

"Dreamer" should be "master of dreams"—a sarcastic reference to his visions. "Pits" means "water cisterns," deep holes—compare Jeremiah. A travelling company is a "caravan"; spicery is gum tragacanth. There are two stories interwoven and somewhat inconsistent (verse 28, 36), but this cannot be explained in space available.

Chapter xliii. 33. The sitting of the brothers according to age is part of the scheme for awakening their consciences, making them surprised at the intimate knowledge Joseph has of them. The five-fold mess for Benjamin is to test whether they will be jealous of him. The whole plan of Joseph is to arouse them to a feeling of contrition and repentance—Chapter xliv. Another test: will they stand by Benjamin when he is in trouble? Contrast their former treatment of Joseph? He draws out all the nobility of character hidden in them (verse 18-34).

Changes of raiment—"Sunday clothes," "festive garments." Note the typical character of the whole story corresponding to the prophecy of the Messiah (Isaiah liii). With older children show the correspondence of the type—note especially Joseph's rejection, being sold, temptations, exaltation, and his providing food and home for the penitent brethren. Tell children about S. Michael's Day, Friday, 29th.

Military Camp Reports.

FEATHERSTON.

The last month has undoubtedly been our best month at the Institute. Everything seems to have improved in many ways and I think we may claim now to have settled down into our stride.

On May 5th we had a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 6.10 a.m. for the special benefit of those who were due to sail from Wellington on the following day with the 12th Reinforcements. Never shall I forget that service, the solemnity, and earnestness of it all, as those men, few in number, no doubt, in proportion to those who were sailing (yet we had to clear the forms out of the side-chapel during the service to make room for all) made their last Holy Communion before leav-

ing their native land. After the Creed I spoke a few words, calling on those boys to do their very best, to lay their past lives at the foot of the Cross, and to trust God for whatever He might have in store for them. One could feel an atmosphere of dedication and devotion, and as I shook hands with each man afterwards I could not help feeling that here at least we had some evidence that the Institute is not in vain.

Since my last report we have had proofs that others share this view, for letters and donations have come to hand which show that Church people throughout the Dominion are realising their privilege and responsibility to co-operate in this work. Several excellent pictures have come to hand for the chapel; one gentleman presented the proceeds from the sale of a bale of wool; others have sent us money, music, reading matter, etc. All these things are most acceptable and gratifying. And, moreover, such gifts are necessary if the work of the Institute is to be conducted satisfactorily. I appeal specially for good interesting books and attractive songs.

The Rev. J. A. Lush, Vicar of Havelock North, who has been appointed chaplain to the 13th Reinforcements, arrived in camp on May 12th. During his stay in camp I not only have his help in the Institute, but am also able to benefit by his advice and sympathy. It has been decided that each Reinforcement chaplain shall come into camp some time, preferably a month, before sailing so that he may get to know his men and to observe military methods.

Unfortunately, the Institute has only one chaplain's room, and so much of our work is of a private nature that there is a very real difficulty. I feel that it is my duty to bring this matter before my committee and to see if extra accommodation can be provided. The ideal would be for the present chapel to be used as the second chaplain's room, and for a small chapel for daily use to be built at the back of the Institute with approach from both the chaplains' rooms and outside. I am quite certain that our tiny side chapel has been the backbone of our work hitherto and I feel certain that a small but specially constructed chapel would not only relieve the present difficult position but would

also be of inestimable help to the spiritual life of the men.

If worth doing, let it be done quickly!

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TRENTHAM.

My former observations were in response to a request for a "short article." This month I am asked for a "report." I am no specialist in drawing up reports. But it reminds one that just as there are three sorts of lies, (1) the common or garden variety, (2) the super-toned variety, generally known as --- lies, and (3) statistics, so reports may be conveniently summed up under three headings: (1) tales, (2) fairy tales, (3) reports. I will therefore not endanger my character for veracity by attempting a report, but content myself (and I trust my readers) with some remarks more or less to the point.

I will begin by a digression from the topic of Trentham and say how lucky the Featherston Camp is in having such an excellent chaplain. (You will probably infer that Trentham is singularly unfortunate in the same respect. I will take the risk, with the trite rejoinder about the odiousness of comparisons). The fact remains that Captain Cruickshank is the right man in the right place, and has won the deep regard of all around him. I am quite secure in saying this for being his senior officer he cannot criticise me in return.

I am particularly struck with his intuition in making a permanent side-chapel in the Institute for devotional purposes, and imitation being the sincerest form of flattery I have long since determined to do the same. The Camp Commandant, with whom I have discussed the matter, has kindly promised to put a side door in the library for me as soon as a carpenter can be obtained. This will furnish a mode of ingress and egress without going through the main hall, thus ensuring the requisite privacy. Experience and experiment have taught me that whilst you can hold short evening prayers in a small hall or marquee where only reading and writing are go-