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ranged from 15 to 60 years. Those candidates might have been presented; but Mr. Newell insisted that all who came forward for confirmation should become communicants. The congregation was very large, and filled every available part of the church. The services throughout were most impressive.

BERLIN.—The number of candidates confirmed on the 16th ult. was thirty-five (fourteen males), all of whom at the same time made their first communion, the lord bishop being celebrant, assisted by the Revs. S. L. Smith and J. Ridley. The rector has very wisely continued, in a slightly altered form, his confirmation classes, both in Berlin and in Waterloo, and with the encouraging results, as appeared from the large number of communicants on Sexagesima Sunday, which exceeded even the largest recorded at Easter of former years, the increase consisting chiefly of the newly confirmed. The question of enlarging the church bids fair soon to be urgent, owing to the large attendance, especially at evensong. In Waterloo a Sunday School has been kept up since September, and plans are being prepared for a chapel, to be built on a lot of ground already secured, and to be used for both Sunday School and an afternoon service.

The rural dean chapter met here on the 25th ult., the Rev. S. L. Smith, D.D. presiding. After evensong in St. John's Church, the Rev. J. Edmunds, of Wilmot, delivered an address on "Some Aspects of Church Work," and the Rev. John Ridley, of Galt, on "Giving, and how to Give." The latter priest criticized very keenly many of the devices resorted to for raising money and set forth very clearly the Scriptural system of finance.

MITCHELL.—Deanery of Perth.—At a meeting of Trinity Church, Mitchell, the resignation of Rev. Mr. Kerr was received, and a committee was appointed to confer with the bishop regarding a successor. It was also decided to sell the present rectory and purchase another property more convenient to the church. The bishop has since been waited on, and at the request of the deputation agreed to appoint Rev. J. C. Farthing, a graduate of Cambridge. Mr. Farthing will accept.

## ALGOMA.

The Bishop's appointments for those parts of Manitoba not yet visited this winter are as follows:—Feb. 12th, Hoodstown and Ilfracombe; 13th, Axe Lake and Stanley Dale; 14th and 15th, Aspidin and Lance lot; 16th, Ufford; 17th, Beatrice; 18th and 19th, Port Sydney; 20th, Brunel Township; 22nd, Stoneleigh and Baysville; 24th, Bardsville and Falkenburg; 25th and 26th, Bracebridge.

The treasurer acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following:—Mission Fund, per the Bishop, Mrs. Stephen Heward, \$50; Mrs. Beecher, \$50; G. Wilgress, \$25; H. W. Beatty, \$50; F. Wyld, \$50; H. B. Brock, \$100; Sir Adam and Lady Wilson, \$50; B. H. Charles, 2nd subs, \$10; Henry Lye, \$5; Ottawa, "20 Min. Society," \$5; Infant class, St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, per Mr. Harcourt, \$20; Rev. G. Forneret, \$10; Geo. Gooderham, \$100; W. G. Gooderham, \$25; S. Caldecott, \$5; C. Brough, \$5; Sir W. Howland, \$5; Rev. G. Griffin, \$5; S. C. Wood, \$20; A. P. Lee, \$100; Col. Gzowski, \$100; Geo. Gillespie, \$50; F. W. Kingston, \$100; H. C. Blachford, \$10; Rev. W. Craig, \$2; Mrs. Roper, \$5; a thank offering, N.B., \$20; St. George's W. H., Granby, \$10; Trinity Sunday School, Galt, \$15; Barlow Cumberland, \$25; Anon, Parkdale, \$10; Churchman, diocese of Ont., \$5; also, Lady Augusta Onslow, £5 5s.; Miss E. Dixon, \$1; Miss Beatty, \$1.20; Miss Wilson, \$1; Dr. Dan. Wilson, \$25; Churchman, \$5; Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Metcalf, Mitchell, \$8 80; Rev. G. M. Wrong's Bible class, \$50; offertories, per Rev. G. Gillmor, \$19.50; Legacy by Mr. W. Elliott, per Rev. R. B. Mellish, \$200; Hon. E. Blake, \$30; do. do., special for Parry Sound district, \$25; New Hamburg, per Rev. R. Mitchell, \$5.

