

Every Afternoon.—5 to 5.30.—Wednesday and Friday afternoon there will be Litany, with special preacher.

Trinity News.—Among other Missions with which Trinity College is connected is that of the Mission of Leaside in the parish of Deer Park. Services were begun in this vicinity some twelve months ago, and are, at present, in charge of Mr. J. McCallum, under the direction of the rector, the Rev. T. W. Patterson.

Mr. A. E. Becket has undertaken Sunday school work at the Mission in connection with St. Cyprian's Church.

The services at Sharon and Mount Albert were taken by Mr. V. Price on Sunday 28th ultimo.

On Sunday last the evening service at St. Jude's Church, Brockton, was taken by Mr. Robt. Orr.

Mr. C. B. B. Wright, B.A., assisted with duties at Milton, and Mr. R. J. Dumbille at Thornhill on Sunday last, 6 inst.

Owing to the illness of the rector, the Rev. H. O. Tremayne, M.A., his duties at Islington, on Sunday last, were taken by Mr. T. E. Chilcott.

A series of special services have been arranged to be held in the College Chapel every Friday evening during Lent. These services, the first of which was held on Friday evening last, are conducted by the Rev. the Dean, and are much appreciated and well attended by students in Arts and Divinity.

NIAGARA.

FORT ERIE.—On the evening of March 1st, St. Paul's Church was burned. Loss about \$15,000.

HURON.

SARNIA.—Opening services were held last month, in the new chapel of St. George's Church on Devine street, in the Fourth ward. Rev. Evans Davis, of London, conducted the morning services, and the rector, Rev. T. R. Davis, preached in the evening. The chapel just dedicated has been specially fitted to meet the convenience of a rapidly increasing congregation in the south end of the town.

ALGOMA.

RAVENSLIFFE.—The address of the Rev. L. Sinclair will be Ravenscliffe, Chaffey, Ontario, until further notice. Mr. Sinclair will feel much obliged if kind friends sending gifts to him for the Mission of Ilfracombe, will have the goodness to address them to him at Huntsville Station, this being the nearest railway station to the above address.

ILFRACOMBE.—The Rev. L. Sinclair officiated at the funeral of Mr. Alexander Trevett in Christ Church, Ilfracombe, on Feb. 17th. This is the first burial in the Church of England cemetery at Ilfracombe.

British and Foreign.

A Boston woman has been licensed as an undertaker.

The Rev. John R. Keble, the new vicar of Bishopthorpe, has undertaken the superintendence of Archbishop MacLagan's Scholæ Archiepiscopalis for graduates at Bishopthorpe for training for holy orders.

Quaker annuitants live long. The report of the denominational Life Assurance Society of the Society of Friends shows that the average age at death of the annuitants who died last year was a little over seventy-three years.

Mr. Spurgeon's sermons are one of the literary wonders of the day; they appeared in regular weekly numbers for a period of thirty-seven years. The entire collection comprises no less than 2,236 sermons.

The Bishop of Coventry states that collections were made recently at fifty-five churches in Birmingham and the neighbourhood in aid of the Birmingham Church Extension Society, and that the sum realised was £860.

The total number of Deaconesses at Kaiserswerth, including seventeen pupils, is reported to be 827, and the work is extending year by year. There is still a heavy building debt of £12,500 at Kaiserswerth, and 1,650 persons daily to be provided for in that town and immediate neighbourhood.

The Accademia di Santa Cecilia of Rome, which, having been founded in 1584, is perhaps the oldest musical society in Europe, has conferred the distinction of honorary membership on Emeritus Professor Sir H. Oakeley.

An excellent prison-gate work is being carried on by the Bristol branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The Rev. Emlyn Jones, its Organising Secretary, takes care that a free breakfast and words of kindly advice be given to each prisoner on leaving the goal.

At the Synod (Presbyterian) of Glasgow and Ayr, the retiring moderator, Dr. McLaren, made a strong plea for a book of Common Prayer. He said that a minister to offer up suitable extempore prayers Sabbath after Sabbath needed more than the genius of a Milton.

It was in circumstances of physical depression that the Rev. W. F. Chambers recently went over to the Roman Catholic Church, and now he has been re-admitted into the Church of England at St. Peter's, Folkestone, under a commission from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Rev. Charles S. Wordsworth has intimated to the Bishop of Worcester his resignation of St. Mary's Rectory, Old Swinford, Stourbridge. The living, valued at £600 per annum, with residence, is in the gift of the Earl of Dudley. Mr. Wordsworth is the eldest son of Dr. Wordsworth, the present aged Bishop of St. Andrews, and nephew of the late Bishop of Lincoln.

In an old Colonial Church in Philadelphia, U.S.A., and out of an old Colonial Prayer-Book (itself a royal gift), the prayer for the English Royal Family in affliction was read on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Clarence. Possibly there has been occasional prayer for the Royal Family in the presence of some member of it visiting America; but probably it is a century ago since the petition in question was thus used by way of sympathy.

The Archbishop of York has taken his seat in the House of Lords under his new title; and never within modern memory have three Prelates so comparatively young as the Bishop of Chester, the Bishop of St. Asaph, and the Bishop of Bangor—they are all under fifty—been admitted to it at one time. Dr. Lloyd, as junior Prelate, will be *ex-officio* Chaplain of the House, but practically, through a private arrangement among the Bishops, he will not leave his Diocese.

The Duke of Argyll, in reply to certain censures from the Free Church for having granted a site to the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles for a church for the Churchmen who visit the island, has pointed out that Iona belongs to all Christendom, and that it would be a little ungenerous to forbid the many hundreds of visitors who come to that classic spot celebrating worship in the manner they prefer.

