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PROTESTANTISM.

A Protestant is one who protests. It was a term which arose in Germany in 1529, and is used in two or three Parliamentary documents to express the independence of the Church of England, and her distinct position from that of Rome. The Church of England is only incidentally Protestant in face of the pretensions of the Roman Church; Protestantism is not of the essence of her being. In the same way the Roman Church is Protestant because she protests against the independent position of the English Church. Indeed the word "Protestant" is nowhere used from the beginning to the end of our Prayer Book; and in no single official document does the Church of England allow herself to be called by that name. And what is more, Convocation in the time of William III. distinctly refused to use the words "Protestant Religion," or to include the Church of England amongst the "Protestant Churches." The more a man objects to religion, the more right he has to be called Protestant, and he would be the most perfect Protestant who objected to Christianity altogether. The symbols of Protestantism are negative,—I won't believe.... I don't believe.... I can't believe.... I shan't believe.... etc., but the symbol of our faith is positive,—"I do believe".... We protest against nothing that is Catholic, and it is only when novel and uncatholic doctrines are pressed upon us we find occasion to protest. Surely it is time to drop this objectionable name, and no longer to keep alive feelings of bitterness which it engenders. Of course members of the Roman Catholic Church will do their utmost to make the name "Protestant" stick to us; but we need not be so unwise as to play into their hands by calling ourselves Protestant. Let us remember, and take every opportunity of insisting that we belong to a true branch of the Catholic Church and are therefore "Catholics," not "Protestants."—*St. Alban's Monthly Paper.*

DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA.

The following interesting item, showing the progress of the good work in the Diocese of Caledonia, is clipped from the *English Mail*:—

"The Bishop of Caledonia has forwarded to the Church Missionary Society a narrative account of the conversion to Christianity of Shenksh, chief of the Kitkatlah Indians, who had

long been one of the stoutest opponents of the missionaries. When nearly all the members of the tribe were at home Shenksh summoned the men to his house. He was arrayed in a scarlet robe, bedecked with mother-of-pearl, and curious embroideries, and when all were assembled he rose and said :—‘ I wear the outward sign of former ignorance and of ancient customs that never changed until the white man’s faith was preached. I thought I ought to keep them, for I am not wiser than the ancients who kept them and did great deeds. I loved them. So did you. I have struggled to maintain them. I have defied the Queen’s officers. They threatened me as late as this last springtide with prison and disgrace. I told them I would not avoid them. I also resisted the Bishop, and suffered not his teachers to land. I concealed not the wish of my heart. You know to what lengths I went. Most of you approved my doings. But the end has come. Let the waves tell the story of our fathers. Our children’s lips will form no fit words. Where do dead things go? This goes with them.’ Here he threw off his scarlet robe and the other insignia of a heathen chief. ‘ I am naked, but can clothe my body with the white man’s clothes.’ This he there and then proceeded to do. ‘ What will cover my heart? I can wrap nothing round it. God sees it and he knows all the past and the present. He knows I am ignorant and sinful. He has this summer made me know it. I am now dressed like a Christian. Those tokens of the dark past I will never touch again. What shall I do next? I am too old to go to school. I cannot read. I am like a child, knowing little but wanting to learn. Will Jesus Christ have me? Will he help me? I will never turn back. I give myself to God. Now pray for me—pray, pray! I want to know what will please Him. I must know. Begin at once to pray!’ In the scene which followed prayer and praise and Holy Scripture followed in succession for seven hours and a half. The Bishop adds :—‘ Not a shred of outward heathenism exists in what till lately was its one stronghold. Not a soul remains that is not pledged in this wonderful manner to live and die as a Christian.’”

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR :—We are a little afraid that we have not very much of general interest to record this month.

You may be glad to know that on Good Friday we had a special service for children at 10 a. m. which was very encouragingly attended. We were glad to see a fair number of adults present. A striking feature of the service was the reverent devotion with which the little ones sang “ The Story of the Cross.”

The Cathedral was well filled throughout the day.

Easter dawned bright and fair, and those who came early to meet their Risen Lord in the Sacrament of His Love found their Church and altar looking beautiful indeed.

