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—Bishop W. C. Doane.

Blind Clergyman

The appointment of the Rev. Herbert J. R. Marston to the vicarage of Belgrave Church, Mayfair has drawn attention to the fact that there are more clergymen who, like Mr. Marston, have the misfortune to be totally blind, than the general public have any idea of. Mr. Marston himself has, since 1883, up to his recent appointment in London, been rector of a Gloucestershire village, and has been chaplain to the workhouse at Stow-on-the-Wold.

With his late parishioners this blind rector was universally popular, and he both "reads" and preaches without seeming in the least encumbered by his encumbent. Marston enjoys the reputation of being a preacher far above the average; and it is said that his sermons show deep thought and judgment, as well as being delivered in a style that many clergymen, more favored, might envy.

The Rev. N. F. McNeile, who is, the writer believes, a son of a former Dean of Ripon, is totally blind. Mr. McNeile is at present the Vicar of Brafferton, near Helterby, in Yorkshire. He was educated at the Blind School, Worcester, where he proved very successful, taking his M. A. degree at Dublin University, with third-class honours in both logic and ethics. Mr. McNeile is known throughout the north as an earnest, thoughtful preacher, and has often addressed large audiences in many parts of the great Yorkshire towns, where his services have been much appreciated.

Devonshire has a blind clergyman in the rectory of Morchard Bishop, Rev. T. B. Dowdeswell, B. A.

Mr. Dowdeswell, who is an Oxford man, by the by, distinguished

himself very highly at the University, excelling many of his more favored comrades. He took his degree in the History School, and came out in the "Honours" list.

One of the Worcester Blind Schools' most famous pupils was the present rector of Sedgeborough, Evesham, who at Durham University, carried off several scholarships and prizes. The Rev. F. T. Marsh took his B. A. degree after keeping his terms at the Northern University, in the course of which he not only won the Theological Scholarship, but also was successful in coming out first for the further prize of "Theological Exhibitioner." Mr. Marsh's parishioners think very highly of him, both as a preacher and a clergyman, and he is extremely popular in the district round Evesham.

Chatham claims a blind vicar in the person of the Rev. W. H. Robins, who holds the living of Gillingham. Mr. Robins is a graduate of Dublin, where after taking his B. A. degree, he proceeded to the highest degree of M. A.

Well known too, in the neighbourhood of Southern Essex is the blind rector of Pelden, Colchester, the Rev. D. L. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, like most blind clergymen, went through the course of study at the Worcester Blind College, and then proceeded to the University. In his case he chose Oxford, and after the usual course of lectures and examinations there he came out with a good B. A. degree, which he has now developed

into M. A.

Altogether there are nearly a dozen clergymen up and down the country who are quite, or nearly quite, blind.

—Selected.

The Message of the Tombstone

A beautiful little story was told not long ago by a young missionary, who is just leaving the country, as to how he was influenced to become a missionary.

When a child he used constantly to walk through a certain churchyard, and one of the gravesones, which he passed close by, erected to the memory of a little boy eight years of age, bore the following strange inscription:

"Mother, when I grow to be a man I should like to be a missionary. But if I should die when I am still a little boy, will you put it on my tomb, so that someone passing by may read it and go instead of me?"

Through reading this inscription so often there grew up in his mind this thought:

"I must go in the place of that little boy." And so he has been trained for the work, and will soon commence it. It was only a little boy's wish that influenced him and led him to become a missionary. Now, if a wish can do so much what may not a word and deed do?

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The Heavens in October.

Those who begin their acquaintance with the constellations in the month of October are quite likely to become enthusiastic star gazers. It is in this month that the splendid group called "The Royal Family," including Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Perseus, and Cepheus, becomes conspicuous. Nearly overhead at about 10 P. M. on October 1, will be seen the great square of Pegasus, about 15 degrees on a side. The star at the northeastern corner of this square belongs in reality to the constellation Andromeda. It is nearly of the second magnitude, and, with two other stars of equal brightness, forms a line extending toward the northeast from Andromeda's head to her feet. North of the middle star in this line are two fainter stars, constituting the girdle of the imaginary chained figure. Not far from the uppermost of these fainter stars, the naked eye, on a clear night, detects a hazy speck. It is the Great Nebula of Andromeda, and its central condensation can be glimpsed with an opera glass.

North of Andromeda the eye is caught by a zigzag row of stars resembling the letter "W;" these mark the constellation Cassiopeia. The western part of the "W" forms, it will be observed, a more perfect triangle than the other part. Beginning at this end, the stars are named, in their order, Beta, Alpha, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon. Less than half way from Alpha to Gamma is a fainter, yet fairly conspicuous, star named Eta. This is a very beautiful double, and a splendid object for those who have telescopes of three inches or more in aperture. The components are of magnitudes 4 and 7.5 and their distance apart is about 5 seconds. The larger star is yellow and the smaller purple, a peculiar combination.

A test for a more powerful glass, say not less than 4 inches aperture, is furnished by the star Iota. This will be found next beyond Epsilon in extension of a line drawn from Delta through Epsilon. It is a triple, the largest star being of the fourth magnitude. Its nearest companion, distant only 1.5 seconds, is of the seventh magnitude. At a distance of 9 seconds is another companion of the eighth magnitude.

