, are not to be ound till the ninth centory. This article consequently, is no part of the anciont faith of the Catholic Chnroh.

Artiole 1X -"I most firmly atsert 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 dae $h_{1}$, nor and veneration ars to be rendered to them."
The oultus of images was first liconsed by the psendo General Sacond Conncil of Nice (a packed and fettered assembly) in 787, and was promptly repadiated and condemared by the Western Church in the Council of Erankfort in 794 ; while the so called "Caroline Books," a theological indictment sgainst image wornhip, druwa ap at the instance of the Emperor Cbarl magne, are atill extant to tostify to the opposition this novelty mel at with the outset.

Article X.-"I most firmly assert that the power of Indalgences has been left in the Cburch of Christ, and that thoir use by the Cbristian people is of the most salatary character."

There is no traee whatever of Indaigences, arve as mitigations of oanonioal penaltiey imposed by haman coulosiastical law, disoover. able till the year 1084, when Pope Gregory VII., offered remission of sins to all who would take ap arms against the Emperor Henry IV., with whom he was then at fead. (And cee abuve, under Artiole VII) This 18, therefore, a new dootrine.
Article XI.-"I acknowledge the Holy Cathoho and Apostolio Roman Charch to bo the mother and mirtress of all ohurches."
This article is one which has to be tested by facts as woll as by dates. As it is cortain that the Gospel was first preached from Jernasiom, it is to Jorabalem only that the title of "Mother of all Cburches" cen historically or theologivaily apply. Rome itsolf was evangolized from Jorusalum, first by the "strungers of Rome," who repurted Sl. Peter's Pontecoatal sermon there, and after by St. Paul, who first organizet tho Roman Charch. And Rome was not a missionary centre for a very long timo. It is just possible that North Africa was ovangelized thence, bat after that Anglo-Suxon

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

None of the many hundred oharohes founded in the East or Weat ap to that date. were the result of Roman misnions, or: conld have sappoaed for an instant that they were so ; and it is thas impossible that a belief of the Roman Chorch boing their "mother" could have made any part of their crecd or tradition. As to us being the " Mistress of all Charches," though many strenuous efforts wore made to establish sach mapremacy, Fet the Fastern Charches never cccepied it at all; and several of the Western Charches-and notably the Charoh of Fhgland-resisted it in prinoiple and in detail. Consequently this claim lacks the mark of ancient consent, and is to be classed smongst innovations.
Artiole XII.-"I vow and awear a true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, the saccessor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apoetles, and Vioar of Jesus Christ."

- Here it will be onough to say that the Church of North Africa, in 419. and again in 414, onaoted oanons repadiating the Papal claim to interfere in the concerns of the African oharoh sad excommanicating, sll African ecolesiastice who shoald 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. Augastine took part in both these rejections of Papal authority. And the Weatorn Charoh deposed Popes several times, on the gronad of the superior sathority of the colleotive Charoh 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 historioally or theologically anciont or true, such an act would have been the ontting off $\mathrm{i}^{+\mathrm{s}}$ own head on the part of the body, and thas its own self-murder and annibil. ation.

It will be seen from this chronologicsl survey that while several of the twelve artioles of the speciall Roman Creed may be called old in comparison with the tenets of various modern ecte, 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 seets in this important partioular: that she has not oast away any of the ancient artioles of Christian belief, however she may have uverlaid and obsonred them, fet the passion for religious novelties is just as soute amongst Roman Catholios as amongst the most innovating of the seots. The only difference is one of procedars. In Protestantism the inventor of a novel opinion or practice atarta a new seet for its propagation and maintenance; in the Roman Charch it is not necessary to secede for saoh a purpose, since it oan be of feoted by starting a new cult, supported by a gaild or confraternity of some kind, and certain to attain formal recognition in course of time, if it can first ancceed anoffloially in winning a suflojent measure of popalarity. That is how the cult of the Sacred Heart, for exsmple, oamo in. And it was freely alleged, during the inception and course of the Vatioan Council, by some of the ablest Roman Catholic oritice, that one of the most powerfal motives which influenced the advocates of Papal Infallibility was that it would provide machinery whereby, without the long delays of previous inquiry and connciliar procedure, a perennial flow of fresh theological definitions and new articles of bolief coald be supplied for the jaded appetites of deputees, craving for some ever-new fashion in religion.
It is thas olear that not one of the twelve additional artioles of the special Romen Creed can be traced back to primitive or oven to very early times. What that means is this; that the only "old religion" to bد Iound in the Roman Church is that part of its balief and practice whioh agrees with the standsrds of the Charch of England. What is peonliar to itself, and what makes by far the largest portion of its practical working system, is most mediseval,
and sometimes not only modern, bat extremely and sometimes not only modern, bat extremely ception of the Bleased Virgin, which dates as a dogma from 1854, and that of Papal Infalli bility, which was first enacted in 1870, having been repadiated ap to the very last by eminent Roman Catholio theologians.
Wherever, then, the " old religion" may be fond pare and nomized with modern additions, it is not in the modern Churoh of Rome.The Church Critic.