Widows' & Orphans' Fund:—Church of the Ascension mission helpers, Toronto, Jubilee offering, \$125; Hon. E. Blake, \$25; per Mrs. Boomer, London, Jubilee, \$34; Mr. Bickford, per Mrs. Strachan, \$20; an old woman of St. James', \$1; Mrs. E. Murphy, \$5; Miss E. Galt, \$5 50; Mrs. C. Moss, \$2.25; Mrs. T. Moss, \$1; Rev. Weston-Jones, per Mrs. Boomer, \$20; All Saints', Collingwood, additional, \$23 59; St. John's Sunday School, Chester, \$3; W.A.M.A., Delaware, per Mrs. Boomer, \$10; St. John's, Stisted, per Rev. W. Crompton, \$1.

In the diocese of London, with a population of 8,000,000, there were 81,894 baptisms the past year. The whole number of births was, it is estimated, about 8,000.

## FOREIGN.

The Bishop of St. Alban's is, according to the last accounts, much better, and is able to leave his room. Should there be no relapse, there is every prospect of his early recovery.

The Bishop of Liverpool consecrated, on Saturday afternoon, the new parish church of St. Peter at Woolton, erected to accommodate 900 worshippers, at a cost of £14,000.

Such has been the merciless persecution to which Mr. A. M. Mackay and the native Christians in Uganda have been subjected, that Mr. Mackay is prostrate both in body and mind; yet he proposes to return to the scenes of his labors and sufferings as soon as possible.

The Church at Sawyerpuram has at last been completed and dedicated. "Though not the grandest, it is the handsomest church in all Tinnevelly," according to the *Indian Churchman*; it is cruciform and one hundred and eighteen feet in length. It stands in the center of a district comprising thirty-three villages, and containing over three thousand Christians.

On the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, the new reredos at St. Paul's Cathedral was seen for the first time. The reredos, which is of white Italian marble with colored marble pilasters, rises to a great height, representing the crucifixion in life-size. Its cost has been £24,000, of which £14,000 has been specially contributed, and £10,000 has come from the general fund. It may fairly be said to add a basilica ending to the choir. There is a large ambulatory behind the structure and the east wall, against which the altar was formerly placed.

The Rt. Rev. V. W. Ryan, D.D., late Bishop of Mauritius, died at Stanhope, Durham, on Jan. 11th, after a long illness. He was appointed to the see of Mauritius in 1853 and was consecrated in the following year, he being the first to hold that office. He was previously head of the Church Missionary Training College at Highbury, London. After resigning his bishopric, Dr. Ryan was for sometime Archdeacon of Suffolk, subsequently being appointed vicar of Bradford and Suffragan Bishop of Ripon.

The act of Bishop French, the retiring Bishop of Lahore, in remaining at his post to work under his successor, is rightly said to be only paralleled by that of the gallant Outram at Lucknow. Dr. French is one of the most scholarly as well as one of the most saintly bishops of the Anglican communion. Dr. French took a first-class in classics at Oxford, as well as the gold medal for Latin, and he was fellow and tutor of his college (university) before he engaged in missionary work. In India he is known as the "many-tongued man of Lahore," for he is able to preach in at least eight or nine languages. Dr. French remains in his old diocese to engage in missionary work at his own expense.

An Anonymous offer of £10,000 having been made towards the fund for the endowment of the see of Bristol, conditionally that £30,000 shall have been subscribed and paid by midsummer next, special efforts are now being made by the committee towards realizing this munificent offer. Already £24,000 have been secured towards the sum required, leaving £6,000 still to be collected. If this £10,000 be secured the entire fund will be raised to £40,000, which will produce an income of £1,400 a year. If to this be added the £500 a year from the see of Gloucester secured by the Bristol Bishopric Act, and a yearly sum expected to be allocated to Bristol from an Episcopal Fund, in the formation of which the Bishop is known to be actively interested, the statutory income of £3,000 will be almost realized.