Following Cassiopeia and Andromeda from the east appears Perseus, the hero armed with diamond sword and flying sandals who, in the old classic story, rescues Andromeda from the sea monster. Perseus is a striking constellation marked by a bow-shaped row of stars, the middle one of which is the brightest of the group. With an opera glass or a telescope the background of

the sky on which Perseus appears flying is a wonder of starry beauty. The principal star of Perseus, in particular, has an amazing double loop of small stars apparently attached to it as if they were gemstrung upon a swinging whiplash. Interposed between Perseus and Cassiopeia appears the glowing starry mass of the sword handle, plainly visible to the naked eye, and a glorious object for a modern binocular glass.

Between Perseus and the last star in Andromeda is the marvelous Algol. Although this star's changes have been noticed for centuries, it is only within recent years that their cause has been known. It seems certain that the remarkable loss of light which Algol experiences every two days, twenty hours, and forty-nine minutes is due to an eclipse caused by the passage across the star of a huge black companion revolving close around it. The fading of Algol and its subsequent recovery are very interesting to watch. The process occupies several hours. There will be a minimum at about ten minutes before 10 P. M. on the 22nd of October.

The possessor of a telescope should not leave the constellation Andromeda without looking at the celebrated double Gamma, the last in the row of three bright stars first described.

West of Cassiopeia, and between zenith and the Pole Star, will be found Cepheus, who was the father of Andromeda and the husband of Cassiopeia. His constellation is not very conspicuous. Four of its brightest stars form a diamond-shaped figure. Lyra, the Northern Cross, and Aquila will be seen descending the western sky, while Hercules is setting. Aquarius is on the meridian, the bright star Fomalhaut shines alone in the south, and Taurus and Auriga are rising in the northeast.

THE PLANETS.

Mercury is a morning star in October, being found in the constellation Virgo at the beginning and in Libra at the end of the month. On the 19th it passes superior conjunction to become an evening star. There is a very close conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter in the forenoon of the 16th, when the planets, unfortunately, will be hidden by daylight.

Venus is still the glory of the evening twilight, becoming brighter and brighter until the 27th, when it attains its greatest brilliancy. It is continually drawing nearer the earth, and in the telescope its crescent figure becomes noticeably narrower and more elongated from week to week. In the course of the month Venus moves from the constellation Libra into Scorpio, and on the 18th it will be near the red star Antares.

Mars is becoming more conspicuous, as it rises earlier and approaches the earth. At the beginning of the month it rises about 11 P. M. It passes from Gemini into Cancer and grows rapidly brighter. Its polar snow-cup should be looked for with the telescope.

Jupiter, which is too near the sun to be observed, passes three or four degrees north of the star Spica in Virgo, and comes into conjunction with the sun on the 13th, after which it emerges in the morning sky.

Saturn remains on the borders of Scorpio and Ophiuchus, and its brilliancy, too, is diminished by the twilight. It is in conjunction with Venus on the morning of the 22nd.

Uranus, just west of Eta, in Scorpio, is in conjunction with Venus on the 10th.

Neptune still rides on the "golden horus" of Taurus.

THE MOON

Like September, October this year opens with a waning moon. The new moon of the month occurs on the 15th, the first quarter on the 22nd, full moon on the 29th, and last quarter on the 7th. The moon is nearest to the earth on October 19th and farthest from it on October 7th.

The lunar conjunctions with the planets occur as follows: Neptune, 5th; Mars, 8th; Mercury, 15th; Jupiter, 15th; Uranus, 18th; Venus, 18th; Saturn 18th.

Out of the ninety annual meteoric showers enumerated by Mr. Denning, nine are noted as of more than usual brilliancy, and one of these falls on the night of October 18th, the radiant being in the eastern part of Orion.

—Scientific American

Magnificent Bequests.

The will of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton has been admitted to probate, executed at Brighton, England, in 1884, and has four co-heirs. The total amount of property is \$2,027,240. His widow is left an annuity of \$12,000. The four daughters receive \$250,000 each, with reductions for donations during lifetime of deceased; Mr. John Hamilton, \$500,000, less donations the children of his daughter Jessie, \$221,000; the Bishop of Niagara, \$50,000; the nephews, Messrs. G. W. Charles and Robert C. Hamilton, \$20,000 apiece; his nephew, G. Hamilton-Thompson, \$10,000; the mission fund of the Quebec Church Society, \$45,000; and Bishops College, Lennoxville, \$45,000; the Bishop of Montreal, for clergy in Gatineau county, and the mission fund of the diocese of Ottawa, \$10,000 each.

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THE LATE REV. DR. AMBROSE.

(Digby Courier; 16th.)

Rev. John Ambrose, D. C. L. so well and favorably known throughout the maritime provinces as well as in all parts of Canada and the United States, passed peacefully away at his home in Sackville, N. S. on Monday after a few day's illness.

The intelligence of the death of Dr. Ambrose will be received with regret, not only by the members of the Anglican church, but by the general public. Every good and noble cause found in him a true friend and warm champion. Since his ordination in 1851 he has labored in many parts of the province, and every parish where he performed the duties of his sacred office is the better for his being there. He was beloved by the people of his own church. No task was too arduous if the welfare of his people called for it. He was an out and out churchman, but at the same time had great respect for the convictions of those not belonging to that communion. Possessed of wonderful physical powers, Dr. Ambrose found the work in the poorer parishes in which he labored a pleasant task. While he was rector of St. Margaret's Bay there came a season when the people there, through the failure of the fisheries, were in dire need. Starvation stared them in face. Dr. Ambrose came to Halifax and contracted with the merchants for a large quantity of tree nails. Thus he was able to find employment for the people, and by this means the long winter was tided over without any disastrous effects. Dr. Ambrose came prominently before the people in his fearless onslaught on the work of farming out the poor in Digby county. When he took the rectorship of Digby county some twenty-five years ago, he found that the poor of the municipality were sold to the lowest bidder. This was an easy way for the county to rid itself of the responsibility of caring for the poor, but Dr. Ambrose felt it was a species of white slavery not to be tolerated in a Christian community. To bring about a change required the efforts of a strong man. Dr. Ambrose fought the system in the press and in the pulpit, and he won.

