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Isaac Watts' Hymns.

At the end of last year, a copy of the first edition, believed to be the only one in England, was sold by auction for £140. An interesting description of it was given by the Rev. J. Mearns in the Guardian of January 29th, from which it appears that, owing to the Supplement at the end, the owner has not only a complete copy of the first edition, but also what is virtually a copy of the second edition, likewise extremely rare. It may be of interest to recall that to Dr. Watts we owe the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The version, as it appears in Hymns Ancient and Modern, differs but slightly from the first edition of 1707. The last verse has been added, and instead there is the following as the penultimate:

His dying Crimson like a Robe
Spreads o'er His Body on the Tree;
There am I dead to all the Globe,
And all the Globe is dead to me.

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," are other familiar hymns which came from the same pen.

Sects.

Mr. F. T. Bullen, the author of "With Christ at Sea," and other excellent works, refers to a difficulty which seems an increasing one, that is, the multitude of small religious bodies, especially in the poorer districts. His complaint need not be confined to the smaller English bodies, as such gatherings are found everywhere. They seem to be the outcome of two causes, the want of definite training in week-day schools, supplemented necessarily by vague Sunday school teaching, and on the other hand of too narrow brooding on minor points. The United States are noted for these strange religious developments, but Wurtemberg, in Germany, has always been a hot bed for the growth of curious sects, generally of a pietist character. The latest has its headquarters in Stuttgart, and calls itself the Brethren of the Sword of the Spirit. The brethren are vegetarians and celibates and oppose tobacco and alcohol. They divide into "families," not exceeding twenty-five, with a father and mother. They meet for worship on Saturday night, when the father or mother reveals the spirit's message. On the table in front of the reveler is a naked sword, symbolizing the spirit. How sad.

The Shrine.

We cannot always judge from the name of a magazine to what it is specially devoted. One would think the "Shrine" was the pilot of higher thought. It is the title adopted for a new quarterly magazine to be published in Stratford-on-Avon, and devoted to subjects connected with Shakespeare and his birth-place.

Town Influences.

Cowper told us God made the country, man made the town, but there is a strange fascination in the town, and now that communication is so easy, instead of rushing to the country, the tendency is to town and all its influences good or bad. Mr. H. J. Palmer, chairman of the Institute of Journalists, in England, has drawn attention to one in expressing the opinion that men of imaginative power are not born in great towns. "Great towns are great evils, great towns destroy all the reverence in a young fellow. When he has done his work, instead of thinking, he goes to a place of entertainment or a billiard room. He gets far too great a respect for superficial smartness and cleverness."

Clerical Liberty.

We have had a good deal of discussion on the want of supervision of our clergy by the archdeacons and rural deans, and the opinion has been freely expressed that the clergy would have a more lively sense of duty were a greater control exercised by those above them. Without taking up that point, we may say that we have repeatedly noticed the apparently uncontrolled way in which clergy in England come and go. Attention has been drawn to this fact by the visit to our neighbours to the south of the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, of Hexton, a Church of England clergyman, who is causing some sensation by the zeal with which he advocates the Boer cause and denounces the policy and doings of England. "He speaks strongly in favour of the Boers retaining their independence, and trusts that the United States Government would interfere to bring this about. He strongly urges the Americans not to vote for any Congressman who was not in favour of the United States intervening in South Africa. What is important is, he adds, that the Church of England authorities would not subject him to any discipline for the part he was taking, and so far as his own parishioners were concerned, when he returned home they would receive him with cheers and welcome him by the ringing of bells." Surely this is a case where the authorities would be quite justified in interfering.

Empress Frederick's Fatal Illness.

Herr Leinhaas, who was librarian to the late Empress Frederick, at Friedrichshof, has just published a booklet which contains hitherto unknown details. From his account, the Empress Frederick was a picture of perfect health until 1899. It was, perhaps, an unfortunate accident in the late autumn of 1898, which brought about her fatal illness, although latent disease may have already been present. At Schaafhot—a farm near Kronthal—an engine was at work, which frightened her horse. As it approached the engine, it reared perpendicularly, throwing Her Majesty on her head with her feet under it, while her riding-habit was caught in the saddle. Her head struck the ground, not very severely, while her right hand was sprained and lightly stepped upon by the horse. The Empress went on to say that she had been riding for fifty years, and in so long a time an accident might very naturally happen. "It is better," she added, "that I should have fallen than that it should have happened to somebody else. I shall ride again the day after to-morrow, and now, despite the sprained hand, I shall try to paint a little and write a few letters." The next day, however, she said that she had passed a bad night, and then, referring once more to the accident, she said—"I might have lost my life or

been dragged along the road." That day her long and painful sufferings began.

War Correspondents

It seems going back to long past history, to speak of the war of secession, but that war among other things, good and bad, created the war correspondent. W. H. Russell, the correspondent of the "Times," wrote a graphic account of the first reverse of the Northern army, which was taken so badly that the Northern States became too hot for Bull Run. Yet Sir William Howard Russell, I.L.D., celebrated his eighty-second birthday on the 17th inst.

Sermons.

A correspondent, writing in a contemporary on "Why are Sermons Dull?" supplies the answer that many preachers deal with abstractions rather than with concrete realities. "We hear sermons," he says, "on love, brotherliness, faith, growing in grace, and the like, but there is a painful poverty of illustrative examples and of practical counsel how to crystallize nebulous principles—which none of us think of disputing—into practice in our homes, our businesses, our social circles, and our politics." There is much truth in this charge. The great preachers have been full of illustrative material. Our Lord, in announcing the laws of the Kingdom of God, always spoke in particular. The Gospels teem with "concrete realities," enforced by figures of speech and parables. Those who study our Lord's method of teaching and preaching will have small encouragement to deal merely with "generalities." To show how habits change; in Dr. Watts' time, a sermon occupied an hour, and he advised students to think what powerful words he could speak to impress the conscience, to write the sermons, but in preaching to use the enlargement and variety of thought which occur in speaking, and to following this advice, Whitfield owed his success.

The Principle of Administration.

The Spectator recently gave the following advice to the members of the Cabinet, who are worn out with details: We wish that some day, when there is comparatively little business before the Cabinet, Lord Salisbury would read to his colleagues the eighteenth chapter of Exodus, beginning at the thirteenth verse. Such reading would, we believe, convey a lesson much needed by a certain number of our Cabinet Ministers. In that chapter is laid down with a clearness and precision which no subsequent writers on public affairs have ever bettered, the true principle of civil administration. It will be remembered by our readers that when Jethro came to visit his son-in-law, Moses, and saw how the whole of Moses' energy was occupied with the details of administration—"the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening"—Jethro felt constrained to protest strongly against so capital an error in organization, and asked Moses why he was so continually immersed in the details of his work. Moses replied: "When they have a matter they come unto me, and I judge be-

tween one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God and His laws." In an instant Jethro put his finger on the weak spot in the administrative system of Moses. "And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou and this people that is with thee; for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone." Jethro went on to suggest an improved organization. Moses, he pointed out, must be content to lay down general principles of action—"Then shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do" but the details he must leave to subordinates. "And it shall be that every great matter they [the subordinates], shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge; so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace." Like a wise and prudent statesman, Moses accepted the good counsel of Jethro, and we read that in future Moses refrained from interference with details, and occupied himself solely with great affairs. "The hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves."

THE SUPPLY OF ORDINATION CANDIDATES.

There is admittedly a scarcity of candidates for Holy Orders in all parts of our Communion. Not only is there not an increase of those offering for ordination, but the numbers reached in former years are barely maintained. When we remember the largely increasing population of the countries in which the Church operates, and the ever expanding field of missionary endeavour, we realize the serious state of affairs which has arisen and confronts the Church. The Church of a colonizing Empire must necessarily be aggressive and expansive, and as it is always in a militant condition, and at war with sin, ignorance and unbelief, it must ever be calling for leaders and recruits to continue the struggle, and maintain the warfare against the enemies of the souls of men. Not only do modern conditions in the Church, both at home and abroad, demand a steadily increasing supply of clergy, but they also demand that in their quality and training they shall be highly fitted to conduct and wage a successful battle against the forces of our spiritual enemies. The day when a good man, who could administer the Sacraments, would in very many cases suffice, and meet the simple requirements of unlearned people, who were troubled with no doubts or scruples, has passed away, and its place has been taken by a universal spread of knowledge, and with it a complex state of society, and people full of questionings of things most sacred and once supposed to be beyond all cavil. Less and less are dogmatic truths accepted, and the tendency is to make

the church as much a social as a religious institution. Under this altered state of affairs, men of deep scholarship, able to teach, influence, and convince men are more than ever needed for the work of the ministry. The Church was once the great society, which with the family and State claimed the allegiance of men, but now manifold organizations in all departments of human activity divide with her the field of moral, intellectual and philanthropic effort, and diminish the number and earnestness of her members. These altered conditions make her work more difficult, and the necessity greater for an increase in the number and effectiveness of her priesthood. The priestly life has attractions for many kinds and classes of men, and for those who are apt and meet for it, it can afford a field for energy, and has sources of satisfaction which no other calling can supply. The work is largely its own reward, and one imbued with an enthusiasm for humanity, and a desire to serve, it will find in it an abiding cause of joy and contentment. He will realize that he is working not for time only, but for eternity; not merely for selfish advancement or gain, but for Him and like Him, who being poor made many rich. The attractiveness of a good priest's life, were it better known and appreciated, would draw many to serve God in His Church, and to seek in this most certain and effectual manner the salvation of souls. To increase the number of clergy certain practical steps require to be taken. First, assistance needs to be given to needy but deserving men. The ministry must not be confined to any class in society. The blessed Lord was content to choose as the twelve apostles of His Church the unlettered fishermen of Galilee. As a man cannot be ordained priest till he is twenty-four years of age, he is at, till that time arrives, considerable outlay, and if he is a good and suitable man, it should be in some measure, if necessary, afforded him. If we are to have numbers adequate to the increasing work, and are to raise the standard of scholarship, and give men longer and better training than has in many cases been deemed essential, then we must be prepared to give financial aid to young men of ability, earnestness, and promise, let them come from whence they may. Then the priesthood, if it is to attract young men of the character indicated and needed, must be raised above a position of respectable pauperism. The openings in life are so varied and numerous, the opportunities of remuneration and distinction so great, that young men cannot be expected to forego them, except in rare cases, for the scanty rewards and trying circumstances of the priesthood. We are not advocating a scale of payments that would attract self-seeking men, but such fair and moderate provision for a married clergy, as such is demanded, as would relieve them from anxiety, and leave them free to pursue their labours without absorbing care, as to the necessities of life for themselves and their families. The scanty support now afforded the priesthood in a great majority of cases, is at once a disgrace

