

specific object was brought before the children for their offerings. Before this, all their offerings went for the support of the school. The result was that the offerings had increased 600 per cent. He maintained that it was the duty of the *Parish* to support the school, and have the children's offerings for missions, and other charitable objects.

Remarks were also made by the Rev. Messrs. H. E. Hoovey, Maynard, and Smith, Messrs. Clark, Matthews, Miller, Butler, and Morris. On calling the roll, twelve of the clergy, and representatives from thirty-two schools, were found present.

The next Convocation will be held in St. Mary's church, on March 8th. Subject, "Relations of the Rector to the Sunday-school."

LOUISIANA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

On Sunday, 24th ult., Septuagesima, the Bishop of Georgia addressed an immense throng in his old parish of Trinity church, and in the evening delivered a most impressive and searching sermon in the Free Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, to a congregation filling every available space in that neat, pretty, and Church-like edifice. For a moment thus divested from actual and impending burdens, minds and spirits of the people have gathered strength for the trials yet to be undergone.

MARYLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The Rev. R. R. Mason resigns St. James', Monkton; we hope not to go out of the diocese. It is said that the chapel of the Holy Cross near Baltimore, is to lose the Rev. F. B. Dunham; and probably Western New York will gain by our loss, as Mr. Dunham has received invitations in that direction. It is hoped that much good may result from a movement now progressing, to organize a Sunday-school Association. Such an organization may be good or ill, according as it is directed and controlled. Sunday-schools are a human institution. The Church is God's institution. After baptism comes catechizing and child-training, and then early confirmation, and early communion with careful preparation, are the Church's ancient and Catholic means of leading the young to godly life and Christian manhood. As this is written on Feb. 2, the appointed meeting of Feb. 4, at the very central Church of the Messiah, has not taken place. This assemblage is called by a committee appointed some time ago by the Convocation of Baltimore. We need have little fear of results, as Bishop Pinkney is to preside; and the two subjects of discussion are such as to lead to a favorable hope of beneficial, and perhaps permanent profit in the future. They are, first, The best means of bringing and keeping children under the pastor's influence. And secondly, How can the *older children* be retained in connection with the Sunday-school? When the Sunday-school is an auxiliary to the church, and directly under the pastor's influence and control, and carried on by those imbued with a churchly spirit, and who acknowledge and yield to that control, they cease to be "necessary evils," and may be productive of much good. They are needed here just so long as the multitudinous untaught children can be drawn away where they are not grounded in fundamental truth. But welcome the day when the pastor's catechizing of all the children of the parish (gathered into one undivided fold), and the precious home training, and the indispensable parish school (with its sacred as well as its secular lessons) shall with one accord combine to build up and adorn the goodly temple of Christian character.

The spirited Church newspaper of Baltimore, "Our Church Work," is, with well directed energy, pressing the subject of "Free Churches," and the "Offertory," as their ancient and proper means of support—"which nobody can deny."

MASSACHUSETTS.

Seventeen persons were confirmed on Sunday, Jan. 24, by the Bishop of the Diocese, in Christ church, Hyde Park, the Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck rector. The Bishop preached an excellent sermon from Luke ii. 48, 49. The church was crowded, the music animated, and the floral decorations beautiful and appropriate. The Bishop also addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon. All the services were very solemn and impressive.

MISSISSIPPI.

Natchez.—In Trinity church, Friday night, Jan. 22, 1875, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Alex. Marks, administered confirmation to seventeen persons, four of whom were gentlemen and thirteen ladies.

Princeton College, New Jersey, has recently honored the Rev. Alex. Marks, rector of Trinity church, Natchez, by conferring upon him the honorary degree of M.A.—Master of Arts.

NEBRASKA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

St. Barnabas parish, Omaha, is in importance as well as in the number of families and communicants, the sec-

ond parish in the Diocese. It is complete in all its appointments, having a rectory and chapel, and a church building, which with one exception, is the most costly in the Diocese, and without any exception the most beautiful. The parish is however encumbered with a debt, upon which the vestry have to pay an interest of twelve per cent.; to do which, in addition to meeting the current expenses of the parish, entails a heavy burden upon the parishioners, none of whom is wealthy. Indeed they have found it this year impossible to pay the interest from their own resources, and the rector is now engaged in appealing to Churchmen at the East to help his vestry to meet their obligations.