Dr. Ambrose was a fearless man in every sense of the word. He knew no fear. During his lifetime he saved thirteen lives from a watery grave, in nearly every case at the peril of his own. He is said to have been one of the best swimmers in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Ambrose was a great man intellectually. He was one of the strong men in the Anglican synod. He was a powerful preacher and a graceful writer. He was one of

the many brilliant men whose names and lives have thrown lustre on their alma mater, King's college. John Ambrose entered King's college in 1848. His whole college course was a brilliant one. Among his classmates were Rev. R. H. Bullock, Rev. W. B. Cochran, Rev. Dr. Hensley, Rev. R. Payne, Rev. Dr. Pryor, J. N. Ritchie, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, Judge Savary, Rev. J. B. Smith, Rev. W. Stuart, R. Uniacke, N. F. Uniacke, R. J. Uniacke, Rev. H. Wainwright, Rev. C. G. Wiggins and Rev. Dr. Willis. In 1852 he took his B. A. degree, and in 1856 his M. A. In 1888 the university conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. C. L.

Dr. Ambrose was ordained deacon in 1851 and priest in 1852. His first charge was that of Liverpool, where he served as curate with the late Dr. Nichols. His next charge was the parish of Petite Riviere and his next St. Margaret's Bay. The parish of Digby extended him a call, which he accepted. His labours in our town extended over a period of 23 years. The handsome Anglican Church in this town is a monument to his memory. Four or five years ago he resigned the rectorship of Digby to become the missionary priest at Herring Cove, where he laboured until failing health compelled him to retire from active work. He then purchased a farm at Sackville, N. S., at which place he died.

Dr. Ambrose was born in S. John, N. B. In 1833 he married a daughter of James E. Barsz of Liverpool. He leaves five sons and five daughters: R. W. Ambrose traveler for the A. B. McLeon Co. of St. John is his eldest son; John R., formerly in the Bank of Montreal, but now residing at Sackville, is the second son; At present he is in the States undergoing an operation. Edward and Harry are in the Yukon, both being members of the Mounted Police. George is preparing for the Ministry. Catherine the eldest daughter, is a member of the sisterhood of St. Margaret, Boston. Charlotte is a professional nurse in Boston, and Edith follows the same profession in New York. Helen is married to Dr. Baker of Jersey City, and Josephine is the widow of W. E. Bragg, River Philip.

Dr. Ambrose was in his 75th year. Up to a few days ago he possessed considerable vigor for his age.

Mentally, Morally and Physically he proved himself a man, and when that is said what more can be added.

A Clergyman's Will.

The will of the late Rev. Simeon Jones Hanford has been admitted to probate in St. John and letters testamentary granted to the executors, Revs. Wm. H. DeVeber

and J. Roy Campbell. The estate consists of \$210,000 personal property. In his bequests Rev. Mr. Hanford leaves \$3,000 to the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick, \$2,000 of which is to be devoted to the incapacitated clergy fund and \$1,000 to general purposes. The sum of five hundred dollars each is left to his nieces, Julia, daughter of the late Sir S. L. Tilley, and Georgie, daughter of his brother, the late Thomas Hanford. The sum of five hundred dollars, or six hundred dollars if needed, is to be devoted to a window or some other memorial in Trinity Church in memory of his father, the late James T. Hanford, and his two wives Louise and S. Carolina Hanford. The balance is left to the Diocesan Church society of New Brunswick, the interest of which sum is to be paid in equal shares to Emma, Margaret, and Georgie, daughters of Thomas Hanford, during their lives. At their death the principal becomes the property of the society.

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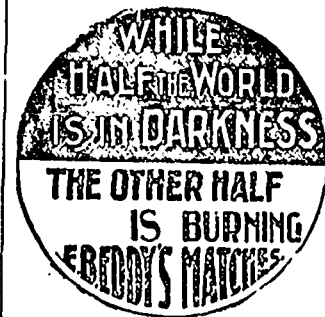
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2. 17th Sunday after Trinity.
9. 18th " " "
16. 19th " " "
18. St. Luke's Day.
23. 20th Sunday after Trinity.
28. S. Simon and S. Jude.
30. 21st Sunday after Trinity.

There is much valuable food for serious thought in Canon Newbolt's remarks "A man is foolish who despises a small parish. It is an opportunity of doing a small piece of work in an exquisite and finished way which reacts on the whole neighbourhood and far out into the Church."

The Rev. Dr. Whitsitt is the distinguished administrative and educational President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which prospered under his guidance. He has been compelled to resign his position on account of the offense he gave in giving currency to the truth of history. He stated that history shows that baptism by immersion was not practiced by the Baptists in England prior to 1641, nor by the Baptists in America until a later date, and that probably Roger Williams was baptized not by immersion, but by sprinkling. This is a historical question pure and simple. Dr. Whitsitt's assailants have not historically disproved his statements but have insisted that immersion must have been the practice of the 16th century. There is a strong suggestion of consciousness of the weakness of both history and scripture in favor of immersion in the incident and all its details.