and a powerful deterrent to those who might otherwise seek the office and work of the ministry. Than parents and clergy none have more powerful influence in directing young men's attention to the claims and rewards of the priesthood, and they should seek in all possible ways to increase the supply of candidates for Holy Orders. Pious parents can do much, and it would be well, as it was at one time, if not now in Scotland, if it were the ambition of nearly every family to have at least one son devoted to the service of the Church. On the number, quality, and character of the priesthood, under God, the future of the Church depends for its extension and influence, and there is one source of power happily which can never be exhausted, and that is prayer. Our refuge must be in obedience to the precept: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest," and a better observance of those ember days in which the Church provides and endeavours to fulfil her Lord's commands, and prays that "the bishops and pastors of thy flock may faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy Church."

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

With these two supremely important subjects the life and progress of the Church is closely and intimately connected. They deal with the inculcation and extension of those principles which the Church exists to maintain and propagate. Bishop Niles, of New Hampshire, commenting on the last general convention of the American Church, held at San Francisco, said: "The great fault of this convention was the devoting of the energies and the time to the canons, to the mere scaffolding of the Church, and the crowding of education and the great work of missions into a corner." We trust that this wise and suggestive statement will be taken into serious consideration by our bishops and members of synods, Diocesan and General, and that at the sessions of these bodies this year, we shall devote more attention to these vital subjects, and less to mere rules and regulations. Education has to do with the informing of the mind, and the formation and development of character. It can be carried out in the home, the Sunday and day school, and in the college and university. The Church is concerned to see that in all these agencies religion occupies its true and proper place, and that it shall not be thrust aside by the secularist or the politician. Our synods might profitably occupy their time in considering how the influence of religion might be more directly exerted in the home, in making the Sunday school more efficient and useful, in demanding more religious instruction in day schools, and in hearing and considering reports from our Church schools and colleges. These latter institutions are generally regarded as though the synods of the Church had no interest in them, as certainly they have little or no control of them. In not a few cases they are managed and controlled by a small, close corporation, and

they would resent any interference by the synods in their management, and they do not deign even to report to the synods of their designs and operations. With the subject of education, the whole body of Churchmen should deal in their representative synods, and it should not be taken out of their hands by self-appointed and self-perpetuating boards, which pay no heed to their fellow Churchmen more than to call upon them to support these exclusively managed and oftentimes partizan institutions. The whole question of education should be prominent at all our synods. We should have in each diocese a committee on the subject, and especially should we have oversight of those institutions in which our candidates for orders are prepared for the ministry. Equally important is the subject of missions in all parts of the home and foreign field. The Church is altogether inadequately manned, and there is great necessity for large extension in all our diocesan missions, both East and West. There is scarcely a clergyman in our rural districts who is not trying to do single-handed the work of two or three men, and who will not tell you that in his parish or mission there are two or more of other denominations on the ground he is endeavouring to occupy alone. There must be a greatly increased enthusiasm for missions in all our dioceses, and a multiplication of clergy and missions if we are to take our share in the evangelization of this great and growing country. This can only be accomplished by a much larger liberality on the part of our laity for this object than has hitherto been the case. We believe, however, that if large plans are formed, their wisdom and necessity explained, and means taken to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of our people, that they will respond willingly to the demands made upon them. We trust that in all our synods this year we shall seek higher things, and make education and missions our watchword and rallying cry, and find in them both inspiration and benediction.

REVIEWS.

The Pathway of Safety, or Counsel to the Awakened. By the Right Rev. Ashton Oxenden, D.D. (24th American Edition.) 12mo., pp., 300. Price, 50 cents. New York: Thomas Whittaker; Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, 102 Yonge St.

This manual of moral duty has long been a favorite, and is very convenient in the training to a life of Christian piety. It counsels quietly, soberly and affectionately, as if the Bishop were personally giving advice to a young friend, and this personal tone is its chief characteristic and beauty.

Tools for Teachers. A Popular Handbook of Classified Anecdotes, Legends, and Illustrations. Edited by William Moodie, is about to appear in its 12th Edition from the same publisher (Thomas Whittaker).

Doctrinal Innovations of the Methodist Church, Being an Impeachment of its Higher Critics, and a Criticism of Their Doctrinal Heresies, as taken from the Columns of the Christian Guardian, and from Other Sources. By E. Stephens. For Sale in Listowel, Ont. Price, 10 cents.

Under the above given lengthy title, Mr. Stephens has written a very earnest and very strongly written "impeachment" of teaching, which, according to him, is permeating the Methodist body in Ontario. There is very much that is good and direct in this pamphlet; the author puts the issue very plainly in respect of our Lord's many indications that He, at any rate, regarded the Jewish Scriptures as received in His day, as both reliable and authentic. Mr. Stephens is what perhaps the younger Methodist preachers, and some of the older ones, too, would call an "old-fashioned Methodist," a firm and literal believer in his English Bible as he has it. Hence he clings to verbal inspiration, but apparently of the Revised Version, put forth in King James' reign. This is a weak spot, sometimes easy to be fixed upon in his line of defence. We may point out one blemish, where he speaks of the "Song of Solomon," as "the amorous songs of the backslidden Solomon;" but these "amorous songs" are "verbally inspired" on Mr. Stephen's grounds, being part of the "inspired Scriptures." Mr. Stephens lays himself open a little to objection as to his style of quotation in one instance; in referring to St. Mark xvi., 16, he thus quotes: "He that believeth shall be saved." There is here a very important mission; one very often to be met with in the teachers of our modern "Christianity." We cannot help observing that the pamphlet is greatly marred by the "poetical" pieces. They are of a kind often to be met with in remoter rural newspapers, but which may, nevertheless, be effective in such localities. On the whole, we fear the pamphlet is a little too strongly worded to be productive of the good the author intends among the "rising generation," especially of the young candidates for the ministry now coming out of Protestant colleges. We must, however, strongly commend the sincerity and earnestness with which the pamphlet is written.

Magazines.—The Homiletic Review.—The opening papers of the April number of the review offer very suggestive reading. The most noticeable are, (1) The Exploration of Eastern Palestine by Colonel C. R. Conder, the well-known explorer of the country he writes about. This is a very useful and timely paper. (2) "Are Miracles Possible?" by Prof. Edward J. Hamilton, a very instructive paper, setting forth the philosophic teaching current in American colleges, and suggesting the answer to the question he asks. A good paper: "Questions of Authorship, Psalm CX," which we would commend to the notice of everyone. "Representative Sermons" are given, about which opinions may greatly differ. "Helps and Hints" section is instructive. There are several other useful and suggestive articles, and altogether the number is a very good one, and one that will no doubt be most useful to the readers for whom it is especially intended.

The American Antiquarian.—On page 127, the editor says: "It is well to state that the American Antiquarian has been recognized as authority from the outset, and complete sets are now in the libraries of the majority of the institutions mentioned," viz., the American Antiquarian and College Libraries." We can well understand how this should be, as the magazine is of very great interest, indeed. It is devoted to the study of the wonderful architectural remains in the southern part of the North American Continent, but extending its researches to British Columbia and Alaska. There is a most remarkable article on "Philippine Studies," very well worth everyone's reading. The account of the trade between Acapulco, in Mexico, and Manila, in the sixteenth and following centuries is noticeable. The introduction of various fruits, etc., into the Philippine islands is likely to be news to many. Space does not admit of our doing more than barely mention articles especially deserving of notice, such as "Ethnological Observations in South Africa," by G. E. Laidlaw. "The Australian Museum," by Fred. Starr, and the editorial, "Human Figures in American and Oriental

Art Compared." This ought to be read in connection with the two volumes on "Chaldea" and "Assyria," in the "Story of the Nations." We may note that the information given in this magazine might well serve to help towards an effective answer to many of the "Higher (?) Critic" objections brought against the Hebrew Scriptures, showing that people do not yet know everything about "the prehistoric world." Several interesting "Archaeological Notes" are given; also some recent discoveries of remains in the "Reindeer Period," East Africa, California, New Zealand; also some Book Reviews. Special attention may be called to the article by Rev. Father Morice, "Carriers and Amos at Home," as containing a warning needed by some rather too "cock-sure" students of Indian customs, and their mode of expressing their ideas.

The International Monthly.—The magazine opens with an article by C. W. Larned, U.S. Military Academy, on "The Modern Soldier and Military Lessons of Recent Wars." It deals especially with the Boer war, and the lessons in regard to uniform, etc., taught by the modern American soldier. The writer applies his "lessons" as if they held good for all wars in time to come. The great one is the necessity that the soldier should be able to shoot straight. He would like to see all gorgeous uniforms relegated to the circus in time of peace, as well as war. He thinks the "military unit must henceforth be the individual soldier." There is a very astronomically learned paper on the "Problem of the Universe," by Simon Newcomb. Alfred Fouillee concludes his papers on "Contemporary French Philosophy." An interesting review of Maesterlinck's essay on "The Life of Bees" follows. Russel Sturgis gives a very readable paper on "Wm. Crary Brownell, as Critic on Fine Art." Emil Steinbach discourses on "Government Control of the Trusts." R. Hotozewetz treats of "Export Bounties on Sugar in Europe," while Joseph B. Bishop concludes the magazine with a "Chronicle of the Month," which mainly consists of an eulogy of President Roosevelt.