## EASTER JOY.

The Haster joy is its own interpreter to every hesrt. It is something nadefinable and unfpeakable. If Easter meant no more than Christ's Resurreotion, that wero a churl:sh soul that could not say,
"Welcome, thon Victor, from the strife," that could not spare time to "come see the place where the Lord lay."
The crowded charohes on Easter morning at. test men's sympathy with Christ in His Viotory. The epio of His Passion stirs mon's soals, 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 I Yes, and more. The man who rose from His grave on the first Haster was more than a Saviour. If Christ had ended His work, "for as men and for our aalvation," on Good Friday, our Creed must bave stopped at the artiole, "Cracified, dead and buried." There would have been an Atonement and a Saviour und the shedding of blood for the remission of sins. Bot what then ? Shall men bepardoned, only; aaved, only? Shall they not be made worth eaving? The energy that burat the bars of desth is the secret of men's sympathy with Easter. Men would fain barst the bars of their sins, and cest off the winding-sheet and grave. olothes of their evil habits, and rise, with Christ, to newness of life,
There is such un aspiration in every man, and Euster evoies it as the bell in the oharoh tower makes the harp in the distant parlor re spond in its note Mast that be all that Risater shall do for men this year? When the Son of Man came forth from His grave, it was for sill men too. He oame to be the Resurrection and the Life to souls dead in $t$ : espasses and sins; to be the Energy of righteonsness in all men; the Source of a new li e; the Fountain of a new will; the re Creator of new men; the Motive and the Strength of all that pait their trust in Him.s. His Resurrection means regeneration. It depends now apon men themselves whether they shall be worth saving. The grace of Resirrection and Regeneration is come into the world, by the Resarrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "He is risen, rise W0 too."

## Thy First Fiabtar,

The holy women who first approached the sapulchre after the Sabbath wBi passed came without that faith which now thrills all Christian hearts throughont the world. They oamo as mourners for the Dead. They brought not gifts wherewith to worship Him, bat spices for the anointing of His Body. They did not dream of the great viutory that had been wrought in the darkness and rest of the closing Sabbath of the old world.
Thas mourned the two travellers to Efmmans, "We trusted that it had been He which would bave redeemed Larael." Bat, alas / "this is the third day" since the ralers oracified Him.
Christians of this age, rejoicing as they do in the light of a faith which has booome olesr and bniversal, can hardly imagine the difference between this Fisater and the first. Then the
followers of Jesus were soattered. Some were hiding for fear, and others had given up all hope. Of the Apostles there was probably bat one-St John-who was ready to receive the news of the Reanareotion. There is good evidence for believing that bis faith lived on anbroken through all the tragedy of the Cross, and that it remained strong amid the swfal silence and lonelinoss that followed the barial of Jesus.

He who never denied or deserted his Master, likewise never doubted Him. When both he and St. Peter came to the sepulohre he " saw and believed," while as fet his companion "only wondered." And from that oren tpmb those two disciples went apay again to their own home, ono of them trusting, knowing the trath, the other still waiting to be convinced. At firsi, and for awhile, therefore, St. John was the only representative of a faith whioh has since overepread the world and asnotified countlear homer, and made the life whioh now is "worth living," becarase we know that it leads on to thet whioh is andying and eternal, and in this dew crestion, of whioh the risen Christ is tho Author, St. John stands above St. Peter. He leads in the gospel of the Resurrection.

