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Good bye, old year! How many a heart
Hast steeped in joy or filled with tears,
One thrill for all—before we part
For mem'ry's home through coming years.

Good bye, old year! Thy world of love
Glow's one again on memory's wing;
The world of pain, the heavens above,
Will hide in flowers with songs of spring.

That star of hope beams out to-night.—
Go forth for that with ringing cheer:—
Uproot the wrong, uphold the right!
And bring to all a bright New year.

With brimming hearts we welcome thee.
With love's true eye and manhood's hand!
With these, for all there'll ever be
A gate to heaven from ev'ry land!
To all "A Bright New Year!"

NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS.

To every Western Churchman we wish a happy and prosperous New Year:

Once more we stand on the threshold of a new civil year, and the thoughts that throng in upon us are of the most varied character. If we are thinking

men and women we look back over the year that has gone to swell the great roll of the past, we muse upon its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures; and then we turn our eyes towards the future, with all its new hopes and new aspirations. As we cross the boundary line we naturally wish to look both ways. Retrospection is an argument which appeals to worldly men, to men who are entirely, or almost entirely dead to religion, to men who care for little but the balancing of accounts. To them the past speaks with no uncertain voice; and surely if this be so, the past should also have a voice for the Christian. How can he help reflecting upon all the way by which he has been led? The voices of the innocent dead come back at such a time as this with double force; they speak of the wondrous love of the Incarnate Son of God, and they bid us seek a refuge in it from all the tempests of the world and the attacks of the Evil One. They recall to us all the words of kindly rebuke, or encouragement, or counsel, that in the past fell upon deaf ears, and bid us ponder them well now. At this time, too, we recollect the testimony of the faithful against the world, and as we balance one thing against another we see that there is more in that testimony than we perhaps were inclined to think. We think of the men of the world who have gone to their account, and we seem to hear a voice saying: "Beware, lest ye also be a castaway!" We call to mind the faithful whom God has called to the rest of paradise during the past year, and a voice that comes from that abode of peace seems to say to us: "God it was who led us through the past as through a wilderness. He is your God too; He will guide you even to the end of life, if you will." Thus do the memories of the past speak to us on New Year's Day.

And then, we cannot help indulging in anticipation, in looking forward and wondering what is going to happen during the year that has just begun. It is well that we cannot see into the future. Truly has it been said: "The veil which covers the face of futurity is woven by the hand of mercy." Out of the dead old year, with all its sins and sorrows and vexations and disappointments comes the living New Year, bringing with it new resolutions, new hopes, new aspirations, new joys.

O good New Year, we clasp
 This warm shut hand of thine,
 Loosing for ever, with half sigh, half gasp,
 That which from ours falls like dead fingers twine ;
 Ay, whether fierce its grasp
 Has been, or gentle, having been, we know
 That it was blessed : Let the Old Year go.

This new milestone in the road of Life reminds us of the end of the world ; but the prospect brings to the faithful soul no element of fear, why should it do so? "We walk here, as it were in the crypts of life : at times from the great cathedral above we can hear the organ and the chanting of the heavenly choir : we see the light stream through the open door, when some friend goes up before us ; and shall we fear to mount the narrow staircase of the grave that leads out of this uncertain twilight into the serene mansions of the life eternal?"

O, New Year, teach us faith !
 The road of life is hard :
 When our feet bleed, and scourging winds us scathe,
 Point thou to Him, whose visage was more marred
 Than any man's ; who saith
 "Make straight paths for your feet." and 'to the
 opprest—
 "Come ye to me, and I will give you rest."

WESTERN CHURCH NEWS.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Bishop—Most Rev. R. Machray, D.D., D.C.L.
 Residence—Bishop's Court, Winnipeg.

CHRIST CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

Christ Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas festival ; and the two handsome additions to the interior were a screen presented by Mr. H. Fry and two marbled tablets, upon which are painted the ten commandments, presented by Mr. Rod Weir. On Christmas day the three services were well attended, and there was a large number of communicants. The rector, Rev. W. T. Mitton, was the preacher at the morning service, when he delivered a thoughtful and earnest sermon on "Good News from a far country." The musical portions of the service were, as usual, excellently rendered, under the able direction of Mr. George A. Downard, choir-master.

BIRD'S HILL.

