

is the first branch in the Niagara Diocese that has done this. Several notices of motion to amend the constitution were read. They will be voted upon at the annual meeting. It was reported that the thank offering at the next Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1898, would be devoted to Miss Smith's hospital in Japan. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Board on the 15th and 16th of April next. The Ven. Archdeacon Tims is to address a meeting of the W. A. in Christ Church Cathedral school-room on Monday, March 23rd.

St. Luke's Church.—The Rev. Mr. Massey, rector, and his wardens, are fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Walker Spencer as choirmaster, and Mr. Ernest Brown as organist. Mr. Spencer and his surpliced choir are busy preparing for a splendid Easter service. The church is possessed of a small but very sweet-toned pipe organ, and also a good sized vested choir of men and boys.

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WINNIPEG.—*Christ Church.*—The Rev. J. B. Maul, who has been in charge of this parish since the departure of Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, who, through ill-health, was obliged to resign the rectorship, left Winnipeg on the 3d of March to spend some time in the vicinity of Lake Winnipeg. The Rev. Welbury T. Mitton, the newly appointed rector, is expected to enter upon his duties about the 12th inst. During Lent a Litany service is being held at 4.15 on Sunday afternoons; Evensong is said daily at 5 p.m.

All Saints.—Special daily services are being held during Lent at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and are well attended. A mission is shortly to be conducted in the parish by the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle, commencing Sunday, March 15th.

Holy Trinity.—Daily service is held in the school-room during Lent at 5 p.m., at which special addresses are being given by the curate, Rev. C. C. Owen, who is generally assisted in the service by Rev. Canon Mulock, formerly of Montreal.

British and Foreign.

The London Diocesan Conference will meet on Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st.

Last week the 350th anniversary of Luther's death was commemorated at Eisleben, where he was born and died.

On Tuesday week the Bishop of Liverpool consecrated the new church of SS. Simon and Jude, Anfield Road, Everton.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has nominated Sir R. Webster, Sir R. Temple, and Mr. A. F. Buxton, members of the House of Laymen.

A meeting in support of voluntary schools was held in Leeds recently, and addressed by the Bishops of Chester and Newcastle.

On Sunday morning, December 8th, the Church of St. Andrew, Chefoo, was consecrated by Bishop Scott of the North China Mission.

Under the auspices of the Church Association, one of a course of three lectures on "Ritualism" was delivered by the Rev. T. H. Sparshott.

A meeting was held at Whitchurch to consider the best way of celebrating the jubilee of the Rev. Prebendary Egerton, who has now been rector for fifty years.

Mr. Holman Hunt proposes to buy out the Turks from Palestine with a gigantic sum, about one hundred million, and re-establish the Jews as their successors.

The chapel of St. Faith, at the south end of Poet's Corner, in Westminster Abbey, has been fitted up by the Dean and Chapter, and is now set apart for private devotion.

The Rev. O. W. Wilde, now working at St. Saviour's, Pimlico, and formerly at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, has declined the living of St. John's, Tue Brook, Liverpool.

There is no foundation for the statement that the Bishop of Winchester has had rooms assigned to him at Buckingham Palace during the necessary sanitary alterations at Farnham Castle.

An "Anti Masonic Committee" has been formed in Rome, with Cardinal Parocchi as president, who has said that Free masonry is the greatest obstacle to the advance of Roman Catholicism.

It is announced that the Rev. F. Pascoe, of Barnstaple, has resigned his connection with the Bible Christian denomination, and intends to offer himself for ordination in the Church in America.

Orders have been sent to London for 5,000 Bibles, 5,000 hymn books, and the same number of catechisms for the Fiji Islands. The Islanders gave nearly £5,000 to the missions last year.

At Drogheda, the Church of St. Mark has been sold to the Roman Catholics for the sum of £350. It was used as a chapel of ease to the parish church, but lately by a "guild" as a billiard room.

The Ven. T. B. Lloyd, Archdeacon of Salop and rector of Edgemonde, died on the 26th ult. from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was born in 1824, and was appointed archdeacon in 1886.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has signified his intention to present a banner bearing the arms of the See of Canterbury, to be hung, with others already promised, in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral.

At Inverness, the other day, a Roman Catholic priest refused to officiate at a marriage because the bride declined to promise that any issue of the marriage should be brought up in the Catholic faith.

The income last year of the Bishop of St. Albans' Fund for "East London over the Border," was £19,145. This is the largest amount ever received in one year, but the increase is mainly accounted for by legacies.

In a recent case in which the City Corporation appealed successfully against a sentence of deprivation which the Chancellor of the Diocese of St. Alban's had passed on a clergyman, the costs in all amounted to £1,800.

The Henry Martyn Hall was filled by adult members of the Children's Scripture Union, recently, when addresses were given by Miss Fanny Turner, one of the writers in "Our Own Magazine," and the Rev. E. A. Stuart, of Bayswater.

The Tinnevely Bishopric, vacant since the death of Bishop Sargent in 1889, has now been filled up by the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Morley, domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Madras. He has been more than twenty years in India.

