

dral. Bishop DuMoulin will ordain both these gentlemen soon after their arrival.

Stamford.—Rev. Mr. Archer, who has kept up the publication of a clever churchly parochial magazine for some time, gives up (we are sure quite reluctantly) its publication this month. (As a people we seem willing to read anything and everything under the sun but Church literature).

Fonthill.—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Holy Trinity, Welland, the amateur performance, "Our Boys," was performed successfully for two nights.

Nelson.—The English church, which has been undergoing repairs, was reopened on Sunday last. On Monday evening stereopticon views illustrating the history of the church were given in the Town Hall. The Township S.S. convention was held in the Methodist place of worship. Rev. Rural Dean Fennel was present, and gave a profitable and instructive address.

Guelph.—The annual meeting of St. George's Church Interior Improvement Association was held in the large school-room last week. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by the president, Dr. Lett, and Mr. Gummer acted as secretary. The meeting was opened by the Ven. Archdeacon with prayer, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The president submitted his annual report, showing in detail the progress that has been made towards the accomplishment of the work. He spoke in glowing terms of the action of the Bible Association in contributing to the funds of the association the sum of \$100. He also submitted a financial statement, showing that there was over \$1,000 now in the treasury, and he suggested that it would be as well to go on with the work at once. A free discussion took place as to the advisability of commencing work at once, and by resolution the Executive Committee were empowered to at once proceed with the work of improving the interior of the church. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Bible Association for their munificent donation of \$100 towards the improvement fund, and also to the ladies who undertook the work of canvassing and collecting the subscriptions. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. President, Ven. Archdeacon Dixon; Hon. Vice-president, Rev. J. A. Ballard; President, Dr. Lett; Vice-president, Lieut.-Col. Macdonald; Secretary, J. B. Powell; Treasurer, S. J. Taylor. Executive Committee.—The officers of the association, Mr. W. H. Dunsford, and Mr. H. Gummer, churchwardens; Mrs. J. M. Bond, Mrs. Lett, Mrs. J. C. Chadwick, Miss Masters, Mrs. J. Dixon, Mrs. McConkey, Mr. W. H. Jones, Mr. J. Hallett, Mr. T. C. Dawson, and Mr. Webb. It is expected that arrangements will be made to begin the work at once, as the members of the congregation desire that the improvements should be completed before Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Fessenden, formerly of Ancaster, has been interesting herself in a very worthy cause. As was reported in the telegraphic news from Hamilton one day recently, she has appeared before the School Board and urged the adoption of a "patriotic day" in the schools, with flag exercises and addresses. The children taking part should be known, she suggests, as the "League of the Union Jack." The matter was well received by those present, and action was deferred until the next meeting. The School Board in Hamilton is composed of eminently patriotic and representative men, many of whom have promised the loyal suggestion a hearty support. If adopted in Hamilton it is probable that the same idea may be shortly carried out in every town and village in the Dominion.

Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, rector of Homer, St. David's and Grantham, has announced his resignation to accept the parish of Glasgow, N.S.

Prof. Starkie has been appointed to the presidency of the Queen's College, Galway.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

Meaford.—The special service held in Christ church on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7th, brought out a large congregation. The sermon was preached by Dr. Caswell, the rector. The music introduced during the service was nicely sung by the choir and congregation. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were the Rev. Mr. Plummer's own composition, with which the choir was familiar under Miss Foster's excellent training. After the evening service proper was ended, the Rev. Mr. Plummer gave an organ recital of somewhat more than half an hour, and at intervals an anthem and inspiring hymns were introduced. The high-class music played by Mr. Plummer was splendidly rendered, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was certainly a great pleasure to hear the compositions of some of the best masters upon the organ, and it was a hope expressed that in Meaford we might have more frequent opportunities of hearing such a rich musical treat.

Berlin.—St. John's church.—Rev. C. S. Smith, M.A., rector. A well attended meeting of the men of this parish was held on Thanksgiving night to discuss the formation of a Church club. In opening the meeting, the rector said he desired to have some organization that would interest the men in the work of the Church, as well as instruct them in the history, aims, and distinctive character of the Church. He then introduced the speakers of the evening. Mr. N. F. Davidson, president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada, spoke on "The Work of a Layman in the Church." He gave a good practical talk of what he himself had seen accomplished by laymen. He showed how the whole tone of a parish in a country town was raised by a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He was followed by the Rev. T. G. A. Wright, of Millbank, who having once been a member of a Church club, gave a practical talk on the subject. The object of a Church club was, he said, the cultivation of a deeper knowledge of Church history, of the work of the Church in all its branches, as well as creating a deeper interest in its spiritual life. A committee consisting of Messrs. Passmore, Rowley, and Miller, of Berlin, and Webbe, Grasett, and Gilhuly, of Waterloo, was appointed to draw up a constitution and report at a future meeting. An ex-member of St. John's, spending Sunday in town, observed a marked increase of men at evensong. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is responsible.

