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GUELPH.—There was an early celebration of the Holy Communion in St. George's Church on Ascension Day, attended by a large number, and services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Canon Dixon made earnest appeals on behalf of Algoma, and the offertory amounted to \$52.

There is to be a confirmation in this church on the second Sunday after Trinity, and on the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Two days after, the church is to be consecrated. Arrangements are being made for reduced fares on the railroads, so that a number of the clergy and laity may attend the ceremony. It is expected that Archdeacon Whitaker will preach the consecration sermon.

PALMERSTON.—On Monday evening, 19th inst., this Mission was favored with a visit from the Bishop, who delivered an address in St. Paul's Church on his visit to England and Ireland last year, and his attendance at the Lambeth Conference. The information given was of the most interesting and instructive nature, and showed that the Church in the mother country is making very rapid strides in the march of material and spiritual progress. The Bishop fully exposed the groundlessness of the fear entertained by many earnest people that the Church is becoming Romanized, and gave statistics to show that the lists of perverts published from time to time are gross exaggerations and entirely unworthy of credence. The address which occupied fully an hour in delivery was listened to with very close attention by the congregation; and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Bishop on behalf of the people by Rev. L. Spencer, the missionary in charge.

HURON.

BRANTFORD.—On Tuesday evening a large number of Grace Church congregation assembled at the Rectory to witness the presentation of an address and purse of money to the Rev. R. H. Starr, on the eve of his departure from this parish, the address was read by Mr. Lemmon and the purse of money, which amounted to \$106.41 was also presented by him. The address was beautifully illuminated by Mr. Ashmead. The following is the address:—Brantford May the 20th, 1879. To the Reverend Reginald H. Starr, M. A. Rector of Grace Church.—Rev. and Dear Sir,—As the time of your departure draws near, we, the undersigned on our own part and on the part of your warmest friends in the congregation, tender you our deep regret that you have thought fit to resign the Incumbency of Grace Church and accept for yourself a new sphere of labor. Your ministry to us during the past five years has been fraught with teachings of earnest truth and fervent zeal for God: in accents of loving tenderness you have ever warned those who were walking in their own ways to flee from evil and seek for mercy at the throne of grace, and with words of wisdom from on high, you have strengthened and upheld those who were endeavoring to walk in the path of holiness and peace. "May the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost" be with you as you go hence to minister to another flock and preach the glad tidings of a Saviour's love. We earnestly pray that your new flock will unite with you their shepherd in every good word and work and uphold you by their prayers in the duties that lie before you. Many prayers will follow you, dear sir when you leave us, and we trust that the seed you have sown during the past five years, will, by God's blessing, reap a rich reward, and in that day when the King of kings shall call upon His shepherds to present their flocks to him before His throne of judgement, may you be without fault and blameless, and receive as jewels in your crown of reward, the souls you have brought to Him in the Saviour's name. Accept, dear sir, the accompanying purse as a slight token of our regard, and know that each contributor thereto expressed deep sorrow at your departure.

In conclusion, we wish for yourself and Mrs. Starr every happiness in temporal as well as spiritual things. Signed on behalf of your Grace Church flock, Henry Lemmon, Fred. T. Wilkes. Rev. Mr. Starr replied in suitable terms.

Mrs. Starr was also the subject of a most gratifying surprise. Her Sunday School class came to the Rectory about 7 o'clock and presented the following address accompanied by their photographs tastefully grouped and beautifully framed: *Brantford May 20th, 1879.* Dear Mrs. Starr,—It is with inexpressible sorrow we learn that the tie which has bound us as teacher and pupils must be soon severed. It is hard to say "farewell." The untiring zeal and tender solitude with which you have cared for our spiritual welfare have won our love, and will ever be remembered with gratitude. We trust that the lessons which you have striven to inculcate, will guide us safely through life's joys and sorrows until we reach that haven of repose where in the light of God's ineffable sweetness we hope to spend an endless eternity. In parting, we ask your acceptance of this memento as a slight token of our affection, and beg that occasionally it may call to your remembrance the pupils of your Brantford Sunday School class. Signed, Amelia Tidman, Annie Toose, Julia Wells, Sarah Haslem, Louisa Smith, Annie Wilkes, Rosa King.

Mrs. Starr was visibly affected, and thanked the young ladies in a few words for this unexpected manifestation of their regard.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thos. Lloyd acknowledges, with warmest thanks, the receipt of a box of useful articles for his mission—also for a cup and paten from the Churchwoman's Mission Aid per Mrs. O'Reilly.

The Rev. W. Crompton, travelling clergyman, begs to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing books, pamphlets, and clothes for distribution from Mrs. O'Reilly and the ladies of the Church Women's Aid Society, Toronto, and to say, that the distribution will be gratefully undertaken. *Aspdin P. O., May 23rd 1879.*

British and Foreign.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Bishop of Killaloe, in his recent charge, refers to the protracted Revision discussions as an "obstruction" to the necessary work of building up the exterior fabric of the Church. The Bishop earnestly presses the duty of catechising the young. The express permission of the *black gown* in preaching, he remarks, has decidedly tended towards its extensive disuse: and *bands*, now that they are not enjoined, "will probably be regarded as a beauty by those who objected to being tied by such an ornament."