The *Guardian* regrets to learn that Mr. J. G. Taltbot, M.P., who was prevented from being present at the opening of the Church House by an attack of influenza, is not likely to be able to resume his Parliamentary duties for some weeks.

Mr. Dolling is labouring with his usual energy to raise the sum of £3,000 in order to clear off the debt incurred at Landport. He is preaching eleven sermons a week, and it is hoped that his congregations will enable him to raise the required amount.

Lord Cranbourne has been fortunate enough to have his Benefices Bill put down for second reading this month. It is a combination of the Archbishop of Canterbury's and Lord Cranborne's Patronage Bills of last year, with some slight alterations.

The rapid progress which the Episcopal Church is making in Scotland has been noticed in the public press. The numerical and financial growth of the Church compares very favourably with that exhibited in the yearly returns of the other Churches in Scotland.

Ongar parish church has been provided with a fine new organ, which was dedicated recently by the Bishop of Colchester. The instrument, which will cost between £400 and £500, is a fine one, and has been carefully adapted to suit the requirements of the church.

On the 4th Sunday in Advent, 1895, the Bishop of Honolulu admitted into the Order of Deacons, a young Chinese, Mr. Koung Yin Tet, who for the last two years has been assisted in his preparation for the ministry by a theological studentship granted by the S.P.C.K.

We learn that, although Mr. Russell Wakefield thinks that he acted strictly in accordance with the law, and under the guidance of the Bishop of London, in allowing the use of St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, for the marriage of a gentleman who had divorced his wife, he will in future defer to the judgment of the Church generally, and refuse St. Mary's for any such purpose.

We have been stirred this week by the account which has reached us from the North end of Lake Nyasa of the doings of H. M. Commissioner in Nyasaland. It is the announcement of what is in all probability the final Arab war in the British Central African Protectorate.

Church reform is the chief ingredient of the ecclesiastical atmosphere at the present time. Preservation of what is good, and the improvement of that good, will always be a necessity of our imperfect institutions, and the duty of those who are wisely capable of effecting it.

The newly elected *ad interim* Bishop of Armagh, the Very Rev. G. A. Chadwick, D.D., Dean of Armagh, was educated at the Wesleyan Connexional School (now called Wesley College), Stephens-green, Dublin. He has always been a ready speaker and a particularly good debater.

We hope that the holding of large and enthusiastic meetings is a sign of the awakening of the Church to its duty as regards foreign missions. Such a meeting was held in the Vestry Hall, St. Pancras, recently, in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Professor Richmond's decoration work at St. Paul's Cathedral is going on apace; the whole of the vaulting down to the main cornice of the choir will be completed by Easter, and there will then remain six spandrels to be finished, which will be accomplished before Easter of next year.

In the annual report of the Registrar General, the proportion of Church marriages was 686 out of every thousand. This is just over 68 per cent. If Church people are in the same proportion to the whole population of the United Kingdom, they would number in round figures nearly 21,000,000.

The death of Sir Charles Aitchison recently removed from our midst one of our most earnest laymen. He was one of the noblest of those governors of the Punjab who, while serving their Queen faithfully in India, have furthered in every possible way the cause of Christian missions there.

Last week the Bishop of Liverpool instituted the Rev. R. G. Matthew as rector of Wigan. There was a large attendance of clergy. The Bishop, in his sermon, said that time was when such institutions were of a private character, few people witnessing them besides the bishop and his secretary.

Recently the Bishop of Rochester opened a shelter home for boys in the Camberwell Road, there being a large attendance. Many of the magistrates have signified their intention of remanding boys to the home instead of to the workhouse or prison, the home being an outcome of the police court mission.

The Education Bill of the Government is not likely to be seen until after the Easter recess. This postponement makes it all the more imperative for those with influence, individuals or societies, to exert "pressure" upon members of Parliament so that there will not be any further putting-off of this measure.

The new vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. E. H. Pearce, is enlisting support for a scheme of restoration which will include, amongst other matters, the re-arrangements of the seats in the body of the church, so as to accommodate in comfort both the congregation and the Christ's Hospital boys, who will thus come down from the galleries.

In his sermon on the "Lord's Prayer" at Westminster Abbey two weeks ago, the Rev. Canon Eyton said: "Among all the theological armoury there is nothing that really touches life so closely as the 'Lord's Prayer.' Prayer is not merely the need of sinners, it is the instinct of children. Is it hard to say it, so that our lives do not contradict it?"

An elegant little Lady Chapel has just been completed at St. John Baptist's, Liverpool. It is formed out of an apartment, originally intended for a vestry, on the south side of the sanctuary. It is about 16 feet square, and an arched entrance has been made in the east wall of the south transept, while there is an entrance for the priest in the wall of the sanctuary.

The withdrawal of the Archbishop's Church Patronage Bill, by an arrangement with Lord Cranborne, under which its principal provisions will be incorporated into the Church Reform Bill, which has been already formally introduced by the Church party in the House of Commons, has been the subject of considerable discussion. Sir J. Kennaway's name is on the back of the bill, which will probably make it acceptable to some of the Evangelicals.