

to the late rector, the Rev. C. L. Ingles, at Drummondville. Mrs. Bartlett's Christian benevolence and amiable manner has endeared her on every side to all classes; she will be sadly missed from among them. The following letters will serve to show how very highly they are esteemed:

THE RECTORY, DRUMMONDVILLE,

May 2nd, 1888.

To the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, M.A. and Mrs. Bartlett.

VERY DEAR AND RESPECTED FRIENDS,—It is with much sorrow that the Church members here and I have heard of your intended removal from this parish, and although we sincerely hope that a residence in a climate more genial than this will prove beneficial to your health, yet we cannot conceal our feelings of tenderest regret at any prolonged absence from among us, or that we may see your faces again no more. Blessed be God—your long residence in this parish has been marked throughout by ministrations public and private among us, as well as to very many of the people of every degree, and so we may be also allowed to give expression to feelings of deep gratitude. We shall indeed ever retain you both in sweet remembrance in our public and private devotions, and social gatherings. We now commend you to our Father in Heaven. May He vouchsafe to direct, sanctify and govern both your hearts and bodies in the ways of His laws, and in the works of His Commandments, that through His most mighty protection, both here and ever, you may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. On my own behalf, also on behalf of the lay delegates to the Synod from this parish, the Churchwardens, and all families with us. Believe me, faithfully and sincerely yours, in the bonds of the Churches fellowship.

GEO. A. BULL,

Rector of Stamford and Drummondville.

(LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT).

To the Rev. Canon Bull, the Churchwardens and lay delegates, and other kind friends:—

MY DEAR MR. BULL,—We return you our heart-felt thanks for the cheering and gratifying address which we have received from you, now that after passing more than seventeen happy years in this beautiful spot of earth—we have to bid farewell to it and to you, and to set forth for the land which is very far off. Your kind reference to that help which I was once able to offer in the Church and the parish, reminds me how long it is since I have enjoyed the privilege of ministering here—long even since I have worshipped with you in public. But though "Shut up and unable to go into the House of the Lord," I have tried to realize the meaning of the poet when he wrote:—

"They also serve who only stand and wait," and it has seemed to me that I have been keeping up my connection with you still, seeing that my dear wife has been allowed to render some of those services which fall to the lot of Christian women in our branch of Christ's Church.

And so, without more words, but out of the fulness of our hearts, we bid our loving adieu to yourself, to your dear family, and to all kind friends and neighbours, commending you to God and to the Word of His grace, and praying for Christ's blessing upon you and upon us. Your affectionate friend,

"Highlands,"

T. H. M. BARTLETT.

May 7th, 1888.

OAKVILLE.—On Monday the 14th inst, at this parish, the Bishop held a conference with the members of the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of North Wentworth and Halton, concerning several important matters affecting the general welfare of the Church. Such conferences must result in good to all concerned. In the evening a confirmation service was held. On the following evening confirmation was also administered by his Lordship at Georgetown. On these occasions a considerable number of both male and female candidates were thus received into full communion with the Church; and notwithstanding that the weather was most unpropitious, the evenings being rainy and pitch dark, yet the churches were amply filled with hearers and worshippers, who manifested throughout the prolonged services a deep and reverential interest in all that was said and done.

GUELPH.—The Bishop of Niagara will hold an ordination in St. George's Church, Guelph, on Trinity Sunday; matins 8.30 a.m.; sermon and ordination services at 11 a.m. In the evening there will be a confirmation. The Rev. Canon Belt will preach ordination sermon. The Easter offerings of the Sunday School children of this church, amounting to about \$45, are to be devoted to the repairs of a church at Red Rock, Lake Superior, concerning which the Rev. R. Renison made an appeal in DOMINION CHURCHMAN in Feb. last. There were two celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter day in St. George's, when 324 were partakers of the Holy Sacrament.

HAMILTON.—The Synod of the diocese of Niagara will assemble on Tuesday 29th. The Rev. Prof. Body, Provost of Trinity College, will preach the sermon. The Bishop will sail for England, to attend the Pan-Anglican Council, in the steamship "Vancouver," on the 16th of June.

HURON.

MOORE.—The Rev. O. Edgelow, late of Dundalk, entered upon his duties, as curate to the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, on the 18th instant, he will live in Brigid, so as to give more efficiency to the work the Doctor has undertaken. The new organ for Trinity Church, Mooretown, has not yet arrived, but is expected by the end of the month. The Parish of Moore has lately lost a valuable friend and liberal supporter in the death of Joshua Payne, Esq., J. P., he was a resident of the parish for nearly fifty-two years, and was always a loyal and devoted Churchman.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson has just received word from Ottawa that the government has granted \$8000 towards the erection of his Washakada Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, besides guaranteeing four fifths of the cost of tuition and maintenance of eighty pupils.

Sault, May 10th, 1888.

ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.—The Rev. H. Beer desires to thank those kind unknown friends who shipped a parcel of clothing to his address from Sand Point, per C. P. Railway.

FOREIGN.

It has been decided at a meeting of Welsh religious people of all denominations, to erect a permanent memorial of Bishop Morgan, whose translation of the Bible into Welsh this year attains its ter-centenary. Bishop Morgan ought also to be remembered for having given up the whole of his private property for the purpose of restoring the fabric of St. Asaph's cathedral. The memorial will take the form of a monument outside the cathedral, and a prize of £100 is offered for the best work—English or Welsh—on Bishop Morgan and his times.