Harper's Bazar, New York: The Elmira Female college needed \$100,000 to give it a fresh lease of life, and the money has been raised. Half of it was given by citizens of Elmira; half was raised elsewhere. The University of Rochester needs \$100,000 to defray the cost of opening the university to girl students. The money has not been raised yet, but the women of Rochester are bent on getting it, and will try hard. Barnard college in New York has also called for \$100,000 for the equipments of its new buildings. At last accounts about

half of the money had been promised on condition that the whole sum is subscribed before October 3rd. The largest subscriber so far is Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who has made a provisional subscription of \$25,000.

Within the last five years more than \$165,000,000 has been given for libraries, museums, colleges, hospitals etc., in the United States says the Times Saturday Review, and more than \$45,000,000 was given in last year alone. From the list of gifts for 1897, we extract the following items of interest: William Waldorf, Astor, gift to the New York Children's Aid Society for the Avenue B School, \$50,000. John Nicholas Brown, Providence R. I. gift the public library of that city, \$200,000. Mrs. Alfred Corning Clark, Cooperstown, N. Y., gift for a model kindergarten in New York city, a preliminary fund of \$500,000. Miss Julia Cooper, New York City, bequests to Cooper Union, \$200,000; Adirondack Sanitarium, \$50,000 and New York Infirmary, 25,000. John Watts de Peyster, Tivoli, N. Y., to Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penn., a library building, cost, \$25,000. Francis E. Draper, White Plains, N. Y. bequest to General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, for scholarships, the reversion of \$10,000. Mrs. Mary Bradhurst Field, New York, and Rome, Italy, bequest to St. Paul's, Church, Rome, \$30,000. Mrs. Josiah M. Fiske, New York, gift to Barnard College for a memorial hall, \$140,000. The Rev. Charles Frederick Hoffman, D. D., New York, bequests to St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y. \$50,000, the principal part of his large library, and his private communion service; parochial fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church, four lots and the buildings thereon adjoining All Angels' Church for support of the church; and to All Angels' Church a remission of all debts due him from it. Mrs. John W. Minturn, New York, a hospital building and equipment for scarlet fever and diphtheria patients, \$125,000. George M. Pullman, Chicago, Ill., bequests to thirteen local charitable institutions, each \$10,000. He also directed his executors to set aside \$1,200,000 for the founding and endowment at Pullman, Ill., of a free school for manual training for the children of persons living and employed there.

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In addition to the above amounts, remittances have been received from Melford and Port Morien, as well as additional amounts from a few of the parishes on this list, which were not designated "special."

W. J. Ancient,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Sept. 23rd. 1898.

Letter to the Editor.

On board the "Gaza" of the Orient Line for Jerusalem, via London, Portsmouth, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Naples, Port Said and Joffa.

Sept. 5, 1898.

Since my arrival in England last Sept. 19, I delivered 199 lectures and addresses in England and Ireland on behalf of Bishop Blyth's Mission in Jerusalem and the East, which met with encouraging success. I am now on the way to Gibraltar and hope to arrive in Jerusalem Sept. 16 or 17. and be ordained in S. George's Church, Sept. 25. Will you kindly remember me in your prayers and ask your friends to do the same? I have often thought of you and of your kindness to me.

My address will be Jerusalem, Palestine.

With kindest regards to yourself and all at home,

I remain

J. Khadder.

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Notes

The annual harvest Thanksgiving Festival was held in St. George's Mancton, on Sunday Oct. 9th.

Rev. R. F. Dixon, rector of Sackville, N. S. has undertaken the editorship of Church work.

Very Rev. Dean Partridge preached the thanksgiving sermon in St. Paul's Church, St. John N. B. at the Annual Harvest Festival.

The Rev. W. Ellis gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$2. from "a reader of the Church Observer."

Rev. E. P. Mellor, rector of New Germany, is suffering from throat trouble and his medical advisers say he must rest for a year. He and his family will spend a few months in England.

Rev. Geo. Howeroft, M. A., and Alma G. McCulloch, were married by the Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D., assisted by Rev. John Reeks, M. A., on Wednesday, September 21st, 1898, at St. Andrew's Church, Hantsport.

The Provincial Synod has endorsed the scheme for dividing the Diocese of Nova Scotia, recommending Sydney C. B. as the seat for the Cathedral. It would be a noble deed if some wealthy layman would make a substantial contribution towards furthering this scheme. Bishop Courtney's generous offer should not be in vain.

Frank Reardon of Halifax whose advt. appears in this issue had a very fine display of memorial windows at the Halifax Exhibition. Mr. Reardon is making a bid for the trade in his line of the Maritime Provinces and as he turns out some very good work at reasonable prices no doubt he will succeed.

Mr. A. F. Gault has just returned to Montreal from a trip to England. One of the objects of Mr. Gault's trip was the selection of a new principal for the Diocesan Theological College. In referring to the appointment of the Rev. Henry Hackett, a Trinity College graduate, to the position, Mr. Gault said that the new principal had up to a year ago been connected with a church institution in Hyderabad, India. "During the past twelve months he has been engaged in the work of the Church of England Mission Society in Dublin. He is about 45 years of age, is a genial and scholarly man, and is so report says, a particularly good speaker. Rev. Mr. Hackett, according to such eminent men as the Bishop of Durham, Dr. Moore, of Cambridge, and the well known Professor Chevasse, of Oxford, is well fitted to fill the position to which he is called by the Church of England in Canada, and his

arrival upon the scenes of his future labour will be an event of no little interest to the community. The principal who has a wife and seven children, will leave Liverpool October 15, and will probably enter upon his work some ten days later.