The Communion made were, at 7 a. m. 36, at 8 a. m. 77, and at noon 52. Total, 165. The choir rendered very ably the music which they had been so diligently practising. The afternoon found the Sunday School children no way behind in their sense of the Easter joy.

There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. on Monday and Tuesday in Easter week, and on the Tuesday we held Festal Evensong at 7:30, when we found that the choir had other appropriate anthems in store. We should have been glad if more of our regular congregation had encouraged our voluntary choir by their attendance at this service.

The choir boys were unwilling to allow Easter to pass without presenting Mr. H. Kent, the choir master, with a handsome conducting desk of polished oak.

Of the event of Easter, the United Service for Church children on the afternoon of Low Sunday, it is not for me to speak, as I am told a special correspondent has been secured. I may, however, be allowed to say on behalf of the Cathedral staff what a joy it was to them to share in that bright and happy service.

Before we leave the Sunday School we have to announce that our building has been much improved by the addition of a new kitchen. The old kitchen becomes an admirable class room wherein the infants may be taught separately.

We are now prepared to receive children of five years of age for religious instruction. Outside, the School is resplendent in new paint, while within the walls are brightened by gifts of pictures suitably framed, an addition chiefly due to the generosity of our Bishop.

Our children will, of course, have their special service on the afternoon of the Sunday in Ascension tide, while on Whit-Sunday they will hold their Flower Service, and on Trinity Sunday they will attend the confirmation. The news that Canon Beanlands will not be able to return, in consequence of having accepted an appointment in England, is a great disappointment to the many Victorians to whom Canon Beanlands has in so many ways endeared himself during the eight years which he has spent amongst them.

The appointment which the Canon has accepted is that of Organizing Secretary for the North of England of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Canon and Mrs. Beanlands will be very much missed, as they leave behind them a host of friends who will sincerely wish them much happiness and many blessings in their new home.

On Wednesday, April 20th, the Sunday School and Guild of Willing Workers held a sale of work, and gave a charming

little entertainment which was much appreciated by a crowded audience.

The evening closed with Broom Drill by a company of fair soldiers of the B Battery. The drill was capital, and the discipline thorough. The conclusion was obvious that such defenders of hearth and home were much to be preferred before all the forces which military administration can put into the field. The brigade has since that date marched to Victoria West, to be reviewed by the congregation of S. Saviour's. Here also their smart appearance and brilliant manœuvres elicited enthusiastic applause.

The Bishop held his visitation of the Cathedral on Monday, May 9th, at 5:30 p. m. We hear that Sir Arthur Blomfield is busily engaged in selecting the three prize plans out of the fourteen sets sent in for the competition concerning the new Cathedral. Possibly before this letter appears the decision will be made public.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,
J. B. HEWETSON.

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF THE VICTORIA S. SCHOOLS.

The first Sunday after Easter was a great day for the church children of Victoria. According to arrangements made by the standing committee of the Sunday School Teachers' Association, a union children's Easter service was held in the Cathedral, at three o'clock in the afternoon, which was attended by the members of eight Sunday Schools, viz. : Christ Church, St. John's, St. James', St. Barnabas', St. Saviour's, St. Paul's, St. Mark's and Indian Mission; each school marching to the Cathedral, marshalled by their respective teachers, and the children being ushered to their seats as soon as they arrived. About a quarter to three, the children of St. Mark's entered the Cathedral and the others followed, in quick succession, every seat in the nave being very soon filled up; then the side aisles were used, the elder people who had come to join in the service having to give up their seats to the children. It was hard work to find seats for all, and many had to content themselves with standing room. There were fully 500 children in the Cathedral, besides many of their parents and friends. The service, which was specially selected for the occasion, was neatly printed and nearly every one in the congregation was furnished with a copy so that each one could join in the prayers and praises to Almighty God. After a voluntary, beautifully rendered by Mr. Pauliac, the choir and Clergy entered to the grand processional hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen To-day." The procession made a circuit of the Church, and after reaching the Chancel, prayers

were read by the Rev. J. B. Hewetson, Archdeacon Scriven reading the Lesson, then followed Hymn 334, after which the Lord Bishop of Columbia addressed the children. His Lordship made a most eloquent address, alluding to the season, and the special purpose for which the service was held, remarking upon the benefits of such services, and hoping that they would be of frequent occurrence. After the address, Hymn 341 was sung, during which an offertory amounting to \$18 was taken up for the benefit of the Indian Mission School, then followed the recessional Hymn 140, "Jesus Lives." The behaviour of the children, and the manifest interest in the service was remarkable and the way in which they sang was a treat to hear.