The Churchwoman.

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

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

Requests for information, or short reports for publication will receive prompt attention.

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

QUEBEC.

Sherbrooke.—St. Peter's.—The annual meeting of St. Faith's Guild was held on Monday afternoon, April 7th, in the Church Hall, when Mrs. E. C. Fraser was re-elected president. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-presidents, Miss Hunt and Miss Smith; treasurer, Miss Hobson; secretary, Miss Bennett. A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Wiggett for the use of her room while the Church Hall was being used as a chapel. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild of this church was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 9th. The principal business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. Wm. Farwell; president, Mrs. W. Duncan Smith; first vice-president, Mrs. Price; second vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Ives; third vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Tomlinson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Woodward.

MONTREAL.

Montreal.—Synod Hall.—The Montreal branches of the Girls' Friendly Society held their annual festival on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in this hall, over a hundred members of the various parochial

branches being present. The Rev. Dyson Hague, who presided, gave a short speech, after which Archbishop Bond addressed the meeting, speaking of the interest he had taken in the society and its work ever since it was organized, and of its influence. The Rev. Canon Ker spoke on the necessity of thoroughness in the fulfilment of every-day duty, as a practical proof of Christianity. A letter of greeting was read from the Dominion Society. An interesting programme of songs and recitations was gone through by members of St. George's and St. Jude's branches, and refreshments were served.

ONTARIO.

Kingston.—St. George's.—A very successful annual meeting of the Cathedral Junior Auxiliary was held on Monday night, April 7th. The society has met all its monetary pledges, and sent bales of clothing, etc., to different parts of the mission field and has a fair balance on hand. The resignation from the superintendency by Mrs. Norman Fraser, a post which she has held with wonderful success for four or five years, was most unwillingly accepted by the society. The members were all very pleased, however, when they found that Miss Frances Macauley would accede to the wish of the meeting, as expressed by a most unanimous vote, and accept the vacant position. The other officers, Miss Safford, president; Miss Ida Sutherland, treasurer, and Miss Clark, secretary, were re-elected. Miss Sutherland was also elected to go as delegate to the diocesan annual meeting to be held in Belleville in June. After a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring superintendent had been passed by a standing vote, the Very Reverend the Dean, who was chairman, brought the proceedings to a close by a happy little speech.

TORONTO.

India Famine Fund.—With very grateful thanks, I acknowledge the following contributions: Miss O'H., \$2; Well-wisher, \$5; Miss Barbara Pettigrew, \$2; two W.A. members, \$1; Friend, 50 cents; Mrs. C. H. Roberts and family, Lenten offering, Horning's Mills, \$3; Friend, for orphan work, \$20.00; M. B., Toronto, \$1.00; J. M., \$2.00; Anon., \$3; E. C., 50 cents; M. V. G. M. \$2.25. Further contributions, either for relief work or for the support of some of the thousand little orphans will be most welcome. The "Christian Herald" alone has 5,000 of these little ones on their rolls, and what sweeter work of mercy could we do, than help to save all we can of these poor little starvelings. Let us not forget all that is involved in rescuing these children. It means not only feeding and clothing them, but taking them away, probably in most cases from heathen darkness and superstition, and placing them where they are taught useful trades, and above all, are carefully instructed in the Christian religion, so that now while they are young their hearts may learn to know and love their Saviour, and who knows what powerful missionaries and fellow-workers with God's people these children may become. Others rescued in like manner are drawing others now to the true fold. So the work we do now for these orphans may by God's blessing, be an opening of doors to future generations. True native Christians feel a strong desire very often to deliver others from those evils which they have so specially realized. Who can understand starvation like one who has almost died from it? Or the darkness and heart-oppression of heathenism, like those who have been led out of its gloom to see the glad light of a Saviour's love? We may humbly thank God that our alms may help to do work of this kind. All contributions, however small, will be most welcome. \$15 maintains a child for a year for this purpose or for relief work. Please address Miss Caroline Macklem, Sylvan Towers, Rosedale, Toronto.

NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in this city on April 7th, 8th and 9th, commencing on Monday evening with a largely attended meeting for juniors in the cathedral school house. The children listened to addresses from Mrs. Stringer, Mackenzie River diocese, and from Miss Schroder, on Zenana Missions in India. The Rev. Andrew Graham, of Rochester, who had consented to preach the annual sermon, was also on the platform and said a few words. On Tuesday morning, the meeting commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, by the Lord Bishop, assisted by the Revs. Andrew Graham, Canon Bland, and I. O. Stringer. The Rev. Andrew Graham preached a powerful sermon, combining the texts "Abide in Me, and I in You," and "Go ye into all the world," showing how the complete abiding in Christ is necessary to the perfect preaching of His Gospel. The attendance, both at the service and at the opening session of the business meeting held in the cathedral school house was particularly large. After the litany of intercession had been said, the Lord Bishop gave his usual opening address, followed by a few words from the Rev. A. Graham. The address of welcome to the visiting delegates was given by Mrs. DuMoulin, honorary president, the reply being read by Mrs. Sparling, president of the Palmerston branch. Greetings were read from the Toronto, Montreal and Quebec Diocesan Boards, and from the Provincial Board, and a valuable letter on "Dorcas Work," by Miss Halson, provincial Dorcas secretary. After lunch, which was provided in the guild room of the cathedral, the officers' reports were presented. That of the recording secretary showed a total senior membership of 1,337 and 51 branches. Total number of sewing meetings held was 944. The secretary for juniors reported a membership of 649, and 23 branches working, also 19 bales and eight parcels sent away. The organizing secretary reported three new branches formed during the year, and the Dorcas secretary's report showed that 26 missions had been assisted, and 80 bales sent away. The corresponding secretary's report showed that 190 communications had been sent out, and 122 received. Copies of Mrs. Broughall's appeal for the Algoma Sustentation Fund were sent to 47 branches and resulted in the contribution of \$211 from the diocese for this purpose. The E. C. D. treasurer reported last year's balance \$6.95, and this year's receipts, \$17.73; expenditure, \$17.90. The treasurer's report was most comprehensive. Total receipts from all sources, \$2,480.40, and balance on hand, \$342, all of which is already appropriated to various pledges. The pledges of the board amount to \$865. Three new life members have been added. The report of the Literature Committee showed receipts, \$272.21, and expenditure, \$154.66. The address of the diocesan president reviewed the work of the year, and expressed regret that four of the officers found it necessary to resign, Mrs. Webster, for nine years the most painstaking and efficient treasurer; Mrs. Reynolds, the valued editor of the Leaflet; also Miss McLaren, second vice-president, and Mrs. Sewell, E. C. D., treasurer ever since the starting of that fund. The afternoon session ended with a most interesting address from Mrs. Stringer, dealing chiefly with the traits of the Eskimo women, and the mission work among them. A very large attendance was present at the missionary meeting in the cathedral school-house in the evening. The Lord Bishop presided, and excellent addresses were given by the Rev. I. O. Stringer and the Rev. Andrew Graham. The morning session, on Wednesday, opened with a Bible reading by the Rev. F. E. Howitt, who took for his text the diocesan motto: "Lo, I am with you always." During the morning the diocesan pledges were considered, particularly the appeal made by the Lord Bishop for diocesan missions. It was decided that \$400 be devoted to

for this purpose, as in former years. An interesting address on "Zenana Mission work in India," by Miss Schroder, was listened to with deep attention, and during the afternoon a most valuable paper on the "Provincial Thankoffering" was given by Mrs. C. S. Scott. The result of the ballot for officers was as follows: President, Mrs. Wade; first vice-president, Mrs. Webster; second vice-president, Mrs. Leather; recording secretary, Miss Amy Gaviller; corresponding secretary, Miss Ambrose; organizing secretary, Mrs. Houston; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Sutherland; secretary-treasurer, Literature Committee, Mrs. J. Webster; secretary for junior branches, Mrs. Glasco; treasurer, Mrs. Parker; E. C. D. treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Scott; editor of Leaflet, Miss E. Counsell; Literature Committee, Miss Gaviller, Miss Wilcox, Miss Slater, Mrs. Witton, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Grossman. The ballot for the appropriation of life membership fees resulted in \$58 being given towards forming a reserve fund in the hands of the treasurer, and \$25 towards a church on the Peigan Reserve. Miss Ambrose, Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Houston were elected members of the Provincial Board. The thankoffering box was opened at the close of the meeting and contained \$52.65, partly designated and partly not. Mrs. Williamson, diocesan president of Toronto W.A., was a welcome guest, and addressed a few words to the meeting. On Wednesday evening a most enjoyable "At Home" was held at the See House. It was attended by a large number of delegates and their friends.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

NOVA SCOTIA.

Frederick Courtney, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S.
 Baddeck.—St. Peter's.—Preparations are being made for the erection of a new church in this parish.

Halifax.—St. Paul's.—Two special gifts have been promised in connection with the new Parish Hall. Mrs. R. H. Cogswell will place a memorial in the building in remembrance of her two children, former pupils of the Sunday school and identified with the work. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. LePine and Master Ralph LePine have promised a handsome clock for a large building.

FREDERICTON.

Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, D.D., Bishop, Fredricton, N.B.

