

*Times* says:—"The plain English of the situation is that there are more ordained ministers than can be supported," and that "there is no way of averting connexional bankruptcy except by keeping down the number of accepted candidates for the ministry."

#### THE JERUSALEM BISHOPRIC.

The following is a translation of a letter which the Archbishop of Canterbury has recently received from the Patriarch of Jerusalem:—"To the Most Reverend Archbishop of Canterbury and Exarch of all England, the exceedingly beloved and highly regarded brother of our Humility in Christ our God, the Lord Edward: we, Nicodemus, by the mercy of God, Patriarch of the Holy City Jerusalem and all Palestine, send heartfelt salutation.

"With joy we received the precious epistle of your most desired Reverence of the 25th of March, in which we saw blossoming once again your favor and warm love towards us in the Lord, and read therein your announcement to us of the promotion to the episcopate of the Reverend Lord George Francis Popham Blyth, defining his residence in the province of the most holy Apostolic and Patriarchal throne among us, for the purpose of overseeing the Anglican clergy and laity who dwell throughout Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Cyprus, and the regions of the Red Sea.

"And now to-day we communicate to your Reverence that we received with much love the aforementioned reverend Bishop, when he duly arrived by the grace of our Lord at the Holy City; and delighting in our converse with him, we rejoiced exceedingly to find him worthy of our commendations. We may, therefore, expect that he will have his conversation in all things agreeable to the directions and wise suggestions given to him by your Reverence, in abstaining from offence-giving proselytism, both in our own district and among the Orthodox Churches of the East, and in not using the title of Bishop of Jerusalem, or any other external insignia indicating Episcopal dominion in the East. Thanking from the heart your Reverence and all the Church about you, that, moved by Divine zeal and wisdom, and anxiously caring for peace and love in Christ between our orthodox Eastern Church and the Anglican Church, you selected by the teaching and guidance of the Lord and sent into the Holy City a man conspicuous for his many virtues, and wrote to us at the same time distinctly of his qualifications, and described his dispositions, we warmly entreat our heavenly God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who through His own Blood founded the Church and commended love as the basis and token of it, that He would send down from heaven His Divine grace, and enlighten the mind and guide aright the footsteps of the Reverend Bishop George Blyth unto every good and saving work, that he may with good repute and success accomplish the Episcopal duties committed to him, and labor for the things that tend to the binding together of both the Churches, that so our joy may be fulfilled.

"Wherefore also, as we formerly expressed to your Reverence, we without ceasing, pray to be permitted to see fulfilled the most true saying of the Only Begotten Son and heavenly Bridegroom of the Church, that all may become One Flock, and being thus knit together in one Faith may bless and glorify His hymned name.

"This, therefore, with our whole soul desiring, and unremittingly caring and striving for the increase of the present peaceable and good dispositions of the Anglican Church toward our orthodox Eastern Church, we shall eagerly lavish upon the Reverend Bishop, Lord George Blyth, our love in Christ our God, and our patriarchal protection if he shall ever need it.

"Here, closing our address, we beseech of God Almighty that the years of your most desired Reverence may be very many, healthful, and full of happiness, and that His peace and love may be multiplied between us, through His Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit which issueth forth from the Father and resteth in the Son. Now the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

"Written in the holy city Jerusalem, our Patriarchal see, in the month of June, the 29th day, being the Feast of the principal apostles, Peter and Paul, in the year of salvation 1887.

NICODEMUS OF JERUSALEM AND YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST."

The following has been received at Lambeth from the Patriarch of Alexandria:

"Most Reverend Archbishop of Canterbury, Exarch of all England. My Lord Metropolitan, Brother Beloved in Christ of our Humility, my Lord Edward,—we embrace your Reverence in the Lord, and in gladness address you.

"We gladly received both the brotherly epistles of your Reverence, one of the 16th of February past, delivered to us by the reverend priest, Richard Raikes Bromage, whom you commended to us, and

one of the 25th of March last, conveyed to us by our beloved brother in Christ, the Lord George Francis Popham Blyth, whereby we are informed of his canonical consecration, and of the scope of his mission to the East, and moreover of the various antecedents which adorn his sacredness, from which we are persuaded that he will justify the anticipations of your Reverence.

"At the reading of both your brotherly letters we were filled with spiritual joy, beholding in them the feelings of brotherly love with which the Anglican Church is charged towards her Eastern Orthodox sister, and your fervent desire for the union of these two sister Churches, of which there is clear proof in the disclaimers concerning the jurisdiction and the title of our newly consecrated brother, and in the distinct assurance of your Reverence that he will forbid all attempt at proselytism among the Orthodox. So far as in us lies, accepting the selection of both the clerics commended to us, we shall not cease to afford them fully our moral concurrence for the fulfilling of the scope of their sacred mission, and to contribute to the riveting of the happily-subsisting brotherly relations between the two Churches, that so the longed-for unity may be effected, and that, according to the promise of our Saviour Jesus Christ, there may be 'one flock, one Shepherd.'

"Saluting yet again your much-loved Reverence, we ask of God in many prayers that your years may be very many, healthful, and happy. And we remain—

"From the Patriarchate of Alexandria, on the 30th of June, in the year of salvation 1887—

Your Reverences's beloved and wholly devoted brother in Christ,  
SOPHRONIUS, POPE AND PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA."

#### Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

#### DOMINION.

##### MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. George's Church was closed for repairs after consultation with the Cathedral officers, in order to prevent both churches being closed on the same day. The Cathedral taking the first and second Sundays, and St. George's the third and fourth, but that the repairs in the Cathedral took longer than was expected. As to the permanent closing of St. George's during future summers it is not contemplated.