Rev. J. M. Forbes, rector of Alberton, P. E. I., is away on three weeks vacation trip through the Upper Provinces and Eastern States.

Missionary Review.

A masterly paper on "The Mohammedan World of To-Day," by Rev. S. M. Zweimer, of Arabia, opens the October number of THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD. It is accompanied by statistical tables, charts, and illustrations, which greatly add to its value and interest. The frontispiece is unique showing the eight principal rulers of the present Moslem World. "How Abdul-Hamed II became the Great Assassin" is an anonymous article which throws flash-light on the character of his Sultanic Majesty and reveals the causes which brought about the Armenian massacres. "Rev. W. St. Clair Tisdall writes on "The Gospel in Persia," ably giving the history and present state of missions in the land of the Shah. The Editor-in-Chief gives a thrilling narrative of "Answered Prayer in the Tiger Jungle," and Rev. F. E. White tells of the breaking of "Morning Light in Asia Minor."

In this number of THE REVIEW are also valuable articles on "Babism—The Latest Revolt from Islam," "Something About Porto Rico," "Religion in Russia," and "Christ's methods of Missionary Work." The Field of Survey takes up Russia, Greece, and Persia, and the Editorial Notes comments on the "Zionist Congress," the "Czar's Peace Scheme," and other topics of current interest.

The illustrations are unique and numerous, and add greatly to the interest and vividness of the description.

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Intercession for Sunday Schools.

The Bishop earnestly calls the attention of all the Clergy, Sunday school teachers, parents and children, to the days of Intercession for Sunday Schools appointed by the authorities of the Church of England and adopted in this country, namely Sunday and Monday the 16th and 17th of October. In these days, when the teaching of the Christian Religion to children is almost wholly confined to the Sunday School, it is of the utmost

importance that the teachers should be well qualified by knowledge, ability to teach, and great spirituality of character, for the due discharge of their great work. And parents everywhere should recognize that it is their bounden duty to teach their own children religious knowledge at home, so that they may come to understand that the Sunday School teacher is only helping or trying to supply their deficiencies. And the children sorely need to be well taught this privilege and duty to know the certainty of those things wherein they have been instructed. For these three classes therefore—the teachers, the parents, the children—let us unite in fervent intercession, that God would pour out His rich blessing upon them and make their work effectual; so that the children may be the salt of the earth, preserving our modern society from the putrefaction of Godlessness, procuring still for our country the favour of the Lord. Brethren, the Bishop calls you all to your knees. Let fervent sup-

plication join those of others all the wide world over, and may God, even our own God, give us His blessing. Let arrangements everywhere be made that special sermons may be preached and addresses given, and prayers be offered, so that this work may receive an impetus, and go forward successfully to the glory of God and the salvation of every soul.

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Canada's First Calcium Carbide Works,
(Reprinted from the Canadian Engineer, February, 1897.)

As previously noted in this journal, the new calcium carbide works erected at Merrittton, Ont., by Thomas L. Willson, the discoverer of calcic carbide as a commercial product, are now in successful and successful operation, and are producing increasing quantities of carbide, which is exported to foreign countries as fast as produced. Some account of the new works will therefore be instructive to our readers.

It will be remembered by the many who began to devote attention to this subject in Canada last year, that a controversy began as to whether calcium carbide could really be produced at a price sufficiently low to make it a commercial product, and certain writers, working apparently in the "old vested interests," were not content with essaying to prove that neither the carbide nor acetylene could be made a commercial product, but questioned the motives of Mr. Willson and those acting with him. This happens almost as a matter of course to every great invention and to every great inventor or discoverer. He quietly took his own money, and selecting a site on the old Welland Canal at Merrittton, set to work to establish a calcium carbide factory on a commercial scale, and under such ordinary industrial surroundings, that the question of its commercial success could no longer be held in doubt. He commenced operations on the 15th of April, 1896, and on the 15th of August of the same year produced the first pig of 200 lbs. of carbide. On the day the writer called, in December, the Willson Carbide and Acetylene Works were preparing their first shipment of 30,000 lbs. of calcium carbide to Germany, and exports of the product are now being regularly made in 60,000 lb. lots to foreign countries, but chiefly to Germany. The fact that the demand from Germany alone is ten times the present capacity of the works, would seem to be a sufficient answer to Mr. Willson's former detractors, and at the same time an index of what future is in store for calcic carbide and acetylene gas, for in the application of chemistry and chemical products to the practical business of civilized life, the Germans, it must be conceded, stand in the front rank.

The wheels now in operation are connected to a fly wheel 11 feet in diameter and running on a 7-inch shaft. The fly wheel has a pulley face of 314 inches, and is belted to a General Electric Co. 150 k w., 60-volt dynamo, having a stationary armature and revolving field. The current is carried on a cable of 2160 wires, making a mass of 24 or 3 inches in diameter.