Preston.—The anniversary services of St. John's church, Preston, and St. James' church, Hespeler, were held on Sunday, Nov. 28. The Rev. Dean Rigby, of Toronto, and the Rev. James Thompson, of Ingersoll, were the select preachers. The sermons were altogether admirable. The offertories for the day were applied to the church debts. The offertory at Hespeler amounted to \$70, and at Preston, \$75. By the efforts of two ladies the Preston offertory was subsequently augmented to \$105. The debts on the two churches now stand as follows: Hespeler, \$240; Preston, \$700.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY D.D., ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

Winnipeg.—Christ church has now for some years had the annual confirmation held in the early part of the season of Advent. This year the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Dr. Grisdale, performed the apostolic rite in the absence of his Grace. The confirmation was held on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, at 11 o'clock, matins being said at 10 o'clock. The Rev. S. G. Chambers, curate, sang the Litany, the Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath (former rector) of Columbia, read the lesson; the rector, Rev. Welbury Mutton, presented the candidates, nineteen in number. The anthem sung by the choir was well rendered. The Bishop addressed the candidates in some simple, yet beautiful words, on the Church teaching. He dwelt upon the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirma-

tion, on the benefit arising from Confirmation in being able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; and the pardon that he received through the precious Blood. A wonderful incident happened, for a new country like this; all the rectors were present who have been at Christ Church since its inception, with the exception of the Rev. H. Bradshaw, priest, who is at rest. The Bishop, Dr. Grisdale, was the first rector; he built the first church twenty-two years ago, and held the parish from 1875 to 1879, he was succeeded by the Rev. H. T. Leslie, M.A., at present immigrant chaplain in Winnipeg. Mr. Leslie was at Christ Church from 1879 to 1882, when the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath took charge, coming from the diocese of New Brunswick. Mr. Pentreath was rector 1882 to 1895. He built the present church, rectory and part of the school, and during his term was appointed Rural Dean of Selkirk, Honorary Canon of St. John's, Winnipeg. This year he is appointed by the Bishop of New Westminster to the Archdeaconry of Columbia. The Rev. H. Bradshaw was only rector for a few months, ill-health causing his resignation. The present rector, the Rev. Melbury Mutton, was elected in 1896, and Mr. S. G. Chambers was ordained as curate this year, 1897. The presence of these clergymen was a mere chance, but it was remarkable that they should be gathered together on that day. In the afternoon the Bishop confirmed candidates at All Saints' church, at the south part of the city, where the Rev. F. V. Baker, formerly chaplain to Bishop Anson, of Qu'Appelle, is rector.

British and Foreign.

The death of Dr. Brownless, Chancellor of Melbourne University, took place recently.

Mr. A. S. Eve has been appointed bursar of Marlborough College, in the place of the late Rev. J. S. Thomas.

The Rev. C. V. Childe, Vicar of Christ church, Cheltenham, has been made an honorary Canon of Gloucester cathedral.

In the churchyard of Addington parish church, near Croydon, lie the remains of five Archbishops of Canterbury, namely, Manners-Sutton, Howley, Summer, Longley, and Tait.

At the present moment there are no less than five Indian, colonial and missionary bishoprics vacant, viz., those of Bombay, Victoria (Hong Kong), Mauritius, Osaka, and the new East African See.

The Bishop of Lichfield recently consecrated a church at Stretton, Burton-on-Trent, which has been built by Mr. Gretton, of Sudbury Hall, at a cost of considerably over £30,000.

Mr. T. R. O'Connor has offered to present a stained-glass east window to Clonfert cathedral in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He also contemplates presenting the cathedral with a carved oak pulpit.

Owing to extremely ritualistic practices on the part of the Vicar, five superintendents and 37 teachers belonging to the parish schools of St. John's, Dukinfield, in the Diocese of Chester, have resigned their various positions.

Sir Gerard Smith, the Governor of Western Australia, laid the foundation stone of the Goldfields cathedral at Coolgardie on St. Andrew's Day. The ceremony, which was performed with Masonic rites, was an impressive spectacle.

To complete the restoration of Shakespeare's church a further sum of £5,000 is required, and the Mayor and Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon are making an appeal for that amount to all English-speaking people.