

sary conclusion is, that if this building removes that reproach, that the reproach of godlessness was a just one, prior to the building being erected. We sincerely hope that this new movement to bring home to the University the claims of religion as a factor in higher education will eventually so far transform its official life, which the Y. M. C. A. does not even touch, for it has no official status whatever, as to bring the College at least under distinctly avowed Christian influences. The hopes of the Church Catholic rest, humanly speaking, on two foundation pillars, higher education and earnest religious thought, which are fatal to such mere human apologies and substitutes for Christ's Church as the Y. M. C. A., which, however, is useful as a school master to lead young men to Christ.

ST. PETER'S C. E. T. S.—This branch held a successful meeting on the 1st March, with Mr. S. Caldecott in the chair. Addresses and music were given and a pleasant and profitable evening spent.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH S. S.—A concert was held on the 2nd March, in aid of the S. S. Library. The attendance was satisfactory.

HURON.

WOODSTOCK.—For eleven successive days, ending on Wednesday last, Rev. Mr. Haslam has been holding mission services in the new church of St. Paul's, of this town, at the earnest request of Rev. J. J. Hill, rural dean and rector of the parish. These services were attended night after night by increasingly large numbers, sufficient to fill one of the largest churches in Western Ontario, and there is a general feeling and regret that Mr. Haslam's engagements were such that he could not remain any longer.

TYRONNE.—The Rev. James Chance, of this parish, who for some time has been prostrated by a severe illness, is now, thank God, slowly recovering. His Sunday duties have hitherto been performed by the Rev. Dr. Schulte and his lay reader. During his trying illness, he has received the unbounded sympathy and incessant ministrations of his parishioners, than whom no people can be more kind. Night after night some of them sat up with him, and scarcely a day passed without a present being made of some delicate article of food. Such conduct deserves to be commended, and such meritorious example followed.

ALGOMA.

ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.—A very successful magic lantern entertainment was recently given by the Rev. H. Beer, at his mission station of Richard's Landing. Mr. Beer has just returned from a visit to Cockburn Island. During the summer the Presbyterians send a student to these people, but all winter they are entirely without the ministrations of the Gospel. Last winter and also this winter Mr. Beer spent a Sunday with them. This year he started February 10th, alone, on foot, tramping over the ice and through Drummond Island, which belongs to the United States. He journeyed for a hundred and twelve miles, on snow shoes, on foot, or with occasional chance rides, and arrived home on the 17th, having held two services, Sunday and Monday, baptized six children, and visited nearly half the population of the island in their homes.

BURK'S FALLS.—The incumbent and churchwardens of All Saints' Church, on behalf of the congregation, beg to acknowledge with sincerest thanks, a magnificent set of communion vessels and font, the gift of his lordship the Bishop of Algoma, used for the first time at the consecration of the new church on fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

RUPERT'S LAND.

MANITOU.—The rectory which has been built by the incumbent, the Rev. H. E. Jephson, was formally opened on Monday, February 15th. The church people from the various missions in the parish, assembled on different evenings at the rectory, and it is thought that about 300 persons availed themselves of the incumbent's invitation. Games, music, singing, and refreshments made up the programme on each evening. All seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves, and many were the kind wishes expressed for the health and happiness of the Rev. H. E. Jephson, who does all in his power to bring together, in a social way, the members of his congregation. A most pleasing feature in connection with these "house warmings" was the presentation of the following address, signed by every adult member of the congregation of Pambina Crossing to the rev. gentleman.

Rev and Dear Sir,—We, your parishioners of Pambina Crossing, take this opportunity of expressing our high estimation of the untiring energy and zeal displayed by you, in the discharge of your duties as our pastor during past year and a half. When we look back to the time when there was no service in our district, we have much cause to congratulate ourselves that we have you amongst us, not only in your capacity as our clergyman, but also in the fact that we have in you, a kind, sincere, and ever ready friend, who interests himself in the welfare of each and every member of his parish.

We think this a fitting time to express to you feelings of warmest friendship and regard, and also to assure you that the recent attempts to injure you in the hearts of your numerous parishioners, is regarded by us as a contemptible and unmanly proceeding, and one which we cordially agree in believing that you do well to treat with the silent contempt it deserves. We sincerely trust that you will long be spared to minister to our spiritual wants, and that you may have health and strength given you to face as bravely in the future as you have in the past the numerous and great difficulties that must necessarily attend your widely scattered duties. Rest assured, dear sir, that you will always command our esteem and regard.

We are rev. and dear sir,
Your affectionate parishioners.

MORDEN.—A rural decanal meeting was held here on Tuesday, the 23rd, the attendance of members was larger than on any previous occasion, there being eighteen clerical and lay delegates present. The chapter was held in St. Thomas' church at 11 o'clock, and the meeting in the same building at 2:30. The Rev. T. Wilson, rural dean, presided. A motion was carried respecting the holding of missionary meetings in the deanery, and a committee formed to make all the necessary arrangements. Mr. Bailie proposed, seconded by Mr. Clarke, "Whereas reports have been circulated defamatory to the character of the Rev. John May, a clergyman in this deanery, who holds the general license of Bishop, and whereas great harm has accrued, and is likely to accrue to the Church in consequence of such reports, this meeting would respectfully request the the Bishop of the diocese to appoint a committee to enquire into the same." This motion was unanimously carried. A long discussion took place on the boundaries of the various parishes, and the meeting was closed by the benediction. The next meeting will be held at Manitou, on March 16th. The Rev. T. N. Wilson is to be congratulated on the erection of St. Roma's Church at Morden, there are few if any, clergy in the diocese who have worked harder or under greater difficulties than Mr. Wilson. For years he was the sole clergyman of the Church of England in Southern Manitoba, and it must do his warm and genial heart good to see how the Church is progressing in his old district. May God abundantly bless him in his good and self-denying work.