Georgetown.—The Rev. James Spencer, for the past six and a half years rector at Campbellton, has accepted this parish, which is in the same diocese. He expects to enter upon his new work in May. When Mr. Spencer went to Campbellton, the congregation was very small, the skeleton of a rectory stood near the church. Now the church is well filled, and the rectory, costing about \$1,600, is clear of debt. A large Sunday school is in operation, a Sewing Society and a Mite Society. There are some sixty-four communicants. A church has been completed twenty miles up country, and last year there were nearly a thousand dollars raised in the parish. Mr. Spencer leaves with many good wishes for his welfare. No successor has as yet been appointed. The parish was set off from Dalhousie some ten years ago.

Highfield.—St. John's.—Wardens, G. Cody, I. R. Pearson. Delegates to Synod, C. F. Cody, W. M. Pearson. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Ladies' Sewing Circle for the beautiful reredos which they had presented to the Church at Easter.

QUEBEC.

Andrew Hunter Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec. Sherbrooke.—St. Peter's.—Wardens, H. D. Laurence, Col. H. R. Fraser. Meeting adjourned.

Coaticooke. — St. Stephen's. — Wardens, J. Churchill, F. H. Bridgeman.

Hatley.—St. James'.—Wardens, J. P. Bowen, C. E. Standish. Delegate to Synod, J. P. Bowen.

MONTREAL.

William Bennett Bond, D.D., Archbishop, Montreal, Que.

Montreal.—St. James the Apostle.—At the recent vestry meeting several valuable gifts to the church during the year were acknowledged by resolution. The commemorative plate to be placed facing the nave of the church was approved. The inscription is as follows: 1848—1898.—"This chancel was erected by the congregation of the Church of St. James the Apostle, in loving commemoration of the jubilee of the rector, Canon Ellegood, M.A. A.D. 1900."

Diocesan Theological College.—The annual convocation of this college will take place on Thursday, May 1st, when the preacher at the service will be the Rev. Dr. Whitney, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The first annual festival of the Diocesan Choral Union, which was to have taken place in this cathedral, in this city, on the evening of Thursday, May 15th, has been postponed until October.

St. Lambert.—St. Barnabas.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 14th. Mr. J. H. Horsfall was elected people's warden. After the transaction of some routine business the meeting was further adjourned.

Grenville.—St. Matthew's.—Wardens, A. Pridham, T. Owens. Delegates to Synod, E. Dawson, R. Weldon.

Calumet.—Trinity.—Wardens, A. J. Brigden, N. J. Whinfield. Delegate to Synod, A. Pridham.

Beebe Plain.—All Saints'.—Wardens, W. E. Monroe, S. T. Heath. Finances satisfactory.

Chambly.—St. Stephen's.—Wardens, B. Farrell, W. B. Austin, Sr. Delegates to Synod, H. Howard, J. Keyworth.

Iron Hill.—Holy Trinity.—Wardens, J. Robinson, W. Shufelt. Delegates to Synod, L. Hastings, J. Robinson.

Ormstown.—St. James'.—Wardens, H. E. Gale, T. Draper. Delegates to Synod, J. McGerrigle, J. Cottingham. Total revenue, \$2,580. Three handsome memorial windows have been placed in this church recently and others are promised.

Boscobel.—St. John's.—The annual vestry meeting took place on Friday evening, the 11th inst. Wardens, Mr. Marcus Hackwell, Mr. George Osborne. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Joseph and George Copping.

Bethel.—All Saints'.—Wardens, G. T. Davidson, Orila Lariviere. Delegates to Synod, W. L. Davidson, Captain J. Davidson. A beautiful communion set has been presented to this church by Mrs. Ferguson, of Montreal.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa, Ont.

Winchester.—St. Matthias.—The annual vestry meeting was held in this church on April 5th, when there was a good attendance of the parishioners. Messrs. B. Lane and George C. Hart were reappointed and re-elected clergyman's and people's warden, respectively. Messrs. D. Eager and George Jeackle were appointed lay delegates to Synod. Sidesmen, Messrs. D. B. Oliver, Geo. Jeackle, James Bowen, E. J. Morris, Robert Kinsella and J. Suddaby. The Easter services were bright and well attended and beautiful cut flowers adorned the altar. Within the past few weeks the S.P.C.K. and the Bible and Prayer-Book Society of Toronto have donated valuable sets of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books to the church. The finances were considered to be in a satisfactory condition. The card collectors were very successful.

Chesterville.—Holy Trinity.—The vestry meeting was held in this church on April 3rd. The rector reappointed Mr. T. G. McGee as his warden, and the people, Mr. Joseph Fisher as their warden. Mr. Edward Gillard is the lay delegate to the Synod. Sidesmen, Messrs. Hudson, Kendrick, James Myres, Charles Dauley, and Peter Furney. The finances are satisfactory. The parochial card collectors did good work this year. So far all is going on well in these parishes. The rector and his loyal little band of parishioners ask for the prayers, sympathy and hearty support of all true Church men and women in the diocese of Ottawa in carrying on their difficult yet noble work for the Master. "Laus Deo."

Stafford.—St. Stephen's.—Wardens, E. Hawkins, G. Ross. Delegate to Synod, T. B. Wright.

Morrisburg.—St. James'.—Very large congregations attended the services in this church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday last. On the latter occasion the church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers and the altar was vested in white and covered with flowers. The musical portions of the service were well rendered by the choir, who had been carefully trained by the efficient organist, Miss Rand. There were over 100 communicants at the various celebrations on Easter Day and the offertory amounted to over \$90.

ONTARIO.

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

Kingston.—St. James'.—The annual vestry meeting of this church was held on the 15th inst. Wardens, G. E. Hague, F. King. Delegate to Synod, Dr. Rogers, K.C.

Lancaster.—St. John's.—Wardens, D. McLennan, E. C. White. Delegates to Synod, W. H. Carr, E. C. White.

Deseronto.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, W. H. Harvey, J. Sexsmith. Delegates to Synod, R. W. Lloyd, H. Briscoe, W. J. Malley. Meeting was adjourned.

Tyendinaga.—Christ Church.—Wardens, J. Maracle, D. J. Brant. Delegate to Synod, G. Brant.

All Saints'.—Wardens, F. Claus, Chief Daniel H. Maracle, Mission School.—Wardens, D. H. Maracle, W. G. Maracle. Parish Hall, Chief, James K. Hill.

Amherst Island.—Stella.—St. Alban's. — Wardens, W. H. Moutray, J. S. Neilson.

Emerald—Christ Church.—G. Morrow, A. W. Hutchins.

Belleville—St. Thomas.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, which was held on the 14th, the rector, the Rev. Canon Burke, resigned the living on account of old age and increasing infirmities. The resignation was accepted. It will take effect on the 1st July next. The Rev. Canon Burke is 77 years of age, and succeeded the late Ven. Archdeacon Patton as rector. In his letter, resigning the living, Mr. Burke suggested the name of the Ven. Archdeacon Worrell, of Kingston, as his successor.

TORONTO.

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

St. Simon's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, held on the 14th, the following gentlemen were elected delegates to Synod: F. Hodgins, T. E. Moberley and O. Macklem. The sum of \$300 was added to the rector's stipend. The congregation are contemplating the erection of a new church in the near future. A motion, expressing regret at the approaching departure from the church of Mr. and Mrs. A. MacLean-Howard and the members of their family was unanimously passed. So also was a vote expressing to Mr. Pellatt the appreciation by the vestry of his handsome contribution to the church's finances and wishing him all success as Commandant of the Canadian Coronation Contingent.

Church of the Redeemer.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 14th inst. Mr. N. W. Hoyles, K.C., presided. At the meeting a letter was read from the rector, the Rev. Septimus Jones, resigning the living. Mr. Jones' resignation was accepted. The following were elected wardens and lay representatives to Synod: Wardens, Messrs. Creighton and Hibbard. Delegates to Synod, A. H. Campbell, Dr. Millman, and N. W. Hoyles, K.C. The retiring rector was born at Portsmouth, England, on June 4th, 1830. He was the seventh son of the Rev. James Jones. He received his early education at City of London School. In 1848 the family came out to Canada, and Mr. Jones attended Bishop's College, Lennoxville, where he graduated in Arts and Theology in 1853. For a year he was the classical master at St. John's High School, Quebec, and was in 1854 ordained deacon by Bishop Fulford, Montreal. During the year of his diaconate, he was placed in charge of the mission of Cape Cove and Perce, in the district of Gaspé, 500 miles below Quebec. In 1855 he was admitted to the priesthood by Bishop Mountain of Quebec. In the following year his health gave out from overwork, and he was removed to the city of Quebec, where he was appointed incumbent of St. Peter's church in that city. Three years later he removed to Philadelphia, having been appointed rector of the Church of the Redeemer. He remained there but two years and then returned to Canada, filling the position for some time of curate at St. Thomas' church, Belleville. Later on he was appointed first rector of Christ Church, Belleville, where he remained for some years, removing from thence to Toronto, where for a time he acted as curate to the late Rev. Rural Dean Gibbons, rector of St. Paul's. In 1870, when the new parish of the Church of the Redeemer was set apart, Mr. Jones was appointed the first rector, a position which he has held up to the present time.

Church of the Messiah.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 14th inst. The report of the auditors was received and adopted, and steps were taken in regard to the enlargement of the school-house, as authorized at the Easter meeting.

Church of the Epiphany.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on 14th April. The rector, the

Rev. Bernard Bryan, presided, and there was a large attendance. Wardens, A. F. Hatch, A. C. McConnell. Delegates to Synod, W. Wedd, Jr., R. B. Hutchinson and H. Mortimer. Total revenue, \$4,007.03.

St. Luke's. A confirmation service was held in this church on Friday evening last, when twenty-one candidates received the Apostolic Rite. The Bishop made an impressive address. The candidates were presented to the Bishop by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Langtry. A large congregation was present.

