

ALGOMA.

SEQUIN FALLS.—St. Paul's has undergone a considerable change in the interior during the past few weeks, by the replacement of old plain lumber furniture with a complete set, consisting of a new pulpit, prayer desk, lectern, font, and communion rails, all of plain but substantial workmanship, together with a large, well-toned Karm organ, making the church appear more adaptable for divine service, and by the latter addition affording a greatly felt want towards the musical portion of the services. All these improvements have been effected through the voluntary sacrifices of a poor congregation, and reflect great credit upon the devoted band. A lady, Mrs. Julia Grant, of St. Alban's, England, an untiring friend of the mission, has generously forwarded \$24 towards providing new seats, which will be taken in hand immediately. But few things now are required to complete the wants of this church: a set of communion vessels, a communion cloth and frontals. Could a few of Algoma's many friends kindly assist towards the providing of these necessary articles, they would very greatly encourage a congregation, at once willing and true church goers, but taxed to their utmost through the providing of the former mentioned improvements. The tattered rags now doing service as communion cloth and frontals have been in the church since its erection, being at that time second hand, so are now by no means fit to find place in God's house. Donations, however small, would be willingly received either through the diocesan treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto; or by the Incumbent, Rev. A. J. Cobb, who will acknowledge them through the Church papers.

RUPERT'S LAND.

TREHERNE.—The Bishop of the diocese paid us a visit on Sunday, the 22nd ult. for the purpose of opening our new Church of St. Mark's. The building, though small, is very prettily fitted up, the churchwardens and vestrymen having worked very hard; around the walls are banners, each with an appropriate text on, and over the east end two specially designed and painted by a Mr. T. W. Palmer from England, father of one of our settlers; they are, "I am the Bread of Life," done in a scroll among corn-ears, and "I am the True Vine," also in a scroll amidst the grape vine. The communion table cloth was worked by one of our ladies, and the reading desk, lectern and table a gift from friends belonging to the first Sunday school the curate-in-charge worked in, in England. The church was crowded on Sunday morning, when the curate-in-charge, Rev. George Gill, read the prayers, and a splendid sermon was preached by the Bishop from 1 John i. 7. The Church still has a little debt, which we hope will soon be cleared off.

RATHWELL.—Sunday afternoon, 22nd ult., this little town was all alive and people were all wending their way towards one building, and that the new Church of St. Paul's, just erected, and which was on that afternoon opened by the Bishop of Rupert's Land, before a very large congregation of people. The curate-in-charge (Rev. George Gill) read the service. The church is a very fair size and complete, with the exception of plastering and painting; the members have subscribed well, and that with donations from members' friends in England, has enabled it to be built; there is still, however, a small debt which we sincerely hope to get wiped off very quickly. The interior is fitted up very prettily, the communion cloth, banner and fall being worked by ladies of the congregation, and the reading desk, lectern and communion table are a gift of some English friends and fellow-workers of the curate-in-charge. To complete it, it now wants a communion set, font or baptismal bowl, a bell, and organ. The choir from St. Mark's, Treherne, helped at the opening services, and the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon from S. John iv. 4.

CALGARY.

The Rev. Charles Herbert Rich, late curate of Dikken, Southampton, England, and who has since October been in charge of Lethbridge, was instituted and inducted into the rectorship of St. Augustin's, Lethbridge, on the 25th ult., by the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary.

BRIEF MENTION.

Fire destroyed St. Jude's Anglican Church, St. John, N.B.; loss \$10,000.

The word "girl" occurs but once in the Bible.

Dogs barking on the earth can be heard by balloons at the height of four miles.

The number of deaths in the entire world in a century is estimated to be 4,500,000,000.

There are 110,000 species of flowering plants on the globe.

The Norman armor had breeches and jacket in the same piece.

Austria announces an electric locomotive which is to travel 125 miles an hour.

False teeth are coming into wide use for horses in France.

The platinum beds in the Ural Mountains are the only ones where the metal is found in grain.

The receiving reservoirs of the Croton aqueduct have a joint capacity of 1,180,000 gallons.

The census of India, just completed, shows that country to have a population of 280,000,000, a gain of 11 per cent. over 1881.

Rev. W. J. Mucklestone, Kingston, has just returned from South Carolina, whither his son has removed for the benefit of his health.

The government labour bureau established at Sydney has proved a success. The number of unemployed there has diminished from 13,000 to 3,000.

Communication by land and sea was established between London and Constantinople in 1858.

Rev. R. S. Locke, M.A., St. Catharines, discharges occasional or temporary clerical duty.

The largest horse car line in the world is in Argentina, 50 miles.

A total of 6,254 books were published in England last year, being an increase of more than 500 over the production in 1891.

The Rev. W. Creswick, incumbent of All Saints', Cannington, has been appointed to the charge of St. Saviour's, East Toronto.

Jane Austin's home appears as she left it when her work was ended, seventy-five years ago, in England.

A valuable collection of Wagner manuscripts was recently bought in Berlin by the German Wagner Society for 85,000 marks.

Mrs. Gladstone is eighty-one years old and as remarkable as her husband for physical and mental strength.

The first place of meeting of the Dissenters in England was established by the Presbyterians at Wandsworth, near London, November 29, 1572.

