

and refuse to hand them over to the will of their enemies.

WYOMING AND IDAHO.—Within the past six months the following churches have been built and opened for services, viz., at Green River, and Cambria, Wyoming and Blackfoot, Cœur d'Alene City, Moscow, and Grangeville in Idaho. In addition the contract has been "let" for the projected cathedral at Laramie, for the erection of St. James' Church, Fayette, Idaho, and for the erection of St. Margaret's school for girls at Boise, Idaho. On all of these, the work is being pushed rapidly and it is hoped the buildings will be ready for use in a very short time. Churches are contemplated at Weiser, Shoshone, Bonner's Ferry and Mountain Home, Idaho, and Gillette, Wyoming.

UNDER Bishop Montgomery's energetic rule in Tasmania the Church is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. A writer in the *Daily Telegraph* (Tasmania) mentions eight churches in design or in course of construction, and two parsonages. The churches are at Scottsdale, Whiteford Hills, otherwise known as Elizabeth Town, Cape Barren Island, Ulverstone, Cressy, Glen Exe, Zeehan, and Derby; the parsonages at Longford and Scottsdale; and this is not a complete list of church building which is going on. The writer remarks, 'If the erection of new churches and parsonages is a sign of religious progress, then, members of the Church of England have reason to congratulate themselves on the building activity of their communion, which is at present apparent in Northern Tasmania.' The *Tasmanian Church News* sees in all this indications 'that the heart of the people is being more and more drawn towards the ancient Apostolic Church of their forefathers.'

MARYLAND.—On June 2nd, Bishop Paret confirmed two persons at Davidsonville, the Rev. C. J. Curtis, rector. The same afternoon he confirmed at Christ Church, West River, 13 persons, 9 of whom were boys and girls, thirteen to fifteen years old. It was a beautiful sight to witness this early consecration of their lives to God. That evening, at St. John's chapel, he confirmed 31 persons, only three of them being under 20, and 13 having been Lutherans and 16 Methodists. Rev. Thomas J. Packard is the rector of both churches and was much gratified at the large addition to his church. St. John's church was begun less than a year ago, finished enough for use, and furnished in two months. The work was almost entirely done by the men of the congregation, and as well done as skilled carpenters would do. It is 24x50 feet, with arched ceiling, stained glass windows, and most churchly appearance, and will seat 175 persons. The money to build it was raised by the parish and the new adherents, except three contributions, and this in a country depressed by low prices for farm produce, and among a poor people. More pleasure is felt in this work that God has enabled them to do than in a gift from outside.

The Bishop of Ballarat, Australia, in his address to the recent Church of England Assembly, spoke as follows upon the alleged 'waning' of the Church of England:—'Of difficulties, one

of the direst continues to be "denominational racing," especially in the bush. I will not say Ephraim "vexes" Judah, but she *paces* her. I want to see both "fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines in the West," together! Nothing is less satisfactory than scoring "petty" wins in rivalry of the kind I mean; but it may be advisable to mention that any Mrs. Harris who alleges the "waning" of the Church of England has the recent census figures (*valent quantum*) entirely against her. While Presbyterianism and Romanism seem to have decreased in their proportionate hold, numerically, on the population, our Church has steadily increased in that respect (as Methodism has also done in about the same ratio) since 1871, and now numbers of avowed adherents, roundly, 402,000, 1,140,000 or decidedly over a third of all the people. I cannot give you the figures of our diocese separately, but have reasons for confident belief that the Church of England in West Victoria has had even more than her proportionate share in such growth as is indicated by the statist's figures. Our diocesan statistical tables, when issued, will, I think, harmonise with this.'

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW NOTES.

The Church needs a continual supply of young blood; and young blood needs to be strengthened by the iron of law and faith, that the Church can infuse into it.

In the course of the nine years that have passed since the Brotherhood was founded, its members have learned at least four lessons of experience. They have learned that differences of Churchmanship can safely be ignored in practical work; that the *parochial spirit* is the worst enemy of effective co-operation; that the *rented pew* is an abomination and that free seats are both possible and inevitable; and that the "entertainment" feature of Church work divides forces, wastes energy, estranges people worth winning, and is altogether a delusion and a snare.