## The Pi wer of Elagtar.

When the chief priests and Pharisees arrested Jesus in the midst of His own ohosen friends, the melancholy rocord reads that those friends all forsook Him and fled. None bat the traitor Judas met the glanoe of His mild, reproving ege The bold Peter followed Him afar off, bat denied Him thrice. In all the night of saf. fering during His trial and condemnation He heard no friendly voioe and saw no pitying oye. John, the beloved disciple, who leaned apon His breast, tne youngest and fairest of the band, with the virgin mother and the two Marys, alone had conrage to witness His death, "faithfol among the faithless found," "last at the oross and earliest at the tomb." In the inter. pal between Good Friday and Faster the dis. oiples were like ahsep withont a shepherd, tronbled, perplexed, dismayed. Their faith had perished, their energies were paralyzed. "We trusted that this had been He who would have redeemed Ierael" was the langagge of broken hopes. Fiven the women who wore early at the sepalchre oame only to embrlm 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 bettled down apon their hearts, and nothing but the Easter ann could disperse the gathered gloom. That san arise:, and they seem no longer the same men. Hope once more revives, yea, oreates their courage. Thair faith is not vain, their preachinge will not be prin. The timid band of fishermen are now the bold ohampions of the Crosa, and are ready to lead a forlorn hope in defence of the Gospel of a risen Christ. They reproanh the rulers for their ornelty, and reprove the people for their ain. Jewish bste, whose terrible results they have just witnessed, no longer has any terrors for them. They rebake governors, they vennare apon the wrath of sings. They count not their lives dear, but regard all things as lons ior Christ's aske ; they enffer, they die. The Fiastor sun in ita rising aesured them that the Son of Mary was also the Son of God It was the confirmation of their hopes, and the seal that gave efficary to the testament of ealvation. Yea, death itwelf 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 were now resdy for their misgion, which was, though they were peasants and fishermen, to confonnd the wise and to conquer the mighty; to reason with the world of righteousness, of temperance, and of a judgment to come; to excite in the wicked a wholesome fear; to speak pardon and peace to the penitent. In the very pardon and peace to the penitent. In whe wers and pasion
they proolaimed the life of Ciariat, and told His murderers how vainly they had imbraod their hands in innocont blood; He was rison and had appeared unto Simon. They wore arrested, examined, scourged, and imprisoned. Their lives were soaght, bat ibeg persisted in their faith. They filled the prisons with melody, and died with anthems and songs of joy upon thair tonguos, becanse life and immortality were brought to light. His doath had exoited their fears, snd now His Resurrection more than confirmed their hopes. It was the keystone that completed the Christian aroh. "It was a stapendous mirsole, a prophecy falfilled, a type perfected, a substance springing from the ahadow. It made faith a demonatration, it ohanged hoje to fraition aud joy. Bp sach and so great a miraole had the Father showod that He had sent the Son. It whe, if we may say so, the antograph credentials of His divine mission. Had He bat died, donbt would still have remained of His person and His power. He might have been thought but the Son of man. When He rose from the doad He came forth the Son of God, and gave the world assurance of the R-sarrection of the desd. Eiastor, then, may well bo regarded as a high day, and we may well say with David, this is the day Which the Lord hath made, we will rojoice and be glad in it. For though tho Euster san shall set and the Flaster flowers shall fado, the Biaster of earth is no less a type of the graat Easter of paradize. -The Churchman.

## FOOTPRINTS OF FACT.

by bet. R. W. LOWhis,
One fact is worth a thousand theories, Only by the test of facts can the soundness of any bypothesis be determined. Time was when it was held by soientists that, at doop sea lovele, there could be no life. The fact, on further inquiry, upset the theory. Time was when it was thought that the earth's strate were successively deposited; bat the faots, ander the light of sabmarine telegraphy, show that aimaltaneous deposit is possible.

