

Huron, of a vote of sympathy with our brother Churchmen of Ireland, in their heroic efforts to uphold the unity of the Empire, and the upholding of the religion of the old Church of Ireland.

ADELAIDE.—At the annual meeting of the school section in the township of Adelaide, deanery of Middlesex, it was discovered for the first time that the Ross Bible had been introduced into the schools. A lively discussion followed the discovery. It was moved and carried unanimously "That the Ross Bible be condemned in this school section, and that the whole Word of God and the Lord's Prayer in full be used in the school." In Clinton and in other sections of the diocese, a similar action was taken, and in doing so other Protestant bodies have united with the Anglican Church. What is the *Evangelical Churchman*, the self called Protestant, doing, when the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN* is nobly contending for the reading of the Holy Scriptures in our schools?

PETROLIA.—*Exceptional Christmas Generosity.*—The warm hearted people of the congregation of Christ Church, presented the Rev. Pierre B. de Lom, who has been filling the vacancy, caused by the resignation of the Rev. E. Hutchinson, for the past few months, and who had only the previous Sunday closed a much blessed "Advent mission" of fifteen days duration, with an offertory on Christmas Day of \$165, and the farmers of the Rainsburg settlement, with offerings in kind, making up the total Christmas offerings to \$200. May other congregations, in proportion to their means, act as nobly.

MOORETOWN.—At the concert held in the hall here, they realized \$40. On Christmas Day, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong held service and holy communion in Trinity Church. On December 28th the annual Sunday school festival was held in the chapel. The Rev. Dr. Armstrong occupied the chair, and helped to amuse the children greatly by his ready wit and cheerful countenance. December 31st being the last night in the old year, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong held a watch meeting in the church.

WARDSVILLE.—There was a good congregation in the English Church on Christmas Day; the children sang several carols. The decorations are very tasteful, all the pillars are wreathed with evergreens; the pulpit and prayer desk are adorned with stars; the chancel rails are twined with evergreens, on the walls there are six banners with suitable mottoes, and in front of the chancel is hung, in large letters of evergreen, "Glory to God in the highest." On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the offertory on behalf of the board of missions was taken up. It was a very liberal one, and considering the circumstances of the congregation, one of the largest in the diocese. The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school was highly successful. It consisted of the rendering of a number of nursery rhymes, in character, such as "Miss Muffit and the spider," "Old Mother Hubbard and her dog," and many others. The greatest fun resulted and some capital lessons were taught in the various pieces. At the invitation of the rector and Mrs. Taylor, about fifty of the junior children of the school, spent a very pleasant evening at the rectory lately. The gifts from a large tree were divided among them after they had enjoyed several games and after singing some carols, they left highly delighted with their evening's fun.

ALGOMA.

PORT SYDNEY.—The Rev. R. W. Plante, gratefully acknowledges on behalf of the several congregations throughout his mission, the receipt of a bountiful supply of gifts for the Christmas trees, and valuable parcels of clothing, etc., for distribution. Space forbids a detailed account of Christmastide in the mission. In general it has been marked by bright and hearty services and many expressions of "good will." The "trees" as usual formed a bright feature in our festivities, and parents as well as children were gladdened by the timely and useful gifts. To the following donors we are deeply indebted:

The C. W. M. A., Toronto, per Mrs. O'Reilly, the C. W. M. A., (St. George's branch) Toronto, per Mrs. Cayley, Mrs. Henderson, Theo College, Montreal, Geo. Robinson, Esq., Waterloo, P. Q., Miss Spence, Toronto, Mrs. Rowe, Port Hope, Miss Jennie Hamilton, Collingwood, and various friends in England.

SIR.—Will you allow me to state, through your columns, that I have just received from a Toronto Churchman a most generous proposition to the effect that he will contribute \$200 a year, for three years, towards the stipend of a clergyman to take charge of a tract of country, between thirty and forty miles in length (in the district of Parry Sound), within which

the Church has hitherto been wholly unrepresented, save by a few occasional services, and where a number of Church families are to be found, who, if any longer neglected, must either be absorbed by other religious communions, or else drift out into the gulf of practical infidelity. If, however, I am to avail myself of this generous offer, at least \$550 more will be needed per annum to render the stipend at all adequate. May I not confidently appeal to your readers to assist me in utilizing this providential opportunity of repairing the neglects of the past in the territory referred to, and of caring for the souls of brethren, who, till now, have been, so far as their own Church is concerned, as "sheep scattered abroad having no Shepherd."

It is hoped that responses to this appeal may be given on the same terms as the original proposition, viz., for three years, dating from January 1st, 1887.

R. ALGOMA.

SASKATCHEWAN.

BISHOP PINKHAM.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham, Bishop of Saskatchewan, thus filling the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Bishop McLean, a short time ago. Archdeacon Pinkham has accepted, and in consequence Winnipeg will lose from her midst one who has been identified with the religious and educational interest of the Province for almost a score of years. While the people of Winnipeg will sincerely regret the loss of one who has done so much for the advancement of the material and spiritual interests of the Northwest, they will congratulate Archdeacon Pinkham, on his elevation, and the people of Saskatchewan district on securing the services of one, who having played a prominent part in the expansion of Manitoba, is particularly well qualified to discharge the duties of the important position to which he has been appointed.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* publishes the above kindly notice, and from the *Sun* we gather the following biographical sketch of Bishop Pinkham, whom we very heartily congratulate upon his elevation to the See of Saskatchewan. In an eminent sense the new bishop is "the right man in the right place."

