

is especially to be preached. At Grace church, in the afternoon, the Bishop again preached, and confirmed a class of eight persons, to whom he also made an address.

In the evening, at Trinity, after preaching to a crowded house, he confirmed and addressed eleven candidates; ten of whom were presented by the Rev. Francis Moore of St. Paul's chapel. The congregations throughout the day were large and attentive. The impression made thus far by the new Bishop of Wisconsin appears to be one of universal satisfaction and delight. He is winning the respect and confidence of the laity, and that being once secured, the way is open to large usefulness and a distinguished Episcopate.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 17, but a short time before the hour for service, St. Paul's chapel, the very successful mission church, and one of the most admired buildings of our city, burst into flames and was totally destroyed. The chancel furniture, the reed organ, and some of the books, were saved. An insurance of fourteen hundred dollars on the building will enable the mission to pay off the mortgage on the lot, and commence the work of reconstruction with a building fund of one thousand dollars. Nothing disheartened, the people of St. Paul's have already begun preparations for a new chapel, and the building will be going up as soon as the ground is in suitable condition. P.

PROTEST FROM THE VESTRY OF TRINITY CHURCH, TOLEDO.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: We, the Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity church, cannot refrain from expressing our pride in having you, our rector, chosen to fill a position so high in honor as that lately conferred upon you, and while we heartily congratulate you upon the just appreciation of your talents, and acknowledge your eminent qualifications for the office to which you have been called, viz: the Bishopric of Fond du Lac, we must at the same time express our feelings with sincerity of purpose against your departure from the church now under your charge.

We indulge the hope that you may, God willing, yet decide, after mature deliberation, that your field for usefulness in our Master's work is with us—to carry forward and perfect the good works already commenced, and so far progressing evidently with God's blessing.

Since your brief sojourn among us, a number of parochial interests have been commenced under auspices that bid fair to promote the advancement of Church work in this rapidly increasing parish, much of which being under your own immediate supervision—in fact originating with yourself—must, in case of your departure, necessarily lose some of that interest and vigor so essential to ultimate success.

Our school, of which you are the founder, besides other important interests of the Church, must sensibly suffer with the loss of their projector, and we deprecate any doubt that may now exist in your mind as to the choice of a point for present and future usefulness.

We further hope and pray that the importance of the great work yet to be done in this parish, and the effect it will have abroad, may present itself to your mind and have its influence towards aiding you to solve a delicate question of duty; and we humbly trust that it may be God's will that you remain with us to continue in that same unity of feeling and harmony of action which has thus far characterized our associations.

[Signed] C. B. Phillips, Senior Warden; Wager Swayne, Junior Warden; Geo. W. Davis, R. F. Russell, H. S. Walbridge, Samuel M. Young, Maro Wheeler, Geo. Milmine, C. R. Mossinger, Wm. I. Kelly.
Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1875.

LETTER OF THE REV. LEIGHTON COLEMAN, S.T.D., TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC.

TRINITY CHURCH RECTORY, Toledo, O., Feb. 4, 1875.
The Rev. Messrs. Haff, Parko, and Durlin; Messrs. Gary, Field, and Martin, Committee:

DEAR BRETHREN: Referring to my letter on the 12th ult., in which I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your official notification of my unexpected election to the Diocese of Fond du Lac, I now beg leave to announce my declination of said election.

The delay in communicating my final answer has arisen from an intense desire to weigh fully and impartially the various considerations which have been presented on either side, and to visit (as I recently had the pleasure of doing) the new Diocese and confer personally with its members.

I was most favorably impressed with what I saw and heard. I cannot but think that with the character of the Church in general as developed there, under such noble leaders as Bishops Kemper and Armitage, the willingness to further Her work evinced by the really admirable body of clergy and laity residing there, the present strength and prospective growth of the territory thus set apart, any Bishop might feel encouraged at the very beginning of his labors; and be thankful for the opportunity so happily afforded of demonstrating the wisdom of subdividing our too large jurisdictions. It is not therefore because I am doubtful of the extent and promise of this truly attractive field that I decline the call; nor is it that I place a low estimate upon the sacred dignity and worth of the high office which your Council tendered me. The circumstances attending my unanimous election have seemed to me at times as almost compelling an acquiescence with the result thus attained, despite my sincere misgivings as to the fitness of the choice.

But after the most painstaking and conscientious consideration of the whole subject, (aided, too, as I have been, by the prayers and counsel of many of the faithful,) I have been led to the conclusion that the claims of my parish are at present paramount to any other claims.

