

new. Great satisfaction is expressed with the appearance of the building, both within and without. The improvements have been proceeded with without any cessation in regard to the Sunday services, the congregation once or twice only worshipping out of doors. The attendance has been remarkably good from the beginning of the present incumbency; but especially the last two Sundays, at both morning and evening services, crowded congregations testified their approval and interest in the change which had recently come over the Church. Very appropriate were the words of Archdeacon Sweatman in his sermon on the morning of the 3rd instant. Text, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness," the marginal rendering of which is, "Worship the Lord in the glorious sanctuary." The preacher after expressing his admiration and respect for the change which he saw around him said, David provided with magnificent cost for Solomon's Temple, and his lifelong principle was, "Shall I offer to the Lord that which cost me nothing?" He pleaded with impressive earnestness that the accompaniments of divine worship should be in keeping with our estimate of Him whom we worship and adore. We adorn and beautify our homes. Should the house of God be neglected? Should we not make the place for his feet glorious? The divine meaning of the text was in nowise forgotten. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The exterior of worship is not enough—moral beauty—the beauty of holiness was portrayed; and desire and longing was kindled in many minds to possess more and more this highest form of beauty.

On Sunday, 10th inst., large congregations greeted their old friend and former pastor, Rev. Hugh Cooper of Listowel. A glad feeling of recognition and remembrance was manifest between preacher and people.

On Monday, evening, 11th inst., the weather was very unfavorable for the public meeting, drizzling rain and bad roads—no prospect of a successful meeting—and yet, from a comparative handful of people about a hundred dollars were raised toward the expense of the Church restoration. Some \$250 yet remains to be provided, and this will soon be forthcoming from a willing and earnest people. The pastor has been much helped and strengthened in his work by his indefatigable friend and churchwarden, Mr. Balls. The expense of the church restoration from first to last will be between four and five hundred dollars. Messrs Taylor & Cheve, of Woodstock, have had charge of the painting, coloring, &c., and their work is well done. Messrs. Peacock & Love, builders, furnished the carpenter work, as well as the designs for desks, communion chairs, porch, etc., Messrs. John White & Co. supplied the carpets, matting, upholstering, etc., To Mr. W. Edwards, sr., of Woodstock the Church is peculiarly indebted to the free gift of his skilful labor upon the shield or tablet immediately in front of the building. The shield bears the following inscription in gilt letters, and is cleverly executed;—

"St. John's Church. Erected A. D. 1836 by the late Admiral Vansittart. Restored A. D. 1878." The centre of the shield bears the late Admiral's coat of arms. The whole feature calls forth universal approval. It is but meet that the honored name should be had in continual remembrance. The esteemed and influential people at Eastwood House, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Patterson and family had taken a very warm and active interest in all that concerns the church in this place. May their recompense be a thousand fold.

St. John's Church, Eastwood, is now ready, not only to welcome its own parishioners, but friends and visitors from Woodstock and elsewhere. Every fine Sunday morning we expect to see it thronged. The choir is increasing in strength and efficiency. The old church is now one of the most comely and beautiful within the radius of many miles.

OXFORD CENTRE.—A social was given in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening the 12th inst., in the interest of Christ Church, and in connection with the Rev. H. Cooper's visit from Listowel. The hall was crowded. Mr. Cowan, his pupils, and Agnes Green, performed their parts to the admiration of all. The proceeds amounted to more than \$80.00.

WOODSTOCK.—The churchmen of St. Paul's are

congratulating themselves on the approach of their new Church to completion, which they say will be one of the most commodious, handsome buildings in the diocese. The stone and brick work is completed, and the building is covered in. It is indeed a splendid structure. It is in the gothic style of architecture. At one end of the facade, there is a massive tower rising to the height of 135 feet; at the side of the other corner, there is a round tower to height of about 100 feet. There are four entrances, the principal one being under the tower. The walls are of red brick, and the slates, according to the prevailing fashion, of different colours. The entire work will be completed next summer. The cost will be about \$40,000.

LONDON.—The Church of England Young Men's Association gave the third of their fortnightly musical and literary entertainments in Bishop Cronyn Hall, on Tuesday evening last. The attendance was large, the Hall being crowded; the affair was in every respect very successful.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Huron returned on Saturday, the 23rd inst., accompanied by his bride. They were married by Very Rev. Dean Grasset, of St. James's, Toronto, in Grace Church, New York. Mrs. A. Roche, now Mrs. Boomer, had come from England to New York, and was there met by the Dean, and the wedding ceremony performed privately, without any ostentation. Now, that the Dean has returned, Huron College will be opened in a few days.

It is announced that Dr. Shulte, the lately appointed Classical Professor, will be here on the 1st prox., when the College will be reopened. In consequence of the death of Rev. Professor Halpin, there have been but a few days' college work since it was opened by him on the 1st of October.

WESTMINSTER.—St. James'—The first anniversary of St. James' Church was celebrated on Monday evening, the 10th inst. There was a very large attendance. Rev. Evans Davis, incumbent, delivered a brief address, prefatory to the commencement of the entertainment. Mr. G. B. Lippi, organist of St. Paul's, presided at the organ. First was an instrumental solo, rendered in a masterly manner; Gloria, 12th Mass, was then sung by the choir, followed by a bass solo, "Within thy Sacred Dwellings," by Mr. F. Coles. There was then a quartette, by Misses Wright, Churcher and Messrs. Lippi and Coles; a solo, "Lift up thine eyes," was sung by Misses Wright, Howell and Finnemore, then by Dr. Lippi, "Lord remember David." Miss Howell sang "Lord whom my heart holds dear." The entertainment concluded with the anthem, "O Praise God," sung by the choir.