St. Anne's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, the resignation of the rector, the Rev. A. MacLean Ballard, was accepted. The matter had been left in the hands of a committee at the annual vestry meeting two weeks ago, and the committee made a full report. The resignation is to take effect next November. The Rev. A. Ballard will retain the title of rector, and all his emoluments, but will be relieved of the rectorship. A committee was appointed respecting the selection of a rector-in-charge, and the co-operation of the congregation will be asked in the matter of such selection. The affairs of the parish are in a flourishing condition. The total receipts for the past year were \$3,209.12, and disbursements, \$3,107.35. All the Synod funds, dues and assessments for missions, were paid in full.

Holy Trinity.—At the annual meeting of the vestry of this church, held on Monday, March 31st, it was unanimously agreed that steps should be taken immediately to erect a memorial to the late Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D., the first rector of the parish and for more than half a century a member of this congregation. Subsequently a committee was appointed to carry this object into effect. It has been decided to place a memorial tablet in the church, either of brass or marble, and the committee now respectfully invite contributions towards the cost thereof from both past and present members of the congregation and from others who knew Dr. Scadding in his long and useful life. Any sums, however small, may be sent to and will be duly acknowledged by the honorary treasurer to the committee, Mr. J. L. Turquand, Holy Trinity School House, Trinity Square. J. L. Turquand, T. W. Barber, churchwardens, or by Thomas E. Champion, hon. secretary, 262 Sherbourne street. Committee: C. J. Agar, T. W. Barber, H. C. Blachford, Thomas E. Champion, William Ince, J. L. Turquand, Aubrey White, S. G. Wood.

Robert McCausland, Limited, designers of and workers in memorial stained glass windows, who for 50 years have carried on business on King St., Toronto, have recently removed to 86 Wellington St., West, where they have fitted up more spacious and suitable premises. It is the firm's constant aim to do memorial windows of the highest artistic merit and it is pleasing to note that their efforts are rewarded by an extensive patronage.

The Young People's Guild of this church held their closing concert of the season on Tuesday, April 8th. Tableaux and drill by the members and a very good programme by outside talent were very efficiently rendered. It was agreed on all sides that the concert was the best that had ever been held in the parish.

St. James'.—The Rev. D. T. Owen, a graduate of Trinity University, has been appointed assistant curate at this church. He took his degree about a year ago, and after his ordination as deacon served for a time as curate of St. John the Evangelist. He gave up this curacy to attend for a time at a missionary training college in England. He will enter upon his new duties about the end of June.

Trinity University.—A handsome brass tablet to

the memory of the late E. P. O'Reilly, B.A., gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery, for some time a student at Trinity College, who died while on active service in South Africa, has been set up in the college chapel. The inscription is as follows: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Edwin Patrick O'Reilly, B.A., gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery, student of this college, 1892-1895 who gave his life in the service of the British Empire at De Aar, South Africa, May 17th, 1900. This tablet is erected by his teachers and fellow students. 'Be of good courage, and let us play the man for our people and for the cities of our God, and the Lord do that which seemeth Him good.' 2. Sam. x., 12." The unveiling took place in the college chapel on Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, when a large number of people were present.

Markham—Grace Church. The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 14th inst. Wardens, R. T. Speight, R. Campbell. Delegates to Synod, F. A. Reesor, W. Williamson. Total revenue, \$854.00. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the parish.

Parkdale.—A long felt need of the West End of the city is about to be supplied. The council of Bishop Strachan School will open a Church School for girls in Parkdale immediately after the summer holidays. It is the aim of the council to make this school as efficient as the older school on College street. For the present the Parkdale school will be for day scholars only. There being no school of the character of Bishop Strachan School west of Spadina avenue, it is expected that there will be a large attendance of girls from all parts of the West End. Classes will be formed beginning with the kindergarten class up to classes in the higher branches of education. Parents may report at once to Dr. George R. Parkin, Upper Canada College; Rev. Canon Welch, 112 Gerrard St., E.; Rev. Provost Macklem, Trinity College; Dr. James Henderson, 5 Ancroft Place; Rev. Canon Sweeney, 230 College St.; Mr. W. D. Gwynne, 15 Dunbar Road; Rev. Charles L. Ingles, 17 Elm Grove, for further particulars.

NIAGARA.

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

Hamilton—Christ Church Cathedral.—At the adjourned vestry meeting, which was held on April 14th, the following appointments were made: Wardens, A. Bruce, K.C.; C. S. Scott. Delegate to Synod, Dr. Mackelcan. Total revenue for past year, \$7,017.57.

Cayuga.—The work of the Church in Haldimand's quiet county town is in many respects encouraging and slowly progresses, notwithstanding the continual migration of many Church people to other parts. We can claim to possess one of the most beautiful country churches to be found in Ontario. Very substantially built of stone, of Gothic design, furnished with solid oak, and with all appointments complete, also having a very sweet pipe organ, all combining to give the church the prestige in the town and county. The services of the church are well attended, and the different departments of Church work are carried on with considerable zeal. The retrospect of the past year gives encouraging results. The Lenten and Easter services were much enjoyed and seem to have brought a great blessing upon the work. On Easter day there were four services; an early and mid-day celebration of the Holy Communion, children's service, and Evensong. The altar was tastefully decorated with cut flowers, and with the white hangings gave the church a truly festal appearance. The music was bright and joyous, and a large proportion of the communicants partook of the Holy Sacrament. The choir was assisted by Miss Martin, Mus. Bac., Havergal College, Toronto, who sang during the offertory at Even-

song: "Face to Face," (Johnson). The voluntaries were especially good, and the organ accompaniment throughout well rendered by the efficient organist, Miss Helen Davis. The offertory for the day amounted to over \$150. The annual vestry meeting resulted in the election of the following officers: Clergyman's warden, W. T. Morson; people's warden, Henry Gardiner; lay delegates, A. K. Goodman, A. A. Davis, W. T. Morson. The accounts for the fiscal year presented a balance on the right side amounting in all to the sum of \$1,100.85, of which the W.A. contributed about \$200. Laus Deo.

HURON.

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

Pelee Island.—St. Mary's.—The annual vestry meeting, held in this church on Monday, April 7th, 1902, showed that a great deal of work had been accomplished during the past year. The church on the west side had been painted from the floor to the ceiling in most pleasing and artistic colours and also on the inside, and the drapes presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary, together with the new tapestry carpet in the chancel, presented by Mr. L. D. Warner, add greatly to the beauty of the church. But our islanders do not stop here. They are making heroic efforts to build a new church at the north end of the island, for which they have been preparing for a long time, and have been so successful during the last year in getting new subscriptions, that the Building Committee now feel justified in letting the contract for a structure of the most artistic and up-to-date kind, which will cost more than double the amount which at first calculations the committee hoped to raise, and better still, the church is to be opened free of debt, owing to the large-hearted generosity of the late Miss S. A. McCormick and our noble friend, Mr. C. L. Mills.

Brantford.—The annual vestry meetings in connection with Grace Church and its missions, St. James', St. John's, and St. Paul's, have all been held and the reports are highly satisfactory statements.

St. James'.—This congregation held their meeting on Easter Monday, when the report of the wardens showed receipts from the church and Sunday school amounting to \$297.72, leaving a balance on hand of \$33. In addition to the above, there was raised during the year by the Building Aid Society and Boys' League, \$351.91, making the total receipts \$649.63. The following were elected: Wardens, Messrs. Cradock, Wadman; sidesmen, Messrs. H. Walsh, J. Benson; auditors, Messrs. Warbrick and H. Walsh; vestry clerk, H. Walsh.

St. John's.—On Easter Tuesday, St. John's congregation met to receive the wardens' report, which was most satisfactory. The total offerings for general expenses were \$428.38. For special purposes there was raised \$135.92, making the total receipts \$564.30, and after all indebtedness was paid, there was a balance in the bank of \$134.82. The following officers were elected: Lay reader-in-charge, Mr. Shadbolt; vestry clerk, W. Ballantyne; wardens, S. Suddaby, G. Leinster; sidesmen, E. Merrett, T. Ballantyne; auditors, R. Ballantyne, G. M. Shadbolt.

St. Paul's.—On Wednesday evening, April 3th, the vestry of this church met immediately after evening service. The wardens' report, including the Sunday school offerings, showed receipts amounting to \$194.94. After having met every liability, which this year included the putting in of electric lights, and insurance, a small balance is still on hand. During the year the Mothers' Society raised \$158.80, which brought the total receipts to \$353.54.

The following officers were elected: Wardens, Messrs. Lake, Hutton; sidesmen, Messrs. Whitaker, Hartwell; auditor, Mr. Crearsor. The total receipts in the three missions amounted to \$1,567.47. St. James' congregation, on Terran Hill, are about to build a hall for Sunday school purposes to be known as St. James' Hall, towards which the young people have on hand \$425, in addition to subscriptions.

Grace Church.—This church, the mother church of these missions, has also had a successful financial year. The wardens' receipts were \$5,406.84. The mortgage debt of \$6,000 has also been discharged, making the total receipts this year for the entire parish, \$12,974.31. The wardens for the ensuing year are Messrs. Bunnell and Leonard. The mortgage debt being removed, the way is clear for the consecration of the parish church, which will take place on Ascension Day, May 8th. The consecration will take place in the morning, when the Bishop of the diocese will officiate. In the evening the annual confirmation will be held when the Bishop of Niagara is expected to address the congregation. When this consecration has taken place, Grace Church, and two of its missions, St. John's and St. Paul's, will have been set apart by this act to the glory of God.

St. Jude's.—The Bishop held a confirmation service in this church on Sunday, the 13th inst., when twenty-six candidates received the Apostolic Rite. At the close of the service, the Bishop appointed Dr. Ernest Ashton lay reader of the parish and licensed him to officiate in that capacity. Many improvements have been made in the church during the past year. A new lighting system has been introduced and a new ceiling.

Meaford.—Christ Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held on the 14th inst., the rector in the chair. Wardens, L. Boyd, and T. R. Moore. Delegates to Synod, Captain Thompson and W. Moore. Total revenue, \$1,280.

