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REV. JOHN WEBSTER PLEADS FOR CLEAN LIVES.

Rev. A. D. Cornett in Chalmers Church—Renewal of Baptismal Vows in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday Afternoon.

Rev. John Webster, pastor of Brock street Methodist church, on Sunday morning, spoke of the influence of our lives on others. It was easy to find a man skilled in his own profession whom no one for an instant would doubt, as far as his knowledge went, but was it as easy to find a man who was a man in the highest sense of the word, who could be relied upon at all times and under any circumstances, and who never gave cause for doubt?

The world needs men of principle, men whose lives stand for some thing, men whose character is of pure thought. "Tell me what you are thinking about," said the speaker, "and I will tell you how you will act. Do we think the same on Monday and the rest of the week as we do on Sunday? Are our lives so guided by pure thinking and right thought that our influence is felt not only in our business but also in our homes, and in the community in which we live? We must all expect to be more or less tempted, but it is the overcoming of temptation that helps us to build our character. Some when they are tempted not only yield but after admitting Satan, give him the best seat. You can bank on it every time that we will always be on the right track if we choose the side of things we are certain of, and cast aside the uncertainties. Some when they are trying to preach unless he could show to his people that he was as good as the example he has set forth, any more than we can hide from our neighbors the fact that we are living a life of close fellowship with Christ.

At Chalmers Church. Rev. A. D. Cornett, a graduate of Queen's, preached at the evening service in Chalmers Church and delivered a most inspiring sermon from the text, Luke chapter 12, 15th verse. "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

These words came from Christ after he had been appealed to, to divide an inheritance between two brothers. Life was a great mystery given to us to do with as we would, but the great problem of the home, which we should do. There was a great lesson to learn from this passage of scripture and that was that life did not consist in piling up riches. There was a great danger of people looking for the material things instead of the spiritual things. We should seek first the kingdom of God.

The speaker dwelt in an interesting manner on man's duty to his home, to his fellow men, and to his country. Each man, in addition to looking after his duties in his home, should take his share of the responsibility in municipal work, and also take an interest in the affairs of his country. Some people had an idea that a rich man could not be a Christian, but this was a great mistake. And a man was too poor to be a Christian. The importance of fellowship with God was also touched upon by the speaker.

At St. Mary's Cathedral. In St. Mary's cathedral on Sunday (Trinity) afternoon, the young communicants assembled to renew their baptismal vows and be enrolled in the scapular. They were briefly addressed by the Rev. Father Hanley on the solemnity of the event and the many sacrifices their parents had made for them. The benediction of the holy sacrament was imparted, the choir singing the various hymns. There was a very large congregation present.

Preached in St. James'. Rev. R. P. D. Hurford addressed the congregation of St. James' church Sunday evening. He was ordained deacon in St. George's cathedral on Sunday morning, and has been appointed to the parish at Lombardy. Mr. Hurford gave this week to take over the charge at that place. He is a native of England, having been born in Surrey. He came out to this country in 1893 to Wycliffe, to prepare for the ministry. His industry has gained him a high place in class lists and has won him a reputation equalled by few.

Rev. Orren Scouten, missionary to British East Africa, and representative of the African Inland Mission, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Denys, of Thurlow. Mr. Scouten is a native of Newburg.

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ADMINISTERED IN ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY.

Bishop Mills Ordained One Deacon To Priesthood and Six Candidates to the Diaconate—Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald Preached Strong Sermon.

Bishop Mills administered the rite of ordination in St. George's cathedral on Sunday morning, in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. A. E. Smart, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, was ordained to the priesthood. The young men ordained to the diaconate were: Ernest Tesky, B.A., Queen's and Trinity; R. H. H. Bulteel, G. Goodhand, and F. Williamson, of Trinity; Mr. Hurford, Wycliffe College, Toronto, and Herbert Pringle, Lic. Theol., of Durham University, Eng.

They were presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Carey and Dean Bidwell, the Bishop-elect of Kingston, presented Mr. Smart to his lordship. Canon Starr, assisted in the service, and Judge McDonald, of Brockville, chancellor of the diocese, attended. Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, vicar of St. Paul's church, preached a forcible ordination sermon, from the text "With God Nothing Shall Be Impossible."—St. Luke 1, 37.

Mr. Fitzgerald said, in part, as follows:

My brethren in Christ, we need to remind ourselves now, at least, as much as in any previous age, that a reduced and attenuated Christianity is not the Gospel which has inspired the whole world and can redeem it.

"With God nothing shall be impossible." That is the secret of the message of redemption, of the divine forgiveness. If we attempt, to fortify our hopes of pardon by any materialistic explanation of the gradual disappearance of the consequence of sin we shall be miserably disappointed, for nature never forgives—she exacts the price of the redemption of that is due. We believe that God forgives, just because that with Him nothing is impossible. That is why, despite all apparent improbability, we may believe in the conversion of the fallen and in the restoration of the penitent by "grace" or again were the master of Christians, no more than a saint and hero and prophet we might be excused. We who hear His name, did we judge St. Paul's great words concerning the Sacraments of His appointment to be somewhat extravagant and rhetorical, it might be prudent for us to reduce the Doctrines of Sacramental Grace to a statement of the beneficent stimulus to the spirit provided by the memory of a great example and the enthusiasm of a great hope.