British and Foreign.

ENGLAND.

The Bishop of Peterborough, before delivering the concluding portion of his charge at St. Martin's, Leicester, remarked that in the Communion Service he adopted the Eastward position in prayer for consecration, whereas on the previous day at St. Martin's he stood at the north side of the table. He did that in order to conform to the usage of each church, and expressed his intention of continuing to do so with a view to securing unity, recent decisions declaring both positions equally legal. He also did it because he did not attach any doctrinal importance to either position, and regretted that so much importance had been given to the point in their ritual controversies.

The Bishops have (the *Pall Mall Gazette* understands) come to a resolution that in future licenses shall not be granted for the re-marriage according to the rites of the Church of England of divorced persons.

A development of the system of setting apart "Quiet Days" for prayer and meditation is to be made at the parish church, Blackburn, where there will be a "Quiet Day" for the wives, sisters, and adult daughters of the rural deanery of Blackburn. The services will be conducted and addresses given by the Rev. Francis Pigott, M.A., vicar of Halifax, and chaplain to the Queen. The subject of the first address at 4.30 will be, "How a Clergyman's wife may hinder her Husband in his Work," and after an interval for tea, provided at the vicarage, a second address will be given in the church at 7.15, on "How a Clergyman's Wife

may help her Husband in His Work." Each address will be followed by a pause for silent prayer.

We are glad to learn that an effort is being made to restore the services at St. Ethelburga's, Bishopsgate street, to something of their former heartiness. The ritual is now of a less ornate character than used to be the case, but the weekly celebration of the Holy Communion has been recommenced, and there is a second choral celebration at 11.30.

At the parish church of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, on Sunday, sermons were preached on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This association, established in 1791, has done a good work in the Colonies, and it was a singular coincidence that the deputation on the present occasion was the Rev. W. Green, of the Diocese of Niagara, Ontario, Canada, he having been a resident of Dorchester half a century ago. Mr. Green resided in our town for six years, and afterwards went to Canada, where he has laboured for some time as a missionary of the Church. He has been 14 years an ordained clergyman. At each service there was a large congregation.

RIPLEY.—Derbyshire Churchmen have not forgotten the Rev. John Wood, the founder of their County Church Defence Institution, and formerly curate of Ripley. He was educated at Trinity College, Toronto, and labored for some years in Canada. A correspondent who recently visited Luton, where Mr. Wood now is, observes that Mr. Wood has been the instrument of building a glorious church which will accommodate 1,000 worshippers, and schools for 600 children. The money is almost raised for a parsonage house which is to be erected by next July, and a fine organ has been built by a local surgeon, and will be given to the church. All this time Mr. Wood has not received a penny of stipend for his work.

MISSION NOTES.

At a recent S. P. G. Meeting in England the Bishop of Capetown paid a warm tribute of gratitude and admiration to his great and heroic predecessor. True character was that of a great missionary Bishop, a great organizer, and one who freely gave his life for the increase of his Master's kingdom. He found South Africa a shapeless diocese, with some half-dozen clergy; he left it an essential province, with three Suffragan-Bishops. The clergy of his own diocese had meanwhile multiplied to 180. Capetown is the smallest of the South African dioceses; but it is as large as Great Britain. The Bishop explained his method of dealing with so large an area, with what is still (in spite of its increase) so small and inadequate a staff; and then drew the attention of the meeting to a very interesting community in the southern corner of his diocese. These are the Mahomedan Malays. Islam has hitherto been a very unpromising field of missionary enterprise. Little has been attempted and less has been done, for the Mahomedans. The so-called "Turkish Missions" are addressed, not to the Turks, but to the Greek Christians. But here Mahomedans, elsewhere so inaccessible, are positively asking for spiritual guidance. Dissatisfied with their own systems they are inquiring for further light. This feeling has lately found expression in a remarkable pamphlet, written in Dutch, but now translated, and published in Capetown, called "Abdullah Ben Yusuf." "Abdullah" is an assumed name, meaning "servant of God." The writer contrasts the history and moral character of Mahomet with the life of our Blessed Lord, and the precepts of the Koran with those of the Gospel; and adds these striking words:—"It has puzzled me greatly why the Christians do not try more than they have done to convert us; for they honestly believe that their religion is the truest and purest, and that we are as yet walking in great darkness." The Bishop said that he was very anxious to provide a missionary priest who should devote himself to this promising field of evangelical labor; and that he was raising funds for the purpose.

The Church of Rome is adding a Mission to those already existing in the Lake regions. Pope Leo XIII. has sanctioned a plan prepared by Cardinal Franchi whilst Prefect of the Propaganda. The work has been entrusted to a congregation established some ten years ago by M. Lavigerie at Algiers. Twelve missionaries have already left for Zanzibar. P. Livinsac will take charge of missions on Lakes Victoria and Albert; P. Parcal will fix his headquarters on the Tanganyika; and it is proposed to push forward as far as the capital of the Muato Yanvo (which might certainly be reached far more easily from the west coast). The missionaries have been instructed in the use of scientific instruments.

YEDO, JAPAN, 8th Oct. 1878.—I am actively employed in superintending the building of my church, which is to be finished by the 15th of December next. I have bound the contractor in a penalty of \$10 a day for each day after that period, if not completed by that time. The English people here have raised nearly \$1000 for stained glass windows, furniture