An Irish Churchman has just made the remarkable discovery that Lent is a relic of Paganism imported from Babylon, and that Rome, to conciliate pagans to nominal Christianity, "pursuing her usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festival amalgamated." Its retention in the Prayer Book is easily explained. "Our Reformers," he says, "unfortunately failed to get entirely rid of this Pagan superstition, and were content with allowing it to remain in our formularies as a dead letter!" In other words, their heathenish sympathies overpowered their judgment! He consequently advocates the abolition of the forty days' fast. Perhaps the next discovery of this laborious investigator will be that the heathens worshipped the Deity and held the soul's immortality, and that Rome skilfully wrought these doctrines into the Christian system to gain converts. Couple such views as the above with the explanation given by another Irish Churchman in the same publication, why the clergy are kept on starving salaries by the laity—"their persistent opposition to the wishes of the laity in the matter of Revision,"—"The preference of the clergy for the Prayer Book to the Word of God," and truly the Irish Church seems to be in as much need as our own, of special prayers and supplications that she may be "delivered from absurd and wicked men."

The venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, deeming the charter granted by William III in 1701 rather out of date, proposes to apply for a new one. The unnecessary and now practically disused

oaths it is proposed to abrogate, also to ask for the removal of the limitation of the S. P. G.'s real property to an annual value of \$10,000. If the Crown should object to withdraw a limit altogether, then the Society will consent to accept a yearly value of \$50,000 as the limit for its estate in fee simple, and of its leaseholds for any term exceeding 500 years.

A gift of the Queen, a beautiful heraldic stained glass window, designed by Mr. J. Clarke, F.S.A., and executed by Messrs. Clayton & Bell, has just been placed in the Edmund de Langley Chapel, attached to All Saints' Church, King's Langley. It is the gift of her Majesty, in memory of Prince Edmund de Langley, the fifth son of Edward III., and first Duke of York. The Prince is the direct ancestor of the Queen, and his remains lie by the side of those of his wife, Isabel de Castile, under a magnificent altar tomb within the chapel.

The churchwardens of St. Alban's Church, Manchester, inform the *Manchester Examiner* that they are authorized to say that the Rev. W. J. Knox-Little has at present neither resigned the rectory of St. Alban's nor accepted that of St. Barnabas', Pimlico. A memorial is in course of being signed requesting the rev. gentleman to remain in Manchester.

It is proposed to rebuild the parish church of Fulham in a style harmonising with the ancient tower. The present building is not only mean and ugly, but it has suffered from recent high tides to an extent that renders its reconstruction necessary. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Arthur Blomfield, and they include a beautiful east window, which the family wish to erect as a memorial to their distinguished father and to their deceased brothers and sisters.

The last number of *The Wellingtonian*, the school magazine of Wellington College, states that a subscription towards Truro Cathedral has been started by several of Dr. Benson's former colleagues, pupils, and other friends, with the view of marking the connection between Wellington College and the revived Cornish Bishopric.

Six tenders have been received for the restoration of Bangor Cathedral; but, all being much above the estimate, the plans have been returned to Mr. Scott for modification. Lord Penrhyn and Mr. Assheton Smith have each contributed £2,000 towards the carrying out of the work.

UNITED STATES.

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry is the almoner of the Church's donations in aid of her sons who are preparing for Holy Orders. The Executive Committee therefore announces that by recent changes in its management, all money received will be applied to the education of worthy applicants, with the least possible diminution in the way of expenses. There will in future be but one salaried officer—the Corresponding Secretary—who is charged with both office and field duties. They believe that in adopting this new basis, they are in accord with an evident feeling and purpose in the Church, that pious offerings should be more strictly voluntary, the fruit of general Christian conscientiousness in supplying every necessary service of the sanctuary and of Christ's kingdom. They accordingly appeal to rectors, Church officers, parish guilds, and benevolent individuals to recognize this work, as imperative in these times; and ask that they will faithfully send a yearly donation. The Secretary will promptly furnish information to be used in presenting the case, and will arrange to visit as many parishes as he can on Sundays and Holy Days.

Whitsun-day, has come again to remind us of our obligations to preach the Gospel to every creature. The first manifested power of the descended Spirit, was in the marvellous utterance of the good news from heaven, so that every man was permitted to hear in "his own tongue wherein he was born the wonderful words of God." Shall we not hasten the full realization of the miracle of Pentecost by sending many more ambassadors of the Cross?

The Presiding Bishop has taken order for the Consecration of the Rev. Henry Chancey Riley, D.D., Bishop elect of the Valley of Mexico, as follows:—Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. Time, June 24th, St. John Baptist's Day. Consecrator, Bishop Lee, of Delaware. Preacher, Bishop Cox, of Western New York.

MISSION WORK.

ENTHRONIZATION OF THE BISHOP OF NASSAU.—The following is extracted from a letter in *Monthly Gleanings*:—Now about preparations for the Bishop's arrival. He had sent his cases of furniture by sailing vessel; these we unpacked, and were able to make things ready for his arrival. When the steamer was signalled, and a special flag told us that he was on board, I hastened up to the house to see that everything was ready. I then went down to the wharf at Rawson's Square, where we had a carriage and pair, and other carriages waiting. Mr. Swann (the Rector