The Brotherhood idea is inevitably impelling men to surrender themselves without reservation to service in Christ's kingdom. We know of a young lawyer who has just decided to give up his profession and enter upon preparation for the ministry; of a travelling man who is reading on the road with the same end in view; of a mechanic who is carefully considering his Bishop's call to enter the permanent diaconate; of one Chapter from which four men, each of whom has given up a good business opening, have already entered on work in the western field; of a business man who sails for Japan in the fall and will labor there as a lay missionary. These men have realized within the past few months that the need for workmen is the call of God; the Bishops have welcomed them as having already had the best sort of practical training; and they are, we believe, in the vanguard of a host of faithful and consecrated recruits.

Since the death of Mr. Peter Henderson the seedsman of New York, his relatives have received over eight thousand letters expressing the writer's sense of personal loss through his death. The majority were acknowledgments of moral help and stimulus received from him. This man, who started as a working gardener, took as his rule of life the maxim, "Attack first whatever work is the most difficult or the most disagreeable," and worked himself up to world-wide reputation.

The St. Andrew's Cross for June announces nineteen new Chapters as formed in the United States, the number now reaching eight hundred and twenty-five.

The seventh annual convention of the Brotherhood in the United States will be held in Boston, Mass., on September 29th to October 2nd 1892.

The Brotherhood commission to the Pacific Coast decided on, at the St. Louis Convention, expects to start about August the 1st.

The Central New York Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood held its annual conference in Oswego last month under the presidency of Bishop Huntington. In the course of his address he said the Brotherhood came not by the will of men, but by the will of God, because it was needed in the Church. All through the history of the Church can be traced the divine adaptation of various methods for the spread of the kingdom of Christ to the needs and conditions of each special age. The parochial system of the Church is similar to a republican form of government, and, like a republican government, to be successful, it requires both men fit to govern and men to be governed. Now, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew aims to supply, in a measure, both these needs, but the latter particularly. "So when I hear that a Chapter has been formed in any parish," said the Bishop in conclusion, "I am filled with hope, because I am confident that when I next visit that parish for Confirmation I shall have presented to me men as well as women and children."

Chapters 72 and 73 of the Canadian Brotherhood have been formed at St. Paul's Church, Kingston, and St. George's Church, Hastings, Ont.

Halifax, N.S., has now its local assembly organized and 22 members from 4 Chapters attended the first meeting.

Nearly 100 men met at the Joint Meeting of the Toronto Chapters last month, which was declared by all to have been "The best yet" The characteristics of true brothers, "manliness, fraternity, loyalty, and enthusiasm" were discussed.

The second convention of the Western Ontario Local Assembly was held in Trinity Church, Galt, on 17th May; 8 Chapters were represented.

Mr. R. B. Southwell of the Cathedral Chapter, Hamilton, Ont., has visited the Kingston, Napanee, Cobourg and Peterboro Chapters; addressing them on Brotherhood work.

Mr. R. V. Rogers, Q.C., of Kingston and Mr. R. B. Southwell of Hamilton attended the Local Assembly of Central New York, at Oswego, as representatives of the Canadian Brotherhood.

THE HEART'S SONG (KNOCKING).

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In the silent night watches, list—thy bosom door!
How it knocketh, knocketh KNOCKETH, knocketh ever-
more!

Say not 'tis thy pulses beating; 'tis thy heart of sin:
'Tis thy Saviour knocks, and crieth, Rise and let me in!

"Death comes down, with reckless footstep, to the
hall and but:

Think you Death will stand a-knocking where that
door is shut!

Jesus waiteth, waiteth WAITETH, but thy door is fast.
Grieved, away the Saviour goeth; Death breaks in
at last!

"Then 'tis thine to stand entreating Christ to let thee
in,

At the gate of Heaven beating, wailing for thy sin.
Nay, alas! thou foolish virgin, hast thou then forgot?
Jesus waited long to know thee; now he knowe thee
not."