

snow placed in order (as it were by magic). These layers consist of blocks two feet square. The interior is about seven feet in diameter, and from four to five feet high, heated by means of oil lamps. * * * These people travel in sleds drawn by four or more dogs; one man is required to run ahead of the dogs in order to make a path for them to follow in. * * * Ven. Archdeacon Tims then gave an intensely interesting and graphic description of the Black-foot Indians in Alberta, confining his remarks more particularly to the stereopticon views. In the course of his remarks he showed the progress that had been made among these people, morally and spiritually, since his advent amongst them some twelve years since. Among the views shown were the several Mission Houses. The recently built boarding school at the South Camp of the Blackfeet Reserve called for special attention, being the best and most improved boarding school in the North-West; the sun dance, the Buffalo dance, the making of braves, the Indian cemeteries, Indian villages, Bull Horn Academy, Eagle Rib's Mission School and Red Crow's school, in connection with the last two schools. The Archdeacon incidentally mentioned Messrs. C. L. Mills and Robert Herbert, students of Huron College, formerly lay-missionaries respectively at these places. Owing to the late hour the Archdeacon abbreviated his remarks. After a hearty vote of thanks had been tendered to the missionaries, the meeting closed with the benediction. Since the last annual meeting two missionaries have gone to the far West from Huron College, Messrs. Curry and Appleyard. Mr. Curry is stationed at St. Peter's Mission, Besser Slave Lake, Peace River District, N.W.T., working in conjunction with Rev. George Holmes. Mr. Appleyard is stationed at Skeena River, British Columbia, doing effective work there.

GORRIE.—The fifth annual Sunday-School Convention for the Township of Howick was held in Gorrie, on Tuesday, 3rd March, with the rector of Gorrie, Rev. C. R. Gunne, M.A., in the chair, and was pronounced by the *Gorrie Vidette* the most successful Convention yet held. A number of very interesting papers were read, including "The Review Lesson," by Rev. A. B. Douson; "How to Encourage the Sunday-School Staff," by Dr. Smale; "The Relation of Sunday School to Missions," by Rev. H. E. Mason; "The Bible and How to Handle It," by Rev. A. C. Crews; "The Duty of Parents to the Sunday School," by Mr. Robt. Deachman; "The Relation of Sunday-School to the Church," by Rev. J. S. Fisher; "The Teacher's Preparation," by Rev. A. C. Stewart, etc. The duties of the president were ably discharged by the Gorrie rector, who also addressed a mass meeting of the Sunday-school children, answered the questions of the question drawer, took an active part in the discussions, and spared no effort to make the meeting in every way a success. The Convention had two crowded sessions, afternoon and evening, and every seat was filled.

KINCARDINE.—The rector of Kincardine, Rev. Jas. Thompson, has resigned.

PERTH DEANERY.—The next meeting of this Deanery will be held in May, at the village of Millbank, and an interesting session is looked for, and the next Sunday-school Convention of the Deanery will be held in June or July in St. James' parish, Stratford.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS.—The Bishop's Confirmation appointments for April to end of June, 1896, are confined to the counties of Waterloo and Oxford as follows: Wallaceburg April 19; Berlin, April 26; Hamburg and Haysville, April 27; Wilmet and Galt, April 28; Drumbo and Princeton, April 29; Innerkip, Oxford Centre and Eastwood, April 30; Dereham and Tilsonburg, May 1; Norwich and Otterville, May 3; Huntingford and Zorra, May 4; Lakeside and Thamesford, May 5; Memorial Church, Stratford, and Sebringville, May 10; Mooretown, May 13; Corunna, May 14; Simcoe, May 17; Sarnia, June 21; Point Edward and Perche, June 22; Wyoming and Petrolia, June 23; Wanstead and Watford, June 24; Brooke and 4th line Warwick, June 25; Warwick and Wisbeach, June 26; Strathroy, June 28.

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A confirmation of adults will be held, by permission of the Dean, in Westminster Abbey.

Dr. Pierson, the American evangelist, has been holding successful meetings in Dublin and the neighbourhood.

The Dean of Manchester presided over a meeting held at the Diocesan Chambers to consider a proposal to commemorate the fiftieth year of Archdeacon Anson's labours in Manchester.

News has been received from Uganda up to November 27th. All was well then and Bishop Tucker was still at Mengo.

Professor Weber, of Bonn, was elected Bishop of the Old Catholics on Wednesday in succession to the late Bishop Reinke.

The Bishop of Ripon has just returned home, quite recovered from the sharp attack of influenza which he experienced whilst abroad.

The Rev. John A. Jennings, rector of Donoughpatrick, Co. Meath, has been appointed by the nominators to the parish of St. Mary's, Dublin.

The Bishop of London has appointed the Rev. W. S. Carter, lately organizing secretary of the Young Men's Friendly Society, to the vicarage of St. Matthias, Bethnal Green.

At the annual meeting, the report stated that thirty Bible women were working in as many parishes in Liverpool, and that their entire cost to the Society was only £1 10s.

The meetings of the Missionary Union have been well attended this term, and during the last week several members of the University have joined the Student Volunteer Missionary Union.

A sum of £1 500 was voted at the usual monthly meeting of S.P.C.K. recently towards maintenance and for the purchase of the site of the training college for lay-workers at Stepney.

The *Yorkshire Post* says that the Rev. J. Bedford, curate of Staunmore, who accepted the Lord Chancellor's living at Saddington, Leicestershire, has resigned it after paying two visits to the parish.