The power of religious emotion, far reaching, it is entirely within the province of psychology to analyze it and apply our analysis to the great needs of the spiritual life. But not so did the early disciples think of Jesus or scrutinize His gifts. They exacted the price of the redemption of the soul, that He imparted Himself in the holy ordinances which He left to His faithful ones, and that the efficacy of His sacraments flowed from His divine power. No such possibilities of grace are inherent in any human institution, however edifying, but with God all things are possible, and it is not man but God with whom we have to do.

It is hard to realize the splendor of that wonderful institution which is called the church, for the church is no abstraction; it is a living reality, composed of men, men like ourselves who are subject to all the limitations and passions, prejudices and ignorance that beset our race. Hard indeed it is to bear about with us always the sense of membership in a sacred brotherhood to which have been pledged the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The clergy are, in a like manner, though we be the body of Christ, are not half alive to the blessedness of our privileges, the greatness of our opportunity. The clergy are not the church, although those to whom they minister are apt to speak as though they were. The world of every age has judged the church by the faith and life of her official servants and in many ages it had judged harshly, being all too ready to find in the unworthiness of her ministers some disproof of her divine mission. Nay, we dare not thus pass judgment for in every age the purpose of God in the world, as well as in the church, have been fulfilled through the agency of weak and fallible men, and however imperfect be the instrument, yet His purposes are being fulfilled for with God nothing is impossible.

At the ordination of a deacon or a priest the rubric directs that the sermon shall make special reference to the duty and office of him who offers himself to holy orders. No such rubric is prefixed to the service for the consecration of a bishop, yet I am sure that while I speak out thoughts all turn to the same thing, the duty and office of a bishop in the church of God. It is a manifold office, a hard office, an office which is peculiarly intense and responsible, for if a man fail to fulfil it his failure not only affects himself but the church in which he is set to teach and to lead. It is a manifold office and not least among its grave responsibilities is the duty of guarding the doctrine which the Lord committed to His church at the beginning.

St. Paul's charge to Timothy is the charge of every bishop throughout the Christian world, to guard the creed, to guard it against addition on the one hand lest burdens be imposed on faithful hearts which are not according to the revelation of Christ, to guard it against subtraction or impoverishment on the other hand, lest the treasure of the gospel be fished away.

We are in danger in Canada of adding to the creed, perhaps the danger is greater than we always understand, that it may be reduced to such slender dimensions that its power will be lost. Brethren in Christ I am persuaded that upon our bishops' own priests of the church in this, our own day, no more imperative duty is laid than that of protecting and proclaiming the great truths of which I have been speaking. God forbid for any tampering with the supposed temper of our time. We should allow them to

be explained away or reduced to their lowest terms. With God all things are impossible and of these things the church taught of God. It is to discredit the Christian religion to cheapen it. It claims much but it has no claim at all unless it has a right to claim all that was the strength and the inspiration of the early disciples.

Soon the awful charge to guard the faith for the simple souls will be laid upon a brother who enters upon his new life with the prayers and hopes of many. Those who know him best have the highest hopes for they believe that he will help us all to retain what is old in the old faith while he helps us too to welcome the new light with which the Holy Spirit is ever enlightening the church, and his friends' prayers are that he may for these things receive the grace of God more abundantly. With reference to the rubric dealing with those who to-day are to receive their commissions in the first line of the churches' ranks. Brethren, we take it for granted that you are satisfied regarding the validity of the orders which you seek, and the historical continuity which exists in the episcopate.

Mr. Fitzgerald then addressed the candidates about the solemnities and the duties of their office.

THE LATE WILLIAM STEWART Who Died in Watertown, N.Y.—Burial at Cataract.

The death occurred in Watertown, N.Y., on Friday evening, at nine o'clock, of William Stewart, an old resident of Kingston. For years, yet he was employed on the Kingston and Pembroke railroad. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., and Sons of Scotland, and a member of Ancient St. John's Lodge, A.F. and A.M. He was a veteran of '64.

While a resident of Kingston, he was a member of Queen street Methodist church. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and two daughters, and one son: Mrs. John Pigion, Aberdeen street; Mrs. J. L. Riddell, of Toronto, and James F. in the States.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Pigion, Aberdeen street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. G. I. Campbell will conduct the service.

Attended Church at Odessa. Fifteen local Free Masons went to Odessa on Sunday morning to join the Prince Arthur lodge in its parallel to the Methodist church, where Rev. Mr. Tucker preached to the Masonic brethren. There was a large attendance. Special music was rendered by the choir.

Mrs. Oliver Hayes, a resident of the township of Yonge, three miles south of Athens, passed away Thursday afternoon, after an illness of a few weeks, due to paralysis.

James Seymour, for twenty-five years a respected resident of Brockville, passed away suddenly Friday afternoon.



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Norman R. Wilson, inspector for the underwriters, who has been in the city for the past few days inspecting the department, was in the station when the alarm came in, and responded with the firemen to the call. He worked at the steamer and stated that he was well pleased with the work of the department.

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Deceased Visited Niece. The late Capt. William Scott, who was drowned from the tug Tonawanda in Lake Ontario last week, visited his niece, Mrs. Charles Rondall, John street, the past winter. She was informed on his death by telegram from Oswego.

Body Sent to Boston. Moberly, May 19.—The body of Leslie Waugh, who died from injuries received at the C.P.R. construction work at Mud Lake, was sent to his home in Boston, Mass., Saturday.

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