

Rev. James Sparrell of £50,000, the total receipts of the C.M.S. have reached the largest amount ever realized, viz., £282,805.

THE Birmingham Church Congress has been numerically the best attended of all the thirty-three which have composed the series, beating the Manchester record of 1888 by the sale of a single ticket.

THE foundation stones of new Church schools have just been laid at Norwich, where the boys' school will cost between £3,000 and £4,000, and at Morecambe. The cost of the latter schools is estimated at £1,600.

FORTY-SEVEN new students were admitted last term to St. David's College, Lampeter, being the largest number on record in the history of the College. Young Welsh Churchmen are not dismayed by the threatened disestablishment.

It is announced that the restored Chapter House at Durham Cathedral, the completion of which forms the final part of the Bishop Lightfoot memorial, will be opened in 1895, in which year the 800th anniversary of the Cathedral will be celebrated.

THE Bishop of Sodor and Man has lately consecrated the Parish church of Peel, which owes its erection to the efforts of the late Bishop Rowley Hill. The church, which is said to be the most beautiful in the island, was opened by Archbishop Thomson in 1884.

THE *Times* states that the Rev. W. H. Shimfield, vicar of Haddenham, Ely, has been appointed Archdeacon of Stanley by the Bishop of the Falkland Islands. The new Archdeacon will reside at Rosario de Santa Fe, in the Argentine Republic, having under his immediate charge St. Bartholomew's Church.

THE *Times* is informed that Mr. Tom Mann, the well-known labour leader, is an accepted candidate for deacon's orders in the Church of England. Mr. Mann has received a title to the curacy of a large and important parish inhabited by the industrial classes, and it is expected that his ordination will take place at Christmas.

THE authorities of the Church Army have decided that since the case of Silk was given in their favour by the magistrate, all sums forfeited on account of drunken misbehaviour, instead of going to the general funds of the society, shall be devoted to the emigration of selected and suitable persons making a fresh start in the colonies.

THE magnificent new church of St. Matthew's, Northampton, was consecrated by the Bishop of Peterborough in September last. The total cost is about £20,000. This church has been built at the expense of Mr. Pickering Phipps as a memorial to his late father, who for many years represented the Borough of Northampton in the House of Commons.

THE Bishop of Lichfield has issued a pastoral letter to every incumbent in his diocese, in which he states that in the Church schools between 80,000 and 90,000 children are being educated, and that it is his desire and hope that an offertory should be devoted to the central fund in every church in the diocese, if convenient, on the second Sunday in Advent.

It is noteworthy that the three selected

preachers at the Birmingham Church Congress, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Durham and Archdeacon Farrar, were all formerly Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. The Archbishop and the Bishop of Durham were both educated, previously to their University course, at King Edward's School, Birmingham.

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HALIFAX.

St. Luke's.—All Saints Day which takes a high position in the annals of the Church's year was duly observed by good congregations at St. Luke's Cathedral. The services on that day were celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m., matins at 9, second celebration (choral) at 10, with a short address on "The care of the saints" by the rector, Rev. E. P. Crawford, full choral Evensong at 8, on the 5 inst., (Sunday) being within the octave there was two celebrations in the morning, matins, litany and sermon by Canon Maynard at 11, choral evensong at 7. At this service the rector delivered an able discourse based on the "Beatitudes." In the morning the choir sang Maunders Te Deum in B flat, and in the evening gave an expressive delivery of Stainer's anthem for All Saints, "What are these." Bethoven's Alleluia chorus from the Mount of Olives was played as a concluding voluntary by Mr. Gatward. The offertories during the day were on behalf of the Halifax dispensary.