At a conference held at Bournemouth recently, Canon Lucas, the rural dean, introduced the question 'The Duties of Churchmen with respect to Legislation affecting the Church.' He referred to the danger of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, and strongly opposed the bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister. He regretted the fact that the Church was in a minority in the House of Commons, and said that more cohesion should be encouraged among Churchmen with regard to politics, and that political candidates should be keenly questioned as to their attitude with regard to the Church. Canon Eliot argued that clergymen ought not to take any active part in politics, or, like dissenting ministers had done, they would weaken their influence.

Lifu is the central and largest island of the Loyalty group, lying east of New Caledonia. The Christian islanders and those who speak the language elsewhere have had for some time portions of the Bible translated for their use by the late Bishop Paterson and others, but it is only recently that the completed and revised Scriptures have been put into their hands. In 1890 the Rev. James Sleight sent to press the last revised sheet, and in February, 1891, the first consignment of 2,000 copies arrived in the island. They were received with universal thanksgiving and prayer, and by September 750 copies were sold. A recent letter from Lifu says, "The people are poring over their Bibles for hours with evident interest." A forthcoming article in the Society's *Monthly Reporter* concludes thus: "In view of the present position, the uncertain future prospects of Lifu and of the entire Loyalty group, we may derive comfort and hope from the fact that the complete Lifu Bible is now being distributed among the people; and at Lifu, as elsewhere, God will bless His Word and His children."

Bishop Oxenden, late primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, died in Biarritz recently. [Ash-ton Oxenden was born at Broomepark, near Cant-

erbury, England, in 1808. He graduated at University College, Oxford, in 1831, was ordained priest in 1834, and from 1848 till 1860 was rector of Pluckley, with Pevington, in Kent. In 1864 he became honorary canon of Canterbury cathedral, in 1869 was consecrated Bishop of Montreal, and was Metropolitan and Primate of all Canada. In April, 1878, he resigned and returned to England, and in May, 1879, was appointed vicar of St. Stephen near Canterbury. He was the last English bishop appointed Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada. Among his works he has written: "Plain History of the Christian Church" (London, 1847), "Barham Tracts" (1859), "Baptism and Lord's Supper Simply Explained" (1861), "Our Church and Her Services" (Boston, 1866), "Decision" (London, 1868), "Parables of Our Lord" (1869) and "Portraits from the Bible" (1871).]

At the annual meeting of the Diocesan Education Society, at Folkestone, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided, said they learned on all sides that the results of the Free Education Act in their poorer voluntary schools has been, almost without exception, good. Another result had been that the financial condition of their schools was better, while the reports show that thrift had been very largely cultivated, and that, in a great number of cases, the school pence were put into penny banks for the benefit of the children. He was glad to find that the proportion of children attending their voluntary church day schools, whose parents objected to their receiving religious instruction, was getting very small. During 1891 there were 1,900,696 children attending the church day schools, out of which only 2,998 were withdrawn from religious instruction. He had just returned from the north of Africa, where were a great many ruins of Roman cities, which had upon them the traces of Christian worship; and the lesson to be learned from that mighty continent, as applied to our own country, was a lesson of the terrors of Christian dissent, which eventually laid open the Roman Empire to invasion. Earl Stanhope, in moving the adoption of the report, quoted statistics to show that board schools were more expensive to establish and maintain than voluntary schools, and he strongly advocated religious instruction.

Official figures of the census taken in India a year ago have been published, and furnish some interesting results. The population of the whole of India ascertained by regular census is 287,207,046; the addition of persons registered by houses or tribes, amounting in number to 952,626, gives a grand total of 288,159,672. Of these British India contains, censused, 221,094,277; registered, 261,910—total, 483,004,287; native States, censused, 66,112,769; registered, 690,716—total, 66,803,485. The registered tracts are the Upper Burmah frontiers and British Beluchistan under British and Sikkim Shan States, and the Bhil tracts of Rajputana under native States. Taking only the Provinces and States enumerated both in 1881 and 1891, the net increase is 27,991,000, while the gross increase, including territory only censused last year, is 33,555,784. The returns according to religions are:—Hindus, 207,654,407; Mussulmans, 57,865,204; Christians, 2,284,191; Jains, 1,416,109; Sikhs, 1,907,836; Buddhists, 7,101,057; Parsees, 89,887; Jews, 17,180; forest tribes (animal worshippers), 9,302,088. Among the Hindus are included 3,401 Brahmas and 39,948 Aryas. The Brahmas are chiefly in Bengal, the Aryas in the North-west Punjab.

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.

Clergy House of Rest.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will be good enough to find room in your paper for the accompanying list of subscriptions which I have received within the last few days, for the Clergy House of Rest, at Cacouna, and which I beg to acknowledge with grateful thanks. Yours faithfully, LOUISA IRVINE, Secretary Clergy House of Rest, 555 St. John St., Quebec. Collected by Mrs. Hamilton, Hamilton: Mrs. Stuart, \$10; Mrs. Ramsay, \$5; the Rev. Provost Body, \$5; Mrs. C. Hamilton, \$5. Total, \$25. Collected by Mrs. Saunders, Guelph: Stephen Lett, \$5; Mrs. Col. Hall and family, \$5; John M. Bond, \$1; T. W. Saunders, \$1; Mrs. Howitt, \$3; Mrs. Torby, \$1; B. R. McConehy, \$2. Total, \$18.

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