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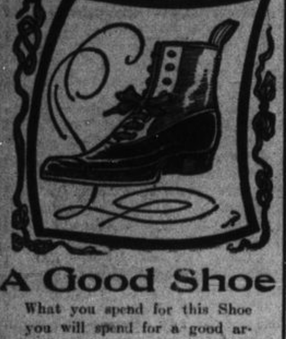

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To make some pale face brighter and to give
A second's luster to some tear-dimmed eye,
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One throb of comfort to an aching heart
Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by—
"If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen, or defend
The right against the single envious strain,
My life, though bare,
Perhaps, of much that seemeth dear and fair
To us of earth, will not have been in vain.
"The purest joy—
Most near to heaven—far from earth's alloy,
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And 'twill be well
If, on that day of days, the angels tell
Of me, 'She did her best for one of Thine.'"

Loving The Cheerful Giver.

Acton's Solomon.

You can judge man more truly by how he gives than almost anything else. There is the man who acts generously and promptly, and who gives the impression that you are conferring a privilege on him by giving the opportunity. Then there is the man who figures it all out carefully and gives just about half what he is able. Then there is the fellow whose brow wrinkles as, without arguing the question, he pulls out his cheque book, and the very way he writes out the cheque proclaims you a nuisance. Next we have the man who has to be coaxed, or who gives because he finds out that some one else in the same class has given and he must follow the lead. Then there comes the fellow who by his talk gives the impression that he is always giving and who whines about the numerous "claims" on his purse, winding up by telling you about a second-hand organ that he used for a generation and donated at its original value to a mission. Then there is the man to whom giving is as foreign as volapuk. He has no more idea of the claims upon him of those about him, than a "heathen Chinee" has of the nebular hypothesis. But the first giver is worth all the rest with a few extra soulless givers thrown in. Put that down.

Those Good Old Days.

The world is more reverent if not growing better altogether. In the "good old days" churchmen were permitted to smoke throughout the sermon. Launcelot Blackburn, Lord Archbishop of York and Primate of England, interrupted his sermon at a confirmation at St. Mary's, Nottingham, to order the churchwarden to bring fresh pipes and tobacco to the pulpit. Dean Swift, the eloquent divine and famous author, was wont to smoke throughout his sermon of a Sunday, occasionally refreshing himself with a glass of port. Bishop Duncan, of Dundee, is described as having been so economical that he made a practice of going to church without his tobacco pouch, and after ascending the pulpit, of inquiring who among the congregation would accommodate him with theirs.

Advice To Collegians.

Goldwin Smith.

"Go, young gentlemen; remember that human life is not in the main competition, but co-operation. We are not a herd of animals crowding each other; we are a co-operative community of men. Remember also that character is the great source, not only of usefulness, but of happiness. Remember that intellect is far inferior to character. Intellect—what is it when looking at the skies? It shrinks to a pigmy, whereas duty is the law that keeps the skies themselves from wrong. Go, then, forth, young gentlemen. Go into the world, win what prizes you can, and bring them back to his college, where you have been brought up; but remember the greatest of all prizes you can win to bring to your college is the reputation of honorable and good citizens and men.'"

A Permanent Lesson.

On the triple doorway of the great cathedral in Milan, Italy, are three inscriptions. Over one is carved a wreath of roses, and underneath are the words: "All that which pleases is but for a moment." Over another is sculptured a cross and we read: "All that which troubles is but for a moment." Then underneath the great central entrance is the inscription: "That only is important which is eternal."

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CHURCH TIDINGS

EIGHT HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY OF ELY CATHEDRAL.

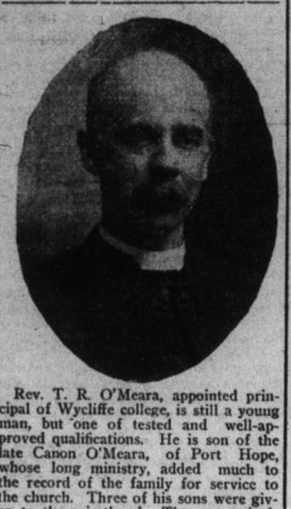
Clergymen Granted Wish, Dies in Pulpit—Ten Artists to Paint Picture of Christ—Honor to the O'Mearas.

A memorial to "Edna Lyall" is to be erected in the Church of St. Peter, Eastbourne, London.

Sunday in Heligoland begins at six p.m. on Saturday, when the church bell is tolled, and ends on Sunday at the same hour.

The vicar, curate and forty members of the congregation spent a day in scrubbing and cleansing All Saints' church, Sheffield.

The Lambeth conference will meet in London July 5th, 1908. It will be preceded by the Pan-American congress, June 15th to 24th.