The carbide is made from a mixture of lime and coke (charcoal is preferable when it can be obtained), the proportions being 100 lbs. of lime to an average of 68 lbs. of coke—the latter varying from 65 to 70 lbs., according to circumstances. The coke and lime are brought in carloads on the St. C. & N. C. siding built direct to the works. These materials are shoveled from the car door into a hopper in the side of the building, and through the hopper they are conveyed to the foot of an elevator, upon which they are carried to the crushers. After being ground the materials are screened off in rotary screens, and that which is not already reduced to powder is conveyed to a set of stones like those used in the old stone flour mills, where it is ground up. The lime having been treated the same as the coke, they are both carried in a rotary mixer, where they are thoroughly mixed, and then brought by conveyers to the furnace room. Each furnace absorbs nearly 200 electrical horse-power, which, being transformed into heat, produces in a day of 24 hours four pigs of carbide of 500 lbs. each. The dynamos are now running, and will continue to run, night and day, each furnace turning out its full capacity of four pigs per day. The unit of electromotive force used is 75 volts, the current varying from 1,000 to 2,000 amperes. The furnaces are plain brick receptacles lined with firebrick and ranged side by side, having a square opening in the face of each from which sparks of molten lime are constantly flying, to indicate the fervent heat within. And what a heat! Almost every reader has seen the carbon pencils used in the ordinary arc lamp. These are about half an inch in diameter, and for certain special purposes the largest carbons hitherto used are 3 inches in diameter—some bar carbons being 4 inches thick—but imagine a carbon "pencil" 6 inches thick, a foot broad and 18 inches long, and one gets some idea of the heat and light evolved in this furnace. If the arc in this furnace were exposed to view, two second's glance at it would blind the beholder by paralyzing the optic nerves. Yet it requires six hours constant application of this heat to build up a 500 lb. pig of calcium carbide, which is brought out of the furnace in the shape of an elongated egg. The carbon bars are held in position by a chain hoist—a modified form of the Harrington 1-ton screw block—which is electrically regulated. From the foot of each furnace runs a track, upon which the material is trucked away, the whole being within a radius of a large hydraulic crane, upon which the pigs of the full tanks of carbide may be swung. The carbide pigs having been brought out of the furnace, are allowed to cool off, and are then broken up in lumps about the size of furnace coal, these lumps took pig like chunks of iron ore, and being, roughly speaking, about the same weight. The carbide, having been thus broken up, is put into

the tanks or drums, which hold 1,000 lbs. each and are fitted with a screw stopper, so that when filled and the stopper screwed down, the drum becomes air-tight. This is done in order to prevent the erosion of the carbide that would result if it were exposed to the air, and the saturation of the carbide with petroleum is a further preventative of this erosion, which is caused by the moisture which is always present in a greater or less degree in the air.

As the nature and properties of carbide and acetylene are becoming more generally understood, the supposed dangers incidental in their use are vanishing. It will not be long before it will be generally admitted that there will be less danger in acetylene than in any of the gases now used as illuminants. These bugbears were raised when electricity was being introduced for lighting, and it must be accepted as a matter of course that every new discovery or invention meets with its detractors. The only practical question now to dispose of is the cost of the carbide. Mr. Willson is now selling it for export at \$70 to \$80 a ton, and while he cannot supply one-tenth of the demand at that price, he would naturally see no occasion to sell it cheaper. Each pound of calcium carbide, according to Mr. Willson's experiments, produces a quantity of acetylene equalling 75 feet of coal gas in illuminating power. At \$80 a ton, the cost of a pound of carbide is 4 cents; therefore at this price acetylene gas is equal to coal gas at, say, 54 cents per 1,000 feet. But, as a matter of fact, Mr. Willson can manufacture carbide at a profit at \$20 per ton, which would be equal to coal gas at 14 cents per 1,000 feet. With improved appliances it could even be produced cheaper than this, but it requires but little intuition to realize what a vast field is opened up to the sciences and arts by carbide at \$20 or even \$40 a ton. As an illuminant alone it will revolutionize present methods, for it makes a light that is as much superior to gas light as the latter is brighter than a tallow candle light. There is absolutely no flickering to an acetylene gas jet, even when used naked, while as to its purity the success with which it is already used for photographic and engraving purposes is a sufficient evidence. The machine room of the Riordon paper mills at Merrittton has been lighted with it for some time past, and the experienced man who tests the shades of paper says it is a more perfect light than he ever used, excepting alone the magnesium tape light, which gives off disagreeable fumes, and for other reasons is not in question as an ordinary illuminant. Again, it gives off less heat—some say less than 75 per cent.—than coal gas light, which is an important consideration in domestic lighting.

As showing the manufacturing outlook created by Mr. Willson's own works at Merrittton—which may be termed an infant industry, or rather an embryo one—it may be mentioned that he has already spent \$90,000, and when his new premises are in operation, will have spent \$120,000.

[Note—Since the above article was written the expenditure has been increased to \$150,000.00 on the Merrittton plant, and arrangements are now about closed for the extension of the CARBIDE WORKS (to the extent of \$1,000,000.00) which are to be located where suitable power can be had, in all probability at Niagara Falls, Ont.]

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Parish News

SPRINGHILL.

The visit of the Lord Bishop was thoroughly appreciated by the parishioners. Twenty-two candidates were confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Johnston of Parrsboro, addressed a crowded meeting in the Parish House on "The Need of Prohibition."

The Annual Sale of the work of the Missionary Sewing Society will take place early in November.

