

ALBANY.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The Rev. Dr. Beers, rector of St. John's church, Ogdensburg, having been called to the rectorship of Trinity church, San Francisco, Cal., placed his resignation in the hands of the vestry, who declining to accept it, gave him a two months' leave of absence. He has gone on a visit to San Francisco.

ARKANSAS.

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On St. Matthias' day (Feb. 24), in St. John's church, Helena, the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce, D.D., LL.D., assisted by the Rev. T. B. Lee, and the rector, the Rev. C. A. Bruce, advanced to the priesthood the Rev. B. T. H. Maycock, officiating at Camden, and the Rev. Robert B. Trezvant, M.D., officiating at Batesville. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, and was a clear and logical setting forth of the fact of the Christian priesthood, and was listened to by a large and attentive audience.

HELENA.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania proposes to proceed with his Spring visitation (after fulfilling appointments before announced) in the following order:

- April 8, Thursday, Evening, St. John's, Huntingdon.
 9, Friday, Evening, St. John's, Bellefonte.
 11, Sunday, A. M., St. Matthew's, Sunbury.
 P. M., St. Mark's, Northumberland.
 12, Monday, Evening, Christ church, Lykens.
 13, Tuesday, Evening, Trinity, Shamokin.
 14, Wednesday, Evening, St. Peter's, Hazleton.
 15, Thursday, Evening, St. James', Eckley.
 16, Sunday, A. M., St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk.
 P. M., Chapel, East Mauch Chunk.
 19, Monday, M., Consecration of St. Mary's chapel, S. Bethlehem.
 20, Tuesday, Williamsport Convocation, Bloomsbury.
 21, Wednesday, Evening, St. John's, Catawissa.
 22, Thursday, Evening, Christ church, Danville.
 23, Friday, Christ church, Milton, and Watertown.
 24, Saturday, P. M., Lewisburg.
 25, Sunday, A. M., Christ church, Williamsport.
 Evening, Trinity church, Williamsport.
 26, Monday, Evening, Church of our Saviour, Montoursville.
 27, Tuesday, P. M., St. James', Derry.
 Evening, St. James', Muncy.
 May 2, Sunday, A. M., St. Luke's, Scranton.
 Evening, Church of Good Shepherd, Scranton.
 3, Monday, Evening, St. James', Dundaff.
 4, Tuesday, Evening, St. Paul's, Pleasant Mount.
 5, Wednesday, Evening, St. Peter's, Plymouth.
 6, Thursday, Ascension, St. James', Pittston.
 7, Friday, Evening, St. John's, Ashley.
 9, Sunday, A. M., Christ church, Towanda.
 P. M., Trinity, Athens.
 10, Monday, Evening, St. Matthew's, Pike.
 11, Tuesday, Evening, Grace church, Great Bend.
 12, Wednesday, Evening, St. Mark's, New Milford.
 13, Thursday, Evening, Susquehanna Depot.
 14, Friday, Evening, Grace church, Honesdale.
 16, Sunday, A. M., St. Paul's, Wellsboro.
 Evening, Antrim.
 17, Monday, Evening, St. Luke's, Blossburg.
 18, Tuesday, Evening, St. Peter's, Fall Brook.
 19, Wednesday, Evening, St. James', Mansfield.
 20, Thursday, Evening, St. Andrew's, Tiooga.
 21, Friday, Evening, St. John's, Lawrenceville.
 23, Sunday, St. Paul's, Troy.
 24, Monday, Evening, St. Paul's, White Haven.
 30, Sunday, P. M., St. Michael's, Birdsboro.

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SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT.—The Rev. Joseph H. McElroy, late in charge of the mission here, has abandoned the ministry of the Church. He at one time officiated in St. John's church, Ashley.

The next regular session of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Convocation, will be held in Trinity church, Reading, on the 15th of April. The preacher is the Rev. S. M. McElwee.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

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The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Central New York, at their meeting in Syracuse, March 2d, unanimously withheld consent to the consecration of Dr. De Koven, Bishop-elect of Illinois, and Dr. Jaggard, Bishop-elect of Southern Ohio.

Grace church, Utica, has the sympathy of the whole county, and indeed of the Diocese, in the death of its Junior Warden, Charles B. Coventry, M.D. Few men are better known, and none stood higher in the esteem of the community. To acquirements which placed him in the foremost rank of his profession, he added the tenderness of a woman, and the humility of a child.

Following is a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the vestry of Grace church, of which body the deceased had been a member for the past twenty years:

Grace church, Utica, Feb. 25, 1875.

A copy from the proceedings of a meeting of the vestry of Grace church, Utica, held this afternoon.