Bat it is of religious, not of soientifio faots, 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 Rearrrection, we have the attested living fact of our Lord's rising from the dead. The opponent of the dootrine of the Resurrection mast face and answer that fact, as the very first step of his argament against that Artiole of the Christian Frith.

In the year 251 a Counoil of 66 Bishops met. The Conncil disoussed the quostion, "Shall we baptize infants on the eighth day, and on this day only; or, is some other just as good 8" Behold the sterling metal of a living fact 1

And so, the Primitive modo of Churoh government. Is Episcopacy be a historiofact; if, at the year one handred, it is foand universally prevalent; if, ap to three hundred years ago, it oontinued to provail univarsally-it is like the footprint whioh Robinson Orusoe found apon the sand. Episcopacy left its footprints on the sand of the early centaries, many and deep.
To point to these footprints, is at once the simplest and most unanswerable argnment in favor of the Chureh's adherence to three Orders of her Ministry.
Mark how the Charch values the facts of her history. She has no theory of the body's resurrection. 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 tongae of rash and anwise specalation, is that of St. Panl-"Thou Fooll" Bat ahe does oare for the fact of a rosurrection. Her Frasters emphasize the fact. If men had not
seen the rieen Lord, a fuct, and recorded what thay faw, another faot, and bad they not been men well known for probity, a farther fact, and made the record one of pablio notoriaty-a still further fant, and banded it down as public property, common to all, free to be challonged and courting inveatigation-a fant liko its predecessors; why, it woald have been hard to accept auch a contradiction of every know experionco of mankind.

And so, of all the facts of the Saviour's life and of His Chunch's earlier days. Su long as we can build our faith on the foundation of living fact, our hoase is bailt on tha rock; and the wind may come and the rain descend, and it shall not fall.

Let him who derides the use of a litargy boware lest he blaspheme; for the fuct to tbat his Lord und Master, when on carth, worship ped in the synagogne and tomple, each of which had ite form of prager and of praise, Lel him who reluse tho "warbing of Regeneration" to the brow of hie littie one, beware lest be defruad it of its birthright; for there stands the earliest Coancil after Apostolic days; and the question dubated, wes (not whelher infants should bo baptized, but) at. What stage of their injuncy they might bo broaght to the Font.

Chrisu died, roee and ascended, for mon. On thif, wo buld the most comfortable doctrine of the Alcrement. Ho cumo, lived, suffered, died, rose, akcezded; linles in a burning chain of facts. Ingersoll and Paino and Voltaire, and all the "Thomaros" of all the uger mast face theso facts, before they can move by so muoh as a lise, the Ductrines and the hopes that are buscd thercon. Wash out these footprints on the sunds of timo, not all the waves of all the oceane of infidelity over can; praise je the Loud I-Minnesota Missionary and Ohurch Record.

## famLI DEPARTMENT

## FAIR EASTER-MORN.

Fuir Fustor-morn! Fair Fabter-ruorn! By faith we ace thy earliest dawn Nuw breaking through the mists of night To flood Judes's hills with light, EAnd reatior beams o'er lald and sea, Whero'er a child of God may be.
Fuir Elaster-morn! Fair Easter-morn! Agein Wo hear the angel throng
:. Whoso Hallelojab's ront the air-

- Exaltant, ringing, loud aud olearFilling tho courts of hoaven above With songs of Christ's redeeming love.
F: : Fair Faxter mora ! Fuir Elaster-morn 1 Through many apules thoa hase gone, And yet the day grows brighter stillI'ho light of trulh more hearts doth fill; And reanonant from clime to clime "Triumphant sings our Easter ohimo.
©. Fair Easter-morn! Fair Easter morn!
ou. Wo too would sing our matin song For blessings rich since lifo began, And Gcd's most porfect gift to man. Our hearte are fol of love and praise 1 Un this the Church's "day ot days"
-Mrs. D. P. Cotton in Minn. Record.


## TRUEAS STEEL.

luticu:

1.."Comol be off with you now, you young trampa! Haven't I eaid over and over again that I'll bavo none of the ' rag.tag and bob tail' banging around theso doors? As loug as I'm hero l'il keep the place reepectable."