Altogether, we had a most successful service, and it is to be hoped that it will not be by any means the last of the kind, but that having begun well, we may continue to have them and make each one better than its predecessor.—W.

S. JAMES' CHURCH.

Two new gifts to this Church have to be recorded. Ten of the officers of the Bank of British Columbia, resident in the parish, have presented a very handsome carved oak lectern, which matches well with the pulpit and reading desk. A lectern has long been needed in S. James' Church; and this timely gift makes the list of church furniture about complete.

The parish owes much to the Bank of B. C. Of the ten donors of the lectern eight are members of the congregation; and of these eight four are in the choir, one being organist. And that the services of Mr. H. B. Haines, the organist, are appreciated as they deserve to be was made evident by the presentation to him on Easter Day of a gold watch from the congregation, a well-deserved token of gratitude for the willing and efficient help which he renders to the choir.

The second gift to the Church is a new west window. The old, unsightly, ill-proportioned window is gone for good, and in its place is now one beautifully designed and softly colored, the gift of Mr. E. Crow Baker, who has now completed the work which he has all along had it in his mind to do. From the beautiful east window, in memory of his only child, to this last addition to the fabric, every window in S. James' Church is now the gift of the same generous donor, who has delighted thus to show his love for the Lord's House. May he and his long be spared to worship in the Church which he has done so much to render beautiful!

The Easter Services were indeed a joy and an encouragement. Never was the Festival more heartily observed in S. James' Church. The choir rendered the musical parts of the services in such a manner as showed that they had spared neither

time nor trouble to offer of their best to God ; the congregations were large and reverent, and, best of all, the number of communicants exceeded that of any previous year. There were 74 in all ; and of these 44 communicated at the early celebration. It was indeed an encouraging beginning of the great festival's observance. The offertories, amounting to over \$60, were given to the incumbent.

Good Friday was well observed, the services being at 11 and 7. The work of putting in the new west window began directly after the morning service ; so Evensong was said in the school.

It only remains to notice the confirmation which took place on Wednesday evening, April 6th, in the presence of a very large congregation. Ten candidates were presented ; three others being, from various causes, deferred till the Cathedral confirmation in June.

Following is the list of the candidates :—Emma Compton, Emily Louisa Jay, Georgina Augusta Bowden, Laura Bertha L. S. Borthwick, Anna Maud Robinson, Evelyn Frances Robinson, Mabel Alice Burrowes, Stella Henrietta Meyer, William McCloskrie, Joseph Addison Mottram.

S. BARNABAS.

The Easter Services at St. Barnabas were very well attended all through the day. The number of communicants was most encouraging and showed that the Church is rapidly gaining strength ; 29 communicated at 8 a. m., and 58 at mid-day ; Total, 86. The musical part of the service had been most carefully practised for by the choir, and the anthem, "Christ is Risen," with solos by Mr. Floyd (Tenor) and Mr. Rolfe (Bass) was particularly well rendered. The Rector preached in the morning and the Rev. E. F. Lipscombe in the evening.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Thursday the 21st. The attendance was large. Messrs. Marshall and Vidler were elected to represent the parish in Synod, with Messrs. Baynes, Reed and Rout Harvey, who were elected last Easter. Mr. S. E. King was re-elected People's Warden, and the Rector has since appointed Mr. P. H. Marshall as his Warden in place of Mr. Coles, who was unable to undertake the duties for another year.

An adjourned meeting to consider ways and means was held on May 4th, but we shall postpone an account of the proceedings until next month.

The Guild of S. Saviour's Church, with the help of amateurs from Esquimalt, most kindly gave an entertainment on behalf of our Church, at Victoria West, on the evening of April 28th. The affair was well patronized, but we are afraid that the expenses rather took the cream off the profits.

Another entertainment and sale of work is arranged to be held in the Cathedral schools, on Wednesday, May 11th.
G. W. T.