ALGOMA.

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

Parry Sound.—Trinity.—The Rev. T. E. Chilcott, rector of Port Carling, has been appointed rector of this parish.

Port Arthur.—St. John's.—Easter Day, the queen of festivals, was ushered in by sunshine and fine weather. The altar was vested in a new white and gold coloured frontal, the joint work of several members of the mothers' meeting. On the retable above it were four vases filled with splendid Easter lilies. At the early celebration there were 46 communicants, and at the mid-day one 55. The screen was covered in white; in gold letters stood out the first line of the Easter hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen To-Day," and over it "Alleluia;" the rest of the screen, as well as the text, being entwined with smilax. Ferns adorned the reading-desk and pulpit. Many beautiful plants in bloom graced the chancel steps. Altogether, the chancel has never looked so well, if we except the day of the Triennial Festival, when our own Bishop, with two Bishops from the neighbouring States, and about thirty clergy of the diocese, from the archdeacons and rural deans to the newly-ordained deacon, filled it. The Rev. J. W. Thursby preached excellent sermons. The choir, conducted by Mr. Boyce, sang their best, and were heartily seconded by the congregation. The Easter offerings were about \$425. The musical portion of the service, rendered by Mr. H. S. Hulme Goodier, was very elaborate. It is gratifying to learn that a number of parishioners, presented Mr. Goodier with a purse of money. Your correspondent is sorry that the result of the organ recitals and his gift to the church funds was understated; it amounted to \$31.

CALGARY.

William Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., Bishop, Calgary.

Calgary.—The Lenten services have been well attended in this parish. The Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation on Passion Sunday, at which a class of twelve adults and young people were confirmed. On Good Friday the Lord Bishop conducted the Three Hours' service. Easter was celebrated most joyously with a hundred communicants at 8, and eighty-five at 11 a.m. The collections were also satisfactory and the congregations large. On Low Sunday, a very impressive ceremony took place. The members of the N. W. M. P., C. M. B. and Fire Brigade paraded from the barracks to the pro-cathedral, where seats had been reserved. In addition to the beautiful Easter flowers, three fine Union Jacks were disposed in the church. The surpliced choir, clergy and bishop entered the church singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," which was taken up by the immense congregation with thrilling effect. After matins, Colonel Herchmer unveiled a handsome memorial brass upon the north wall of the church, erected by the officers of the C. M. R., in memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, of the North-West C. M. R., who died in 1900. With deep feeling the Colonel added a touching tribute to those who had fallen, and Dean Paget accepted the brass in the name of the Church, promising to guard it as a sacred trust. After a hymn, the Dean preached from St. John xviii., 36, speaking of the results of war, its mournful and glorious side, and emphasizing especially the spirit of self-sacrifice and of chivalry which war so often evokes and manifests. The parish meeting was held on Monday, the 7th, at which reports showing satisfactory progress were read, and it was shown that the debt on the new rectory will probably be cleared off this spring, and the parish be free to turn its entire attention towards the erection of the much-needed new and permanent church.

KOOTENAY.

John Dart, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop in Charge.

Rossland.—St. George's.—The Easter vestry meeting this year was of unusual interest in view of the plans for building a new church in place of the present barnlike structure. The reports presented were very satisfactory, when it is taken into account that the past has been a year of unusual distress owing to the prolonged strike of the miners and consequent depression in all respects. The churchwardens' financial statement, presented by Mr. C. R. Hamilton, showed that while there is still an adverse balance in current account, the offerings and subscriptions had not only been sufficient to meet the year's expenses, but had enabled the committee to pay in full the purchase money, \$1,200, for the new church site. The rector's report indicated a slight falling off in statistics, owing to many departures from town, but gains, as well as losses, were reported and the outlook, with a new church in view, was considered one of good promise. The Sunday school was the subject of special reference, the members in attendance showing an increase in spite of many losses, and the zeal of the children being evident in the large amount of \$50 collected in Lenten self-denial boxes, and presented at the children's Easter service. Hon. T. M. Daly made a hopeful report on behalf of the Building Committee for the "Father Pat Memorial Church." A sale of some lots, owned by the Church, which was under negotiation, together with local contributions and some aid, from outside, seemed to assure the building without delay. The sale has since failed of effect, and owing to local depression, the desired end seems a little uncertain this year, but a determined effort will be made. Some time was spent over the discussion of architects' plans. Elections resulted as follows: Wardens, C. S. Wallis and

Hen. T. M. Daly, salesmen; V. C. Galt, C. R. Hamilton, E. George Demson, W. H. Goosely, J. S. Wallace and F. W. Givernsey; vestry clerk, Edward Baillet; delegates to Synod, A. C. Galt, Hen. T. M. Daly, C. S. Wallis, and W. Hart McHaig.

Trail.—St. Andrew's.—The little congregation here has been again disappointed in the expectation of a new vicar, and the conditions prevailing at present in the smelter town are far from prosperous, but all look forward with true western optimism to an early improvement, and the little nucleus of Church people keep things alive in St. Andrew's. The wardens reported a small balance on hand, and the Women's Guild likewise, while the church debt has been reduced and a bell purchased at a cost of \$120—a memorial of "Father Pat." Weekday services and a monthly celebration of the Holy Communion have been supplied for the past six months by the rector of St. George's, Rossland, who expressed himself as much gratified by the hearty response and proportionately large attendance. J. H. Schofield was elected people's warden; Messrs. Blaylock, Viets, Bloomer, and Warren, sidesmen; and J. W. Coleman, S. G. Blaylock and J. D. Viets, delegates to Synod. The appointment of a rector's warden, in the vacancy of the parish, rests with the Bishop.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

John Dart, D.D., Bishop, New Westminster.

New Westminster.—St. Barnabas.—The annual Easter vestry meeting resulted in the following elections: Wardens, S. A. Fletcher and R. K. Chapman; church committee, Messrs. J. H. Sharpe, B. Hill, W. A. D. Jones, Thomas Hood, G. E. Corbould and W. E. Brown; lay delegates to Synod, Messrs. A. DeW. Haszard, H. H. Emmett and H. J. A. Burnett. Among the general business which came up for discussion was the building of a rectory, which was heartily endorsed by the meeting present, and a committee chosen to carry this out as soon as possible. Total revenue, \$1,830.80.

Holy Trinity.—All that was mortal of the late Rev. H. Irwin, familiarly known throughout the Coast as "Father Pat," was consigned to the grave on April 10th, in the Church of England cemetery, beside that of his wife and child. Previous to the interment, impressive services were held in Holy Trinity Cathedral, the church being crowded with friends of the deceased. The diocese mourns the loss of one of its most faithful priests.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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HIGHER CRITICISM FALSE!

Sir,—The conclusion of a learned Orientalist.—Professor Margoliouth is an Oriental scholar of great eminence. He is professor of Arabic in the University of Oxford. In his recent book, "Lines of Defence of the Biblical Revelation," he points out many of the mistakes of the Higher Critics. "Nothing has been more confidently asserted, as proved beyond all question, than the composite character of the 'Book of the Prophet Isaiah.' Yet with a full knowledge of all that can be said for the dissection theories, the learned professor boldly maintains the unity of the book. At the close of his full discussion of the question, he thus summarizes what he regards as 'scientific

grounds for believing in the unity of Isaiah.' 1. The external evidence, so far as it can be traced, is unanimously in favour of it; and since the second part of Isaiah has enjoyed exceptional popularity, it is improbable that the name of the author would have been forgotten within two hundred years of the time when he wrote, and his work merged in that of a writer of a few scraps of one hundred and fifty years before. 2. The theory which bisects Isaiah leads by a logical necessity to further and further dissection, and so to results that are absurd. 3. The geography of chapters xl, lxxvi, is earlier than the geography of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and a geographical notice in the last chapter of Isaiah was mistaken by Jeremiah. 4. The idolatrous practices rebuked by the 'second Isaiah' are pre-exilic rites, such as we cannot, without anachronism, attribute to the Israelites, either during or after the exile. They can only be explained as relics of a very primitive fetish worship, connected with particular localities. 5. Other crimes rebuked by the 'second Isaiah' are identical with crimes rebuked by the first Isaiah, and are of a sort which imply the existence of an independent community long established on the soil. 6. The 'second Isaiah' gives us some personal details, which enable us to identify him with the prophet of chapter vi, and what is more important, tells us the name borne by the prophet before he took the name of Isaiah. 7. The 'second Isaiah' employs words only known otherwise to the first Isaiah, of which the meaning was lost by Jeremiah's time. 8. The 'second Isaiah' shows himself otherwise possessed of a scientific and technical vocabulary which the first Isaiah only shares with him. 'Is there, then, nothing in the splitting theories? To my mind, nothing at all.'—From the Homiletic Review.

ALBERT W. SPRAGGE.

THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH.