The Dean of Ely, who preached two Sundays ago at Westminster Abbey, occupied a considerable portion of a striking sermon in proving that the "cursing" in the communion service are not words of imprecation.

The Archbishop-elect of Armagh will be enthroned in Derry Cathedral on the eve of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin (the octave of St. Patrick), and Dr. Chadwick will be consecrated as his successor on the following day.

Her Majesty the Queen has contributed £20 towards the repairs of the Missions to Seamen cutter "Eirene," which is employed all the year round to minister to the crews of ships, coasting craft and yachts frequenting the Solent.

Lady Alice Fitzwilliam, in the presence of a large congregation, unveiled the memorial bust of the late Archdeacon Blakeney, vicar of Sheffield, which has been placed in the parish church as part of the scheme to perpetuate his memory.

Evangelicals in Liverpool have been very pained since the new vicar of Emmanuel's Church, Everton, discontinued evening communion, notwithstanding the earnest protest of the congregation, a number of whom have already left the church.

The Irish Church Missions gives a sound Scriptural education to 2,000 children. Its itinerant evangelists in 1895 sold no fewer than 11,000 books and booklets, chiefly copies or portions of the Scriptures, and visited 180 fairs and markets.

On Sunday week the annual sermons on behalf of the Colonial and Continental Church Society were preached by the Rev. J. M. Ham, in St. Aldgate's and St. Clement's Churches. The needs in Australia and Canada were chiefly spoken of.

Bishop Wilkinson, while on a visit to the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, in convocation robes with his episcopal staff, knelt in prayer at the altar and kissed the holy image of the Saviour. He also did reverence to the relics of St. Alexander Nevsky.

Churchmen in Leeds are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts to promote Christian education. At the meeting in defence of voluntary schools, the chairman stated that they had raised £40,000 in five years, and were now appealing for another £15,000.

Very satisfactory progress is being made with the movement for the erection of a permanent church for Newnham. The growing population of the district warrants this step being taken, and at a recent meeting it was shown that the fund had already risen to nearly £600.

The mere existence of the reredos at St. Paul's, which is viewed day by day by thousands of tourists from remote rural districts, has been the means of

informing a numberless band of our more ignorant brethren that we in the Church of England have an altar, a sacrifice, and a priesthood.

The lamented and premature death of Canon Beck has placed the living of Scotter, Lincolnshire, which is worth about £800 a year with residence, at the disposal of the Duke of Rutland. Canon Beck had held the benefice for only six months, but his predecessor was rector for more than sixty years.

The Bishop of Mashonaland made his first public appearance in London at a meeting on Tuesday, March 17th, at the Mansion House. The bishop, who is a warm friend of Dr. Jameson, is a thorough Africaner, having worked in South Africa for twenty-two years, fifteen of which were in the Diamond Fields.

A meeting of the Central Executive of the Church of England Temperance Society was held at Westminster recently, the Bishop of London presiding. After a long discussion it was decided to support the Sunday Closing Bill, introduced by the Archbishop of York into the House of Lords, as well as the measure introduced by Lord Norton.

Both the Lord's Day Observance Society and the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association have been very active in rousing public opinion, in view of the motion to be made in the House of Commons in favour of Sunday opening of museums. Electors are asked to write earnest protests to their Parliamentary representatives.

The Bishop of Norwich, writing in the *Diocesan Gazette* to the clergy and churchwardens of the diocese, says the time has, beyond doubt, arrived when some effort should be made, if only by way of a beginning, to improve the temporal condition of the clergy, many of whom are in straitened circumstances, some few in positive want.

The Welsh service at St. Paul's Cathedral on St. David's Eve drew a vast congregation to the great building, which was quite full. The choir numbered about 300 voices, and the singing throughout was very beautiful. The whole of the service was in the Welsh vernacular, including the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop of Swansea.

The people of Edinburgh are looking rather askance at a new movement on the part of the Roman Catholic Church to erect a nunnery in the village of Liberton, in the vicinity of the city. The Roman Catholics have already established a Magdalene Home in the city, and people are at a loss to know what occasion there is for another such.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have issued their usual annual notice to the effect that they are prepared to receive on or before December 1st, offers of benefactions of not less than £100 towards making better provision for the cure of souls, with a view to such offers being met by the Board with grants of capital sums, during the spring of 1897.

The Bishop of Salisbury, writing in the *Diocesan Gazette* as to the present condition of the Clergy Sustentation Fund, says that by sustentation of the clergy he understands the grant of annual, and, as near as may be, permanent pensions, made to individuals whose incomes require settled improvements, not so much in the time of old age as during their working life.

The death is announced of the Rev. Horace Waller, rector of Twywell, Northants. For several years he was a missionary in Africa, and was regarded as an authority on African matters. In Africa he made the acquaintance of Dr. Livingstone, at whose funeral in Westminster Abbey, in 1874, he was one of the pall-bearers. He was also a friend of General Gordon.

The Bishop of Winchester has selected the Rev. George Carnac Fisher, late vicar of Croydon, to be Bishop-Suffragan of Southampton, in succession to the Bishop of Osaka. Bishop Davidson has always thought it undesirable that a Bishop-Suffragan should hold parochial cure of souls, and the new bishop is prepared to give himself entirely to the duties of Bishop-Suffragan.

The new Church of St. Anselm, Berkley Square, which replaces the old Hanover chapel in Regent street, is of byzantine architecture, and is very handsome. On the day of consecration, there was an imposing outside procession, and the Bishop of London was accompanied by the Bishop of Marlborough, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Newcastle and other well known persons. The vicar, Mr. Moore, is a son of Prebendary Moore, who was present on the day of opening.

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