On Dec. 18th Rev. Dr. O'Meara delivered his very popular lecture on "Christianity and Progress," at the Bird's Hill school house. Rev. A. Silva White, M.A., occupied the chair ; and there was a large and

enthusiastic audience, who frequently applauded the inspiring sentiments to which the lecturer gave expression. Messrs Mathewson and Mahood, of St. John's College, entertained the company by the singing of several songs. One of the noteworthy features of the evening was Miss Taylor's violin playing, which was heartily enjoyed.

BIRTLE.

Rev. C. Wood, who for some years has been in charge of St. George's church, has been offered by His Grace the Archbishop, and has accepted, the mission of Stonewall. He will move there with his family as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed.

MIDWAY.

The Parish of Emmanuel, Midway, is attached to Gladstone, and church matters there are very encouraging. On the 23rd inst. a social was held in the Methodist Church under the auspices of our church, at which an excellent programme was rendered by local talent and some of the Gladstone church people. The proceeds amounted to \$17.05. An effort is being made to build a church here next spring.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The appeal of Canon Rogers on behalf of the Mission Fund, which called forth a response of \$213, has been further met by an offering of \$15 from the congregation attending the mission chapel.

We were glad to see the face of Rev. R. C. Johnstone, of the Western Churchman, in church on the Sunday after Christmas, and to hear his helpful and encouraging words as he briefly addressed the Sunday School.

The cemetery property on the banks of the Assiniboine River, has at last been fully secured and properly deeded to the Church, after a great deal of trouble and anxiety. This property was the site of the original church built over forty years ago, and is valued not only on account of its sacred uses, but for its historical associations.

The Christmas services in St. Mary's Church, Portage la Prairie, were of the brightest and most joyful character. The decorations, though not very elaborate, were executed with taste and with a view to appropriateness as well as beauty of effect. At both the early and the mid-day celebrations there were a large number of communicants, more we believe than on any previous Christmas. Great care had been taken in the preparation of the music, and besides the regular choir, who were present in full force, a supplementary choir of children, carefully trained by Mr.

Dickson, were placed in the chancel and sang several carols very sweetly and effectively. Altogether the service was heartily entered into and greatly enjoyed, not only by our own people, but by many of other communions who were present.

GLADSTONE.

On Christmas day Morning Prayers and celebration of Holy Communion were held at All Saints' Church. A very fair congregation attended and the service was bright and cheery. Probably this is the only church outside Winnipeg where the Psalms are chanted every Sunday evening. Our faithful organist, Mrs. Creary, has now for several months come in from her home five miles out of town to practise, in order that we may have this pleasant addition to our service. On Christmas the Psalms were chanted and the choir sang an appropriate anthem, "O Zion that bringest good tidings." Add to these two of the time-honored Christmas hymns and a Communion hymn—all joined in with great heartiness—and you will have some idea of our Christmas service. The church was tastefully decorated by the ladies with evergreens, texts, etc. The offering amounted to \$11.20, a much larger sum than has been given hitherto during the present incumbency.

A Christmas tree and entertainment by the Sunday School children will be held on January 5th. The children are practising carols and songs for the occasion.

LAKE ST. MARTIN.

Lake St. Martin, Man., Dec. 1.—The Rev. H. Cochrane, Indian missionary, arrived here last Saturday, being his first visit since his appointment to the Jack Head mission. Failing to reach his headquarters by open water, he returned here from Mandahkae river, in order to fulfil his promise to visit the reservation monthly. The mission field is a very large one, and a monthly visit here necessitates him driving eighty miles through a country where there are no roads whatever, every step of the way having to be broken. The Indians were much pleased to have him visit them. On Sunday very large congregations assembled in the school house to hear the reverend gentleman, who is very popular. Many friends from Lower Fairford reserve, Mr. Cochrane's former charge, and from Sandy Bay reserve came to meet him here. Conspicuous among the congregation were the three chiefs, two of whom are Christians. The other, though still a heathen, takes an active part in all that conduces to the moral and spiritual welfare of the Indians, and never fails to do all that can be done to accord the missionaries a hearty welcome. At the close of the service, holy communion was administered, thirty-

seven participating. One prominent Baptist publicly announced his desire to rejoin the Episcopalian church, if permitted. Permission having been granted, he joined in the communion service. This has been, so far, the first genuine return here and others are declaring their intention of following the example. Mr. Cochrane started off for his headquarters Thursday, intending, however, to conduct services at every favorable point along the road.