Sir.—I see so many letters in your paper regarding the above subject, and the remedy for it; some have hit the mark in many ways, and some have gone far from it. I think, for instance, one says to preach church to the people; well, there are many preachers that empty the sacred building in place of filling it by preaching church all the time; it is well enough to teach the people what the Church is and what her teachings are, but real simple, plain, gospel preaching is what is wanted; the blame is with the clergy in a great many places, for if the clergy don't teach the people that God wants earnest, working, God-living Christians, in place of lukewarm Christians, how can the Church prosper? There are some clergy who will undo near all the work that laymen can do, for instance, I have often taken people with me to church, that belonged to one of the many sects, and the preacher would say many uncharitable things, perhaps, about the very sect to which the parties belonged; there are other clergy that never recognize a stranger that happens to come to church, either for curiosity or otherwise, and when the minister don't do so, of course he don't teach the people to do so, and so the stranger is treated as if he wasn't wanted. There are also many of our ministers who, when visiting their congregation, can talk of everything else except the one thing needful; they know all about horses and farming, and the events that have happened in the last few days; they can tell who won the last lacrosse or baseball match, and can tell how to raise flowers and the names of each, and how to make a garden, but they never think about making their people interested in their own soul's welfare or teaching them about religious matters, for I think that there is no chance to teach people so well as in the face-to-face talk; and in visiting they never have prayer in the people's homes, but seem to forget their mission entirely. Take a wideawake business man, and when he is around among people he sees every opening to help his business, and puts it into effect, whenever he can; ought the clergy to be less so in

their line? I see, also, that some who have written on this subject blame the people for not paying their minister enough salary; well, the average clergyman don't get a very big income, it is true, but some of them get twice what they are worth, even at six or seven hundred dollars, but I have noticed that where there is an humble, earnest, faithful, godly clergyman, he always gets a decent living, if the people can possibly raise the amount at all, and it is but the same as the Scriptures say: Let those who rule well be accounted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine. Now, I don't include all the clergy in the above, for we have some noble men, thank God; and there is another reason that I wish to mention, I think that we don't pray earnestly enough, Thy kingdom come, and don't look to and trust in the Head of the Church enough (Jesus Christ), but depend on human invention too much. There is much more that could be said along this line, but I have tried to be brief. It is a sad thing to all who have the Church at heart to know that the Church has been on the decline. G. H.

LAYMEN AS HOME MISSIONARIES!

Sir.—Much has been said and written of late about the decline of the Church in the country districts of Ontario. Many are the reasons given for the alleged decline. One claims the ritualistic tendencies of the present day as the cause; another sees an obstacle to Church progress in the patronage system, and yet another claims that laymen should have more freedom in the matter of preaching, after the manner of the Methodist local preachers. That Church people are alive to the fact that the Church might make greater progress than statistics seem to show she has done in the past decade, is in itself a very good sign. When a body of intelligent people begin to reason about a matter, it generally happens that good results obtain. Perhaps many laymen and women may be awakened to the fact that there is a priesthood of the laity, as important in its degree to the well being of the Church, as the priesthood of the clergy and the historic episcopate. We have in Canada bishops who are indeed doing their best for the cause of the Church; we also have a body of clergymen who work honestly and well for their Church on often a small pittance, who work in hard fields and amongst, to an educated man, uncongenial surroundings without a murmur. And we are thankful that we have many noble men and women who earnestly endeavour to assist the clergy in every way. But still it seems that there are thousands of men and women who consider themselves to be good Church members, who do absolutely nothing to co-operate with the clergy in furthering the interests of the Church. Probably in most cases one reason for this neglect is to be found in the fact that the overwhelming and ever increasing greatness of the need has not been realized. The men and women of our Church come continually in contact with members of the denominations, who are ignorant of our true position. What possibilities are open in this field alone for an intelligent layman? Many a time the occasion will come when a word spoken in due season might do untold good to the Church. Many a time some ignorant mistake as to the meaning of the Prayer-Book services and as regards the historical position of the Anglican Church might be corrected by a layman properly qualified to instruct. There is a work that every layman could do. He might take the trouble to instruct himself in the history of the Church, her liturgy, and the reasons for the ceremonial used in that liturgy. A man who knows nothing of the history of his own country, who cares nothing for the glorious struggles for right and liberty, for which his ancestors so bravely offered their lives, may hardly be considered a good patriot. So in the same way a man who knows nothing of the history of his Church and who does not

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care to know, may hardly be considered a good Churchman. The history of the Church of Eng- land is long and glorious. The Church in the world has more bravely upheld the banner of religious liberty and religious truth. Our Church has a past of which we may well be proud, and it would repay all Anglican laymen to carefully study that history. Can we estimate the value of a body of well-educated laymen, thoroughly understanding why they were Anglicans, to the Church in general? We would find in a few short years that there would be no more complaint of the decrease of the Church, if all over Ontario laymen realized their position and understood what a grand missionary field lies at their very door. Laymen who knew what the position of the Church meant would take an intelligent interest in the Church, and then she would surely forge ahead. There are many ways in which laymen might easily help the progress of the Church, but it seems to me that not the least is the intelligent study of the splendid history of the Anglican Church in the past, which would indeed lead to a more intense desire to serve the Church of to-day. A. W. B.

THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH.

Sir.—The condition of the Church, as shown by the recent census, is now occupying the minds of our best men, both clerical and lay, and it is to be hoped that the cause of the decline will be found out and the proper remedy provided. I have lived all my life in a rural district where forty years ago the whole people (and the country was there thickly settled), belong to the Church of England. But to-day the Presbyterians and Methodists are considerably in the preponderance as to numbers, and the Methodist congregation, in particular, is entirely composed of families drawn from our Church. When we look back upon the immense advantage that the Church had in the early settlement of the country, and her position to-day, is it to be wondered that laymen, in particular, should begin to enquire what is the matter? As one of her members and an observer of her decline, I would say that it has always had its origin in complete lack of sympathy and understanding between the clergy and the people. However this lack of sympathy may have shown itself in the past, such as in quarrels over ritual, etc., to-day it seems to me to be manifested most plainly in the standoffish (I am holier than thou) attitude of our clergy towards sister denominations, which is, as a rule, utterly abhorrent to their own congregations. Our clergy devote too much of their time to belittling and even ridiculing the other "sects," and such narrowmindedness is not only wholly at variance with the broader ideas of brotherly love and Christian charity, now so widely felt, but it also turns thinking people away from the Church with merely an ordained ministry forever talking Church and the Apostolic Succession, to seek a Church where they may be sustained by the Bread of Life, and where the precepts of the sermon on the Mount in all their simpleness and directness are enforced.

A CHURCHMAN.

TRUTH'S WORTHY PROFOUND ATTENTION.

Sir,—The letter signed "Sarah Morris," in your issue of 3rd inst., contains truths worthy the profound attention of all our bishops and clergy. "Puseyism," "Ritualism," and an approximation to Romish ceremonial in some of the offices of the Church raise a cry against the Church from without, and create a want of confidence within that increases the dissenting bodies around us at our expense. I have a personal knowledge of two or three old and once flourishing Maritime parishes ruined by these means. If the rectors would only

preach from the heart Christ crucified, instead of preaching themselves as sacrificing priests, and making a hobby of their posture in consecrating, and their attitude in receiving the elements at the Holy Communion, and omit crossing themselves, bowing to the "altar," and other useless and unauthorized ceremonies, their people would not leave them as they do. Their Bishop, no doubt, grieves over the sad result, while not fully appreciating the fatal cause, and while he would like to see the incumbent move elsewhere, there is no machinery by which a clergyman whose usefulness in a parish is gone, can be removed; and if there were, other parishes would suffer. The obstinacy with which the objectionable teaching and repellant practices are adhered to, on the ground of conscience, is pitiable, and the tenacity with which a clergyman will hold on to a parish while the best of his people are leaving him, is painful to contemplate. The evils Mrs. Morris points out in the second branch of her letter must be peculiarly injurious in the North-West. I am permitted by a friend to copy a letter he received from a new labourer in that section of the Dominion. "Nearly all the clergy in this diocese are ritualists, brought over here (by Episcopal influence), years ago. I hear that in some parts of it the most advanced doctrines are taught, the confessional, etc. While I honour the spirit of self-sacrifice that impelled them to come out to the prairies, yet the most of them are, I think, not fitted for the work among the class of people there. Ritualism "takes" in the cities, among a certain section of the people, but it does not take among people with simple ideas, who want a plain service that they can understand, and a Gospel that can fill their needs. They always like a hearty service, but ceremony they do not appreciate."

ACADIENSIS.

THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH.

Sir,—Many causes have, no doubt, contributed to the decline of the Church in this province, and several of these have been referred to by your correspondents. To the writer, it seems that one of the principal causes of the want of progress, that we all so deeply deplore, is the neglect of the young people in our congregations. Few of them are ever taught the distinctive principles of the church, and in consequence know no reason why they should not leave the Church of their fathers and attach themselves to some other religious body, if any protest should arise for doing so. They receive no instruction in religion in our Public and High Schools, but are supposed to have this deficiency made good in the Sunday schools and to be taught there "all that a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health." But in how many cases is this done? In the majority of our Sunday schools there is no systematic teaching of the principles of the Church, and the children who pass through them have a very vague idea of what they ought "to know and believe." In some few Sunday schools there is a well-arranged system of instruction and much good work is done, but even in these there are teachers who are unable from ignorance to convey to their pupils what they themselves have never learnt. Another great source of weakness is the appalling fact that a very large proportion of the children in our Sunday schools do not attend the services of the Church. Over and over again have I been struck with this terrible state of things, and I could mention many instances where the churches would be crowded on Sundays if all the children who flock to the school in the afternoon were to attend, but not one-tenth of them do so. What becomes of the other nine-tenths? They have no idea of the duty of public worship, they are not familiar with the services of the Church, or the Prayer-Book, and they cannot give any definite reason why they belong to the Church, except that they follow the religion of their parents. Can we wonder that

when these children grow up, we lose them by wholesale? Let every clergyman and every faithful layman take this matter to heart, and make some earnest effort to put an end to this neglect, which is, and must be, so ruinous to the welfare of our beloved Church.

DESPONDENT.

THE CHURCH AND THE CENSUS.