The increase of the Episcopate goes on satisfactorily in the Church of England. In the Bishoprics Act of 1878 the four new Sees authorized were those of Liverpool, Newcastle, Southwell and Wakefield. It is satisfactory to know that the last of the four is now completed. The Endowment Fund amounts to £77,000, which gives an annual income of £2,700. In addition to this the Bishop of Ripon contributes £300 per annum from his own income. Another Suffragan Bishop is appointed for London; the effort for Bristol promises to be successful, and others are contemplated. This shows Church life.

A WESLEYAN SISTERHOOD.—According to the *Yorkshire Post*, a Wesleyan "Sisterhood" has just been established in the west end of London, in connection with the special mission of the connection to the

wealthier classes of the capital. It consists of twelve young ladies, the daughters of leading Wesleyans, who wear a distinctive dress, though they take no vows, and can, at any time leave Katherine House, the quarters of the little community. Their special function is sufficiently indicated by their name of "Sisters of the Poor." The idea of the community is evidently borrowed from the sisterhood in connection with the Church of England, which may perhaps hope henceforth to escape suspicions of Romanising tendencies, now that they are being imitated by a denomination so unimpeachably Evangelical as the Wesleyan. Nonconformists had previously borrowed organs, stained windows, and clerical costumes from the Mother Church, all of these having been at one time objects of reprobation on the part of the sects, and now that sisterhoods are being added to the list, our Dissenting brethren must not be surprised if churchmen are sometimes a little puzzled to make out what grounds—apart from the vested interests of ministers—remain for their dissidence.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BEFORE THE REFORMATION.

SIR,—I cannot, of course, complain of your objecting to my interpretation of certain facts in the history of the Church of England. But as you have recently attributed that interpretation to gross ignorance on my part—to a blunder such as "no well-read person ever committed in these days"—will you kindly allow me not to argue the case, but simply to refer to the following authorities, as fully corroborating the views which I expressed:—Macaulay's *Hist. of Eng.*, Am. Ed., Vol. I., p. 38, et seq.; Schaff-Herzog *Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge*, Vol. I., p. 725, et seq.; Short's *Hist. of Church of Eng.*, p. 44.

I remain, etc.,

W. H. WITHEROW.

[The above was placed in the hands of "Layman," whose comments and facts will be found in our editorial columns.—Ed. D. C.]

## UPPER OTTAWA AND NIPISSING MISSION.

SIR,—In the interest of a work to which for six years I have striven to devote whatever energy God has given me, I desire to make a plain statement of some very plain facts. Six years ago the Church had no mission here. In 1882 a missionary was appointed to organize the work in a district comprising fourteen townships, with settlers so isolated that the labor involved in putting into active operation any effective scheme was almost incredible. But few were able to render any material pecuniary assistance, and little could be done without it. To all his other work this additional duty was imposed on the missionary, and he had to become general financier—to devise ways and means and receive and expend the trust funds committed to his care, according as in his judgment the best interests of the Church would be served. No scheme of services, workable by one individual over so large a field, could reasonably be expected to accomplish any applicable results. From an economic standpoint it were unwise to tax our revenue with the charge of a curate; so the plan adopted, with the sanction of the bishop, was to associate young unordained men with the missionary, and thus, at a minimum cost, secure the requisite assistance, without which no scheme of services at all adequate to the wants of the mission could be put in operation. The plan has worked admirably, the numerous services have been regularly maintained, and young men have gone up for ordination from the mission or entered Trinity College, and others have taken their place. There was but one missionary here five years ago—the first the Church had been able to send, now there are four, two being in priests' orders and two not in orders, one of the former having charge of a district in the west where a separate mission has been created. The maximum annual cost to the Church under this plan of associated lay help is \$500 (for two men), or a priest and two lay helpers, \$1,800, an average cost for three men of \$488 each. The actual cost to us has been less than this, as during portions of the period referred to we have been short of men. I consider this a most practical plan for carrying on the mission work of the Church in large, poor or sparsely settled districts, as from it may be obtained a maximum amount of work at a minimum cost. There were no churches in the district, none west of Pembroke, six years ago,