

will despair of our fund, not I! Not you! We have asked God to help us; we will ask Him to continue to bless our efforts, and with Him on our side, who need be afraid?" To quote again, "I would say we have laid our needs before the Lord, and now mention them hopefully to the stewards of His bounty."

Let our motto be 'Love the Sistershood, Honor the Queen,' and the question for our own hearts "What shall I render under the Lord for all His gifts to me?" It was decided to send the notices to every parish in the Diocese, and for London itself, willing workers volunteered to take each a collecting book, so that no one shall be uninvited to contribute.

GALT.—His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma preached the annual Missionary Sermons and addressed an unusually large gathering in the school-room at the missionary meeting on Monday evening. Great enthusiasm was kindled, so much so that the offerings for missions have been more than doubled, while a special Algoma committee has been formed and a permanent subscription list for Algoma guaranteed. One gentleman gave the Bishop a cheque for \$100 and has promised \$25 annually. Galt will thus contribute \$75 to \$100 specially to Algoma, without any personal solicitation from its Bishop.

Anniversary services in connection with Trinity Church were held on Sunday, March 27th, just one year having elapsed since the re-opening, after the extensive alterations and improvements, costing over \$12,000. Professor Clark, M.A., of Trinity College, Toronto, preached morning and evening, both sermons being most impressive and eloquent expositions of Christ, his life and teachings. The congregations assembled at both services were large. Prof. Clark is a master of close, continuous reasoning, and lays his subject so clearly before his hearers that there is no doubt or obscurity, and grand thoughts clothed in simple language, furnish his hearers with matter for grave reflection. The choir, under Mr. R. S. Strong, Jr., assisted the impressive services with music suitable for the season and the occasion.

The lecture announced to be delivered by Professor Clark, in the School Room, on Monday evening, was well attended. The lecturer took for his subject Charles Kingsley's "Water Babies," and in his treatment of the same, took the ground that beyond the peculiar thoughts and wording of the work there was the wonderful lesson of a Christian's life.

Professor Clark has won for himself golden opinions in Galt, and his return at any time will be hailed with delight.

On Monday afternoon the Rev. Professor accompanied by the Rev. J. Ridley—visited the Collegiate Institute. Through the courtesy of Principal Carscadden the Professor was taken through the different departments and introduced to the respective Masters. The Students afterwards assembled in the Principal's room, and were appropriately addressed by Professor Clark, who expressed himself as highly pleased with his visit.

In addition to the offerings presented at the anniversary services on Sunday, a member of the congregation has since handed to the Rector a special thank offering of \$50, thus bringing the whole amount up to a very handsome sum. The scriptural principles concerning the raising of money for church purposes, as acted upon by the Rector since he assumed charge of the parish, are not only being heartily endorsed by the congregation, but have already been very fruitful, and clearly show the wisdom and excellency of the procedure.

Lenten services have been held in the church with encouraging results. Wednesday Evenings at 7.30, Litany Service, Friday at 11 a.m. The Rector gave a series of nine short practical extempore addresses on 'The Heart.' During Holy Week Service was held daily at 11 a.m., with full Services morning and evening on Good Friday.

DUNDALK.—The Lenten services in this little village, which has recently been made the centre of a separate mission, have met with the most marked success. The incumbent, the Rev. Octavius Edgelow, who was appointed to the mission in October last, established a regular Wednesday evening service throughout the winter, a privilege which has never before been enjoyed by the people in this mission. Since the beginning of Lent, a Friday evening service has also been held, and during Passion Week a course of evening services every night in the week, all of which have been steadily attended by a very fair proportion of the congregation. The sermon on Wednesday, 29th March, was preached by the Rev. H. G. Moore, rector of St. Paul's church, Shelburne, and on Friday, April 1st, by Mr. Bowden, of Trinity College, Toronto.

ALGOMA.

LANCELOT.—The churchwardens of St. George's, beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the gift of 72

new S. P. K. volumes, by the Rev. W. Crompton, for their S. S. library, making in all 200 books, for which they are indebted entirely to W. C.

Through the past winter a week-day service has been held, concluding with an exposition of the ensuing Sunday's Collect, Epistle and Gospel; the large attendance shewing how much they have been appreciated.

FOREIGN.

Trinity Church, Boston, (Dr. Phillips Brooks), has given \$365,000 to missions in the last ten years.

At Newcastle on a Sunday a house was broken into while the family were at church. The burglars left the following exhortation behind them, chalked on the kitchen table: "Watch, as well as pray."

By the Scottish Episcopal Church Directory for 1887, there appears that there are in that communion 301 churches with 259 clergy; the membership is 87,392, being an increase of 5,846. The number of communicants is 34,479, an increase of 698.

The Bishop of Chester is making earnest efforts to increase the church accommodation for the rapidly increasing population in the Stockport Rural Deanery. The Duke of Westminster has promised to contribute \$5,000 annually for life for this object.

At an ordination held in his cathedral on St. Thomas's Day, the Bishop of Adelaide ordained Mr. W. Cooke and Mr. Young to be deacons. A few years ago there was a serious dispute in the Primitive Methodist body in South Australia. Mr. Wayland and Mr. Cooke, two of their leading ministers, headed the rival parties. Each of these gentlemen, after due probation, has now been ordained in the Church of England.