Rev. T. R. O'Meara, appointed principal of Wycliffe college, is still a young man, but one of tested and well-approved qualifications. He is son of the late Canon O'Meara, of Port Hope, whose long ministry, added much to the record of the family for service to the church. Three of his sons were given to the priesthood. The new principal was for years assistant to the late Canon Sanson, rector of Trinity Church, Toronto, and succeeded him. Concurrently he has been actively working for the college, and to his personal work and popularity is due a large share of its support. He has several times pleaded its cause successfully in England with so good an impression that he was offered a missionary bishopric. His capacity for work, executive skill and spirituality and zeal will command success in his new and dignified post.

In the death of Archdeacon Taylor, aged 85, at Aigburth, Liverpool, the evangelical section of the Church of England loses a staunch champion.

The Bishop of London's mission in the North end was a repetition of the large gatherings, earnest services and popular demonstrations shown last Lent in West London.

Shortly before midnight the tower of All Saints' church, Stanton, Suffolk, collapsed, but fell clear of the church, the entrance to which was blocked by the ruins.

Though half of the Mohammedan population of the world, (250,000,000) is under Christian rule not one-sixtieth of them have been reached by Christian missionary.

In Spanish America the Indians are in numbers practically what they were at the conquest. They are Christians and civilized, and eligible to any office in state, church or army.

When Bishop Stringer goes to Skaguay in May he will be accompanied by Arthur E. O'Meara, barrister, of Toronto, who has been invited to enter the ministry as his lordship's assistant in the new mining district of Windy Arm, between Skaguay and Whitehorse. Mr. O'Meara will be ordained April 29th. Mr. O'Meara's brothers are Rev. Charles O'Meara of Monroe, Mich., and Rev. T. R. O'Meara, the newly appointed principal. Rarely are congratulations to brothers so much in order. The surrender of a lucrative law practice for the hard life of a northern missionary is an inspiring example and should bring fruit far beyond the personal action.

Countess Bathurst took three years to make an altar cloth, which she has presented to the parish church at Cirencester. It bears a large figure of St. Katharine on gold brocade.

English Wesleyan foreign missions department has had two successive yearly deficits, and the sad work of retrenchment has set in, with disheartening effect on missionaries.

The Bishop of Liverpool has refused H. D. Horsfall's offer of a reredos, to cost $25,000, for the new cathedral, because the proposed central study was the crucifixion, and evangelical Liverpool could not stand that.

The Bishop of London's missioners held a Good Friday service at Garrick theatre, for 8,000 of those who frequent the streets. The Bishop of Kensington and Father Wagett spoke. The choir and orchestra numbered 250.

Rev. R. W. Boyce, rector of Eastrop, Basingstoke, England, told his congregation (March 4th) that he desired no better end than to die in the pulpit. He was taken ill in the pulpit the next Sunday and died soon after.

Dr. Cherry, the Irish attorney-general, is an enthusiastic bell-ringer. At St. Patrick's cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday afternoons, he may be seen, minus coat, waistcoat, and collar, ringing No. 9 of the splendid peal of bells presented by Viscount Iveagh.

The Bishop of London's meeting in aid of foreign missions, at Alexandra Palace, in connection with the North London mission, was attended by fully 10,000 people. Bishops Montgomery and Ingham and Father Wagett were among the speakers.

The Panama, New Hebrides, natives have built an imposing lime church. The central pillar 30 feet long, is a hardwood tree, straight as a ship's mast. The lower part has been scraped and polished until it shines. The church is always filled at divine service.

At St. James' hospital, Gankin, China, the dispensary patients have reached 1,100 per month. Last year Dr. MacWillie performed 648 operations. The patients are double the planned accommodation. This being the only hospital in a district of 5,000,000 people.

The eight hundredth anniversary of the consecration of Ely cathedral, England, is to be celebrated next autumn. The existing edifice was begun by the Normans in the eleventh century, and on October 17th, 1106, a great service of benediction was held in the presence of the ecclesiastical and civil notabilities of the realm.

"The only intolerable burden is egotism and selfishness," said Dean Robbins, of Hartford, Conn.; "to be shut up with our own aches and pains, doubts and struggles, until we become hypochondriacs, morbid, hopeless and despairing. It is when we get out of ourselves and into the lives of others that we become free men."

As a result of a great convention of the United Presbyterian church, held at Pittsburg, Penn., a Men's League has been formed for the study of church problems, especially of the unchurched population. A rich unworked vein has been struck in the field of enterprising young Christian manhood. Even a few men in a congregation can work a transformation.

Rev. H. S. Uang, Chinese ministerial worker in a Presbyterian church of San Francisco, has returned to Canton and started "The Self-Dependent Church of Jesus Christ in China," upon a fund of $12,000 contributed in America by his countrymen. Meetings have been stirred by the cry "China for the Chinese," showing a political rather than a religious purpose.

Old Time Church.

Bruton parish church, Williamsburg, Virginia, was thrown open for Easter in its restored form. The lecturn recently given by President Roosevelt, supported the bible given, lately also, by King Edward.