Archdeacon Pinkham, who will shortly be consecrated Bishop of Saskatchewan, is so well-known to Winnipeggers that but little is required in the way of biographical mention. He is universally popular, and it is safe to say that no appointment that could have been made would have given more general satisfaction. The subject of this sketch was born at St. John's, N. F., in 1844, and was educated in that city at the Church of England Academy, finishing at St. Augustine College, Canterbury, England. On completing his college course he returned to Canada, and came direct to Manitoba, having being sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the mission of St. James, now within the city limits, arriving here in September 1868. On his way here he was ordained deacon at London, Ontario, and ordained here as priest, February, 1869. After thirteen years service in St. James, he resigned the incumbency—on October 1, 1881—when the parish had a sufficient income to make it a rectory. In the fall of that year he was elected secretary of the synod, and has continuously filled that office since. In the spring of that year he was appointed archdeacon. He took a leading part in the provincial synod, of which he has been a member since its organization in 1874. He was one of the original members of the provincial board of education on its formation in 1871, and in September of that year he was appointed superintendent, which position he held up to 30th September, 1883, when he resigned to allow him to devote the whole of his time to the work of archdeacon of the synod. He, however, still represents the board of education on the council of the university. In 1881 he was sent by the board of education to visit the educational institutions of Eastern Canada, to inspect the system of secondary education and training of teachers, and the development of the excellent system now here is mainly due from his report of observations then made. He visited both England and Eastern Canada in the interest of the diocesan funds, and his efforts were signally successful. His face is a familiar one in this country, and he has been identified very largely with its interests. He is eminently fitted by his training in the missionary work for the duties of his diocese, and his educational training will also be of great value. In every point of view, the selection made appears to be the very best possible under the circumstances."

FOREIGN.

The Bishop of Virginia has recently confirmed over two hundred colored persons in nine churches.

At the special service for men, during the mission lately at Eyam, Derbyshire, nearly all the men in the village of about eight hundred inhabitants were present.

The Bishop of Rochester held his advent ordination on Sunday, December 19th, in the cathedral, the largest in the diocese within living memory. There were sixty-two candidates.

Dr. Lansdell, the English missionary, distributed in one year no less than fifty-six thousand five hundred Bibles among the exiles of Siberia.

Sir Richard Wallace has given £10,000 toward the Anglican Church in the Rue des Bassins, Paris, the successor of the Marboeuf Chapel.

The students of the four Scotch universities have decided to support a mission to the heathen, an imitation of the action of the English universities. They have selected northeastern India for their field.

Canon Stowell announces that during the twenty years of his incumbency of Christ Church, Salford, the sum of £57,000 has been raised by the congregation and friends of that church for Church and charitable purposes.

The Bishop of Bedford has dedicated a parish-house for the use of the schoolmaster of the parish at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. There are 2976 scholars in the schools, 887 being in the Gordon Memorial Schools.

Canon Liddon brought home with him a fragment of the Temple of Jerusalem, which he has placed in the north corner of the choir of St. Paul's, mounted in granite with the following inscription from his own pen:—"Lapidem qui templo Hierosolymitano olim inhaerebat e terra sacra redux huc usque deportavit."—H. P. Liddon, S. T. P., Hujus Eccl. Cath. Canonius A. D. 1886."

WALES.—A beautiful church, costing £13,000, and which it has taken three years to build, was recently opened at Llechryd, by the Bishop of St. David's. It has been erected at the sole cost of one Miss Clara Thomas, of Pencerrig, in memory of her mother.

Within the last three months there have sailed from the United States for foreign mission fields ninety-nine men and women—some for Africa, some for India, some for China and Japan, some for Siam, etc. Among the rest were twelve from the United Presbyterian Church of America, five for Egypt, and five for India.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, there have been erected 6,000 buildings for worship in the National Church, as against 3,000 by all other religious communions put together. Seven new dioceses have been founded at home, and sixty-two in the colonies. Within the last half of her reign, £31,000,000 has been voluntarily subscribed for Church purposes, and £22,000,000 in elementary education in voluntary schools.

Madras, in India, on the whole, cannot be said to be badly off for clergymen of the Church of England, as at the end of the last official year there was one bishop for the diocese, two assistant bishops, and two hundred and twenty-two other ordained clergymen. Of the latter, ninety-two were European descent, and one hundred and thirty were natives. The number of Government chaplains was only thirty-eight.

A PRIVILEGED MISSIONARY.—The Rev. L. Lloyd, of the Church of England, who has been laboring in Fuh Chow since 1876, states that the 1,600 converts whom he found on going to Fuh Chow have been increased to the grand total of 6,000, and of these he himself has been privileged to baptize one thousand.