Sir.—I take exception to the phrase, "the Church's decline," which some of your correspondents make use of in discussing the present condition of the Canadian Church. The Church is not declining as a Church, but people are declining as a people. The proletariat, while it increases and multiplies, as of old, over and above the patrician order, does not, as of old, follow the lead of the latter. As a result, multitudes of people, arrogating to themselves the privilege of private choice, commit the sin of heresy. The fault is not to be attributed to the Church, but to the peculiar conditions of the times in which we live. Then, again, the moral and spiritual standard of the Church is higher than that of sectarianism. Competition in trade has reached a height to which it never attained at any previous time in the world's history. This competition tempts men into covetousness and a continual violation of the decalogue. As might be expected, they do not like to hear that same decalogue recited to them Sunday after Sunday, and enforced by sermons; for with all truth it may be said, the sermons preached from Church pulpits are infinitely higher in spiritual tone than are the sermons heard in denominational places of worship. Therefore, the majority of men attend those places of worship where conscience is allowed more repose. A final reason of the Church's failure to win the masses is the fact that she is a Divine institution, and is therefore hated by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Denominationalism is of human genesis, and the world takes kindly to it; but the Church is Divine, and is thoroughly hated, as was the Head of the Church, when on earth. I argue, therefore, that the Church is not declining, but as a sign spoken against, as was her Lord, she is "doing as well as could be expected."

J. R. NEWELL.

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A little turning to the left,
When to the right was best,
Will change the way of life for one,
That may not be so best.

A little ripple on the lake;
That 'neath dark clouds be fair,
May oit in smiling, sportive ways,
The coming storm declare.

A little striving for the best,
Though sad be trial's cup,
May set our feet toward heaven's
road;
While we to God, look up.
—A. Graves, B.

UNDER THE BLUE WAVE.

Down under the restless waters of the Chesapeake Bay lie the extensive oyster beds which supply the greater part of the United States and many European markets with these delicious bivalves from September until May. There, clinging to submerged rocks and pebbly banks—The oyster has no liking for mud—grow these queer mollusks, building their houses as their increasing size demands, out of material which the sea water supplies in abundance. It is a very stay-at-home creature—of necessity, since it has no feet—and spends its life fixed to the spot chance selected for its abiding place in its oyster infancy, unless disturbed by some rough dredge or transplanted.

An oyster is able to draw the sea water through its valves, and this single process serves a triple use, providing the indolent bivalve with limy substance for shell building, food, and the breath of life. It is sensitive to light and will close its shell if the water is darkened by the hull of an approaching boat. Some authorities say that it can turn over when placed upside down, and this seems to complete the list of its accomplishments.

The oyster is sometimes cultivated very much as though it belonged to the vegetable instead of the animal kingdom. It is transplanted from bed to bed in the shallows near the seashore, and in France oysters are raised in great vats, where they are fed on sea water of just the proper sort to give them the best flavour, until they are the right size for market. From the Scottish coast there comes an oyster of a peculiar green tint which is considered the finest of the species. Its extraordinary complexion is due to its food, the water in which it lives containing a large amount of vegetable coloring matter called chlorophyl.

It seems odd to hear of oysters growing on bushes and trees, but in

Australia and some other of the Pacific islands, this actually occurs. The boughs of trees that droop down into the water of coves and inlets form lodging-places for the young oysters when they "set up for themselves," and soon the drooping bough is loaded with an oyster colony whose weight forbids its again rising into its natural element, and finally causes it to break away from the tree entirely. This is another example of the consequences of getting into bad company—trying to live out of one's element.

Taking advantage of this disposition of the young oysters to cling to twigs and branches, the people who live near the Eastern oyster beds drag birch trees into the shallow water, let them remain for a season or two and then drag them out again loaded with the strangest fruit that ever grew on trees.

Although it is such an inoffensive creature the oyster has many enemies. Every fish that swims knows as well as man that this slippery, gray mollusk is very tooth-some eating, and, when the oyster's

shell is open, it is beset by dangers on every side. The star-fish scoops it from its resting-place and folds it in a spiny, five armed embrace, which lands it in the stomach of its foe. The dog-whelk bores through the hard shell and sucks the life from its imprisoned victim. The long-legged, long-billed water birds delight to feed on oysters, and a certain variety of sponge destroys them by fastening to their shells. Truly, the life of an oyster, quiet and uneventful as it is, is fraught with many perils.



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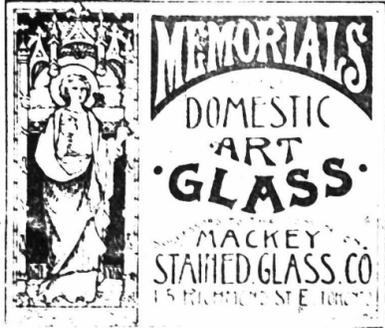
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good looks and good taste, but he would insist upon it that she should be somewhat interested in the things that interest him. If a boy could pick out his sister, he would choose one to whom he could tell his troubles and his hopes, and be sure of her sympathy.

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ROSS CARSON'S COURAGE.

Shouting, laughing, pushing against each other, the boys rushed out of the school-house pell-mell.

"Look out, Ross Carson," shouted Tom Lane, in a tone of pretended alarm, "there's a spider on the pump handle. Run, quick; it may bite you."

There was a roar of laughter at this would-be witty remark, and the eyes of a score or more thoughtless boys were bent upon the figure of a slender delicate-looking lad who had been one of the first to get out, and who had approached the pump for the purpose of getting a drink.

His face flushed painfully as Tom's jest fell on his ear, and the hand that held the tin drinking-cup trembled perceptibly, and his lips scarcely touched the water.

"Oh, he'll stand anything rather than double up his little fist," cried Tom; and crowding close to Ross, he deliberately knocked the books from under his arm. The slender lad's face flushed at the insult, but he said nothing. He stooped, picked the books up, and then walked on again.

He was quite aware of Tom Lane's great anxiety to pick a quarrel with him, but was determined to give

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him no excuse for doing so. For Ross knew that he could not with safety enter into any trial of strength with a boy so much older than himself. His lungs were weak, and the doctor had said they could bear no strain whatever. But it was hard to be called a coward, to bear insults of every description without open resentment, to feel that he was looked upon with contempt by his companions because no taunts or sneers could induce him to fight. And he was too sensitive and shy to explain to them his reasons for not doing so, knowing well that his explanation would be greeted with ridicule and laughter. So he bore his various trials in silence, and not even his mother knew what he endured. He did not know that this forbearance showed him possessed of true heroism, for, like most boys, he had a strong admiration for deeds of daring, and saw little merit in silent endurance.

Tom Lane was the most daring boy among them all. He boasted that he had the coolest head, the strongest arm, and the greatest amount of courage of any fellow of his age in Hillsboro', and none disputed his claim. He was always ready for a fight, and generally came off victor in any contest. He had no pity for weakness, no charity for timidity, and thought all those who feared him fair game for his powers of teasing. Ross might have been fairly treated by the other scholars but for Tom, who was never weary of exciting enmity against him and, understanding how to magnify the veriest trifles, was ever showing him up as "the biggest coward in Hillsboro' Academy."

But retribution was near at hand, and Tom was to be strangely punished for his sins in respect to Ross.

A new town hall was being built in Hillsboro', and a very high, imposing edifice it was to be, with a steeple second to none. Tom Lane heard his father, who was the contractor for the building, say that a magnificent view could be obtained from this half-completed steeple, and the next day at the noon recess Tom proposed to half a dozen of his young friends to go up and take a look for themselves.

"I have a pass from father," he said, "and the carpenters won't make any fuss."

The ascent to the steeple was easily made, for a narrow, winding stair led up to it; and the boys soon attained a height that made their heads swim as they looked down breathless, and saw how small appeared the people on the pavement below.

"A good place for a suicide," said Tom, as he leaned out.

"Do be careful," said a low voice in a tone of entreaty; and looking around, the boys saw Ross Carson standing near. He had come up the stairs unperceived.

"How came you up here, you little coward," asked Tom, rudely.

"The carpenter gave me leave to come up," answered Ross, quietly. "I did not know any one was up here, and I was anxious to see the view. But it is a dangerous place."

"It's likely you think so," sneered Tom. "You'd find the head of a barrel a dangerous place. As for me, I'd like to see the place where

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"We see it; but what of it?" asked Louis Raymond.

"You'll see what of it," answered Tom. "It's a jolly place to dance a hornpipe!" and before his companions could realize his intention, he had climbed out upon the scaffolding and was walking fearlessly about it.

The boys stared in sheer amazement at such recklessness, and begged him to be careful.

But their fears for his safety only made Tom more anxious to show his boasted courage, and he began rather a feeble imitation of a sailor's hornpipe.

"Wouldn't it be a long jump to the pavement?" he said.

As he spoke he looked down—a fatal thing; for his head, which had until now been so cool and steady, began to whirl strangely. He could not remove his eyes from the chasm below him. It seemed to fascinate him.

The boys looked at each other in horror. They saw the terrible danger which menaced him; they knew it was only a question of moments now before he must fall and be dashed to atoms on the pavement below. He stood in a kind of stupor, looking down into the fascinating gulf, his eyes wild and staring, grew more torpid with every instant, and his eyes seemed starting from their sockets. Back of him shuddered his horror-stricken comrades, waiting in an agony of suspense for the fatal end of this terrible drama; before and below him yawned the great chasm, at the bottom of which the people moving along looked like dwarfs.

Suddenly there was a movement among the boys, and Ross Carson, with white face and set teeth, climbed quickly and noiselessly out of the steeple on to the scaffolding, and with steady step approached the boy who stood on the brink of such a fearful death.

"If he touches him, Tom will fall," whispered Louis Raymond.

Low as was the whisper, Ross heard it, and half turned his head towards Louis, pausing an instant as if to think. Then he made a quick, firm step forward, and throwing his arms around Tom's waist, dragged him backwards.

It was all over in an instant. In the face of a fearful and imminent danger Ross saved his enemy, and slowly, carefully, for every step was peril, drew him back to the steeple, and with the help of the other boys got him inside once more, white as a corpse, it is true, and utterly unnerved, but safe.

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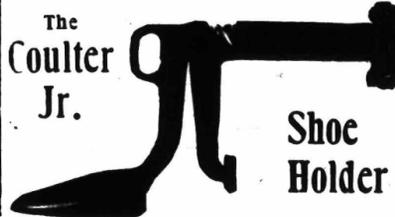
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