The death of Dr. Charles B. Coventry, the junior warden of the church, having been announced by the rector, the following gentlemen, viz: the Rector, Mr. Ziba Lyon and Mr. Edmund A. Graham were appointed a committee to prepare an appropriate minute, to be entered upon the record.

The committee reported, that while advanced years are always suggestive of an approaching dissolution; yet the vestry have learned with great regret and deep sorrow, that their valued friend and associate has been called away by death, since a life of more than three score and ten years had left him still a clear and vigorous intellect, and varied powers of usefulness. His singular promptness, disinterestedness, caution and vigilance, have made him a most efficient co-laborer for three years as vestryman, and for seventeen years as warden. His modesty, urbanity, impartiality, and marked purity have commanded our great respect, warm regard and fullest confidence; and we are painfully conscious that we experience a severe and heavy loss in being deprived of

his mild but firm determination, judicious counsels, and the wisdom of his large and varied experience. We feel that we, in common with his many friends and afflicted relatives, will find our fullest and richest consolations in the remembrance and contemplation of his genuine integrity, earnest devotion, and unostentatious piety; and may well congratulate ourselves if we are able to reach his standard of consecration of heart and holiness of life. In him there seems to have been fulfilled the promise "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."—Job. v. 26. The clerk is hereby requested to furnish a copy of this minute to the family, with the assurance of our deep sympathy, and to secure its insertion in the daily papers of the city. The vestry will meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow, Friday, and attend in a body the funeral of our respected and venerated friend and brother, the late warden of Grace church. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN,
 ZIBA LYON,
 EDMUND A. GRAHAM,
 Committee.

BENJ. F. RAY, Clerk of the Vestry.

CONNECTICUT.

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THOMASTON.—A course of sermons by the rector and neighboring clergy is being delivered in Trinity church, on Friday evenings, during Lent. The first was delivered by the Rev. S. Brainard Duffield, minister of St. Peter's, Plymouth. The second by the Rev. Samuel D. McConnell, rector of Christ church, Watertown. The third by the Rev. Gouverneur M. Wilkins, rector of St. Michael's, Litchfield. The fourth by the rector, the Rev. Thomas S. Ockford. This parish seems to be in a very flourishing condition, under the faithful labors of its zealous rector. The church edifice is an exceedingly neat and tasteful structure. The parish is the third in the town of Plymouth, and located in a rapidly growing village, it certainly has a bright prospect for the future.

MARBLEDALE.—The Lenten services in St. Andrew's Parish are held on two mornings in the week at the Rectory, and on Friday evenings at the church. We would commend this plan of rectory services to those parishes where the opening of the church for week-day services is, for any reason, impracticable. On Wednesday evenings services are held in St. John's, Washington, which, together with St. Andrew's, is under the faithful rectorship of the Rev. William L. Peck.

NEW HAVEN.—The Rev. Peter A. Jay has, it is reported, resigned the rectorate of Grace church.

IOWA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

It having been asserted that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Iowa had given consent to the consecration of Dr. De Koven, a correspondent writes to say that this was the action, not of the Standing Committee, but of only three members of it, who have thus "committed the Diocese to an act she will repudiate at the coming Convention."

KENTUCKY.

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Bishop Dudley preached his first sermon in his new field of labor on Sunday, February 28, in St. Paul's church, Louisville. At the close he referred to his recent appointment, and to this his first appearance among his people—that his giving up of a peaceful, happy home, with all its pleasant associations, to come out here, had been due, not to any preference that he himself had felt for such a change, but that he had taken the step in obedience to the will of the Master. He expressed himself pleased, however, with the hopeful condition and prospects of his mission-field of labor, and doubted not that his association therewith would be a very pleasant, and, he hoped (under God), a very prosperous one.

The mission under the Rev. Mr. Bonham, in Grace church, Louisville, closed on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 28. Another mission began the following day in Calvary church.

LONG ISLAND.

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March 4th, in St. Barnabas church, Brooklyn, 22 persons were confirmed.

March 5th, in St. John's church, Long Island City, 11 persons were confirmed.

March 7th, in St. Mark's church, Brooklyn, 18 persons were confirmed. In the church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, 19 persons were confirmed.

NEW JERSEY.

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At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey, held Feb. 15th, Howard E. Thompson was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders, and Marcus H. Martin to be ordained Deacon. Consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Jaggard as Bishop of Southern Ohio, was refused.

NEW YORK.

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THE CHILDREN'S FOLD.—The Executive Committee of this Institution report that they supported a daily average of forty orphan and needy children during February, being two less than the number for January, and that the health of all continues uniformly good. It is an interesting fact that there are fewer applications for admission during the Winter months, notwithstanding the hard times, than in the Summer. It would seem that other agencies are more efficient in Winter than in Summer, or else there is less of distress and want among children then. On comparing notes with a large institution, the same fact is found to exist. We have observed this for several years: Be the times more or less propitious, we have more applications in Summer than in Winter. At all seasons, however, our accommodations are unequal to the demand.