News has been received from Bishop Parker, dated December 28, 1887. He announces his arrival at the Victoria Nyanza, after a march of 1,018 miles. He finds difficulty both as to time and as to expense from the pertinacity of the chiefs in levying blackmail, and thinks it will be some time before missionary caravans can regularly pass from place to place. He met Mr. Mackay at Wusambiro, on the lake, and found him in good health, and with no intention of going to England. "While staying with Mackay he drew up a letter to Mwanga, which I hope may lead to the liberty of those now in hiding on account of their receiving instruction from the missionaries, and also make it possible for Mr. Gordon to come out, and Messrs. Ashe and Walker to go in. Probably it will not be for the good of the work that I should go in myself for some time to come; I shall probably have to defer that till a future journey here from the coast." It may be three months before an answer is received. The Bishop was about to journey eastward in the direction of the Ruwana River, and expects to be on the move for a good many months to come.

A curious question has arisen as to the appointment of suffragans in England. These are appointed under the Act of 26 Henry VIII., which has been recently brought out of obscurity and largely made use of. But this act names certain towns from which the titles of the suffragans can be taken. The Bishop of Ripon wanted a suffragan, but Ripon had no one of the designated towns in its borders. Whereupon the Bishop of Ripon "borrowed" for the occasion from his brother, the Bishop of Carlisle, the name of the town of Penrith in order to get a title for his suffragan (who will now, we suppose, be regarded as a "Bishop in partibus fidelium." The Convocation passed a resolution that it was desirable to amend the act in question by adding these words: "Together with such other towns as her majesty shall be pleased to approve."

A noteworthy incident occurred in connection with the meeting of the Synod (Presbyterian) of Glasgow and Ayr, last month. The retiring moderator, Dr. McLaren, Minister of Houston, in preaching the opening sermon said: "Within the last thirty years we have made considerable progress in the way of improving public worship. But there is room yet for

improvement in the service of prayer. No doubt it was the foolish conduct of the Stuart dynasty in endeavoring to force Laud's liturgy on the Scottish nation that led to the violent reaction in favor of extempore prayer. The truth is, every minister would require to have more than the inspired genius of Milton to be able to offer up suitable extempore prayers Sabbath after Sabbath, year after year, and even if he had such gifts he could not conduct the service of prayer in the way it should be conducted. The Hebrew liturgy was a liturgy as well as a hymn-book. What we need is a Book of Common Prayer, prepared by a committee of the Church on Presbyterian lines and the adoption of which by congregations should be permissive, not imperative. "Do we not find in the Lord's Prayer as well as in the Psalms the germ of a liturgy? Does not the fact that this form has been given us by the Master Himself authorize the Church to follow His example in teaching the people to pray?"

The Bishop of Edinburgh in a recent charge speaks as follows:

Up to the 30th of June, 1887 (the 30th of June being the date at which our statistical year will henceforth close), 898 persons (829 males and 569 females) were confirmed by me within the diocese. Of these, as appears from the new form of returns, a large proportion, varying much in different congregations, consisted of candidates who had not received baptism at the hands of the clergy of the Church. The total of these for the whole diocese during the last statistical year I am unable to give with accuracy, through the deficiencies in a few returns. At the cathedral in this second year of my episcopate, at the Advent and Lent confirmations, there were confirmed (mainly from the cathedral and its mission, but with a few from other churches) 137; of these 68 had been baptized in the Episcopal Church and 69 outside the Episcopal Church. At St. Paul's, York Place, 165 were confirmed (mainly from St. Paul's and its mission, but with a few from other churches); 84 had been baptized by clergy of the Episcopal Church, and 81 by others. At St. James's, Leith, 81 were confirmed; of these 46 had been baptized by the hands of clergy of the Church, and 35 by others. Of the 41 All Saints' candidates there were 16 who had been baptized by clergy of the Church and 25 by others. At Stirling, of 42 candidates, 25 had been baptized by our clergy, and 17 by others. Of the 35 confirmed at St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, 24 had been baptized by Episcopal clergy, and 11 by others; while of the same number confirmed at St. Martin's, 10 had been baptized by our clergy, and 26 by others. Of the 39 confirmed at St. John's, Edinburgh, 24 had been baptized by clergy of the Church, and 15 by others. In one instance only, that of Falkirk, were all the candidates, 19 in number, returned as having been baptized in the Church.

The Rev. S. Mills has removed from Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to St. Paul, having been placed in charge of the two important missions of St. Peters and St. James, in that city. The *Daily Journal* of Fergus Falls makes the following reference to Mr. Mills' departure:—

"The Rev. S. Mills preached his last sermons in St. James Church, Sunday, to large congregations. He did not preach a distinctively farewell sermon, but incidentally referred to the state of the parish, its growth and progress, particularly during the past two years. He said he should ever remember this parish and the people here with sincere friendship, and that he should always rejoice in the prosperity and well-being of the Church in Fergus Falls. The facts and figures showing the advance made in the past twenty-four months were of particular interest.

The Church in St. Paul, may rest assured that in the Revd. S. Mills they have secured a man who is deeply in earnest, a hard worker, whose every thought is for the advancement of Church work, a gentleman and a scholar."

The Rev. S. Mills is one of the many graduates of Trinity College, Toronto, who have been drawn within the fold of the Church in the United States of America.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear on the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

PLEASE ANSWER.

SIR,—Mr. Tocque in your last number has said: "There are passages (in the Bible) which speak of wine as a blessing, there are other passages which represent it as the direct curse. This kind of