

ing, he may be long spared in health and strength to perform the new duties which will devolve upon him. We also feel that in Mrs. Matthews we loss an ardent and devoted church worker. This vestry can never forget the zeal and devotion, with which you and Mrs. Matthew's labored in the building of our beautiful church, which is now, greatly through your efforts, almost out of debt. And we trust that, though now separated for a season, we shall all unite hereafter in singing the praises of our Redeemer around the throne of God." Mr. Matthews having suitably replied, the vestry concluded its business by appointing Mr. Thomas Holmes, church warden the remainder of the year.

LONDON WEST.—In no part of the diocese has the progress of the year been more marked or the success more gratifying than in St. George's Sunday School. It has not only increased in the number of pupils, but in regularity of attendance. In fact, its superintendent, Rev. Mr. Lowe, has not only succeeded in making the school interesting to the children, but has stirred up the teachers and parents to more active sympathy with the work. A weekly Bible class is held for the teachers, where the lesson is thoroughly discussed and understood, and this has had a marked effect on the increased interest displayed by the classes. A judicious system of rewards has encouraged punctuality among the younger pupils. The school now has a regular attendance of 140, with a Bible class of 35, and a very large infant class. During the year the school has bought and paid for a new organ, and decorated their school in a very handsome manner. They have also contributed generously to the Algoma mission, and sent a well packed box to the Walpole Island Indians. The superintendent and teachers have abundant reason to thank God for the success during the past year which has rewarded their efforts, and for encouragement not to slacken in their zeal in the future.

The rural deanery chapter of county Grey met at Chatsworth on Wednesday, Jan. 4. A short service was held before the meeting. Prayers were said by Rev. J. O. Farthing, and a sermon preached by Rev. H. G. Moore, R. D. The following clergy were present: Rev. G. Keys, R. D., Ven. Archdeacon Mulholland, Revs. Fairlie, Farthing, Moore, Edgelaw, Graham, Channer. Seven laymen answered to their names. A resolution, congratulating Archdeacon Mulholland on his well-merited promotion, proposed by Rev. H. G. Moore, and seconded by Rev. J. O. Farthing, was unanimously passed, and suitably replied to by the Archdeacon. A resolution was also passed that rural deans should be elected by the R. D. chapter for a period of three years. After discussion, Markdale was selected as the next place for meeting.

WARDSVILLE.—On the invitation of the Rev. W. J. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, the congregation spent an evening recently at the rectory, which was crowded. Various amusements were joined in, music was interspersed, and refreshments partaken of. The clergyman distributed some tasteful New Year's cards, with the name of the church and with this motto upon each one—"Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them."

LONDON SOUTH.—There was a very pleasing social at the residence of Mr. John Beatty on Thursday, Jan. 4th. The amount realized to be applied toward the liquidation of the parsonage debt of St. James' Church. It was financially very successful, over \$500 being realized for the good purpose. During the evening refreshments were served, and a musical and literary programme given by the young people of the church. Mr. John Pope, of St. James' Sunday school, was agreeably surprised by the teachers and scholars of the school, who presented him with a handsome clock and a nicely bound Book of Common Prayer as a slight recognition of his valuable services.

FOREIGN.

Lord Wimborne has promised £1,500 toward the scheme for church extension in the Bourne Valley and Kinson, poor districts in the county of Dorset.

An altar cross has been given to Lincoln Cathedral by students, past and present, of the Theological College of Lincoln.

The parish church of Nottingon, Kent, was recently re-opened, after restoration, by the Right Rev. Dr. Parry, Bishop of Dover, who, in the course of a brief address after the opening service, alluded to the great age of this church, which was built seven hundred years ago.

The Bishop of Llandaff has consecrated new churches at Abergavenny and Nolton, making nine, besides mission chapels opened by licence, which he has consecrated.

Another new church for Swansea—the third erected in the town within two years—has been consecrated by the Bishop of St. David's and dedicated to St. Mark.

In the Rural Deanery of Sheffield, which comprises the thirty-seven parishes in the borough, the total sum subscribed by churchmen for home work and foreign missions for the year ending Easter, 1887, was £34,678.

The late Denis Crofton, Esq., of Mountjoy square, Dublin, has bequeathed a sum of £10,000 to the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland. He has also, we understand, left a sum of £15,000 to found in Africa, a missionary institution bearing his name.

The Bishop of London in his last charge stated that the Episcopal work proper had consisted of the consecration of 17 new churches, four enlargements of churches, two new churchyards, four enlargements of churchyards, the ordination of 149 priests and of 150 deacons, and the Confirmation of 19,249 men and boys, and of 38,474 women and girls. He had, of course, had a great deal of other work, which was needed for the government of the Church and aid of the clergy.

During the erection of the new Bishop's palace at Lincoln, a subterranean chamber has been discovered beneath the wall dividing the Old Palace from the Vicar's Court towards the southern extremity. The floor of the chamber is 27 ft. 6 in. below the ground level. The whole of the interior of the chamber was of well-wrought Ashlar masonry. When discovered the chamber was dry and clean; it is a great mystery. A passage 4 ft. in width, leading eastwards, was traced a little way towards the Vicar's Court. It is difficult to conjecture what the purposes of this chamber can have been.