S. MARK'S, CLOVERDALE.

On Monday, April 25th, yet another Church was added to those which at present grace the city of Victoria and environs when S. Mark's was opened to Divine Worship by the Bishop, assisted by the Archdeacon and the Revs. W. D. Barber, E. F. Lipscombe, J. B. Hewetson and W. H. P. Arden. After the ordinary Evensong, to which were added two dedicatory prayers after the two special collects for the day, the Bishop preached from II Cor. v, 15, on the necessity of a higher spiritual life. The collection amounted to just under \$18. The church accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity, and the singing, for a young choir, surpassed all expectations. A full account of the building was given in our issue two months ago.

On the day following the opening, Tuesday, April 26th, a Social High Tea was held. The object of this entertainment was primarily to bring the people into closer social intercourse, and secondly to secure funds. Close upon \$20 were made and an even greater success attended the meeting in the other respect. More luxurious tables than those which the hard working ladies of the district toiled to provide could not have been seen anywhere. Three tables were set on one side of the Church, seating fifty adults, and the platform in front of the folding doors seated in two parties over 50 Sunday School children who were admitted free. After tea had been finished—and the tables had to be cleared and relaid three times—two delightful hours were spent speechifying, in which the Archdeacon, the Rev. J. B. Hewetson and Mr. John Russell took part; and the pleasant duty of rewarding merit fell to the lot of the Rev. W. H. P. Arden, who presented a beautiful Hymn Book to Mr. Edward Murton, the contractor and one of the Church Wardens, from the Building Committee in token of the respect and appreciation of his work, and a lovely little Prayer Book to Mrs. Webb, the organist, from the entire congregation as a small token of the high esteem of her labors at the organ, as well as in other respects. The rest of the delightful evening was spent in music, etc.

On Wednesday, or the following night, a grand concert was held at which several friends from the Cathedral assisted. The Church was full and over \$20 was taken. The three days totalled about \$70, which was considered highly satisfactory in view of the fact that every individual family in the district is only in moderate circumstances.

Thus is successfully fulfilled the efforts of a united community in the erection of a place wherein the people may wor-

ship their God and Saviour. The altar is one of the most beautiful in Victoria. The white cloth in which it was decked on the dedication day was made by Miss Arden, and with the red super-frontal and lace around the fair linen cloth was set off by the olive green dossal. A gilt cross, two gilt vases and two brass candlesticks arrayed the back of the altar, and two additional little vases full of arum lilies stood each side of the cross. There is still a debt of some \$300 on the building which has to be paid within a year.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, NANAIMO.

The Easter Day Services of this parish will long be remembered with thankfulness by all concerned in our welfare. More than fifty communicated at the celebrations connected with this joyful festival. The offerings for whole Sunday amounted to \$92 of which \$42.80 were collected at the Service of Song held in the afternoon when the Church was filled to overflowing by an appreciative body of listeners. The sacred songs, anthems and hymns were exquisitely rendered by all those who so kindly volunteered their services, special thanks being due to Mrs. Dr. Davis, Mr. Durant and Prof. Stoel for management.

At the Annual Easter Meeting held in St. Paul's on the evening of the 25th April, the Wardens' Balance Sheet showed at the end of March the Church had not only met its current expenses but also paid off a good amount of old arrears.

A kind anonymous offer has been made to give a third on condition the congregation make up the other two-thirds by the end of the year to wipe off all outstanding debts on Church and Institute. So it is confidently expected before another Easter we shall rejoice in perfect freedom, no claim unsatisfied.

Parochial executive for present year:—Wardens, C. W. Durant, Esq., People's; Auditor, M. Bate, Jr., Esq.; Rector's Warden, J. E. R. Tagart, Esq. Church Committee, Messrs. S. M. Robins, G. S. Langton, G. Williams, J. E. R. Tagart, F. Charlton, J. Hardy, E. Thorne, W. Rowbotham, H. Morris-Rende and M. Bate, Sr. Besides the three existing delegates to Synod we elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Messrs. Young, Harrison and Perkins, the following gentlemen:—Messrs. G. Williams, G. S. Langton and J. Hardy.

Our boys choir under Mr. H. C. Evans' careful training is improving and giving general satisfaction. Miss Ethel Good, the honorary organist, received on Sunday last a substantial Easter offering in recognition of her services, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed at the close of the Easter meeting.