So epuke, in angry, qrerulcus tones, the cross old verger of a littlo wayside ohapel, on whose whito steps were resting wearily two ragged boya.
Very weary they looked, and very woebegone,
but these angry words caused them to start op harriedly, und the younger one. a pale, deliuate boy, to oling timidly oloser to bis bigger brother, who, flasbing angrily, was abnut to retort, when a band was lait on the old verger's arm and a voiee from behind said, 'Geutly, gently, Robert. I oan't say I quite agree with those sentiments.'
'Beg pardon, sir,' asid the old man, etaring perceptibly, sud turning to see the gentle white baired minister, 'I thooght 500 was gone, sir : no offence meant, sir, I'm sare.'
'And I aqy again, Robert,' naid the minister, gently tapping his arm to onforco bis words, "that I don't agree with your sentimenta a bit. Now I do want to nee the 'rag tag and bob tail,' as you call them, hanging ronnd these dcors, and what's more, Rubert, I'd like to see them inside the deors, and I'd lise to eco them with tears atreaming down tbeir cbeeks, as I told them of One who krew all abont ibeir sorrows and trials, their huoger and misury; One who left His radiant home, Robe t, that He might dwoll among thom, and suix with them, and eat with them-a Friend, a laving Friend, Robert, who bore thoir siokness and carried their sorrows. ah, Robert I never forget bow the Lord loved the poor, and how He died for them as muoh as the rich. Nover mind keep ing the chapel respectable, let thom all in 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, sud the words sounded veiy like a prajer.
In a few misutes be had gone on his wey. The doors were that und tie litile chapel was left to silence.
"Come on, Willie," anid the elder of the two bose, lifting a baskel of withered flowers fri $m$ the gronnd, "wo mast bo gettiog an; its kegining to grow darts, 'rag-lag' and bab-lail' inceed l" he mattered batweon his teeth, as he walked along, horrying his weary little brother after him; "we're as respectablo as that old dooi-keeper, aud a good bit moreso, I dare say."
"I'm afraid we are 1 ather ragged, Bobby," said little Willie, looking at their poor worn garmente.
"Fell we does the best we can, and we pays our way," eaid Bubbs rather prondly, "and that's more'n some folks oan say as dresses a deal better ; and we wouldn't be ragged neither if mother was alive, Willie, I can tell you; ahe'd kcep us tidy. But what's poor litule chaps like us to do without a mother?" And the words ended with something liko a sob.
"Oh, Bobby, tell me about mother I' ssid little Willie, oreeping oloser to his brother, and looking wittfally into his face. "I'm so tired, and it sort $o^{\prime}$ rests me."
"It makes me think of mother," Willio, said Bobby, "when I look at you, you are so like hor; her eyca were big and blue like yours, and her hair eheeny and golden, bat her cheeks
were rosy betore she was took ill, not white were rosy betore she was took ill, not white and thin like yours," and the strong roagh looking boy looked renderly down at his del cate little brother.
' We wer'nt poor little ragged boys then, were we, Bobby f'
'No, that we wasn't; we'd a protly litile home, and plenty to eat, and mother was as happy as the day, except when the wind blew strong.'

## 'And why wasn'1 she happy thon ?'

- Because father was always at sea, and mothor was afraid for him.'
' I never saw father,' asid little Willie.
- No, ycu was born just after he had gone on his last voyuge, How proud mother was of yoa, to be sure;' went on Bobby; 'and fou was a pretty baby, too, sud when the news came to biy that father's ship would be home that very day, how mother dressed you up
smart to make yon look as haydsomo as whe
could for farber to seal'
'And didn't she make you look nice, too ?
' Oh, yes,' exià Bobby, carelessly, 'but I ras LIway a big ugly follow, not a bit like jón.'