Many of our mining parishioners are leaving for the North West in quest of steadier work and better pay.

The Kindergarten re-opened Sept. 1st, with a large roll of scholars.

The students of the cooking classes who regularly attend the two years course and pass satisfactory examinations will be entitled to a Diploma. The classes start the first Tuesday in October.

PORT GREVILLE

On Wednesday morning the 18th of August the Right Rev. Frederick Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia visited this church to induct the Rev. C. R. Cumming into the rectorship of this parish. Rev. R. Johnson, Parrsboro, read the Mandate of induction, the new rector standing before the Bishop.

The Bishop preached a sermon from the text, "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me." St. Luke x 16. It was with much pleasure we listened to the first sermon from His Lordship, the Bishop, in Port Greville and much useful advice was given both Rector and congregation. After the sermon there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being celebrant, assisted by the Rector.

The Ladies of Holy Trinity Church had quite a successful garden party on the 23rd of August. \$62.50 were realized. The Ladies of Diligent River had a garden also, on the 20th day of Sept, and cleared \$32.50.

The funeral of the late Capt. Elisha Grant took place on Sunday, the 28th of August, and was very largely attended, the church not holding half of the people. Capt. Grant was killed while handling piling in New York. His widow has the sincere sympathy of all the parishioners. On the following day the eldest child of Mr. Harry Canning was buried.

The annual S. S. Picnic took place at Diligent River Point on August 31st. A very enjoyable

day was spent by the children having plenty to invigorate the inner man and various games. The Sunday School here is doing a grand work, and has increased a great deal numerically since the arrival of our new Rector, who is acting as superintendent.

The new Rector, Mr. Cumming is an energetic worker. The parish was in rather a back ward condition, but things are looking brighter, and he is beginning to get things into working order. He has arranged to have a service at Spencer Island every second Sunday of each month in the morning and at Brookville on the afternoon of the same day. The rector has taken the choir in hand, and it has improved perceptibly. We were without service for quite a long time, and truly felt the privilege of again hearing the incomparable liturgy of the church rendered so effectively. We should put our hearts into the beautiful service and always remember to "Pray one prayer to God for thyself, for those who worship, and for those who minister to us."

We offer our heart-felt thanks to Mrs. Tucker, of St. Luke's cathedral, Halifax, for her kindness in presenting to Holy Trinity (Parish) Church a set of linen for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Eucharist "decently and in order."

Reports show that "Women's Auxiliaries," and "Ladies Aids" are doing a magnificent work all over the country. Our small "Aid" consisting of twenty eight members is doing splendidly. The members attend regularly and we find that the "Aid Fund," is not to be despised.

The Rector has a meeting of the Sunday School teachers every Thursday of each week. We have the Catechism with explanations and a very interesting chapter from the life of the Apostle to the Gentiles, by the Rev. C. R. Ball, Vicar of St. Paul's, Peterburgh one interesting feature of these meetings is that the teachers, are asked to give a resume of the preceding Sunday evening's sermon. The teachers are beginning to understand the meaning of the words, "to listen and not to hear, and to hear and not receive."

PARRSBORO.

The collection for the B. H. M. deficiency amounted to \$67.00. Parrsboro and Moose River contributed this amount.

The Bishop visited this Parish for Confirmation on Aug. 16. On Tuesday evening, nineteen adults were presented for Confirmation. The Church was crowded and the Bishop's address on "Where are you going" made a great impression on the audience who listened attentively for nearly an hour.

On the following evening Evensong was sung and the Bishop again preached. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Cumming and the Rector.

On Thursday the Bishop drove down to Port Greville in order to induct the Rev. C. R. Cumming to the Incumbency of that parish. The mandate for induction was read by the Rev. R. Johnston, rector of Parrsboro, and the service was conducted by Rev. R. Johnston and Rev. C. R. Cumming. The Bishop was the celebrant at the Holy Eucharist. He also preached on the Mission of Christ and those appointed as stewards of the Mysteries.

After a vestry meeting in the afternoon, the Bishop returned to Parrsboro. He left Parrsboro on Friday morning for Springhill Mines.

The widow of Elisha Ratchford was buried in the old graveyard in the centre of the town. A large number of people attended the service in St. George's Church, which was conducted by the rector and the Rev. Jones Hanford of St. John, N. B.

CHURCH STREET, CORNWALLIS.

We learn that the bans of marriage have been published in the parish church of St. John, Cornwallis, between Cecil Henry Hooper, Esq. F. S. I, M. R. A. C., of Swanley, Kent, England, and Miss H. T. M. Axford, daughter of Rev. F. J. H. Axford, Rector of the parish. The ceremony is to take place in the parish church, on Oct. 4th, at two o'clock in the afternoon. No special invitations are being issued. After a short tour through part of the province the married couple purpose returning to the rectory, Cornwallis, at which a reception will be held for all friends who may wish to bid them farewell before their departure for England.

AMHERST.

Rev H. Irvine Lynds, who was in charge of the parish during the absence of the rector has returned to his duties at the Joggins, the Rev. V. E. Harris having returned from his attendance as Synod. Mrs. Harris accompanied Mr. Harris to Montreal, and enjoyed a pleasant visit.

A sociable will be given in the Parish House on the 12th of October.

