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BRACEBRIDGE.—We have just been favoured with a visit from the Bishop of Niagara, who is assisting in discharging the episcopal duties of the Bishop of Algoma, now en route for Europe to recuperate his health. On Thursday I enjoyed the pleasure of driving the Bishop to Baysville to hold a confirmation at 11 a.m. on the same day. As the distance is 16 miles, over a very hilly road, we arrived just in time for the service, which began with the office for the Holy Communion, followed by the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands. His Lordship said the appointed prayers, assuming the office of consecrating priest, and delivering two addresses to the new confirmees, one before and one after confirmation, both of which were listened to with manifest and deep attention by the large congregation who had assembled to participate in this solemn act of worship. Leaving Baysville at 3 p.m., we arrived at Uffington, a distance of 16 miles, over an exceedingly rough and hilly road, at dusk, congratulating our ourselves at our escape from darkness now actually setting in. On the following morning the same solemn service was again repeated and 18 persons were admitted into the full enjoyment and possession of the richest heritage of the Church, "The Holy Communion." Leaving Uffington at 4 p.m., we arrived the same evening at Bracebridge, and at evensong His Lordship preached to a large congregation in St. Thomas' Church, the incumbent regretfully being unable to present his candidates for confirmation for lack of sufficient preparation on their part. On Saturday the bishop proceeded by steamer to Port Carling, an account of which visit will doubtless be forthcoming from the pen of the incumbent. The usual harvest festival was celebrated in St. Thomas' Church on the 3rd inst., the congregation having very unanimously and heartily devoted themselves to decorating the church with the fruits, grain and vegetables offered for that purpose. The effect was very pleasing to the eye, and harmonizing as these types do with the special and appropriate prayers, thanksgiving and hymns, I trust both eye and ear lent themselves to the service of the heart in ascribing to God the honour due unto His name. Upon the following day a similar service was repeated in the little church at Falkenburg, 5 miles distant, where a large congregation awaited the arrival of incumbent and choir from St. Thomas, the latter having consented to assist in rendering the musical portion of the service. The offertories at both churches were devoted to the Superannuation Fund of the diocese.

ATHABASCA.

RICHARD YOUNG, D.D., BISHOP, FORT CHIPEWYAN.

The bishop of Athabasca has safely reached Athabasca Landing, where he will reside for the winter, after a successful visitation of a great part of his diocese, which has occupied the whole summer. The bishop was accompanied throughout by Mrs. Young, who, we are glad to learn, is none the worse for her long and trying journey. The route was down the Athabasca river, across lake Athabasca to Fort Chipewyan. Here a Sunday and three following days were spent, and then followed a journey of two days in an open skiff to connect with the steamer ascending the Peace river as far as the "Chutes," where a large rock impedes further progress. Here the bishop was met by the Rev. M. Scott, and the party went forward in an open skiff to Fort Vermilion, about three hundred miles. Five weeks of happy work were spent here. On Sunday, July 28, in St. Luke's church, the bishop ordained the Rev. A. G. Warwick priest, Rev. Mr. Scott assisting. The Indians met while there were very glad to see the bishop, and several children were promised for the Irene school when it opens for the winter. During their stay here the bishop and Mrs. Young organized a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, with Mrs. Scott as president; Mrs. Warwick, secretary; Mrs. Wilson, treasurer; Mesdames Laurence, vice presidents, and a good number of members. On August 12, a start was made up the Peace river for Christ church mission—Smoky river. The voyage, which occupied over three weeks, was made in the "Ripple," a Peterboro canoe, 15 feet long and 30 inch beam. The crew consisted of the bishop and Arthur Laurence, a young but stout-hearted boy, with Mrs. Young as passenger. As the little craft was made to carry a tent, bedding, provisions and personal baggage, she must have been a marvel of tight packing, and the voyagers had anything but a comfortable time. The weather was wet and stormy, and they were very glad when, on September 7, Smoky river was reached. Here a Sunday was spent with the Rev. H. Robinson among the Crees, and the ninety miles to Lesser Slave Lake was made during the week in a rough cart over very bad roads. On Sunday, the 15th, an adult Indian was baptized, and a woman baptized some years ago was publicly received into the church at the same time, after which the couple were married. On the 23rd, at Lesser Slave Lake, Mr. W. G. White was ordained deacon. The journey down the Athabasca to the

Landing was made by boat, and thus ended, on Oct. 5th, a very interesting journey, full of perils and discomforts, indeed such as few persons associate in their minds with a bishop's work, yet full of significance and blessing for the scattered Christians of this remote diocese. On July 18th, the Rev. C. Weaver was married to Miss H. Thompson, of London, Ont., at Grand Rapids, Athabasca river, by the Rev. J. R. Lucas of Fort Chipewyan. The friends of Miss Worcester, who has lately been sent out as the first missionary supported by the Woman's Auxiliary of Winnipeg, will be glad to hear that she reached Edmonton safely, and was to leave for Athabasca Landing on the 15th ult.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Adelaide, left last week on a trip to the old country.

According to English authority, the bankruptcies in England and Wales average 120 weekly.

Rev. Wm. Carter, West Indies, son of Mr. John Carter, Toronto, is on a visit to his parents here.

Property to the value of over \$4,500,000 is left in the railway carriages of Great Britain every year.

The Rev. A. C. Garrioch, of Portage la Prairie, has succeeded the Rev. T. C. Coggs at Poplar Point.

The oldest piece of wrought iron in existence is believed to be a sickle blade found near Thebes. It is about 4,000 years old.

Ninety per cent. of the 4,929 flights of steps in Edinburgh are now lighted nine months in the year at a cost of \$3.50 a lamp.