##### ONTARIO.

FINCH.—The Chrysler congregation in this mission has had a very successful picnic. The ladies provided abundantly the necessary good things to eat, and had evidently spared no time, trouble or expense to gratify every palate. It was the general verdict that the Church of England ladies were easily first in getting up a good picnic table. After dinner the people were summoned to the platform and listened to music and song. The following taking part: Miss Keays, of Russell, Mr. and Miss Hanna, of Metcal, Miss Appleby, of Shannonville, Mr. Jas. Wright, Miss Janey Wright, and Mr. Fraser, of Chrysler. Mr. Hanna gave also a very interesting and appropriate address which pleased everybody. There followed a number of races and other athletic sports, including very amusing sack and wheelbarrow races, with music by a very excellent band, some more songs, tea, and then the drive home. Proceeds clear of expenses, \$80, more or less, more than \$20 of which was made at a stall generously provided by Wm. Johnston, Esq., J.P.

OTTAWA.—The following notice of motion will appear on the order paper of the Synod of the diocese of Ontario, which is convened for the 18th October, at Kingston.

"Notice of Motion.—By R. J. WICKSTEED, LL.D.—That a committee, or committees, be appointed:

1. To consider and report to the Synod some scheme for improving the parochial polity or organization, more especially in the direction of: (a) The systematising of lay help; (b) The formation and holding of frequent parochial councils; (c) Full reports from all agencies in Church work, at a vestry meeting, annually.

2. To report on: (a) The expediency of making the ministry more itinerant. Clergymen to be appointed to a Church, parish, mission, or station for a period not exceeding three years; and not to return to the same place within nine years; (b) The superiority of the custom of insisting upon an interval of at least three hours between the prayers and the sermon; (c) The propriety of passing a rule under which the

Bishop or Archdeacon shall at irregular and unknown times, send for and receive the three last-preached sermons of every clergyman in his diocese or archdeaconry,—examine the said sermons and make comments thereon, in private, to preachers on the return of sermons.

3. To report on the advantage to be derived from the passing of a canon ordering clergymen, or their authorized and competent representatives, to give religious instruction to the pupils of the Church of England in each school house in their parish or mission, at least once a month.

4. To report on the feasibility of procuring uniformity in the musical portion of the services, as regards hymn-books, hymns, chants, services, and voluntaries, by the visitation of a musically qualified clergyman or other person.

5. To report on the unity and strength to be gained by the insertion of frequent and regular parochial reports in one selected Church newspaper or journal."

#### TORONTO.

The Church Womens' Missionary Aid Society are much in need of quilts, blankets, and warm winter clothing of all kinds, to be sent to the poor missions in Toronto and Algoma dioceses at once. Any branches of the Society, or any having such to give away, are earnestly requested to send them at once to No. 1 Elm St., care of Dr. Adams, for C.W.M.A.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—The building has been proceeding slowly but surely since the laying of the corner stone, and satisfactory progress is being made. In order to enable the walls of the side aisles to be built up simultaneously with the walls of the nave, it became necessary to remove the temporary roofs which had been placed over the aisles. This work has been done by volunteers, members of the congregation and Sunday School, who have also fitted up the central part for services. Much praise is due to these young people who have cheerfully given their spare hours in evenings and Saturday afternoons for this work. A felt and gravel roof arranged so as not to interfere with the builders, has been placed over the central crypt, which is thus enabled to be used, and as it will seat a large number, it will make a convenient place of worship until the building above is completed.

TOTTENHAM.—We had a very successful Church opening on Sunday, Sept. 11, the day was very fine and the attendance very large at all the services. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, Dr. Langtry, of Toronto, Rev. A. Watt, of Mono, and the incumbent, Rev. T. Ball, were present. His Lordship confirmed about 30 candidates, and administered the Holy Communion in the morning, and at the afternoon service 5 were baptized. The Church is a modest Gothic brick structure, with a square tower. The interior is very fine, particularly the Jubilee memorial window in the chancel. It is pleasing to notice the rapid growth the Church is making in this part of the parish lately. The collection at the opening amounted to \$104 00. On Wednesday, the 14th, the harvest home festival was held, commencing with morning service in the Church, the Rev. Mr. Sills, of Ivy, and the incumbent officiating. After which the congregation, preceded by the Sunday School scholars with appropriate banners, adjourned to the skating rink, where an excellent dinner was provided, followed by sports in an adjoining grove and a concert in the evening, the proceeds amounted to \$100. Besides which, the sum of \$41 was collected by the Sunday School children for the new font. The Church is calculated to seat 300, and cost about \$4000.

#### NIAGARA.

St. CATHARINES.—A chime of bells will soon be heard in the old church of St. George's parish.

The Bishop of Niagara was preacher at the Diocesan Convention of Western New York held at Buffalo on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The Venerable Archdeacon MacMurray was also present.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. E. J. Fessenden, rector of Chippewa, is in England, fulfilling duties in behalf of the S. P. G. He is busily employed and is a favorite speaker at public meetings. Mr. Fessenden's name is on the list of speakers at the next Church Congress at Wolverhampton. His subject is "Colonization." Oct. 6, p.m.

NIAGARA FALLS.—The Rev. Canon Houston has been enabled to purchase (for cash) an excellent lot for a second church in his parish, which will, we trust, be soon erected—the sooner the better. There is great necessity for increased church accommodation.