After very mature reflection, I left a parish to which I was strongly attached, in Pennsylvania, and removed hither in May last. The whole course of events since has confirmed me in the belief that I was providentially led to this change. My ministry here has been, it is true, but barely begun; yet such has been the hearty cooperation of my dear people, and such is their readiness to carry out in the immediate future some projected plans of Church work in this very important centre, that I have felt constrained to heed the earnest and affectionate protests, both formal and informal, which have been made by the vestry and congregation at large against leaving them at this juncture. My duty seems to be to remain here and fulfil what I might term the contract into which we entered in good faith so recently.

I do not deny that as a general rule the call of a Diocese made as yours was to me, may take precedence of the necessities and remonstrances of any parish, but I humbly submit that there are times and circumstances in which a fellowship so brief as mine has been, may bar one from thus removing to what appears to be even a larger sphere of usefulness.

How to adjust these Diocesan and Parochial claims, and how to reconcile the various providences apparent in this present case, has been to me a question very difficult to settle, but my honest aim has been to discern and do what was the will of the Lord, whose unworthy servant I am.

I regret the necessity of writing at such length. The many and very cordial desires (which, however undesired, I shall always most thankfully remember) expressed by the several parties interested, required something more than a merely formal statement of my decision.

Most heartily praying for God's abundant and continuous blessing upon yourselves and all the members of your new Diocese, and asking for myself a remembrance in your supplications, I am, with great respect, yours faithfully,
LEIGHTON COLEMAN.

The Fond du Lac Reporter gives an account of the visit of the Rev. Mr. Coleman to the Diocese.

The Bishop-elect arrived on Friday evening, Jan. 23. On Saturday he visited Oshkosh and returned to Fond du Lac. Sunday he conducted services, morning and evening, at St. Paul's church, Sunday afternoon visiting Rosendale and preaching there. On Monday morning he conducted two services at St. Paul's church, and in the evening was given a reception at the rectory. Monday afternoon a meeting of clergy of the Diocese was held in this city.

DAKOTA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

YANKTON, Jan. 26, 1875.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I send you this appeal for publication. I can vouch for the truthfulness of the statements. I personally know the committee from Yankton county. I firmly believe that all entrusted to them will be judiciously distributed. Should there be any who prefer to have their gifts pass through the hands of a clergyman, I will receive the same, and distribute to the best of my ability.

M. HOYT.

AN APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Territory of Dakota.

Executive Office, Yankton, Jan. 22, 1875.

The fact cannot be disguised that there is considerable destitution in various parts of this Territory, caused mainly, we have reason to believe, by the destruction of crops by grasshoppers last season.

There is destitution reported, and we have appeals for aid from Brookings, Lincoln, Turner, Union, Clay, and Bon Homme counties; and there are, or doubtless will be, instances of destitution and suffering in other sections of the Territory before the Winter is over.

We are assured that there are families in all the above counties, out on the prairies, that need help in food and clothing immediately; and that there are many who must have help to procure seed grain, or they will not be able to make crops the present year.

Most of the people who settle in Dakota are very poor when they arrive, and the loss of one crop falls very heavily on them, in many instances rendering it entirely impossible for them to sustain life. The feeling is buoyant and sanguine, however, and there is a universal determination to continue the struggle, and to plant again, with hopes of a better harvest this year, provided aid can be procured to sustain life and procure seed.

Much has already been done by local effort to aid the destitute, and our people did hope to be able to weather the storm, and not be compelled to call on the outside world for help, but they find they cannot do it.

Not having the benefits of a State organization, being but a dependency of the general government, a newly settled and sparsely populated country, with no great accumulations of wealth, we have not the facilities for helping ourselves that older communities possess. We have no money in the Territorial treasury, and no way of raising any for the present emergency.

The Legislative Assembly has adjourned without making any provision to aid the destitute, if we except the passage of a bill for the issuing of Territorial bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for that purpose, with a proviso that they should not be sold for less than ninety cents on the dollar; and as intelligent business men are almost unanimous in the opinion that it would be impossible to negotiate them at that price, the commissioners named in the bill have determined not to issue them at all.

Under these circumstances, and for these reasons, we earnestly appeal to the sympathies of a charitable public for aid for such of the settlers in Dakota as are in want.

Donations of food and clothing, and of grain for seedling purposes, and of money to purchase such articles, will be acceptable, and will be promptly and faithfully distributed to the destitute and needy.

After consultation with a number of leading citizens from different parts of the Territory, the following well known gentlemen have been selected to constitute the Territorial Relief Committee, with headquarters at Yankton, to whom all donations may be sent.

Yankton county—Ex-Gov. Edmunds, Maj. F. J. Dewitt, Charles Eisman.

Clay county—M. D. Thompson, W. O. Devay.

Union county—Rev. G. W. Freeman.

Minnehaha county—Hon. F. J. Cross.

Lincoln county—Hon. G. W. Harlar.