Now it has been suggested that perhaps if the case of this parish could be brought to the notice of the Church at large, some generous minded layman might be glad to make St. Barnabas church a memorial to some departed loved one. The church is a free church, has been built but four years, has cost six thousand dollars, exclusive of the lot upon which it and the chapel and rectory stand, which cost three thousand dollars; is complete in all its appointments, with organ, carpets, furniture, stained glass windows, etc. The sum of three thousand five hundred dollars will free it from encumbrances, and the vestry have passed a resolution offering to make it a memorial church on payment of this sum.

Should this statement meet the eye of any one who feels an interest in this proposition, the rector, the Rev. J. Pinkney Hammond, will, on application, be glad to furnish any further information which may be desired, and to forward by mail photographs of the interior and exterior of the church. This proposal of the vestry has the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese.

St. Barnabas Rectory, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 27, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5th, 1875.

MESSRS. EDITORS: The Indian delegate to the late General Convention awakened so deep an interest in our Church, that I send for publication a letter received yesterday from him. When these Sioux Indians become enthused with the spirit of Christ, their missionary zeal equals their former activity when on the war-path.

Wau-mdi-shun, although a layman, did not seek rest after an absence of three months, but at the request of his Bishop braved the fearful storms which at this season sweep over the rolling prairies of Dakota, that he may tell his distant brethren of the wonders he has seen wrought by Christian civilization. These converted heathen look back with horror upon a religious system based on fear and unreasoning superstition. To them Christ is a living reality, blotting out their fearful sins, and filling them with love and hope. Now that God is blessing abundantly this branch of our Church's mission work, shall we not replenish an empty treasury, and thus uphold the hands of our Bishop, and his men and women helpers?

W. W.

SANTEE AGENCY, Jan. 29th, 1875.

MY DEAR FRIEND: I arrived safely home, and found my family and my people well. I have since visited all our churches here and at Yankton Agency, and told the people of all I saw at the East, and of the kindness with which I was received. I think my visit to you, and my words to my people, have made us able to stand up a little straighter than ever before. If I, through my being sent to the General Convention, have been helped, I am sure it has also done good to all my people. As I write this letter to you, I am starting with several others on a mission to all the stations up the river, as far as Cheyenne Agency. The Bishop asked us to go up and tell the people what I had seen and heard, and to make them, if possible, better understand our holy religion. I shall hope to hear from you and my friends at the East, before I get back. I am your brother in Christ,

HENRY W. WAU-MDI-SHUN.

NEW JERSEY.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2 (the Festival of the Purification), the Rev. John Scarborough, D.D., was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, in St. Mary's church, Burlington. At 11 o'clock a procession of Bishops and clergy, about 100 in all, walking from the chapel and passing near the grave of Bishop Doane, entered the church. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, all available standing as well as sitting room being occupied. It is said to have been the largest congregation in that edifice since the funeral of Bishop Doane.

The sermon, from 1 Pet. ii. 25, was by the Bishop of Pittsburgh. The candidate was presented by the Bishops of Albany and Massachusetts. The certificate of election by the diocese, was read by the Rev. Alfred B. Baker, Secretary of the Convention. The testimony of the Standing Committee was read by the Rev. George Morgan Hills, D.D., Secretary of the Standing Committee of New Jersey. The consent of the Bishops was read by the Rev. Alfred Stubbs, D.D. The candidate was robed by the Rev. J. F. Garrison, M.D., and the Rev. Nathaniel Pettit. Bishops Stevens, Littlejohn, Kerfoot, Doane, Howe, and Paddock joined with the Consecrator, Bishop Potter, in the laying on of hands. The Holy Communion was then administered.

After these services, the Bishop was formally welcomed at Riverside by the students of Burlington College, and received the greetings of the clergy and laity present. A collation was also served.

