

as severely as other places, the wardens' annual financial statement showed a balance on hand after paying all ordinary expenses and expending \$70 on repairs, etc., to the church. A Sunday-school has been recently started and will fill a long-felt want. A member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is the first superintendent. A mission service is held in Cargill every Thursday evening, and is well attended. The rector of Walkerton, Rev. S. F. Robinson, is to be congratulated on the prospects for the Church in his parishes.

**HESPELER.—St. James'.**—The Rev. Canon Richardson, of London, visited this parish on Thursday, 2nd inst., and gave an admirable address to the Christian Endeavour Society. The address was interspersed with reminiscences of travel, and notes on Church history. He also, by commission from the Bishop, inducted three lay readers to their office—Mr. Edgar Garland, Mr. Godfrey Morgan and Mr. Wellington Keffer. These men have been proving their fitness for some time past by conducting morning service. The induction was of a most interesting character, and the Rev. Canon was much pleased with the men. The service was much enjoyed by those present.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

The Rev. C. J. Machin left England on the 9th inst., and the Bishop of Algoma sailed on the 16th.

A new edition of Prof. Goldwin Smith's "Oxford and her Colleges" will be illustrated with photographs of the various buildings.

The Rev. Arthur J. Gammack entered upon his work as curate in St. John's Church, Stamford, Conn., on Sunday, April 28.

The Rev. Mr. Moore, of Bervie, has resigned his charge.

There are 13 miles of book shelves in the British Museum, London.

Rev. Mr. Lewin has resigned the rectorship of Prescott, and will remove to Kingston.

The German Emperor has a new nickname—"William the Sudden," a name that could not easily be improved.

The Rev. J. K. Godden, M.A., late of Allandale, has been inducted as incumbent of St. Alban's Church, Acton.

It is claimed that fully 20,000,000 acres of American land are owned by great land-owners in England and Scotland.

Rev. G. R. Beamish, of St. George's, Kingston, has been presented with a gold-headed cane by his Bible class, said to be the largest of its kind in Ontario.

At a meeting of St. Luke's Church, Camden East, a vote of thanks, and regret at leaving, was passed unanimously to W. MacMorine for his services during the past two years.

The Rev. J. Thornton Cole, formerly missionary to Japan, has been appointed secretary of the American Church Missionary Society.

The English Government has conferred upon Mr. William Watson, the poet who has been so often mentioned as a possible Laureate, a pension on the civil list of £100 a year.

The Princess of Wales has a tea service consisting of 60 pieces, and every piece has upon it a photograph taken by the Princess in Scotland.

The Rev. W. L. Cheney, of Glenboro, has been appointed to the parish of McGregor, rendered vacant by the removal of Rev. J. H. Sykes to Oak Lake.

The bequests of the late Earl of Moray include three sums of \$25,000 each, to St. James' Church, Piccadilly, St. Mark's Church, and to the Anglican Bishop of London.

A man in England is making a lot of money by lending out a £1,000 Bank of England note for swell weddings, to be exhibited as the gift of the bride's father.

The Rev. H. G. Miller, M.A., has resigned the principalship of Huron College, and will return to England to enter the active service of the Church.

The Dowager Lady Tennyson appears in the new number of the *Girls' Own Paper* as a composer, having set to music Lord Tennyson's "Sweet and Low," as a song. Lady Tennyson evidently used to sing this setting to the poet, for there is a foot note to the song which proves the point.

Three noted German painters celebrate their eightieth birthday this year—Schrader, Achenbach and Menzel. They are still busy with the brush, except Schrader, whose eyes have given out. Menzel, curiously enough, draws with his left hand and paints with his right.

The new chapel of St. Thomas Church, New York City, was recently consecrated by the Bishop of New York. The chapel, on East Sixtieth street near Third avenue, was built at a cost of \$80,000, as the gift of Mrs. J. S. Linsley.

Eganville, Diocese of Ontario, has resolved to become a self-supporting parish, voluntarily relinquishing its mission grant, thanking the diocesan board for nursing care for many years.

The widow of John Brown of slavery days fame, has lived for several years in a cabin among the red-woods of the Sierra Azure Mountains, fifty miles south of San Francisco. From her veranda she looks down across a Garden of Eden, the Santa Clara Valley. Many tourists visit her, and to all she gives warm, kindly welcome.

The Easter collection contributed by the congregation in general at Trinity Church, Watertown, N.Y., amounted to \$2,300, and was afterwards increased to \$4,600 by a contribution from ex-Gov. R. P. Flower, who had agreed to give dollar for dollar.

Archbishop Farrar made over \$40,000 out of his three books: "The Life of Christ," "The Life of St. Paul" and "Early Days of Christianity." He was only a comparatively unknown curate when one of his sermons attracted the attention of a publisher, who immediately commissioned him to visit Palestine in order to write a biography of Christ. This was how his gift of writing was first discovered.

Rev. J. H. Coleman, M.A., son of Rev. A. H. Coleman, rector of Arnprior, is home from Kingston, where he had been curate in St. James' Church for eighteen months. He will assist his father for a few weeks and occupy his comparative freedom from clerical duty by reading for priest's orders. He will go to Deseronto in June as *locum tenens* for Rev. H. B. Patton during his absence in England.

