

number turned up. There was a good attendance at Evensong considering the state of the walking. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. B. Farney, on "Self-Examination," and Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, on "The Kingdom of God." The music, as usual, was very good and services bright and hearty.

CLINTON.—Very interesting services were held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, the 21st ult. At the morning service the rector, Rev. J. F. Parke, presented forty-four candidates to his Lordship the Bishop of Huron for the Apostolic rite of "laying on of hands." During the afternoon three more candidates were confirmed privately, as they were unable to be present at the church in the morning—making a total of forty-seven. Two commendable features of this class were—first, that nineteen of them were men and sixteen were heads of families. Before the confirmation service the Bishop addressed them very fully on the duties and privileges to which they were about to be admitted. He dwelt especially on the fact that they were *servants* of the Lord Jesus Christ. While each group of candidates were taking their places the choir sang most effectively that beautiful hymn—"Just as I am without one plea." After the benediction many of the large congregation that were present remained to hear his Lordship's final words of godly counsel and advice and to witness the distribution of their certificates. In the evening an immense congregation were assembled, when after prayers, the Bishop took for his text the 3rd and following verses of the 50th Psalm. He spoke for an hour most eloquently, forcibly and earnestly on the speech and the silence of God. Many who, during their life time, have had serious doubts and misgivings at the prosperity of the ungodly, went away with their faith deepened and their hope enlarged, and with a greater longing for the time when "our God shall come and shall not keep silence." The offertory during the day was very liberal indeed, something like \$40 being given for the India famine sufferers.

PARIS.—St. James'.—Rev. Canon Bland of the Cathedral, Hamilton, gave a lecture in the town hall, Paris, on the evening of February 25th, on "English Cathedrals and Churches Ancient and Modern." Canon Bland delighted a large audience by his interesting and instructive manner of dealing with his subject. The lecture was illustrated by lime light views of historic scenes, persons and places. The continued existence of the Church of England from the first centuries of Christianity was plainly demonstrated, and also her independence for a long period of the See of Rome. Canon Bland is a lecturer of unusual power and ability and holds his audience spell-bound from beginning to end. The enthusiasm of the audience was unbounded, and we can only wish that lectures of this character, teaching history both by eye and ear, were more frequent in our parishes. We should not then have to lament the ignorance of the Church which now so often exists, and the prejudices which result from it.

ALGOMA.

Bruce Mines Mission and India Relief Fund.—In response to an appeal recently from the bishop, a collection of \$16 was taken up in St. George's Church here on Sunday evening, 21st ult., for the relief of the starving in India.

Hearing so much of poverty in Algoma, it is refreshing to see the spirit of the poor is to help those who are still more needy, remembering the divine decree, "I was hungry and ye gave me to eat," and that a poor little congregation like this has, however limited, the spirit of the Nazarene for the brotherhood of man.

RUPERT'S LAND.

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

WINNIPEG.—On Wednesday, Feb. 24th, the Council of St. John's College granted to the Rev. Canon Rogers the degree of B.D. Mr. Rogers is at present in Eastern Canada. The degree was conferred "in absentia."

BRIEF MENTION.

Berlin savings banks note an increase of about \$80,000,000 last year in the sum of the deposits.

It is stated that Baroness Hirsch will give 2,000,000 francs to build a hospital for consumptive children on the Riviera.

A Highland claymore that was once the property of Rob Roy was sold at auction in London the other day for \$180. It was the handiwork of Andrea Ferrari.

Oliver Cromwell had the largest brain on record. It weighed a little over sixty ounces, but was found to be diseased.

The Very Rev. Dean Smith, and Dr. E. H. Smythe, Q.C., Kingston, ably addressed a crowded missionary meeting in St. John's Church, Bath, on Sunday evening last.

In the last nine months of 1896, 378,000 persons visited the National Gallery in London, and 211,000 the National Portrait Gallery.

A female highwayman, described as "of herculean proportions, and of extraordinary bravado," is holding the roads between Brussels and Antwerp, and attacking solitary houses.

The Mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, was built over a thousand years ago, and the mortar used is said to have been perfumed with musk. The musky odor is still perceptible.

Sir Francis Drake's last male descendant has died at the age of 89, in the Bristol almshouse, of which he had been an inmate for many years. His father fought at Trafalgar.

The vestry of St. John's Church, Ogdensburg, N. Y., has requested the Rev. W. Lewin, Prescott, to take charge of their parish during the month of March, until the new rector enters upon his duties.

When the Duke of Monmouth was executed in the reign of James II. for treason, his Duchess ordered every oak in the park to be cut on the fateful morning. The new growth, belonging to Lord Ebury, is one of the finest forests in Britain.

It is said that the Irish language is dying out. Ten years ago 64,000 people spoke Irish only. In 1891 there were 38,000. In 1881 there were 885,000 who could speak Irish and English, and last year there were only 642,000.

A Chinese biographical dictionary containing the lives of 2,500 noted Chinamen and women, living and dead, has been compiled by Mr. Giles, late British Consul at Ningpo.

English curates without influence are encouraged to keep on in their profession by the recent death of the Rev. Howell Thomas, a Welshman, "who had worked his way up from humble circumstances" in the Newport workhouse.