It is a sad and singular fact, that of the Committee of Three who waited upon Dr. Scarborough at Pittsburgh, to inform him of his election, two—the Rev. Dr. Clark of Eliza-

both and Mr. Alfred S. Livingston of Trenton—died before his consecration. Both dated their sickness from their visit to Pittsburgh in December last. The former died of malarial fever, and the latter from erysipelas produced by a heavy cold.

Correspondence of the Church Journal and Messenger.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey, held Feb. 1, 1875, the Rev. Alfred Stubbs, D.D., was chosen President of the Committee in place of the Rev. S. A. Clark, D.D., deceased; and the Rev. Rev. N. Pettit was elected a member of the Committee to fill the clerical vacancy thus occasioned.

Consent was given to the Consecration of the Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, Jr., D.D., as Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, and to the Consecration of the Rev. George D. Gillespie, as Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

NEW YORK.

A series of sermons is to be delivered in Christ church, on the Wednesday evenings of Lent.

The fifth Sermon in the course on Christianity and Social Morals, was preached in Christ church, on Sunday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Wildes of Riverdale, the subject "Christianity and Social Classes."

It was a very able and thoughtful discussion of the subject, dealing with the practical questions involved in a thoroughly interesting and living way. And was listened to from first to last by an interested audience mainly composed of thoughtful men.

The sixth and last Sermon in this course will be delivered on Sunday evening next, by the Rev. Dr. Potter.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society held the first of a series of monthly meetings in the chapel adjoining Calvary church, Fourth avenue and Twenty-first street, on Sunday evening, Jan. 31st. The night was very stormy, and of course only a few were present. They were representative people, however, and it is hoped that their account of this meeting will incite many more to be present at the next, to see and hear for themselves. After a short service, the Rev. Mr. Heath, missionary to the various prisons of the city, made a detailed statement of the peculiar work at the Tombs. He spoke of the Male and Female Departments, the Boy's prison and school, and the Ten-day Station House; of the different classes of criminals and their degree of intelligence; of the religious services of our Church every Sunday P. M., at three o'clock, in the Male Department, where was an average of about 350 prisoners; of the good order and the manner in which many of them united in the responses and music, and of the known and possible effect upon them while in the Tombs, after they went to Sing Sing and thence out again into the world.

He stated that about 53,000 persons were confined there during the past year, and more than one thousand per week. He also mentioned in passing, that allowing the population of the city to be a million, the proportion of arrests the last year, was about one to every twelve of the inhabitants. This is a startling fact, and well calculated to awaken the saddest and most alarming reflections. The only remedial agency employed in the prison is such as the ministration of this Society furnishes in the way of public services, personal conversation with the prisoners in the cells, and abundant reading matter. These people who never, perhaps, hear the Gospel outside prison walls, have the opportunity when inside, not once, nor twice, but many times, and often for many months. It is the Gospel of pardon for the guilty, peace to the penitent, and hope to the desponding. It comes home to them with a peculiar directness and power, and many find that the bondage of their bodies is blessed to the freedom of their souls.

His statement was full of suggestions, enlivened by thrilling incidents, and was deeply interesting to all who heard it.

Mr. Heath was followed by the Rev. Dr. Washburn, who expressed his thanks for the information given, and his deep conviction that our Christianity was somehow at fault in regard to proper interest in, and care for the prisoner. He compared what was being done abroad with the course pursued in this country, and showed how far behind we were in intelligent effort in this direction.

He thoroughly approved of these monthly meetings, and believed a great amount of needed information would be imparted, and an increased interest manifested in this important work. Other gentlemen asked a few questions and made some practical suggestions. Let it be remembered that the special object of these meetings is to give information in regard to each Institution in which the Society works; and that an opportunity will always be given to those disposed to ask proper questions, or make remarks or offer suggestions.

The next meeting will be held, D.V., on Sunday evening, Feb. 28th, at the same time and place.

NORTHERN TEXAS.

PARIS.—Bishop Garrett reached this place on his first visitation to it on the 16th ult., accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Gilliam of Sherman and Davenport of Dallas. The Rev. Mr. Starr met us at the stage stand, and gave