On Sunday Oct. 2 the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulback officiated in Christ Church the rector taking the services in St. John's Church Truro

This parish is well represented at that popular school "Edgehill" Windsor the following young ladies being in attendance: Misses

Grace and Fannie Pipes, daughters of the Hon. W. Pipes, Misses Mary and Grace Dickey, daughters of James A. Dickey C. E. Miss Elsie Townshend daughter of J. M. Townshend Q. C. and Miss Clara Harris eldest daughter of Rev. V. E. Harris.

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Parish News

PARRSBORO

The saddest event of the year was the sudden death of Mr. W. Fraser of Springhill, brother of Mrs. Nordby of this town. His death was the result of an accident with the locomotive which was in his charge. The funeral took place on Sunday and the services were conducted by the Rector and the Rev. W. C. Wilson of Springhill whose parishioner the deceased was. Prior to proceeding to the church prayer was said at the house by Rev. R. Johnston. Mr. Wilson preached a sermon breathing sympathy for the bereaved friends. A special train from Springhill conveyed a large number of Oddfellows and other friends from Springhill to Parrsboro. The band of Springhill played on the way to the grave, immediately followed by the Oddfellows of Springhill and Parrsboro in regalia, then came the clergy in their robes, followed by the hearse after which came hundreds of friends. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Fraser and the sisters of the deceased.

William Nightingale passed away on Aug. 26, at the ripe age of 91 years. He had reached 70 years before he was baptized and was brought to the Church through the instrumentality of the late Rector. He was a faithful churchman and died in peace.

The garden parties at Dr. Townsend's and Mayor Harrison's were great successes. The proceeds are to go towards the purchase of a pipe organ for the church.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the King is progressing favourably. Visits are made systematically and the result has been that many who were unbaptized have been brought to that Holy Sacrament. The chapter has suffered a severe loss in the removal of Miss C. Pierce to Five Islands. Miss Pierce has been very faithful and most energetic in her service to the Church. The chapter meetings are held weekly and each evening has its special subject: Devotional, character sketch, Church History, question and answer.

BAPTISMS.

- June 25. Vivienne Ariel Eville.
Robert Edward Aikman.
Aug. 16. Sarah Myrtle White.
Sept. 4. Myra Estell Choismett.
" 12. Cedric John Gilbert.
" 12. Andrew Wheaton Gilbert.
Sept. 13. Beatrice Stella Clark.
" 13. Violet Bell Clark.
" 14. Alice Fuller.
" 16. Edith Winnie Mc Clelland

WESTVILLE.

His Lordship recently visited St. Bees and administered the rite of Confirmation to nine candidates. On the following Sunday 8 out of the 9 received their first Communion.

On the same day the bishop consecrated the church and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon.

We regret to say that Mr. Andrew Cassidy, one of our faithful Sunday School workers, has been compelled by failing health to give up his good work. The Sunday School is making good progress, three new teachers have come in, Miss Maud Dwyer, John Emory, and Alfred Workman. Westville had five representatives at the S. S. Convention held at River John and all had a most enjoyable and helpful visit. The Rev. J. L. Downing was exceedingly kind and did all in his power for his numerous guests.

A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in the church on Sep. 29. The ladies of the congregation had decorated the church very prettily. Mrs. Fergie, and Mrs. Jas. Floyd being particularly zealous in this good work.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN N. B.

At the regular meeting of the council Monday Oct. 3rd after the opening exercises, on motion T. B. Robinson took the chair, and the following resolution was moved by E. L. Perkins, and seconded by J. Roy Campbell and carried unanimously.

Resolved, That the members of the council of the Church of England Institute in this city extend

their hearty welcome and congratulations to their president, the Venerable Archdeacon Brigstocke, D. D., on his safe return from his recent visit to England, and trust his trip was a pleasant and beneficial one, and also that he may be long spared to preside over this institute and continue his valuable work in the diocese.

A letter was also read from Alfred Porter, resigning his position as treasurer of the institute, and the council in accepting his resignation passed a resolution placing on record their high appreciation of his valuable services in that capacity, and tendering to him their warm thanks.

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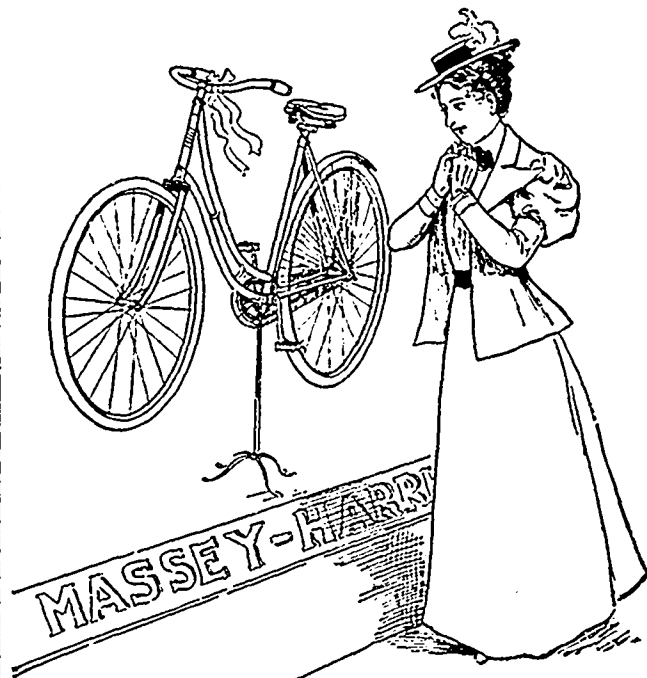
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