ST. ALBAN'S, RAT PORTAGE.

The children of St. Alban's Sunday School, together with their relatives and friends gathered in the Music Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, for that most interesting event of the child's year—the Christmas tree. The usual carols were sung by the children, and a short two act play founded upon the tragic career of one Bluebeard was very cleverly produced by a distinguished company of juvenile artists among whom were the Misses Cameron and Bishop as Fatima and Sister Anne, Masters Willie Mather as Papa Schababae, Willie Davison as Bluebeard, Ralph Beairsto as Hassan, and Stewart Scovil and Jim Holland as Attendants, Soldiers, etc., as the conditions of the play required them in different capacities. The Misses Coughlin, Jefferson, Swanson and Hughes gave appropriate recitations after which the distribution of presents from the tree was begun. Mr. Machin played the part of the benevolent Santa Claus.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINNIPEG.

Rev. J. J. Roy, conducted the Xmas services at St. George's, which were largely attended. There was early communion at 8.30, and regular service at 11 a. m., when Mr. Roy preached an appropriate sermon. The musical part of the service, under Mr. J. M. Johnston, choirmaster, and Mr. S. Clark, was excellently rendered.

HOLY TRINITY, WINNIPEG.

On Christmas Day there were services at Holy Trinity at 8.30 and 11 a. m. There was a large congregation at the mid-day service and a large number of communicants at both. At the 11 o'clock service the prayers were taken by Rev. C. Owen, and the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, preached from Phil. ii; 8, "He humbled himself." He pointed out that the two most striking characteristics of Christ's coming to earth were love and humility. As the love was from all eternity, and as the humility was begun at Christ's birth it would seem that humility was the most striking thought at Christmas. The preacher then went on to show how this was exhibited in every act of Christ's life, and closed by pointing out what

an example was here given for every one to follow. The music, under the direction of Mr. Tuckwell, was ably rendered, and the decorations of the church were the most beautiful that have been seen for years. During the preceding day a number of hampers containing Christmas cheer were sent out to poor families in the parish by various agencies and individuals in the congregation.

HOLY TRINITY MISSION.

The lodgers of Holy Trinity mission, numbering 40, spent a very pleasant Christmas, partaking of a free dinner, consisting of roast turkey, goose, mince pies, oranges, etc. After dinner the afternoon went pleasantly under the chairmanship of Mr. E. H. Taylor, when readings, recitations, songs, etc. were the order of the day. The readings of Rev. C. C. Owen and Mr. E. H. Taylor were heartily applauded. A duet by Miss Burgess and Miss Kennedy was well received, and two solos by Miss Bull, accompanied by her sister on the violin, were heartily encored. Two recitations by Mr. Ellis were splendidly executed and brought forth deserved applause. Rev. C. C. Owen was presented with a student's lamp, and Mrs. Owen a tea service of 40 pieces—contributed by the inmates and workers of the mission, as a token of their appreciation of their worth. Mr. and Mrs. Eades were presented with a handsome Bible each, as a slight recognition of their efficient management of the mission for the past 18 months. Mr. H. H. Smith, Mr. L. Wright and Messrs. Kobold presented turkeys, and Mr. Hammond the oranges, apples, etc.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA, B.C.

Bishop—Right Rev. W. W. Perrin, D.D.
Residence—Victoria, B.C.

Christmas Day, always hailed as the most joyous of all the Christian festivals, was this year cheerier than ever in Victoria, for much of the gloom that overshadowed the continent last year is rolling away and the people, with grateful feelings, poured forth their thanksgivings. The services in the churches were of the usual bright character with special Christmas music, while many of the sacred edifices were prettily decked with holly and flowers.