Willie looked into the good naturel honest face, sarmonested by a shaok of red hair, and, if hado't esp so, he thought it the dearest lure in the world. 'Tell me some more, Robby,' he asid at last, as his brother relapsea into silence.
'Well,' said Bobby, roasing himself with a sigh, for his thoughts were Bad ongs, 'thit disy mothor mado the honse all spiok and span, and then potiong on our best things, she took as down to the dock to meat father. All the way sho kept making you say. 'Dada,' 女o as to narprise futher when he saw son. It was tha oniy word mother bad tanght for to aay. Jast as we came to the docks we saw a grest ahip com. irg in, and people asid it was the 'Mary Ann.' 'Look out for father, Bobby,' mother kept cers. ing out 'he's sure to be on deck awavity bis handkurehief at us; bat I can't soe anylhing, my eyes will get so foll."

And did you bae him?' eagerly wisud Willie.
'No; 'I can't see him, m. ther,' I kept ou a日ying, 'Nover mind, Bobby,' eaid mother, - just stand here by me, and fathor'll come soon.' Woll, wo waited and waited; all the men wero coming off, but still father didn't come. Jant then mother starte formard and catching iold of one of the mon's arms shesuid, 'Jem, Jom; you are my man's mate, why dousn't he orime?' The man seemed all tasen aback when he saw mother standing then, all bright and roig with hor baby in her a"mas. 'Why Mra. Cluy,' bofayn, 'is that you?' 'Of course jts me, says mother, laughing cut; 'sud bere's buby too, come to see his lathor isir the first time. Why is he so loug a'coming, Jum? Jom didn't epeas but looked abont in at belplese nort of a way. A lot of mon had githered round as by thia time, Willie, and Jem espy at last quite desperate like, 'Same a' you iellows tall hor. won't you, for I can't.' Mother didn't speak, only looked around in a wondoring sort o' way, for they were all looking at her so sorrowful like. Then a big, kind-faced sailor came to bor and eaid, Mra. Clay, hosays, we'vo got bad news for you, and ihen, Willio, he broke it gently to ber that fathor was dead. Mother nover screamed or oried, only abo seemed to wither op and grow whitor and whiler, jast liko that, said Bobby, lifting y pals drooping flower from the basket.
Poor mother, poor mother! ssid little Wislie, who was crying to himself.
Well, the man thought she was going to faint, pent on Bobby, and perbsps sho would have done, only jast then you called, Duda / Dadul and stroked her face with you litile hand; and she began to ory, and the man suid. Perhaps it will aspe the poor heart from breusing. Bat oh! Willio, it dida't, her heart was broken all the bame, and she died a few months after.
(To be Continued.)

## MANNERS AND HABITS.

Be respectfal to oldor poople; 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 oame in together; one with ospon, gave a careless nod to the gentleman sitting at the deak, and sat down, while waiting for the gentleman to address him. The other boy took off his ap, advanced in a respectiol manner and atood quietly on one side.
This may seem to yon of little imporiance, bat the gentleman did not think so; he turned to his clerk and said, That buy will not sait me; he need not wsit.

1 The other boy obtain ed the situa tion, and gained a happy, comfortablehome,
This is jast as applicable to girla as to boys. No one likes to have rude yoang people about them.
Be carefal never to pass in front of a person sitting or atanding, bat always behind.
When you are spoken to, or speas to any one, look at them and not on the floor or aboat the room.
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 anjost, go and tell the persou who has spoken to you, what you th nk is the trath in the matter-bat always in a kind gentle, and Jrespactifil manner.

## I WATCHED FOUR BOYS.

Last anmmor I sat in a yard and watched four little boys at thoir game of hop scotch. These noisy rollicking boys, fall of life and fan, were alive to their play.
Were they good and kind? I csy Exfery answer Yes. Shall I tell you why? Out from under a step Fhere I sat, and near the fold marked out for the game, oame a bright-eyed little tosd. There he is I 'There is No. 11 thop shonted. He was not afraid. Why chould he be? He was one of them.
They said he camo out every pight and many others beside. Suro 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 thom, and would let no one hart them. Would not you osll tbat kindness to dumb animals ? -0 ur Dumb Animals.