The table upon which Cromwell wrote when he affixed his signature to the warrant for the execution of Charles I. was recently sold for £145.

Rev. W. Bedford-Jones, late assistant at Trinity Church, Geneva, N.Y., has accepted a similar position at All Angels Church, New York City.

Six of the newspapers now published in Germany were established over 200 years ago, the oldest being the *Frankfurter Journal*, founded in 1615.

Francis George, the Liverpool bell man or crier, who is to retire from business after sixty years' work, has cried 130,000 lost children in his time.

The Rev. George H. Hogbin, incumbent of St. George's Church, Battleford, has been appointed Principal of the Calgary Indian Industrial School.

The first notice of the use of coal is in the records of the abbey of Peterborough, England, in the year 850, which mentions an item of twelve carloads of "fossil fuel."

An Athenian society has been formed in London for the purpose of printing privately literal and absolutely complete and unexpurgated English translations of Greek authors.

The mission of Lanark subscribed about \$500 towards the Ottawa Episcopal endowment fund, and has paid the whole amount and \$4 more already. The mission of Clayton and Innisville has paid in the full amount of their subscription, \$660, except \$18. The fund has now reached about \$32,000.

The population of New York is increasing at the rate of 70,000 yearly. This causes an increase in the land value of that city amounting to \$30,000,000 yearly. This increase ever goes to swell the overgrown fortunes of the Astors and to add to the obligation of the lowest stratum of society, widening the social cleavage.

British and Foreign.

The 26th anniversary of the dedication feast of St. Margaret's Church, Aberdeen, was held from October 1st to 8th last.

Canons Warburton and Kirkpatrick and the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson, who is the rector of Farnham, have been appointed his examining chaplains by the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

The new echo organ in Westminster Abbey will be used for the first time on November 21st, which occasion will be the bi-centenary of the death of Henry Purcell, the writer of Church music.

The Rev. F. W. Samwell has, on the recommendation of the Lord Bishop of Adelaide, been appointed honorary chaplain to the Missions for Seamen at Port Adelaide. He will be assisted by Mr. J. Ford.

The annual general meetings have been held recently in Edinburgh of the Diocesan Choral Association and the Scottish Clergy Society. The essay prize was adjudged to the Rev. A. Wood, curate of St. John's, Forfar.

Preparations are already being made for the Lambeth Conference, which is proposed to be held in

1897, that year being the 13th centenary year since the coming of St. Augustine to Britain. There have been three Lambeth Conferences held so far, viz., in the years 1867, 1878 and 1888 respectively.

Mrs. Benson, the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, opened recently the new institution at Weymouth, to be known as "The Wordsworth Home of Rest." This is a memorial erected to the memory of the late Mrs. Wordsworth, the Bishop of Salisbury's wife, by residents of the Diocese of Salisbury.

The Prince of Wales has presented to the parish of Babingley, which is part of his Norfolk estate, a new and ornamental iron church with a thatched roof, in place of the Church of St. Felix, built centuries ago upon the foundation of one of the oldest churches in the country. The old church is in ruins beyond repair.

A notable harvest festival service was held at the Fishermen's Chapel, Folkestone, lately. In addition to the decorations usual on such occasions, the building was embellished with a display of fresh fish, including cod, mackerel, plaice, soles and crabs. During the sermon a fine codfish, suspended from the ceiling, fell among the congregation. The preacher pointed out that the harvest of the sea was as deserving of notice as that of the land.

The Lord Bishop of Guildford took a leading part in the Lord Bishop of Winchester's enthronement in Winchester Cathedral the other day. Bishop Sumner has served in the diocese under five prelates, the first of whom was his father, who was afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury. He held the living of Old Alresford for 34 years, to which he was appointed by his father, and was then chosen Suffragan-Bishop of the diocese, by Bishop Harold-Browne, being at the same time appointed Archdeacon of Winchester.

Mrs. Fraser, widow of the late Lord Bishop of Manchester, the net value of whose personal estate amounted to upwards of £220,000, has left a bequest of £4,000 to the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College, Oxford, as a memorial of her late husband, the income of which is to be paid to the holder of a scholarship, which is to be called The "Bishop Fraser's Scholarship." The holder of the scholarship will be enabled to pursue some special branch of study for one year from the time after taking his degree. The scholar must be a member of Oriel College. Mrs. Fraser also bequeaths the sum of £4,000 to Owen's College, Manchester, the income of which is to be employed in payment of a professor or lecturer upon ecclesiastical history, who is to be called "The Bishop Fraser Professor or Lecturer." The testatrix leaves all the residue of her personal property, which can be legally applied for charitable purposes, to the present Bishop, Dean and Archdeacon of Manchester, together with three other trustees to be held in trust by them. They are to pay and apply the annual income arising therefrom: (1) In increasing the endowment of poor benefices in the Diocese of Manchester; (2) In augmenting the stipends of poor incumbents or curates in that diocese; (3) In providing pensions for incapacitated clergy in the diocese; (4) In giving temporary assistance to necessitous and deserving clergy in the diocese who may be disabled by sickness or overwork; (5) In aiding poor districts or parishes in the diocese. The amount available for religious and charitable purposes will be in the neighbourhood of £150,000.

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.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

The Church and the Clergy have all the Advantage.

SIR,—May I be allowed to offer an expression of gratification at the valued missionary work performed by your zealous agent, Rev. W. H. Wadleigh. While engaged in going over my parish, I found that objections to the teaching or order of the Church were tactfully met, doctrines were carefully explained, and erroneous opinions opposed and corrected. Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, of course, represents the excellent Church paper, THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, first of all, so far as his business engagements demands his attention, but incidentally I have found that much needful missionary teaching is performed by him, and the Church has all the advantage. It gives me sincere pleasure to offer this un-