At Christ Church Cathedral the services on Christmas Day were: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins and sermon by the Bishop. At the morning service the musical programme was:

- Opening voluntary....."Hallelujah Chorus"
- Processional Hymn.....60 A and M
- Venite and Psalms.....Chants for the day
- Te Deum.....Edmund Turner
- Anthem—"Thus Speaketh the Lord of Hosts" Stainer
- Hymn.....59 A and M

Kyrie.....Simper in Unison
Offertory Sentences.....Barnes
There was holy communion at 8 a.m., and morning prayer and holy communion at 11 a.m., at St. John's Church, the music being:

- Organ voluntary—"Pastoral Sympathy from Messiah".....Hancock
- Venite and Special Psalms to Chants.
- Te Deum.....Dr. Dykes
- Benedictus.....Langdon
- Kyrie (M.S.).....L. Bradley
- Anthem—"Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings" Smith
- Hymns.....61, 66, 313

Holy communion was at 8 a.m., and morning prayer at 11 a.m., was said at St. James' Church, the rector, Rev. J. S. Sweet preaching, and the order of music being:

- Hymn 60.
- Festal Responses.
- Venite.....W. Crotch
- Proper Psalms, 19.....Monk
- " " 45.....Ouseley
- " " 85.....Tuile
- Te Deum.... }
- Jubilate }
- Anthem—"And there were Shepherds."
- Hymn 59.
- Hymn 62.
- Amen.....Stainer
- Kyrie.....W. T. Best
- Gloria.....W. T. Best
- Hymn 323.
- Nunc Dimittis.

Much care and labor were expended upon the decorations at St. Barnabas Church, the screen and altar especially with their bright evergreens, holly, and wealth of flowers showing much taste in design, and altogether combining to form a picture fitting the great festival of The Nativity. The services of the day were:

- 8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
- 10.30 a.m.—Choral Matins.
- 11.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
- Choral, with Sermon.

- Venite—Chant 228.
- Psalms—19, 45, 85.
- Te Deum.....Stainer
- Benedictus.....Langdon
- Introit.....Adeste Fideles
- Holy Eucharist.
- Simper in F.

At St. Saviour's Church Rev. W. D. Barber officiated at the services, which were: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., shortened morning prayer and holy communion; 4 p.m., evening prayer.

There was morning service with holy communion at St. Mark's Church at 11 a.m., with special Christmas music.

At St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, the services were: 8 a.m. holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer, Rev. Mr. Fiennes-Clinton, preaching.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

REGINA.

Miss Constance Hales, daughter of Mrs. Hales, of Albert street, Regina, succumbed on Sunday, Dec. 20, after an illness lasting less than twenty hours. The young lady was stricken with peritonitis on Saturday night, and despite medical skill, passed away at 3.30 the next afternoon. Deceased was a general favorite with her acquaintances. Her very sudden death excited deep regret and wide spread sympathy. The funeral on the following Tuesday was private. After prayers at the dwelling of Mr. J. R. C. Honeyman, Mrs. Hales' son-in-law, where the death occurred, an impressive service was held at St. Paul's church, conducted by Rev. W. E. Brown. The casket was covered with floral emblems, the offerings of friends of the deceased. One beautiful wreath, anchor-shaped, was sent by the teacher and pupils of the Regina high school. The King's Daughters sent flowers. The pall bearers were Principal Chisholm, T. E. Birbeck, A. P. Vankoughnet, F. Arnold, F. Carson and John Secod, jr. Miss Hales, of Medicine Hat, and Miss Lillie Hales from Qu'Appelle, sisters of the deceased, arrived to be present at the funeral.

MOOSE JAW.

A magic lantern entertainment was given in Huron church, Buffalo Lake, on Dec. 30: The proceeds were devoted to the English church building fund for Buffalo Lake.

On Christmas Day the services in St. John's church were: Holy Communion at 8, 9 and 11 a.m. There was a special carol service and evensong at 4 p.m. A very nice little booklet of carols, printed at the office of the Moosejaw Times, was used at this service.

A pleasant coincidence happened last Sunday in St. John's church. Early in the morning it was discovered that a kind friend of the church had placed a very beautiful pulpit lamp in position unknown to anyone. On that morning by a curious coincidence the text selected was: "I have prepared a lamp for mine anointed."

The Rev. W. Watson, of Moose Jaw, gave a very successful lantern lecture on English Church History, in St. Matthew's Church, Estevan, on Wednesday. The Church was crammed with people who were thoroughly interested from beginning to end. The sum of \$12.25 was collected, which will be devoted to the building fund of St. John's Church, Moose Jaw.

On Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in St. John's church, there will be a special lantern service, consisting of Christmas pictures by the magic lantern,

illustrating the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Annunciation, Nativity, the Holy Family, the Flight into Egypt, the Visit of the Magi, the Boyhood of Jesus, His Home at Nazareth, etc., with Christmas carols.

On Friday last the public school children were treated to the exhibition of historic pictures in St. John's Church, Moose Jaw. The same evening there was a good attendance of adult persons in St. John's Church to see the pictures of English Church History exhibited by the vicar, and for two hours the interest in the subject was kept up. On Monday evening the people of Pasqua were given an opportunity of seeing the views, and nearly all the inhabitants took advantage of the privilege, some of whom believed that it was the best entertainment they had seen in the Northwest.

GENERAL CANADIAN CHURCH NEWS.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Bishop—Rt. Rev. A. Sweatman, D.D., D.C.L.
Residence—Toronto.

In most of the Toronto Churches the Nativity of our Lord was celebrated in a fitting manner. The sermons all breathed the spirit of "Peace on earth, good will towards men," and were listened to with devout attention. As a rule the attendances were large, and in many of the churches several celebrations of the Holy Communion were held. Many of the sacred edifices were exquisitely decorated in honor of the day, the adornments displaying the greatest taste and beauty. Special music of a high order was rendered by the choirs and added much to the joyous celebration.

ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL.

So large was the congregation at James' Cathedral on Christmas morning that the seating accommodation proved almost inadequate to meet the demand. Although simple in character, the decorations were extremely effective. Bands of evergreen encircled each pillar, and green foliage hung in festoons between the columns. A special musical service had been arranged by the organist and director of the choir, Dr. Stocks-Hammond, and afforded the congregation much enjoyment. In addition to the appropriate psalms, Sullivan's "Festival Te Deum," Brown's "Benedictus," and the Christmas anthem, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel," were rendered in a finished manner. Miss E. Macdonald sang the solo in the "Benedictus." The congregation joined with considerable heartiness in the familiar hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." During the offertory the solo and chorus, "Hosanna to the New Born King," and the anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," was impressively

sung. In the former the solo was taken by Mr W. P. Stutchbury, and in the latter by Master Eddie Cook. Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan preached from the text, "And they came again and found Mary, and Joseph, the Babe lying in the manger." In a brief, but and edifying sermon, the Bishop dwelt upon the atmosphere of exquisite simplicity, purity, and holiness which surrounded the Holy Family, and urged upon his hearers the necessity of living up to the obligations of marital life, and guarding family associations from contamination and pollution. In return for the destruction of conjugal fidelity and the sacred and holy relations that existed in the marriage life, nature was bound, sooner or later, to exact her penalty. The congregation was exhorted to remember the sick and the poor at this season of the year, and the preacher wished all a happy Christmas in the broadest sense of the term.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL

St. Alban's Cathedral presented a very charming appearance, with its decorations of holly and evergreens. At the eight o'clock service there were twenty communicants. The service at eleven o'clock was very largely attended, and the communicants numbered seventy-two. A special feature of the service was the rendition of the anthem "Arise, shine, for Thy light is come." His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto preached an excellent sermon from the text, Psalms ii., 7:—"I will declare the decree; the Lord hath said unto me, 'Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee.'" The offertory, amounting to \$61, was in aid of the service account.

ST. LUKE'S.

Large congregations attended the Christmas day service held at St. Luke's church. The decorations were magnificent, and reflected the greatest credit on the ladies of the congregation who had charge of their disposal. The chancel screen and the reredos were especially constructed and were beautiful in design. The walls of the church were also decorated with lattice work covered with evergreens. The sermon at the eleven o'clock service was preached by Rev. John Meekridge, who took for his text St. Luke ii., 14:—"Peace on earth," on which he founded an eloquent discourse. Communion was celebrated at seven and eight o'clock, and evensong was celebrated at five o'clock. The number of communicants was very large.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Two Christmas services were held in the Church of the Redeemer, which was tastefully decorated with holly, evergreens and illuminated

texts. Both services were very well attended, the communicants numbering about two hundred and fifty. Special music was ably rendered by the well trained choir. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. L. G. Wood, on the the subject, "Peace on Earth," from which he drew several valuable lessons. The rector, Rev. Septimus Jones, also assisted in the service.

ST. THOMAS'.

