

Induction of Rev. M. Calder, as Vicar

To the very large congregation present at All Saints the induction of the Rev. Matthew L. Calder, as vicar of the Taradale parish, was a memorable occasion being one that should inspire him in his first charge. Much additional seating had to be provided, and included in the congregation were many of Mr. Calder's friends from St. John's parish, Napier. The ceremony was impressively carried out by the Ven. Archdeacon J. B. Brocklehurst and the address given by Mr. Calder's father, the Rev. Jasper Calder, M.B.E., of the Auckland City Mission, was particularly forceful. In it he offered some frank and candid advice to his son as vicar, while to the parishioners he stressed the need for unswerving loyalty to their church and willing co-operation to the vicar in his work.

The following were points made by Mr. Calder in his address:—

The new vicar was the eighth generation of the Calder family to be ordained to the priesthood in the Mother Church of England.

Of the thousands who have been confirmed and should be daily round the altars, where are they? I don't know why it is that people are so shy when talking of the things of God. In fact, to talk of these things, there is nothing more marvellous.

Numbers in confirmation don't count. The matter is too serious for that. Until one was conscious of his duty to God then he was not ready for confirmation.

There was a growing tendency on the part of many parents not to view Baptism as they should. Baptism was something that the Mother Church laid down from the days of the Apostles and its proper preparation had to be insisted upon.

It was time that the youngsters were taught what their Church offered and were taught of their duties to it.

The duty of the choir was to lead in the praises of God and not just for the entertainment of the congregation.

By your life you can show that wrong-doing is of no avail. A worthy example was that of the great American president, Abraham Lincoln, who made his political enemies his friends.

Despite what you say and what you are, it is what you do that will be your message.

Those people who don't read their Bibles read you and me.

I hope that this family in Christ will be welded together so making it a church of faithful people.

"Let us be forward, onward and upward, each for all and all for Christ. Take the lessons of the church out into the world with you. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

WELCOME TO MR AND MRS CALDER

Following the induction of the Rev. Matthew Calder as vicar opportunity was taken by the parishioners to extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Calder. The capacity of the Parish Hall was fully taxed and a most happy hour was spent.

On behalf of the parishioners, Mr. H. R. Clarke, people's warden, ex-

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In penitence let us pray to be made worthy of receiving Victory at God's hands. Let us repent of our share in the Corporate sin that made possible the present strife among the nations. Let us pray that we may have the humility as a Church and Nation to be re-fashioned by God for the heavy tasks that He will call us to perform so that through us He may bring to His stricken world a just and lasting peace.—The Rt. Rev. G. F. Cranswick, Bishop of Tasmania.

tended a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Calder and expressed the hope that their work in the parish would be richly blessed. He assured them of the willing co-operation and help that would be given by the parishioners who would be looking to Mr. Calder for leadership and guidance.

Acknowledging the welcome accorded him, Mr. Calder asked the people to look upon him not only as their vicar but as their friend. Whatever service he could render he would be glad to give. He had come to build and to make friendships and with the co-operation that he would get and with the prayers of all he was sure that the parish would progress. He hoped to make All Saints not just a place to attend on Sundays but to be the centre of life of the parish. Working side by side in unity they would advance the glory of God in this parish.

Cathedral Crammed

This war is too sad for words. It is only the thought that God has some great purpose behind it that makes it bearable. For the Germans who have brought it about it is punitive. For us, it is, I hope and pray, remedial to cleanse and purify and build up on real and everlasting foundations. One is inclined to despair at the lack of religion, or the signs of it, in the average man. But there is evidently more than one thinks. When the news of the invasion reached us on June 6 a special edition of the Cape Times—our leading newspaper—was immediately issued. Boys selling it in the streets were rushed by the crowd. In it was advertised a special service of prayer in the Cathedral at Cape Town. This large building was crammed; people who couldn't get seats, were standing where they could. It is said to be the largest congregation seen in the Cathedral. Some large business firms closed down for a time so that their employees might go to the service.—The Right Rev. Dr. W. H. Sedgwick former Bishop of Waiapu, now of Cape Town, writing to a friend in Hawke's Bay.

Still the Parent Body

Speaking to the diocesan conference of the Church of England Men's Society at Cambridge, the Bishop of Waikato, the Rt. Rev. C. A. Cherrington, made some pertinent comment on the position of the Church of England to-day. His Lordship said: "The question is being asked by many thoughtful people, What does the Church of England stand for? What is the substance of her belief? One hears these days much loose talk about 'the churches,' whereas in point of fact there is only one church, the church of the New Testament.

"The Church of England is gradually ceasing to be the church of the English, and in every parish there are numbers of other bodies which during the course of history have broken away from the parent body. Some of these bodies should return forthwith to their spiritual home, for during the course of history have considerably weakened in the intervening years. However these things may be, the church needs her manpower if she is successfully to wage her spiritual warfare in these difficult times."

The present moment is a powerful duty.—Goethe.