Turner county—Rev. J. J. McIntire.

Cass county—Hon. A. McHench.

Bon Homme county—E. W. Barber.

Burleigh county—Hon. E. A. Williams.

JOHN L. PENNINGTON, Governor.

GEO. H. HAND, Secretary Dakota Territory.

We, the undersigned citizens of Dakota, recognizing the necessity for aid, cheerfully endorse the above appeal.

J. P. KIDDER, Associate Justice.

A. H. BARNES, Associate Justice.

WM. POUND, U. S. Attorney.

J. H. BURDICK, U. S. Marshal.

J. A. PORTER, Mayor of Yankton.

M. HOYT, Rector of Christ church.

L. D. PARKER.

C. E. SANBORN, Cashier First National Bank.

A. W. HOWARD, Postmaster.

TO THE PUBLIC: The Relief Committee named above, desiring as far as possible, to avoid every opportunity for imposing on a generous public, wish simply to state that no solicitors will be sent abroad, or employed, or authorized to represent Dakota in this effort to obtain relief. Every effort in the power of the committee will be made to place all donations received in the hands of those actually suffering from want and destitution. The committee rely on the active cooperation of benevolent associations, city authorities, boards of trade, and a generous public for contributions for relief of the people.

NEWTON EDMUNDS,

F. J. DEWITT,

CHARLES EISEMAN,

M. D. THOMPSON,

W. O. DEVAY,

Executive Committee.

KENTUCKY.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, D.D., was consecrated Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, in Christ church, Baltimore, Md. The Bishops present were—the Presiding Bishop, the Bishops of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Oregon, the Assistant Bishops of Maryland and Virginia, and the Lord Bishop of Huron. Bishop Johns preached from 1 Cor. i. 23. The candidate was presented by Bishops Whittle and Pinkney. The testimonials of the Diocese of Kentucky were read by the Rev. Foster Ely and the Rev. P. L. Tschiffely, the consent of the Standing Committees by the Rev. A. M. Randolph, and of the Bishops by the Rev. Dr. H. C. Potter. Bishops Johns, Stevens, Pinkney, and the Lord Bishop of Huron, joined with the Presiding Bishop in the laying on of hands.

In the evening Bishop Dudley confirmed twenty-five persons in the Church of the Messiah, Baltimore.

LONG ISLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVOCATIONS. — The series of these Convocations being held this Winter, continue to be well attended, and the interest manifested in them increases. The effect upon the working of the schools in the Diocese is manifest, both as to the system of instruction pursued, and the organization and method of conducting them.

On the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the fourth of the present series was held in the Church of the Messiah, the Rev. Charles R. Baker rector. The subject announced for discussion was, "How to interest the members of our Sunday-schools in the charities of mission work of the Church."

The Convocation was presided over by the Bishop—who after appropriate devotions, announced the subject for the evening's discussion, and said he could hardly conceive of a Sunday-school that was not in some way interested in works of charity and of extending the Gospel. Still there was a great need of increased interest in this great department of Church work. The problem under discussion was how to take hold of the young life of the Church, and so train it as to perpetuate its forces in the direction of work for God and humanity, so that when the present laborers in the vineyard should be called to their labor, the work would yet go on.

Dr. Jerome Walker, superintendent of St. John's church Sunday-school, then read a paper on the subject. He considered the field of mission and charitable work. This included all the missions in this and foreign lands—not only the places of public worship, but also the Hospitals, Homes for aged, and orphan asylums. In the language of the great teacher, the field was the world, and in our offerings we should not cherish one worthy object to the exclusion of others. A broad Catholic spirit for every part of God's vineyard, should be inculcated in the minds of the young, as a matter of principle.

Mr. S. D. C. Van Bokkelen, of St. Barnabas Sunday-school, said the subject was one to which he had given much thought during his thirty years of Sunday-school work, and his experience was that we preached in our different parishes as well as read from the Bible, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap;" "God loveth a cheerful giver;" "There is that scattereth, and still increaseth;" but when it came to practice, we halted.

Of the forty-one schools in Kings county, reported in the last report of the Sunday-school Committee, eighteen reported that all the offerings of the children went for the support of their own school, or towards paying church debt. These schools gave \$5,000 during the year, nearly one-third of the whole contributions. Their rolls showed a membership of 4,500, out of 12,500 in the whole forty-one schools. Thus over one-third of the children under instruction in our school, had been taught the principle of selfishness in their offerings; and the great truth of the happiness of giving for the support of others, was entirely lost sight of.

He related his own experience as superintendent of St. James Sunday-school for a number of years, and of St. Barnabas, which school he took charge of last Summer, and with the consent of his rector, he instituted one Sunday during the month as a mission Sunday, when some