

There has been some agitation on the subject of doing away with the Sunday delivery of letters. Mr. Bright, who was appealed to does not favour the movement.

There is a serious outbreak of small-pox at Durham, and it is expected that London will suffer seriously this winter.

A bust of Archbishop Tait, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

Mr. Israel Hart, the new Mayor of Leicester, is the first Jew appointed to that office. In the year 1230 it was decreed that no Jew or Jewess, to the end of the world, should obtain any residence in the town of Leicester,—but times change.

The population of the Diocese of London, according to the Bishop of London's last charge is 3,024,000. Twenty nine new churches have been built within the past 5 years, and fifty more are required. The Diocesan clergy, engaged in pastoral work, number 1311, an increase of 141 since the last visitation. A thousand clergy assembled beneath the dome of St. Paul's to hear the Bishop's charge.

It is an established custom now to send Christmas letters to cheer the sick and sorrowing in hospitals, asylums, prisons &c. On Christmas day 1883, about 500,000 letters in 10 different languages, were circulated throughout Great Britain and Ireland and the Colonies.

The Bishop of Manchester, alluding to ritualism in his recent charge said, "the spirit of party and the spirit of lawlessness have lost much of their vehemence, and if we were delivered from the curse of unscrupulous newspapers that vehemence would probably be still further abated. In concluding his charge, he said:—Let us never turn our eyes or our thoughts away from the Church's great purpose in the world, which is, not to present to men's minds the imposing spectacle of a vast-endowed and established institution, but to be a messenger to weary souls of the good tidings of the Kingdom, to conquer the world to Christ, and to bring the Gospel of a Father's love home to the hearts of men."

### JOTTINGS.

The *Evangeline* is now lying moored at Captain Simpson's dry dock at Owen Sound, with a view to sundry little repairs, necessary to equip her perfectly for next summer's work.

The Bishop will spend most of the winter traveling in Muskoka. Letters should be addressed 17 Wilcock Street, Toronto, where his family at present reside.

The Deacons in this Diocese are evidently opposed to the doctrine of the celibacy of the clergy. One of them has recently become an annexationist, and two more propose following his example shortly.

A lawsuit has recently been concluded, in which this Diocese is affected to the extent of \$1500 bequeathed to it several years ago. The heirs dis-

pute our title under the Mortgages Act. Judgment has been reserved. Moral; Make your bequests to Algoma at once.

The Sault Ste. Marie Mission is still vacant. The Revd. E.F. Wilson gives one service each Sunday and every second Sunday at Korah, the outstation.

On going to press we hear of four Christmas Trees in immediate prospect, Dec. 26th, St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 29th Korah, Dec. 30th Shungauk Home, Jan. 2nd Garden River.

The Rev. R. Robinson is back at his old post on Lake Neebigon, and is in excellent health; he meditates a visit this winter to a tribe of pagan Indians, 70 miles distant.

We regret to hear that the Rev. E.S. Stubbs, of Bracebridge, is in ill health, brought on by cold and exposure.

Will some kind friend send the *Graphic* or *Illustrated London News* to the Shungauk Home. We used to receive the former regularly, but have not had a copy for more than a year.

We hear a pleasant rumour of a Sunday School collecting to supply our Memorial Chapel with a bell. Our other wants are an almsdish, an organ, and a chandelier for the chancel; our communion set consists of one very handsome silver chalice, which a lady contributed at a cost of \$50, but we have no paten or flagon.

The Garden River Indians meditate putting a stained glass window, with some Indian words on it, in the chancel of their church in memory of the late Bishop.

The number of subscribers to *Algoma Missionary News* is increasing fast.

The Rev. H. Beer desires to express his very sincere thanks to Miss E.B. Westmacott, Clapham, England, for the very beautiful present of a Magic Lantern with five sets of views. Mr. Beer hopes to raise some money by means of this Lantern to assist in building a church at Richard's Landing. He appealed for help but the response was not encouraging, so he will try what he can do by means of Magic Lantern entertainments. Mr. Beer has also to thank the Rev. G.B. Cooke, of Palmerston, Ontario, for a barrel of apples, which have been received in good condition, and prove to be exceedingly palatable in a place where they are a rarity.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED too late for publication from Revd E.S. Stubbs, Revd A. C. Stone, and Revd H. Beer.

### Clothing Received for the Indian Homes.

From the Dowager Marchioness of Cholmondeley, red flannel, hindsay, and shirts. From F. e. Ericson N. B., a supply of boys' clothing. From Niagara, Ont., a capital supply of boys' and girls' clothing. From Ladies Aid Society, Trinity Church, Hawkesbury, a quantity of clothing for boys' and girls' and a number of books and papers. From Miss H. Burrowes, shirts, sashes and petticoats. From St.