St. Paul's Church, Marquette, Mich., under the administration of the Rev. Dr. Hall, is making substantial progress. About \$30,000 will be expended within the current twelve months in the completion of the tower of the church, and in the doing of other work which will make the church building one of the most beautiful in the west. Otherwise, too, great progress is making. A vested choir of fifty men and boys, under the direction of a competent leader, will lead the devotions of the people within a few weeks.

The twenty-second annual report of the Peabody Trust has been issued. The sum given by Mr. Peabody was 500,000l., to which has been added rent and interest, 410,668l. 3s. 1d., making a total on the 31st of December of 910,668l. 3s. 1d. Of 390,000l. borrowed of the Public Work Loan Commissioners and others, the trustees have paid off 88,666l. 13s. 4d. Within the past year they have expended on land and buildings 5,911l. 11s. 9d., making a total expenditure of 1,216,462l. 2s. 7d., and during the year five blocks of buildings at Old Pye street, Westminster, containing 262 rooms, were opened. The trustees have provided for the artisan and laboring poor 11,150 rooms, occupied by 20,228 persons.

The Queen has received at Windsor Castle an address from the members of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury. The deputation appointed to wait upon Her Majesty consisted of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London, Oxford, Chester, and St. Albans, and the representatives of the Lower House. The Archbishop read the address, which acknowledged with thankfulness the good providence of God in preserving the Queen to the fiftieth year of her reign, referred to the steady progress made by the Church during the past year, and gave expression to the assurance that was felt that Her Majesty's sympathy would be extended to those clergy upon whom much suffering has fallen, owing to the period of great depression which has been experienced. The Queen read a suitable reply in acknowledgment of the address.

There is no richer Church than that of England. No Church has so many grand livings, and at the same time so much poverty among the clergy. At this moment, largely on account of the reduced value of the tithes, this poverty has assumed aggravated forms. At a meeting of the local Clergy Society, held at Bristol, the Dean of Wells drew attention to the distress of the poorer brethren. They were witnessing, he said, disendowment by degrees. The endowments from rents, glebe lands, or tithes, were becoming smaller year by year. Some of the clergy were so held down that not luxuries only but necessities were wanting and even old and cast-off clothing was

gladly welcomed. These statements were indorsed by others of the Church leaders who were present. A similar meeting was held at Chester cathedral, where Bishop Stubbs presided, and where arrangements were made to raise £30,000 (\$150,000) in aid of the poorer clergy. At this meeting a letter was read from the Duke of Westminster expressing regret for unavoidable absence, as well as sympathy with the movement, and offering to give £500 (\$2,500) a year for five years.

The following extract from the *Church Times* is clear and to the point. Cut it out and paste it in your scrap book:

The High Church school has never taught that conversion takes place at Baptism. In the case of adults, conversion must take place before baptism; in the case of children it may never need to take place at all. The Low Church school, from not knowing anything of theology, have long held that conversion and regeneration are two names for the same thing, but they are quite different in meaning. Regeneration is the equivalent, in religion, of naturalization in politics. By naturalization, a foreigner renounces his original nationality and allegiance, and becomes a citizen of another country, subject to another sovereign, and other laws, than those he was born under. And by regeneration, which takes place in baptism, we are brought out of the kingdom of this world, we renounce the prince of this world, we are made citizens of the kingdom of heaven, subjects of its King and its laws. Conversion means the act of "turning round," away from sin and error, towards holiness and truth, and is always necessary for heathens before they can be baptized; while even regenerate persons who have fallen into sin or heresy need to turn away from all such evil, and set their faces in the right direction. On the other hand, there are people who have kept up to their lights always, and do not need to be converted, though they may need to make far more progress than they have ever done.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear on the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

W. AND O. FUND—DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

SIR,—The letter of a correspondent on the above subject is all based on so erroneous a premise, and therefore drawing an absurd conclusion, that I beg to write a few lines. They may serve to set him and others who are, and have been, misled by the printed statement, right as to the non-subscribing clergy. I myself happen to be one of these. The simple reason for this is that provision for the maintenance of my widow and orphan children—should there be such in the providence of God—has been made otherwise than by dependance on the charity of the Church.

The misstatement of your correspondent "Faith"—I hope an unintentional misstatement, is contained in the following sentences: "We are informed only 60 pay or take any interest in the fund; what benefit do the fund derive from the other 40? None."

First of all, I may say, that Faith was informed of nothing of the kind, and it looks not a little disgusting to insert those words I have italicised. The W. and O. Fund committee did inform the synod that only 60 clergy were subscribers, i.e. with a view to their families becoming beneficiaries. But from this it certainly does not follow that the other 40 clergymen of the diocese "take no interest" in the fund, so that the fund derives no benefit from their contributions. On behalf of, I am sure, the majority of the 39, as well as myself I must deprecate so unjust an imputation on our fraternal sympathy and Christian charity. I venture to assert that in all probability the fund derives as much substantial benefit from the stigmatised 40 as from 40 of the prospective beneficiaries. Certainly I can speak for myself. If others do as I have for many years preferred to do—place our \$5 or \$10 per annum in the offerings of our congregations on the 5th Sunday in Lent, and at the same time earnestly plead with our people for the cause of widows and orphans, are to be told that we "take no interest" in the fund, and that it derives no benefit from our appeals and our alms? To me personally, it makes no difference through what channel my contribution goes—whether per the clerical secretary, or per the churchwarden; but in this, as in many other collections, I think we like to associate ourselves with our people, and make the best of what is given by the parish. Usually it is pretty well known by the parishioners who are the contributors of the five dollar

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