

The Help of God Himself.

Mere knowledge of the facts of our Lord's life will never make us Christians, not even if we go further and accept Him as our idea, and try to copy His example. Only too soon should we then become like the crippled boy gazing at the statue of Apollo, and give up in despair. Even to make our first halting footsteps in the trail of our Master we need the help of God Himself. It is God the Holy Spirit who comes to dwell in our hearts and give up this help. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you."

How amazing that God should come in this intimate personal way to each one of us. He comes to us in our baptism and confirmation—"Give Thy Holy Spirit to his infant, that he may be born again," "Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter." And it is Whitsunday that should remind us anew of this.

We speak of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter. The middle syllable, "fort," will tell us what this really means, namely that the Holy Spirit comes to strengthen us, and to enable us to follow Christ. The Greek form of the word is paraclete, which really means one who comes and stands by our side to encourage us in a struggle. It was not only the early disciples who experienced the new power in their souls brought to them by the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. All down the ages countless men and women have been given the power to be Christ's witnesses by the same Holy Spirit. He can do the same for us too.

We know that anxious days lie ahead, and it will be no easy task to be witnesses for Him in this time of war, or the days of reconstruction that will follow it. But we do not despair. We know that Christmas the festival of God with us, and Whitsunday is the festival of God in us. And if God be with us, and in us, who can stand against us?

—L.O.S.B.

Ninety—Still Sings at St. Paul's

What must surely be a record unique among choristers has been made by Mr. Henry Dutton, who on Sunday celebrates his ninetieth birthday. For sixty-five years he has been singing in the choir at St. Paul's Cathedral and, notwithstanding his age, he still regularly takes his place in the choir stalls. He has vivid recollections of Dean Church, of whom he can recount many interesting anecdotes, and other outstanding personalities, including Stainer, Bishop Jackson and Bishop Winnington-Ingram. — Church of England Newspaper.

Service of Institution.

Value Of Chapter.

A service of institution important in the Diocese took place at St. John's Cathedral Church on May 19, when the Very Rev. Joseph B. Brocklehurst was instituted as Archdeacon of Hawke's Bay and the Rev. Stephen Francis N. Waymouth as canon, St. Aiden's Stall of the Cathedral Chapter. Three lay canons, Messrs. E. G. Loten, Patrick F. Hunter and Reginald P. Wilder, were also instituted.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Aotearoa, assisted by the choir. Included were the hymns "The Church is One Foundation" and "Thy Hand, O Lord, Has Guided," and Psalm 132.

The introductory exhortation reminded the Archdeacon and canons-elect that, as counsellors and advisors of the Bishop of the Diocese in holy things, they must be students of

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In the combat that lies before us we must make the Gospel our ideal, as did the early Christian Church, which waged a war against the pagan world, guided by the vision of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel alone has a tender and profound sympathy for everything that bears the name of man, for everything that is human, and for everything that concerns the community of man.—Pierre Van Paassen.

sacred learning and of all such matters as tend to establish and confirm the truth of the Gospel and the discipline of the Church.

In the course of his address Archdeacon Butterfield testified to the usefulness of the Cathedral Chapter in an advisory capacity to the Bishop of the Diocese and if he so desired to make use of the opinions of the senior clergy and laymen. The Chapter had not functioned to any valuable degree since the resignation of Bishop Sedgwick, in whose time it met regularly. The archdeacon appealed to the members, both clerical and lay, to fulfil the purposes associated with their stalls for the furtherance of educational, Sunday School, missionary and social work of the Diocese.

The service continued with the Creed, Versicles, the Lord's Prayer and the singing of the Veni Creator Spiritus. After the presentation to His Lordship of the Archdeacon and the Canons the Te Deum Laudamus was sung, the service concluding with the Blessing.

ENTHUSIASM, THOUGHT, LOYALTY.

The Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Rev. W. R. Matthews, says: "Two words sum up the need for the future—'enthusiasm' and 'thought.' Without enthusiasm for Christian ideals we shall get nowhere, and without hard thinking we may easily get somewhere quite different from our immediate goal. Jesus said, 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free'—minds enlightened and hearts on fire will carry us to a better world."

In the course of a characteristic message, Mr R. W. Moore, head master of Harrow, says: "Remember your loyalty to God and to Christ before all other loyalties and let your religious faith be in the forefront of all your thinking."

Special Session of Synod to Nominate New Bishop

The Very Rev. the Dean of Auckland has been appointed by Archbishop West-Watson to convene and preside over the Waiapu Diocesan Synod for the purpose of nominating a bishop to succeed the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard, C.B.E., who recently resigned owing to his service as Senior Chaplain to the fighting forces in the Pacific. The Dean has approved of holding this special session of Synod on Tuesday, October 10 next. Standing Committee has agreed that it will be more convenient for Synodsmen for the annual Diocesan Synod to precede the special Synod. General Synod has been fixed for Thursday, October 5. This arrangement will save the time of Synodsmen, as well as the double journey.

In accordance with the usual custom, Standing Committee has set up a special committee of clergy and laity, consisting of Canon S. F. N. Waymouth, Rev. W. T. Drake, Rev. S. R. Gardiner, Mr. G. F. Gardiner and Mr. R. E. H. Pilson, Diocesan Secretary, to carry out the necessary preliminary work.

During the vacancy of the Bishopric the following prayer is authorised for public and private use:—

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift: Look graciously, we beseech Thee, on Thy Church, and so guide with Thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a Bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful Pastor, who shall feed Thy flock according to Thy Will, and make ready a people acceptable unto Thee: through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.