A generous bequest has been made to Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. The will of the late Mr. Buckingham, of Poughkeepsie, provides for a legacy of \$50,000. We congratulate the President and friends of the college, and, indeed, the whole Church. The benefits of such a munificent gift will be widespread and lasting. Another noble example.

The *Guardian* says that the scheme for making Allahabad the head of a new Indian see is rapidly taking a practical shape. The first bishop located in India was appointed in the year 1813, and twenty years were allowed to elapse before the sees of Bombay and Madras were formed. The year 1877, just sixty-four years after the first bishop was sent out, saw an addition of four more, viz., Bishops Sargent and Caldwell and the Bishops of Lahore and Rangoon. Two years afterwards another missionary prelate—Bishop Spechley—was sent to Travancore. The only decided Evangelical prelate holding a position of any importance in India is the Bishop of Madras, who happens to be the oldest prelate of our Church in Asia. Bishops Sargent and Spechley are missionary bishops, so that practically they have very little influence on India as a whole. There is not a single Broad Church prelate in the whole of India, and some of the High Church bishops are of a very narrow, exclusive type. We earnestly hope that the new Bishop of Allahabad will represent the catholic views of the Church of England in a better way than is done by the dominant section of the existing Indian episcopate.

The Bishop of St. David's completed his confirmations for the year 1887 on November 30th, having held forty-five confirmations as against forty-three in 1886, and having confirmed 1,264 males and 1,740 females, in all 3,004 persons, as against 1,032 males and 1,507 females; total 2,539, in 1886. The annual average taken on the last three years has advanced at the following rate of increase: Annual average during the three years ending 31st December, 1885, 2,419; 1886, 2,613; 1887, 2,759.

Mr. Howard Gill, incumbent of the English church in the Rue d'Agnesseau, Paris, declares that the late Lord Lyons had attended that church regularly for twenty years, "I avow my firm conviction," he says, "that while he was among us here Lord Lyons remained true to the Church of England." No official necessity obliged him to attend this church. His attendance was purely voluntary, and he always carried his Prayer Book with him, sending a servant for it when at any time he left it behind. Lord Lyons was a single Protestant in a Roman Catholic house-

hold. He had no wife to confirm him in his allegiance to his Church; no son or daughter to restore him to what, in the days of his vigor, he would have bestowed on them—he was absolutely alone among his Roman Catholic kinsmen, and he was yearning for peace and rest. The result is well known. Shortly before the end, he was made a Roman Catholic. "I have nothing to say about such a proceeding," continued the preacher; "it may be in accordance with the practice of that Church, but, thank God, it is not in accordance with the practice of our own!"

BERMUDA.—On Saturday, December 17th, the Rev. Arthur Conway Jones was instituted into the living of Smiths and Hamilton Parishes. This is believed to be the first occasion in these Islands on which the act of induction of a Rector has been performed by the Bishop in person, and has been accompanied by a religious service. As due notice of the appointment had been given throughout the two parishes, a goodly congregation was gathered at each church. Divine service commenced at Holy Trinity Church, Hamilton Parish, at 11 o'clock, and at St. Mark's Church, Smith's Parish, at 3.30. After the singing of the 114th hymn his Lordship called upon his Vicar General to read the Bishop's License to the new Incumbent to exercise the office of a Priest in Bermuda. Then in the presence of the congregation the newly appointed Rector made the declaration of assent, and took the oaths of allegiance to the Queen, and of canonical obedience to the Bishop. Receiving the keys of the church from the churchwardens, the Bishop delivered them to the Rector, who answered, "I receive these keys of the House of God at your hands as the pledge of my Institution, and of your recognition, and I promise to be a faithful shepherd of the flock committed to my charge, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This was followed by prayers offered by the Bishop, who then addressed the new Incumbent to this effect: "I, by the authority committed to me, do hereby give thee Institution and Mission, as Pastor of this Church, and authority to preach the word, and administer the sacraments herein." Subsequently, the Bishop put into the Rector's hands the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, enjoining him to let them be the rule of his conduct in dispensing the Divine word, in leading the devotions of the people, and in exercising the discipline of the Church; and pronounced a solemn Benediction over him. This was followed by prayers and two other hymns.

The Bishop in a very interesting address made a feeling reference to the late Rector, the Rev. George Tucker, paying a noble and well deserved tribute to his faithfulness and diligence, and perseverance in his work under the trying circumstances of failing health; and then commended the new Incumbent to the kindness and co-operation, and fervent prayers of his flock.

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.

ALGOMA W. AND O. FUND.

SIR,—Your readers are already aware that a movement was already inaugurated last Spring by which Canadian churchwomen undertook to present a special offering in aid of the "Widows' and Orphans' Fund" of the Diocese of Algoma, as an appropriate celebration of the Jubilee year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria. It now becomes my pleasing duty to report the results of this movement to the Church at large, and I am sure that it will be no small gratification to the friends of our missionary diocese to learn that the results have yielded a large increase to this department of our finances. Less than a year since the Fund amounted to six thousand dollars (\$6,000). To-day, thanks to the combined free-will offerings of the churchwomen of Canada and others, it has reached ten thousand four hundred and six dollars and seventy cents. The offerings of the several dioceses towards the Jubilee collection have been as follows:—

Huron	\$1,037 00
Toronto	746 86
Ontario	648 92
Quebec	462 26
Niagara	207 24
Montreal	200 00
Algoma	60 00
Rupert's Land	22 00
Prince Edward Island	12 55

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