E. C.

We regret to learn that the Rev. Dr. Tyng Jr.'s son, who is about twelve years old, met with quite an accident one day last week. He was playing with a pistol, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball making quite a wound in his face. It was a narrow escape from instant death. The Rev. Dr. Tyng is now absent in Florida.

His labors have been so great that his strength has been severely taxed. He is very much better, we learn, and it is hoped will, in a few weeks, have entirely recovered. While he will be distressed to hear of the accident to his son, he will receive the congratulations of his relations and friends, and rejoice with them that the results were not more serious.—Register.

NORTH CAROLINA.

BISHOP ATKINSON'S APPOINTMENTS.

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| MARCH. | |
| 13, P. M., Rockfish. | 14, Fayetteville. |
| APRIL. | |
| 1, Jackson. | 17, St. Luke's, Washington county. |
| 3, Windsor. | 18, St. David's. |
| 4, Woodville, Bertie county. | 19, Columbia. |
| 6, Murfreesboro. | 21, Plymouth. |
| 7, Winston. | 23, St. James', Beaufort county. |
| 8, Gatesville. | 25, Lake Landing, Hyde county. |
| 9, St. Peter's, Gates county. | 27, Bladensburg. |
| 11, Hertford. | 29, Bath. |
| 12, Woodville, Perquimans county. | 3, Zion church, Beaufort county. |
| 13, Elizabeth City and Edenton. | |
| MAY. | |
| 2, Washington. | 6, Hamilton. |
| 4, Juncosville. | 8, Scotland Neck. |
| 5, Williamston. | |

BISHOP LYMAN'S APPOINTMENTS—SPRING VISITATION.

- March 14, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Durham.
 28, Easter Day, Tarboro.
 31, Wednesday, Greenville, Pitt county.
 April 1, Thursday, St. John's, "
 2, Friday, Snowhill.
 4, Sunday, Kingston.
 6, Tuesday, Holy Innocents, Lenoir county.
 8, Thursday, Beaufort.
 11, Sunday, Newbern.
 13, Tuesday, Swift Creek Bridge.
 14, Wednesday, St. John's, Durham's Creek.
 16, Thursday, South Creek.
 17, Saturday, Blount's Creek.
 18, Sunday, Trinity church, Beaufort county.
 23, Friday, Sanford.
 24, Saturday, St. Mark's, Deep River.
 25, Sunday, Pittsboro.
 May 2, Williamsboro.
 4, Goshen, Consecration.

Collections in each congregation for Diocesan Missions.

OREGON.

CORVALLIS.—Services were held in this station by Mr. G. W. Boyd, on the Sunday after Christmas. The attendance was very large compared with what it is usually at this time of the year, and the offerings were very liberal. The people had beautifully decorated the chapel, and joined heartily in the services. They have determined to procure good lamps; and one young man has promised to give oak posts for a fence with which to enclose the half-block on which the chapel stands. We feel more and more encouraged by the zeal shown by the small band of Churchmen here.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LA GRANDE.—The near approach of Christmas found us with a church inclosed, but only temporary seats; but by a determined effort, the day before Christmas found us well provided with a full supply of commodious and handsome seats, so that on Christmas Eve, the Sunday-school under the guidance of Dr. Nevius were able to hold a most pleasant, and as we trust, profitable festival. The church was handsomely, if not elaborately, decorated with evergreen, the windows illuminated, and a tree (of course) brilliant with lighted tapers and motto cards. The exercises, made up of portions of the service from the Ritual, always so grand and impressive; beautiful carol singing by the children, exhortation and catechizing by the Doctor, were, taken together, most interesting. The Doctor introduced another change as an experiment, which to our surprise worked admirably. Instead of distributing costly gifts to the children and visitors around the tree, the children and all present were allowed the privilege, after the manner of the three Magi, who came to our Saviour bringing presents, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, to bring their little gifts and make a common offering in aid of the great mission work, thus imparting a healthful tone to the inaugurating ceremonies of Christmas festivals in this new Church Building.—Oregon Churchman.

PITTSBURGH.

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St. John's parish, West Brownsville, Penn., now in charge of the Rev. Horace E. Hayden, received a very refreshing visit from the Bishop on the evening of the Second Sunday in Lent. A half-hour before the service, the Sunday-school, numbering 150 scholars, assembled in the lecture-room to meet the Bishop, who addressed them words of encouragement and godly counsel. At the evening service, the church, which seats only 220