In St. Petersburg every bicyclist is bound to have affixed to the back of his machine a metal plate on which the registered number is displayed in figures large enough to be legible at a considerable distance.

In Brussels the height of house frontage in public streets is determined by the width of the street. The maximum height is sixty feet.

Perfumed warming pans are the latest form that British hospitality has taken. The hostess finds out the tastes of her guests, and employs lily, rose, heliotrope, or new mown hay accordingly.

Rev. P. T. Mignot, Milton, after having missed two Sundays on account of illness, preached at Grace Church last Sunday morning and evening. In the evening he was assisted by Messrs. John and Justus Seamen, sons of the Rev. Mr. Seamen, of St. George's Church, Lowville.

Archdeacon Canham, of Selkirk Diocese, is at present the guest of his brother-in-law, Canon French, the rectory, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, where he is taking a much needed rest after his long service in the Arctic region. If permitted by the medical board he purposes returning to his work at Selkirk this summer.

British and Foreign.

The Rev. N. L. Parkyn, vicar of Lightcliffe, Halifax, has been appointed Dean of Ballarat.

It is stated that 185 bishops will be present at the Lambeth Conference to be held in July next.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hornby, rector of St. Clement's, Norwich, has been appointed to the vicarage of Chollerton, Northumberland.

The Rev. G. D. Halford, vicar of St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, has resigned his living and is going to take up work in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

The Bishop of Southwark, who has been suffering from the effects of overwork recently, has been able to resume his duties after a short stay at Bournemouth.

The Clergy Sustentation Fund was recommended by both Houses of the Convocation of Canterbury as a befitting Church memorial for the Diamond Jubilee of H. M. the Queen.

A peal of eight bells is to be placed in the southwest tower of the Priory Church, Bridlington, as a permanent parochial memorial of the coming Diamond Jubilee of the Queen.

The Lord Bishop of Durham is about to open a Cambridge House at Sunderland, in which young men in business might live, and receive during their leisure hours some instruction in Church work.

The long deferred division of the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol will, in all probability, take place shortly, and it is expected that a bishop will be appointed to the See of Bristol by the end of March.

The Rev. A. Boot, M.A., vicar of St. John's, Darlington, has been appointed to the vicarage of St. George, Tezmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in succession to the Rev. Canon Pennfather, the new vicar of Kensington.

Dr. Jevons has been appointed by the warden to be the new Principal of Hatfield Hall in the place of Dr. Robinson. Dr. Jevons has been at Durham for the past 15 years, and will be the first lay principal of Hatfield Hall.

The living of St. Stephen's Lewisham, lately vacated by Canon Rhodes, Bristow, has been offered to the Rev. Canon Braine, vicar of Wortley, York. Canon Bristow is now one of the staff of clergy attached to St. Saviour's, Southwark.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury unveiled a bust of Dr. Arnold lately at Rugby. The bust is placed in the new school and is made of marble. It is the work of Mr. A. G. Gilbert, R.A., and was originally intended for Westminster Abbey.

The Rev. A. E. Sutton, the rector of Brant Broughton, Lincs., has presented a clock to the parishioners of Auburn, near Lincoln, which has been placed in the church tower. This is the fifteenth clock that Mr. Sutton has given to the various churches in his neighbourhood.

The 25th anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. H. Shrimpton, vicar of All Saints', Stoke Newington, was celebrated lately. It has been decided, with the consent of the vicar, to expend the sum of £260 in embellishing the walls of the sanctuary of the church as a lasting memorial of the event.

Mr. C. H. Robinson, M.A., has been appointed by the University authorities at Cambridge University, lecturer in the Hansa language. The appointment is the first of the kind which has ever been made at any of the English universities in any living negro language. The new lecturer delivered his inaugural lecture on Feb. 2nd.

One of the oldest, if not the oldest clergyman in the Church of England, died very recently. The clergyman in question was the Rev. J. S. Masters, vicar of Shorter's Hill, Kent, and he had reached the great age of 97. He graduated at Oxford in 1825, and up to the age of 90 he discharged the whole duties of his office single handed. He retired from active work four years later.

King's College School will be removed after Easter from its present site in the Strand, which premises it has occupied for the past 70 years, to a more commodious and healthy locality at Wimbledon, which property has been purchased by some of its friends and supporters. The property in question consists of an estate of six acres, together with a large house which will be utilized as the school building.

It is proposed to place statues in the vacant niches of the west front and towers of Beverley Minster. The scheme has received the cordial approbation of the Archbishop of York. The statues will represent various kings and queens, archbishops and bishops, abbots and abbesses, and knights and warriors who were connected with the Minster in bygone years. Several statues of saints and Fathers of the Church will also be added to the above.

The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Tunbridge Wells recently and presided at the annual meeting of the Canterbury Diocesan Education Society. The Archbishop said that he could not but feel that the Society was performing most important work in the diocese. There was nothing more important than that they should succeed in securing, for the Christian children of that diocese and the whole country, such a religious education as would give them a fair guarantee that when the children grew up they would understand the true principles of religious life, and would be drawn more and more to that kind of observance of God's guidance which they would like to see through the whole of the land.

The Feast of the Purification marked an event of very great interest to the parishioners of Battersea, for on that date their vicar, the well-known Canon Erskine Clarke, completed the 25th year of his pastorate. In order to mark the event in a special