Our thanks are specially due to Wardens, lady helpers, and to S. M. Robins, Esq., for cheerful ready help throughout the year.

Rectory, St. Paul's, April 26th.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

The work of the energetic missionary, the Rev. J. B. Haslam, has begun to tell on Salt Spring. On Easter day the congregation was the largest ever assembled in the Church, nearly 80 being present. There were 12 communicants, and five children were baptised during the day, and as there had also been a wedding early in the day, and a service at Burgoyne Bay, Mr. Haslam must have had a busy time.

The Bishop has arranged to visit the Island on the 14th, and purposes to remain several days. It is hoped that both Church and cemetery will be consecrated and confirmation administered during his Lordship's visit.

It is much to be wished that the Church people of Salt Spring could see their way to provide their worthy pastor with a stipend a little more in accordance with his deserts.

T.

S. LUKE'S, NORTHFIELD.

We had not space last month to give a description of this new Church, but we will now print one which we extract from the *Nanaimo Free Press*:—"St. Luke's stands on an elevated and commanding site about 100 yards north of the Comox Road and contiguous to the new Presbyterian Church. The exterior is decidedly ecclesiastical in appearance, at the same time the frequent Canadian mistake of imitating stone architecture in wood, has been carefully avoided; the windows are square headed, and there is no pretence at sham Gothic throughout the design; and no careful observer would mistake it for anything but a building of the Church of England. The west gable is surmounted by a bell turret which is soon to contain a suitable bell. The entrance is provided with a commodious porch, with inner swinging doors covered with baize. On entering the building the interior has a most pleasing and somewhat novel effect; the walls are lined with dressed lumber and the roof is formed wagon shaped with panels filled with diagonal boarding; it is to be hoped that all this wood work will be oiled and varnished before it becomes soiled. A small apsidal and octagonal chancel is arranged with large sliding doors to separate it from the main room, on the plan of the School Church of S. Alban the Martyr; and the main room is unconsecrated and may be used for other parochial purposes than Divine Worship; a moveable platform will then stand in front of the closed doors. The Incumbent himself will probably admit that a mistake has been made in not raising the floor of the Chancel a couple of feet more, this would have given greater dignity to the altar, and the platform might then have been a simple continuation of the Chancel floor. Notwithstanding the effect is good and great

credit is due Mr. George Taylor, who we understand, designed and superintended the erection of the building. The lights in the Chancel are of Cathedral glass—a gift from S. Alban's Church. Hangings of dark blue flank the sides of the altar, and a *dossal* and panels of white in the front of the altar marked the festal character of the day. Flowers and a gilt cross decorated the re-table, and a credence, lecturn, litany and reading desks are provided. The seats are exceedingly comfortable and substantial; a broad aisle is left in the centre of the room, which might accommodate 200 people if filled to its utmost capacity. Northfield is to be congratulated on having a priest so energetic as Mr. Agassiz, and a building so useful and handsome as his new Church room."

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WELLINGTON.

On April 7th, at 7 o'clock, the Lord Bishop of Columbia visited the above church for the purpose of conferring the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation upon a class of candidates, (6 males and 5 females) prepared by their Rector, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

The church, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion, was crowded.

The service consisted of Evensong to the end of the 3rd collect; then followed the service for Confirmation. Two addresses were given by the venerable Prelate.

The clergy present, besides His Lordship, were the Rev. J. B. Good, acting Chaplain; Rev. S. Agassiz, Northfield; Rev. E. Miller, Cedar District; and Rev. J. W. Flinton, Wellington.

This afternoon the Lord Bishop visited St. Phillip's Church, Cedar District, Rev. E. G. Miller, Incumbent, for the same purpose; he was attended by the Rev. J. B. Good, acting Chaplain.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