At St. Thomas' church, Christmas, the rector, Rev. J. C. Roper, occupied the pulpit, and preached a most eloquent sermon from the text of John i., 14. It was in the nature of a Christmas greeting to the congregation, which was a very large one. A full choral service was rendered, the music being under the direction of Rev. F. G. Plummer. A midnight service was celebrated, and the sacrament was also administered at services held at 7, 8, and 10.30 o'clock, as well as the midday service. The communicants numbered considerably more than five hundred.

ST. GEORGE'S.

St. George's church presented an attractive appearance, and the congregation, which was much larger than usual, joined heartily in the service. The choir rendered Dyke's "Te Deum" and communion service with much effect. The rector, Rev. Canon Cayley, preached a timely discourse from St. Luke ii., 13-14.

ST. PAUL'S.

A quiet solemnity characterized the service at St. Paul's church. The music was in keeping with the occasion, and Rev. Prof. Cody, of Wycliffe College, preached an appropriate sermon. The lessons were read by Rev. T. C. DesBarres. The congregation was large and the offertory substantial. The decorations of the church showed considerable taste.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH.

At the 11 o'clock service held in the Church of the Messiah, the rector, Rev. J. Gillespie, preached an appropriate Christmas sermon, taking for his text John x, 10, "I am come to give light." He was assisted in the conduct of the service by Rev. R. Renison. Special anthems were sung by the choir, and were very ably executed. Early communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, and at both services the number of communicants was very large.

ST. STEPHEN'S.

St. Stephen's church was beautifully decorated in honor of the Christmas season, and was crowded at the eleven o'clock service. The chancel screen and the floral decorations on the altar were exquisite in

design. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. E. H. Call, curate of the church who preached an able discourse suited to the season. Rev. A. J. Broughall, the rector, took part in the services, which were held at 7, 8, 11 and 4 o'clock, and was also assisted by his son, Rev. G. H. Broughall, of Trinity College, Port Hope. The service was a full choral one, the choir acquitting itself with great credit.

GRACE CHURCH.

The decorations at Grace Church were very pretty and displayed considerable taste. The service was heartily joined in by the large congregation. Rev. J. P. Lewis, the rector, preached a sermon which was admirably in keeping with the occasion.

Rev. Canon Pettit, late rector of Cornwall, died suddenly on Sunday of last week in Toronto, where he had been staying for the past two months. Deceased was one of the best known clergymen in Canada, and had hosts of friends. Canon Pettit was born at Grimsby, Ontario, in 1827. His first mission was the vast field lying between Guelph and the northern shore of Lake Huron. In 1855 he was appointed to the rectory of Richmond, in the County of Carleton, where he ministered twenty-two years, and where he took an active part in the educational work of the county. For these services an address was presented to him in 1877 by the leading men of Ottawa and the county. In that year he was presented to the rectory of Cornwall and also to the canonry in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston.

DIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Bishop—Right Rev. C. Hamilton, D.D., D.C.L.
Residence—Ottawa.

The congregation of St. Barnabas' church, City of Ottawa, is giving tangible proof of its progressiveness. The contract has been let for a new organ to Messrs. Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., the price being in the neighborhood of \$1,500. It is proposed to enlarge and greatly beautify the church during the coming summer. To this end plans have been prepared and are now being displayed in the vestry of the church. They show a very tasteful design which, when carried into execution, will give St. Barnabas' quite an imposing appearance. Of late, the membership of the church has been increasing steadily.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Bishop—Most Rev. J. T. Lewis, D.D., L.L.D.
Residence—Kingston, Ont.

There was a large crowd at St. George's Cathedral yesterday to witness the marriage of Miss Edith Nor-

ton Taylor, daughter of Col. D. Norton Taylor, retired British officer to Captain Marsh, of the R. A., Plymouth, England. The Rev. Rural Dean Bogert, of Ottawa, and Very Rev. Dean Smith, of Kingston, officiated. There was a large attendance of guests from Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. The bride's sisters were her assistants, and Captain Budstall, of "A" Battery, was the groomsman. After the wedding breakfast, a reception was held at noon. The couple started for England. The bride was an active worker in the Cathedral. Besides many wedding gifts, she received numerous cheques for good amounts.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

Bishop—Right Rev. M. S. Baldwin, D.D.
Residence—London, Ont.