Bruton was the court church of colonial Virginia from 1699 to the revolution. There, in silk canopied pews, worshipped the colonial governors, two of whom lie buried in the aisle, and here in that part of the church built and paid for by the Virginia House of Burgesses, worshipped Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, Henry, Marshall, Mason, Tyler, Bland, Lee and many others.

The present church was built in 1715, in the rectorship of Commissary Blair, official representative in Virginia of the lord mayor of London, and the founder and first president of the College of William and Mary. The work of restoration left unchanged the exterior, but the interior, changed and distorted because of conditions which no longer exist, was restored to its ancient form, and architecture to be transmitted to generations as it was planned and used by the founders of the little colony. The church still uses the original font and communion service of the Jamestown church and a set of communion silver presented to the parish by King George III., besides another set of silver known as the Queen Anne service.

A Shut-In Leader.

Even illness of a nature that makes a woman a permanent invalid need not necessarily prevent her doing good work in the world. Miss Mary Merrick, daughter of a Washington lawyer, has suffered from spinal trouble since her sixteenth year, and lies on an air mattress without a pillow. Yet she manages to plan and cut garments for the Christ Child Society, of which she is president, and she keeps books, dictates letters and is the active head of a society which has more than a thousand members. The society is for working purposes only and never gives entertainments. The members are organized into bands, the heads of which report in person to Miss Merrick.

Many great men have been bachelors, notably Newton, Descartes, Spinoza, Michael Angelo, Kant, Voltaire, Gibbon, Beethoven, Sir Francis Drake, Watts, Cooper, Hume, Washington Irving, Whittier and Walt Whitman.

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Some of the Topics of the Press.

A remarkable scene was presented at Mansion House on the annual meeting of the East London Church Fund. Long before the hour announced the gates were besieged, and hundreds failed to secure admission. The Bishop of Stepney was responsible for the anecdote of the occasion. Speaking of the difficulty the working man has in understanding the language of the Prayer Book, Dr. Lang was reminded of a devout church worker, who, standing sponsor at baptism, and asked, "Dost thou in the name of this child renounce the devil and all his works?" replied, "I recommend them all." If one of their most devout lay workers could not distinguish between "renounce" and "recommend," what a difficulty, said the bishop, the Elizabethan Prayer Book must present to the ordinary working man.

It seems a novel idea to invite the pew to enlighten the pulpit. Yet such is the plan hit upon by Rev. W. E. Lewis, Clapham, in a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. "He was unable to fathom the meaning of "Lead us not into temptation," because temptation was one of the best aids to the development of Christian character. Nor could he agree that it was a mere matter of punctuation, and that the reading should be: "Lead us, not into temptation." Finally, the preacher asked his congregation to think the matter over, and let him have their explanations.

A story by that famous raconteur, the late Dean Hole, carries its own moral. It is of the vicar who went to preach for a friend, and in the vestry afterwards said, "I must apologize for the brevity of my sermon, but our fox-terrier got into my study last night and ate several pages of my manuscript." At this the churchwardens giggled, but one of them, bolder than the rest, remarked, "You couldn't let our parson have a pup, could you?"

The Curate's Romance.

When in London some time ago, Miss Mary Copeland, of Otago, New Zealand, went with relatives to St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand. The other day she was married to the popular curate whom until her visit to the church she had never met. Miss Copeland is heiress to a fortune. The groom is Rev. William Earle, a native of Wexford, Ireland, 48 years old. In 1901 he assumed the title and baronetcy of Stragglethorpe county, Lincoln, believed to have become extinct in 1697. His right to the dignity has not yet been established. For his candidature for vicarate of the parish of Clerkenwell in 1898, he imported an element of humor into an otherwise portentously solemn contest by issuing a bill inscribed: "Vote for Earle, B.A., M.A., B.D., Irishman. Gentleman. Private means. Sixteen years' experience."

In his address to the 10,000 electors of Clerkenwell, Mr. Earle appealed to the Roman Catholics "because I am Irish," to foreigners "because they love Ireland", to Nonconformists "because I have stated in my pamphlets on reunion that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world," to the Jews "because my love for the Children of Promise is well known."

Peter And Paul.

A familiar saying had its origin in the rivalry between St. Peter's cathedral, now Westminster abbey, and St. Paul's, when in 1550 an appropriation was made from St. Peter's to make good a deficiency in the accounts of St. Paul's. Much opposition was shown to this, and it was for the time a popular outcry, "Why rob Peter to pay Paul?" The saying was revived as a proverb upon the death of William Pitt, earl of Chatham, in 1778. The city of London argued that so illustrious a statesman should be buried at St. Paul's, while parliament held that the remains of so great a leader should be placed with the dust of kings and that to bury him away from the Abbey of Westminster would be again robbing Peter to pay

"Shamiakh" is the Arabic word for clover. It is pronounced like the Irish word "shamrock."

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