FOREIGN.

The London Missionary Society has received advices from Zanzibar that two men who have returned to that place from Uegna report that they saw Bishop Hannington, with fifty men of his expedition, taken out for execution.

The Caustein Bible House at Halle has printed 64 millions of Bibles since 1712. There are twenty-six Bible societies in Germany which distributed 515,000 copies last year.

It is announced that the Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, of Augusta, Georgia, who was elected to the Bishopric of the Diocese of Easton, has declined the office. Twice has Easton been disappointed in securing a successor to Bishop Lay.

The new class in Oxford University, England, is one of the brightest for years. The majority have a love for science. The Freshman class numbers 610. At Cambridge the new class is 865.

Of Bishop Lightfoot, of Durham, it is said, that since the days of Archbishop Ussher, England has not produced a scholar who is his superior or equal in the field of ancient Church history.

Archdeacon Darby, who has been nominated to the Deanery of Chester, is one of the hardest workers in the diocese. He has devoted much labor to the inspection of training-colleges, is most favorably known in the Northern Convention, and has been the intimate friend and trusted helper of two bishops.

Gladstone has from the estates of Hawarden an income of \$25,000 a year, and he is a patron of four

Church livings, one of which is held by his son, worth \$12,500.

Mr. J. Fred Holmes, formerly a Methodist minister, and who has recently served as lay reader in our Church, was ordained deacon in Trinity Church, San Francisco, February 5th.

STATISTICS OF MISSIONS.—At the outset of 1886, the religious condition of the race is as follows: Total, 1,500,000,000, one-third nominally Christian; of whom about 365,000,000 are Romish, Greek and Oriental, and 135,000,000 Reformed; of the remaining 1,000,000,000, about 10,000,000 are Jews, 180,000,000 Mohammedans, 800,000,000 Pagans. We give round numbers.

Of China's 300,000,000, 75,000 are in Christian communities; of India's 250,000,000, about 700,000; of Japan's 35,000,000, about 15,000; of Siam's 8,000,000, 8,000; of Turkey's 20,000,000, 100,000; of Persia's 7,500,000, 5,000; of Africa's 200,000,000, 600,000; American mission fields add 700,000, and the Isles of the Sea 400,000 more identified with Christian institutions; and so we have a grand total of 2,600,000, who in the whole mission field, are either converts or adherents of Christian churches.

Now let us glance at comparative results. Over one hundred organisations are now in the field, with a working force of 35,000; of these, 3,000 ordained, and 8,000 more lay workers and women, all from Christian lands; with 2,400 ordained natives, and 2,600 native teachers and helpers.

What work can these 35,000 workers show for the last reported year, 1883-84? In all missions there are 800,000 living communicants, of whom this year's net gain was 125,000! average of over three converts to each worker. The whole number of pupils in mission schools is not known, but, as in India alone it reaches 200,000, it is believed that the whole number would run into the millions.

What has all Christendom done to effect such colossal results? Given in that same year ten million dollars; or seven and a half cents for each Protestant church member; and sent one out of every 22,500 of those members into the field; and distributed 6,000,000 copies of parts or entire copies of the Word of God in 250 tongues.

And now what is the average cost of each convert in mission fields? All things brought into the estimate, it may reach eighty dollars; while the average cost of each convert in Christian lands exceeds \$560—seven times as much. At the same time, Rev. R. G. Wilder, the most careful and accurate of our missionary statisticians, says that the percentage of increase of communicants in all missions is 19.71, over against 0.57 at home—thirty-five fold as great!

If we judge the quality of these converts by their giving, their average is \$1.25 per year over against the 7-10 cents for Protestant Christians at home. Two hundred labourers in the South Seas, lately sent to the London Missionary Society \$465, over \$233 each; and 10,000 converts of Wesleyan Missions, in Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast, raised last year a jubilee fund of \$75,000, or an average of seven and a half dollars each, instead of seven and a half cents.—*Church Press.*

A REQUIEM MASS.—At the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Chicago, yesterday, a solemn requiem mass for the repose of the late Esther Jardine's soul was celebrated. About 120 people were present, the majority being ladies. The Rev. E. A. Larrabee was the celebrant, and he wore a girded alb, black stole and black chasuble, on the back of which was a cross in black velvet bordered with white. The action of Mr. Larrabee in the matter is the following out of the example set by the Rev. Father de Mattos, rector of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Leavenworth, Kansas, a few weeks ago, and also the course of Father Ritchie in New York. Both Bishop Vail, of Kansas, and Bishop Potter, of New York, protested against these masses, holding that there was no such service as a "Requiem Mass" prepared in the Prayer Book, or suggested by any rubric, or in any way left to the discretionary use of the clergy. Bishop McLaren, of Illinois, is at present in the Bermudas. The Church of the Ascension has always been considered extremely ritualistic in its tendencies, and has had trouble with the Bishop on several occasions while Father Ritchie was its rector. Since the latter went to New York, Father Larrabee has been the rector. The name of one of these misguided clergy sounds very familiar to many in the diocese of Toronto. We are asked whether Father de Mattos is the same person as a student of that name, who was educated in the Ultra-anti-sacerdotal school? We do not know, but if he is the change is a highly natural one, extremes breed extremes and young men taught that Christ's Church is non-existent as a Divine Body, and that sacraments are mere ceremonies, are in great danger of rushing into Popery when they learn how utterly unscriptural and unhistoric are the notions they were taught.