Rev. James Roy, LL.D., formerly curate of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, has been appointed rector of the Church of the Epiphany in the city of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Emperor William's singular Christmas present to the little Queen of Holland was a box of toy soldiers representing all the regiments of the Prussian army.

The French propose to span the English channel with a bridge 34 miles long, at a cost of \$165,000,000. About 2,000,000 tons of metal would be required.

The pulpit of St. Paul's English Church, Glanford, has been filled for the last two Sundays by the Rev. Mr. Wright, of Hamilton, owing to the illness of Rev. C. R. Lee.

It is said that in no three cities in the world have greater advances in sanitation been made during the last twenty years than in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

The population of London now exceeds that of New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Chicago combined, and these four are the only American cities having 1,000,000 or more inhabitants.

Rev. R. S. Forneri's Fredericksburg parishioners have sent him a fine set of harness and filled his oat bin with oats. Allen Neilson also forwarded a ton of hay.

Oregon will send to the World's Fair a number of shingles that have been doing service on a roof in Whatcom for over 25 years.

M. Eiffel, the distinguished French architect and engineer, has completed the plans for a magnificent bridge over the Neva river, in Russia, to cost \$14,000,000.

The largest cantilever bridge in America is to be constructed over the Mississippi river at New Orleans. It will cost \$5,000,000.

The congregation of St. Thomas' church, Belleville, gave Rev. Canon Burke a valuable fur coat and cap. He was absent on a mission tour; the gift was procured and sent after him to Brockville.

St. Helena, Napoleon's prison place, is not prospering. The revenue of the island decreased \$75,000 in the past year, and immigration has fallen off, while emigration has increased.

Valerian's book on "Beards" was written to pass the time while the author was making a long journey in a stage coach.

There are seventy-two places called St. Etienne in France and thirty called Washington in America.

The religious census of Australia just completed, show 1,485,066 members of the Church of England, 80,118 Catholics, 493,869 Presbyterians and 364,594 Methodists. These are the four most numerous denominations.

The Crown Prince of Roumania's allowance has been fixed at \$120,000 a year, half of which is to come from his country and the other half from his uncle, King Charles.

The Rev. James H. Cloud, missionary among the deaf mutes of St. Louis, and himself a mute, was advanced to the priesthood recently by the Bishop of Missouri, in Christ Church Cathedral.

To guard against poisoning, a law has been passed in Germany that all drugs intended for internal use must be put in round bottles, and those which are only used externally must be placed in hexagonal bottles.

The Rev. W. B. Belliss, formerly Curate of Saint George's Church, Halifax, is now in charge of the parish of Clementsport, N. S. Before leaving Halifax he was the recipient of many valuable gifts.

Mrs. Edward Lloyd, who died in London the other day at the age of 90, when a girl helped to entertain Blucher on his arrival in England after Waterloo, and was present in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria.

British and Foreign.

The Earl of Airlie has just sent £100 to the special Distress Fund in connection with the Church Army Social Scheme.

Canon Knox Little has been elected one of the clerical representatives of the Diocese of Worcester on the Central Council of Diocesan Conferences.

A woman has been elected Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas.

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement which was so popular in Liverpool last winter is said to be losing its popularity, and in many cases is being superseded by Bible classes.

The annual offertory for foreign missions at the church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. McVikar, rector, was made on Sunday, 15th ult., and the generous sum of nearly \$9,000 was given.

An *International Theological Review* will shortly be issued from Bern, under the editorship of Professor Michaud. It will represent the Old Catholics, and articles can be written for it either in German, English, or French.

The Rev. R. Owen has undertaken to write the life of his grandfather, the late Professor Owen. The work, which Mr. Murray is to publish, will be based on Sir Richard's correspondence, and also on his wife's diary.

The Bishop of Lincoln has been enabled to return to the English Church Union a balance of about £1,000 out of the sum subscribed in aid of his legal expenses. This sum is to be divided as follows: £500 towards the endowment of a Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown, and £500 to Bishop Smythies for the Central African Mission.

The Bishop of Chester has enforced the law of the Church as to divorce, in the case of the earl and countess of Shrewsbury. The latter is a divorced woman. They are forbidden to receive the Holy Communion, by the vicar of the parish church of Shovington, as directed by the Bishop.

Bishop Smythies' party, with the newly consecrated Bishop of Nyassa at its head, left England for central Africa. In the six months of his visit to England, Bishop Smythies has succeeded in raising £10,000 for the endowment of the new bishopric, and has secured the voluntary services of nine missionaries, five laymen, and two ladies. Bishop Smythies is, we are glad to hear, much better.

A new departure has been made by the well-known architects, Messrs. Ernest George and Peto, who have received into their London offices two American ladies as articulated pupils. Americans, as a rule, go to France for their architecture, and in Paris there is quite a school of architectural students from across the Atlantic.

Mr. Gladstone has just made a gift to the Bayonne Library—namely, one of his own books on Homer, another on Holy Writ, and a pamphlet on the Irish question, the whole accompanied with an autograph letter, which is so beautifully written that the calligraphy draws forth the admiration of a local scribe, who alludes to the Prime Minister as "that indefatigable Ancient."

Mr. W. Earl Hodgson, who edited the first volume of the late Bishop Wordsworth's *Reminiscences*, has