The Christian Inteligencer treata of The attractions of the Ministry. Yet there is another side:-
All men have thei troable. Very fow men escape injastioe, hardehip, disappointment and sorrow. Ministers are not exempt. They should not be. How oan they serve a race endaring hardness, if they know no hardahips? How can they connsel the perplexed, if they are rever in trying porplexity? How can they comtort the mis. represented and villified, if they know not what it is to heve their wordis and deeds impagned and to be sbabed? How can they direet and sastain the downoast, if they never have season to ory all thy waves add billows have gone over $m \theta$ ? Surely a minister in anoh a world as this, mast not be exempt irom the troabling of the wioked, or biiterness of soul. He cannot have a oharmed life. He must learn and know what sorrow and suffering the unrighteons inflict; mast share the common lot. And the ministry receive no more of hardship than the multitude of men oan endare.

What we eall time enough al. ways proves little enough,

## DO YOUR BEST.

There is a fable told about a king's garden, in which the trees and all the flowers bggan to make oomplaint. The oak was and becanse it did not bear flowers; tho rosebash was sad beesuse it did nol bear fruit; the pine was sad becanse it had to cling to the wall and conld cast no shadow. 'I am not the least use in the world,' said the oak. 'I might as woll dic, sin"e I yitld no froit,' alid the rose busb. 'What good oun I do,' said the vine.
Then the king saw a iittie panay, which held up its glad, tresiu fave, while all the rest was sad. And the king said! 'What maikes you so glad, when all the rest pine and are to sud ?' 'I thonghu,' taid the pansy, 'that you wautud me bese, becuase here you planted me, avd fo I made ap roy mind that I would try and be the beat litile pansy that conid be.
Let as all try to do our best in the little apot where God's hand bas placed us.

## SWEAR NÓT AT ALL.

I $l$ ia eaid that it is in Japan ono neldom or novor bears curbes or ostha, or angthing like that form of protanity.
A miasionary who tries to explain the teachings of the Scripinres against earsing and awearing has semetimes found it hard to make tio natives anderstand just what he mexns.
The Japsinese are not in the babit of commiting this sin, and the quastion they naturally ask 18 , Why should anyone want to be thus profano ?' Sure enongh! What is the use of it? The person who swears gets no good from it. The man at whom he swears is not hart by it. To esy the least it is absolutely uselese. Alsis I that any one in a Christian land should be guilty of the sin! Yet how many living close to Cbristian charches might learn a good learon in thie matter from the Japanese 1-Mis. sion Dayspring.

## TELL YOUR PASTOR.

Tell your pastor when his sorvices have been a blersing to you His worda may have convieted you of sin, warbed you of rome larking danger, guided jon in perplezity. oomforted you in surrow, elorated your grovelling desires, asd brongbt the very life of G.d to your soul. Whatever good his words may have conferred apon yoa, make it kacwn to jour pastor. The knowledge will comfort and encourage him. He bas many disconragements in his work. Amonk thase is the reticence of his people respecting their appreciation of hia services or of the blessing which, in whatever form may have come throogh his words to their souls. Pulpit Treasury.

A Baptist paper has the follow ing intimation over its obituary column: "No charge is made for incerting the death of godly per sons."

THE BIDDENDEN MAIDS.
One of the most carious of Eing. lish oharities is that of the Bidden der maids. These two unfortnnate women were born at Biddenden, is Kent, in the year 1800, joined to cach other at the hip and shoulders. Their names were Elizs and Mary Chulkburst, and they lived for 34 years. Then noe fell ill and died and the survivor was advised to be reparsted from hor dead sistor by disscelion, bat ahe refased, raying 'As we came together, we will aleo go together,' Within six hours she was takon sick and dicd also. By thoir will they bequeathed to the charchwarden at Biddenden a pieco of ground, which now brings in a rental of forty guineas. This is expended in the porohase of five hundred quartern loaves, and oheese in proportion, which are distrib. ated umong the poor of the parish, aud on Eupter Sanday one thousend small rolls, shaped like a grave stone, and bearing a bas-relief portrait of the infortanate maids, aro distributed to all who attend divine service.