Dean Innes, rector of St. Paul's cathedral, London, Ont., was presented last week with a silver-mounted mahogany chest containing \$500 in gold in commemoration of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the diocese of Huron.

The Bishop of Huron in an address at Clinton recently said some very complimentary things of church choirs, and a few things which are not very complimentary. Gunpowder, he says, has strong explosive properties, so has dynamite, while nitro-glycerine is more explosive still; but for blowing up churches these compounds are not in it with a church choir. The congregation enters by the front door, the preacher enters by the vestry door, but the choir is the avenue through which the devil enters. Nearly every row that took place in any church can be traced to the choir."

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A., D.C.L., Bishop-elect of Algoma, was born in Coventry, England, in 1848, and, therefore, is now in his forty-eighth year. He was educated at the University of Lennoxville, in the Province of Quebec, taking his B.A. in 1872, and M.A. in 1877. Last year (1895) his Alma Mater conferred on him the honorary degree of D.C.L. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1874, and to the Priesthood in 1875, by the late Bishop Williams of Quebec. In 1886, Bishop Williams appointed him to a canonry in Quebec Cathedral. In 1874, he became rector of Stanstead, Quebec, where he remained until the closing months of 1885, when he accepted the important post of Rector of Sherbrooke, Quebec, in which parish he has since worked with great success, and has won the affection and esteem of his large congregation.

The consecration of Canon Thorneloe to the episco-

pate is arranged to take place on the Festival of the Epiphany, in Quebec Cathedral. In the absence of Archbishop Lewis, the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the consecrating Bishop will be The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Montreal, who will, it is expected, be assisted by the Bishops of Fredericton, Ottawa, Quebec, and others.

Bishop Thorneloe will proceed to his headquarters at Sault Ste. Marie almost immediately after his consecration.

At the consecration services, on St. Luke's day, of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Luke, at Sault Ste. Marie, the offertories for the day amounted to within a few dollars of \$700. Where such a thing is possible, by a very great effort, there will, doubtless, soon be no claims on missionary funds for clerical stipend. At one time the Sault was known as a self-supporting parish. It should again stand without help.

AMERICAN CHURCH NOTES.

The ceremony of enthroning the Right Rev. Wm. David Walker, D.D., L.L.D., as Bishop of Western New York, in succession to the late Bishop Cleveland Coxe, took place at St. Paul's church, Buffalo, New York, on Dec. 23rd.

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Joint executive committees representing England, Scotland, Australian, West Indies, Canadian and American councils of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, met in New York and fixed upon Nov. 13 to 17 next as the date, and Buffalo as the place, for holding what it is expected will be the largest gathering of laymen of the Anglican communion ever assembled. This international convention will have delegates from nearly all English-speaking countries, and at least 2,500 are expected from American chapters alone. The aim of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to bring men to church services and Bible classes, and it numbers about 12,000 active members, nearly all episcopal churches having chapters. Some distinguished speakers from abroad are expected. They include Canon Charles Gore, of Westminster Abbey; the Lord Bishop of Rochester; Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, of the famous firm of publishers of that name; Lord Hugh Cecil, a son of the Marquis of Salisbury; Very Rev. Vincent Rorison, Dean of St. Andrew's, Scotland; Right Rev. Enos Nuttall, D.D., of Jamaica; Mr. C. H. Dunderdale, Scotland, and Mr. J. E. B. Johnston, Sydney, New South Wales. Canon Gore is a noted social reformer of England, and Lord Cecil is one of the most active of English Brotherhood men. The questions that will be made most prominent at Buffalo will be how to induce more men to go to church, and social and personal purity.

To the Editor of the Western Churchman:

Sir—I have a set of pictures on the Holy Land (82) for a magic lantern. Some of your readers might like to exchange some views they have for something new. Should I not exchange I shall be most happy to send them to a brother priest, he paying express charges both ways.

Yours truly,

T. A. TETTELBAUM.

Saltcoats, Dec. 30.

Dr. E. R. Wilberforce, Bishop of Chichester, is to take the place of the Archbishop-elect, as chairman of the Church of England Temperance Society. It will be news to many to learn that at least six other prelates are also teetotallers—the Bishops of Carlisle, Durham, Lichfield, Wakefield, Newcastle and the Bishop designate of Peterborough,—so that there was little difficulty in securing a chairman from the Episcopate.

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