There is an unfortunate lack of interest shown among our people in what are termed social questions. For instance: How to deal with the discharged prisoners; How to elevate the thoughts and lives of the rising generation; The drink curse. All these questions are intimately associated with our daily lives and our spiritual duties. It is not enough to simply give some pecuniary aid, it is a christian's duty to think and to strive how he can assist his neighbor, and elevate mankind. If we scoff in unbelief at attempts of this kind, then we are misanthropists and pessimists, and not followers and believers in the Man of Grief and Sorrow. It is the Church's right and duty to exert her influence in matters which affect the moral and material condition of the people. She is the mother of her children, even those who have left her in ignorance or in anger, and the solicitude and anxieties

should extend through her system as the life's blood courses through that of the human being. Where so many make a grave mistake is in declining to *descend* from their high and ethereal level to fight the evil elements on their own ground. If the knight would fight and slay the reptile, he must come down from off his steed to do it. For the reptile's method is not that of a knight. We must be careful therefore, not to let our respectability interfere with our plain duty of dealing with those who decline to come to us—*we must go to them*; and we shall not go to them if we are indifferent or unbelieving in the power of Christ on earth. If Victoria is to enjoy the blessing of Godliness, it will not be through the influence of the iniquitous cabins which disgrace the city, and those who build them. It will not be through the saloons which fill our jails and lunatic asylums. It will not be through municipal toleration of immorality, nor the absence of a high ideal of morality in conducting business of all descriptions. It will be through loyal and devoted obedience to the spirit and letter of Christ's gospel; to a deep and inspiring love and gratitude to Him, which will inevitably extend to all our fellow creatures. If one member suffers all alike suffer in a true and holy Church. Indifference is therefore, one of the greatest sins and one most difficult to fight against. — W. H. P. A.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the social tea at St. Mark's church, when Mrs. Webb, who has been most indefatigable in her exertions for the new church—among other things having collected considerably over \$100 in small sums by dint of hard work—was presented with a beautiful prayer book, in which was inscribed:

"Presented to Mrs. Webb by the congregation of St. Mark's, Cloverdale, in token of the valuable services she has rendered as organist and in her indefatigable exertions on behalf of the church generally."

The subscriptions were limited to ten cents; all joining, so all testifying to the general gratitude. Rev. W. H. P. Arden, in presenting it, alluded to the joy felt by all, whose opinion was worth having, in acknowledging services like Mrs. Webb's. A beautifully bound Hymn Book was then presented to Mr. Edward Murton, contractor of the new church, by the building committee, in which was inscribed:

"Presented to Mr. Edward Murton, Church Warden, architect and builder of St. Mark's Church, Cloverdale, by the building committee, as a token of the high appreciation in which his work is held." April 26, 1892.

In making this presentation, the chairman of the committee said that they did not often see such a piece of finished work in this country. It was a model of workmanship, and was built to stand and not to collapse in the course of a few years. It would be a happy circumstance if all contract work was carried out as conscientiously.

ITEMS.

Nearly 700 children attended Christ Church on April 24th.

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The Oak Bay Church will really be under way this month.

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Nearly 50 children attend St. Mark's Sunday School, with five teachers.

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Later advices are to the effect that Canon Beanlands has decided to return to this Diocese.

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When Oak Bay Church is finished, there will be nine churches in Victoria and environs.

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A lady is coming from Toronto to work amongst the Chinese in Victoria, gratuitously.

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It is estimated that there are over 5,000 adherents of the Church of England in the City of Victoria.

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A complete and beautifully made set of Altar linen has been given to St. Barnabas' Church by Miss Williams.

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The circular convening the Synod has been issued. The session will be for two days, instead of one, as a considerable amount of important business is set down for consideration.

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The Vestry of St. John's Church has decided on the adoption of the "envelope system." This system is already in use in St. James', St. Barnabas' and St. Saviour's and in each case is a pronounced success.

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Mr. Herbert Kent, choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, was presented with a conductor's solid oak music desk, beautifully carved, on Easter morning, by the choir boys of the Cathedral. On the desk is a silver plate, upon which is engraved:

Presented to H. Kent, Esq., by the Cathedral Choir Boys; Easter, 1892.

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At St. Mark's Vestry Meeting, Mr. Edward Murton was re-appointed Clergyman's Warden, and Mr. John Russel, People's Warden. Messrs. W. Graham and Edward Bellamy were elected Sidesmen, and Messrs. Webb, Henry Watts, Peter A. Davidson Colbeck, George Bellamy, Hervey Sanford and Abbott were elected as the Church Committee. Mr. W. Graham was elected second delegate to the Diocesan Synod. This election stands for one year.

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