## DIED.

Johnson - On Easter Monday mornlog at Gerirude, daughter of nev. G. Johnary Reclo' or All Bainte' Church, Durham and Allco E. B. Beely, bis wile. "Lost amblle, our treasured, love, Gulued for bver nafe above.
Maodonalin-At Pletoa, on Monday, the Ist March, Alexnnder Camerou, the 1nfunt child of charles D. and Bophife
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The first and indispensable step to the promotion of religion in our. selves ir, no doubt, to realise what Religion meane; what it is to us to have God for our God, and to hold the trath of God as it is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, by Whom Grace and Trath oame; to realise how ibat Truth has made ne free; how by that Grace we are what we are in Him. And so we aro now to inquire why it is that a closer contaot in thought and interest with Missions to the heathen is a means of thas realising our own andesery ed position as Chriatians

I am to assome that we ail aoknowledge the call to sapport Mis. sions as a duty. What I have to saggest is that this duty shoald bo, and why it can be, and will be, a help to other daties and a higher religious life.
It was well said by Cardinal Nowman (in ons of those thoughtfal sermons proashed long ago to a couptry corgregation when he was atill ministoring losally in the Charoh of Thngland) that 'Every aot of obedience has a tondency to atrengthen oar conviction of daty and its blessednese, Oar daties to God and man are not only daties, but they aro meaos of onlightoning our oyey and making our faith ap. prehendive, Every Bacrifioe makes us more zealous ; evory solfdenial makes ns more devoted.' This of course is spoken of all dati $\cdot s$, gonorally; and it is only as a great general truth that I adk you to acoept aud remember it, while I take up the partioular aspeot of it which the Bishop has pat before as, vie. , that thers is no duty which so direolly begets daty and the love of daty as the support of Missions; and ihis because, if thero is no better way to promote our religions life than the realization of our religious position and priviloges, there oan be no better way to do this than to begin by trying to realise, if indoed we call, the state of thoee who are without $i t_{1}$ - 'withoat Ohrist, etrangers fiom the covenant of promiso, having no hope,-in this world' of pain and mystery, of $\sin$ and death, 'without God' to blens and enlighten either it or them.
I have somotimes thought that it must have strengthoned the faith of the oarly Christian convorts, when onve sot ut liberty by the trath, to have before their ey es the dograded cordition of their still heathon noighbors, however it may have tried the steadiness of others not jet fully built up in the faith. God iorbid ibat wo abould wisk to ran the iikk of suol a trial for our. belves or others, or cease to thank God that we are not exposod to it; but this thankfulness for ourselves will be inoleased by the realization of the hurrible condition of those now still in hesthonism, whish the
reports of Missionaries and others will in some measure bring home to the mind of those among us who read and think serionsly over them and pledge their interest to them by their active anpport."
I asid just now 'realise it if we can'-for I am sare we cannot realize it in all its depth. We mnst remember that, jaet as in the Bible the 'abominations ' of idolatry are not openly and definitely desoribed, so the general and reserved atatementa in Missionary reports of the deplorably degraded state of the heathen, even when most suggestive, do not and oannot enable ns to cealise, even with the belp of much imagination, all the depth of the misery, moral and mental, and I believe I may eby physioal, in which they live ont their dark lives, and from whioh by the trath and grace we have been proserved
And this is true not only of the savage races, bat of civilised unbebelievers like the followers of the False Prophet, and oivilised heathen like the Hindoos.
But take only the savages, as we call them, the wholly untanghtnot porhaps morally the worst as regards responsibility,--and let us try to imagine for ourselves the intolerable state of dread, for instance, in which they are kept by their conoeption (if they have any at all) of the Supreme Being as an evil Spirit, oruol implasable, jeslous, spitefal,--or by their belief in the secret bat ever active power for vengeance or caprice, of the departed spirits of their fathers, and by their abject oredulity and sab jection to the machinations of witoh oraft. It is hard to imagide. have somelimes withod that we could obtain some really trae notion of the mind, the thoughts, the conceptions of an unenlightened savage The laok of a common langage and a common standard of oompar. ison must always make it impossible even to Miesionaries living among them to quite enter their minds and underatand what the wavage roally feels aboat himself, about life and death, and such thinge, eepecially those of them whose enjoyment of nataral life is limited by weakness, or oaptivity, or dradgery, - the women, the children, the aged and worn out and osst off -the weakly, the despised for their weaknesg,--what their inner life of thought is. It would help us to know what the light of life in Ohrist means to us.
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