C. OF E. INSTITUTE.—The anniversary service of the Church of England Institute was held in St. George's Church on Tuesday Oct. 31st. There was a good congregation. The musical service was exceptionally fine, conducted by Mr. Gatward of St. Luke's Cathedral, who presided at the organ. The excellent choir was assisted by volunteers from the different churches. Besides the singing there was a series of three addresses by Rev. Canon Partridge, D. D., Rev. Dyson Hague, M. A., and Mr. A. B. Wiswell. The first speaker was Rev. Dyson Hague who spoke of the benefit of the institute, first in supplying a place where young men may go and find innocent amusement, good literature and attractive surroundings. It should be a centre of Church work, where diocesan plans may be matured, and where Church associations may meet. Church people cannot afford to allow the institute to go down or even to languish. Mr. A. B. Wiswell dealt with the present financial difficulty of the institute. He briefly traced the history of the institute from the day of small things to its present occupation of the handsome and well equipped building on Barrington street. He gave it as his opinion that as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States and Canada had united the various parties within the Church of England in an organized effort to extend the kingdom of Christ among young men, so the Church of England institute in Halifax had been instrumental in breaking down the barriers of parochialism, and providing a common platform upon which members of the various congregations could unite in work for the general good of the Church. Mr. Wiswell quoted from Treasurer Thomas Brown's annual statements for the year previous to the occupation of the present building, the year subsequent to that occupation, and the last report issued, to show the membership in those various years and the cost to the institute of carrying on its work, which was in excess of the amount received from members. In the present difficulty Mr. Wiswell offered as a solution the securing of one new member by each present member of

the institute and ladies' auxiliary. He considered this by no means impossible of attainment, if we realize that the institute is deserving of the support of every member of the Church of England in Halifax, young or old. An earnest appeal was made to assist by every means in their power the committee appointed to canvass the various parishes, and hoped that their offerings at this annual service would be an indication of their practical desire to do so. Canon Partridge, senior vice-president of the institute, closed with a few words of encouragement. He told how, when in Toronto recently, a prominent clergyman of that city had said that he envied the Church people of Halifax. The speaker thought, perhaps, there might be some things for which they might justly be envied, but did not anticipate the remark which followed. It was the Church of England institute that was the object of the Toronto clergyman's admiration. He said he had felt ashamed when passing the institute that, with their greater numbers and wealth, Toronto Churchmen had no such institution and building. Canon Partridge then dwelt on two pages in the history of the Church which, he said, might strengthen Church people in an hour of trial. He instanced, first, the feeling of the Israelites on the threshold of the land of promise as they listened to the report brought by the spies. How could such difficulties ever be overcome? Yet they went on in faith and obedience, and the land became theirs. He then asked if his hearers had ever tried to imagine the feelings of the Apostles when ordered to preach the gospel of what appeared to be, a crucified felon in the face of the ancient world. Yet they went on in faith and obedience, and we, 2,000 years afterwards, are enjoying the results of their labors. In the Divine Mind the land is ours and the world ours. We must rise to the duty of taking possession. The Church people of Halifax could free the institute of debt in a day if they would—and it was their duty to do it.

A collection was taken up which netted a substantial sum.

SOME OBSTACLES TO THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN P. E. ISLAND.

A paper read by the Rev. J. Simpson, before the Missionary Conference at Yarmouth, Oct. 18th, 1893.

As Prince Edward Island neither belongs to the diocese of Nova Scotia nor to the province of Nova Scotia, this paper cannot correctly be said to plead any "missionary needs or opportunities of that diocese or province," to which question I am supposed to speak. But I feel sure it will not be considered out of order to bring before the meeting at this time a brief statement of a number of unsatisfactory conditions which exist in our Church in the Province of P. E. Island, especially as the object of this Conference is to rectify where possible all irregularities which hinder our work for the cause of Christ.

It is not generally known that P. E. Island is not part of the diocese of Nova Scotia, or that the Bishop of Nova Scotia is not Bishop of Prince Edward Island; and yet this is the case.

Originally the whole of British North America was under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, and when the diocese of Nova Scotia was formed in 1787 it was evidently thought that the newly acquired colony of P. E. I. would, at no distant time, have a bishop of its own; so the title of the Bishop of Nova Scotia in the Royal Letters Patent was, "The Bishop of Nova Scotia, exercising episcopal jurisdiction in the Island of Prince Edward." That title has descended to all his successors