The Lord Chancellorship was Sir Roundell Palmer's reward for his services as counsel for England before the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration on the Alabama claims. His work in the case made his name very familiar to American readers. Lord Selborne was always an earnest Churchman, and his "Book of Praise" is one of the best compilations of sacred poetry in the English language. One of his brothers, however, is a convert to Catholicism. As a lawyer, he had no superior in England, and he was regarded as one of the most accomplished scholars of the age.

#### British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Liverpool lately admitted eleven candidates as lay-readers in the diocese.

The Bishop of Worcester recently consecrated the newly-erected Church of St. George at Worcester, which has cost over £8,000.

The Bishop of Chester recently consecrated the new Church of All Saints', Ringway, near Wilmslow, which has just been erected by the patron of the living, Lord Egerton, of Tatton, at a cost of £8,000.

There is a movement on foot to provide a cathedral for Belfast. Canon O'Hara, the rector of St. Anne's, has promised a large donation, and £1,000 has been promised by Lady Shaftesbury. The cathedral will be built on the site of the present church, but active steps in that line will not be commenced till £20,000 has been secured.

Dr. Robertson Nicoll, the editor of the *British Weekly*, believes that the Christian press will yet have to consider the drama. It is, he says, too great a force and has too much hold upon the people the preacher addresses, to be ignored. The pleasant fiction that church-members do not go to the theatre can no longer be kept up.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a letter from the National Protestant Church Union on the question of union with Rome, to which he replies: "Any corporate union with Rome, so long as she retains her distinctive and erroneous doctrines, advances her present unprimitive and un-Scriptural claims, is absolutely visionary and impossible."

The daughter of the Archbishop of Canterbury devotes her life to the poor of London. Though possessing a comfortable independence, she has chosen to make her home in one of the poor streets in Lambeth. There is no work which she regards as too menial for her hands to do, provided it lifts a little the burden from the poor and aged.

The effort made to secure a distinguished layman, such as Mr. Bosworth Smith, of Harrow, for the coveted position of headmaster of Rugby School, England, was unsuccessful, and a Church dignitary has been appointed in the person of the Dean of St. Asaph's, who is known as a successful schoolmaster, and is at present headmaster of Cheltenham College. The appointment is remarkable because it has been usual for the Prime Minister of England to translate headmasters of Rugby in deaneries and bishoprics,

as in the case of Dean Tait and Dean Goulbourn and Bishop Temple and Bishop Percival; but in the present instance the Dean of St. Asaph's will probably resign his deanery, in order to devote himself to work which Thomas Arnold began and which has been so ably continued by distinguished divines and educators.

A correspondent of an English journal says: "I was present at a drawing-room meeting the other day in the interests of the London City Mission. A clergyman of the Church told us that the sick and the poor of London, and England generally, were almost, if not entirely, dependent upon the clergy of the Church for spiritual ministry and help, inasmuch as 'our nonconforming brethren' were too much occupied with the interests of their immediate congregations to give any attention to the poor and sick outside their own communions—whereas 'the clergy of the Church' were the servants of all, and were bound to visit the sick and poor and relieve their destitution, both spiritually and temporally. He told us that every clergyman of the Established Church was at the instant call of the poorest and most destitute person in the parish, that he must 'tumble out of bed' at midnight to go and see any sick and poor person, under pain of the Bishop's displeasure. This was the guarantee which the poor had from the Church of England. I hope and believe it is true that any one of them would even get out of bed on a winter's night to go and administer the consolations of the Gospel to the dying, rich or poor, without respect to creed or condition, for the love of the Master; not from fear of the Bishop."

Exactly fifty years ago on Lady Day last the first Sisterhood was established in modern times within the English Church. To-day there are twenty-three separate sisterhoods, up and down the country, with branches innumerable. It is unquestionably a notable thing, this growth of a religious institution which at first was ridiculed and hated by the ignorant and prejudiced, and looked upon at least very doubtfully by not a few wise and earnest Churchmen, as springing from an idea unhealthy in itself and radically alien to the spirit of the Anglican Communion. No doubt the spread of Church principles, and generally of the spirit of tolerance, have done much to abolish this antagonism and doubt; but that which has done most to abolish these is the practical good work in our midst of the sisters themselves, which has been found irresistible. Should we be wrong if we further added that this acceptance of sisterhoods by the English people at large—one had almost written their popularity—has been due in some measure to an increasing spirit of cheerfulness and genuine human sympathy which has come to characterize them? To start with, they were a little too rigid; that same rigidity which did much to render repellent the earlier Tractarian movement altogether. It was a kind of affectation, perhaps inevitable, but it had to be outgrown before things moved ahead and society at large was touched.—*Church Bells.*

#### 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.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

#### Bell Needed.

SIR,—We are in need of a bell for the little church at L'Amable, and have on hand the sum of twenty dollars for the purpose. Possibly some of your subscribers might be able to tell us where one might be procured for that sum.

THOS. LEECH, Priest in charge.

North Hastings Mission.

#### Omitted a Fact.

SIR,—I notice that the Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, in his letters to the learned Canon Cayley, has omitted to mention a fact that disposes utterly of the Anabaptist assertion that the allusion to "burial" in baptism proves positively "immersion" of the whole body in order to the proper performance of that sacrament. The fact is that to a Roman—and it is to Romans that St. Paul is writing—the casting of three handfuls of earth upon a body constituted a sufficient burial; by analogy, therefore, three handfuls of water in baptism constitute a sufficient "burial in baptism." In fact "immersion" might possibly never occur to a Roman in reading St. Paul's