

have," showing what can be done by example. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith. May it indeed be truly said of him, and now he rests from his labours, and his works will follow him. He was a regular subscriber to this paper for, I believe, 17 years.

#### TORONTO.

*St. Matthias.*—A very interesting missionary meeting was held in this parish on 26th ult., when Rev. E. J. Fessenden delivered an eloquent address, or lecture, on "Church missions." The audience was taken back to the missions of Columbanus and Hilda, in the early days of the British and Saxon Church, when the foundation was laid of that resistless missionary character which belongs to the "Island Church" of Great Britain. The subsequent mission-waves, by which Britain inundated and crushed out the heathenism of the European continent, were described. Then the magnificent and unique achievements of the modern Church of England were depicted in North and South America, Central Africa, Asia, Australasia. In a very eloquent passage, the lecturer described the grandest formation of the wonderful "Cross of Missions," by which the Church had intersected Africa from North to South, from East to West. He laid great stress on the providential fitness of the imperial English race for such mission work as required indomitable perseverance and tenacious grip, qualities so characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race, and so calculated to make and keep the Church of England as the leading missionary phalanx of the world. The Rector remarked upon the duty of keeping alive the spirit of zeal for missions even in the poorer districts. They are not beyond the need of outside help even yet; his parish should take some share regularly in helping those in greater need. They should sometimes think of India, Africa and China, as well as "home."

*MARKHAM.*—The annual meeting of Grace Church vestry was held in the Sunday School room on the 3rd inst. Incumbent in the chair. The minutes of the various meetings held during the past year were read and confirmed.

Owing to so small an attendance, only five officers were elected, and these were chosen as follows:—People's Warden, Capt. W. Rolph; Minister's Warden, Dr. Robinson; Vestry Clerk, G. J. Chauncey; Auditors, Messrs. G. W. Reesor and J. Osborne.

Mr. F. A. Reesor, ex-Warden, read the financial statement, which was most satisfactory.

Mr. F. A. Reesor, seconded by Mr. G. J. Chauncey, moved that in future the Easter offertory be presented to the organist as a small recognition of services rendered in that capacity.

The Entertainment Committee was then struck as follows:—Mrs. Rolph, Mrs. Chauncey, Mrs. Mairs, Mrs. F. A. Reesor, Mrs. Raper, Mrs. G. W. Reesor, and Mrs. Croft, and Messrs. Rev. O. T. B. Croft, Capt. Rolph, Dr. Robinson, T. G. Raper, R. Tane, G. W. Reesor, John Osborne, and G. J. Chauncey, with power to add to their number.

Votes of thanks were passed for services rendered during the past year, as follows:—To the Ladies' Aid Society; to Miss L. Thomas, as organist; to Mr. F. A. Reesor, as superintendent of the Sunday School; to the retiring Wardens; to the choir and choir master, Rev. Mr. Croft responding; to Mr. Purvis, as sexton.

Lay Delegates, Messrs. James Tran and F. A. Reesor; Sidesmen, H. Kirby, F. A. Reesor, T. G. Raper, Capt. R. Reesor, H. E. Duncan, G. J. Chauncey and Wm. Williamson.

A most satisfactory report of the church work for the past year was rendered, more particularly for the past three months, and the whole congregation are unanimous in the opinion that much credit is due to their esteemed pastor, Rev. Mr. Croft, for his tact and general management of the church since his appointment, as well as his earnest spiritual work among his flock, which has shown a decided improvement in that direction. The meeting then adjourned.

*EAST TORONTO.*—St. Saviour's Church held a very successful social in the Y.M.C.A. hall Tuesday evening. A substantial supper was provided by the ladies of the congregation and an excellent musical and literary programme was afterwards given by the Trinity University B.M.G. club, assisted by Miss Blong, elocutionist; Miss Walker and Miss Williamson of the Conservatory of Music; Mrs. Dunn and Miss Gray, Parkdale, and Mr. Fred Perrin, humorist. A very large audience signified their hearty enjoyment of the entertainment by frequent encores.

*FAIRBANK.*—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will (D.V.) lay the corner-stone of St. Hilda's Church on Thursday, May 11th (Ascension Day), at 8.30 p.m.; collection in aid of Building Fund. To enable friends and sympathizers from the city and its suburbs to be present, special arrangements have been made with Belt Line Railway Co., which has a station at

Fairbank. Trains will leave the Union Station at 2.15 (going by Eastern Route, and stopping at all stations on the way), and 2.34 (by Western Route.) Trains leave Fairbank at convenient hours going both ways. There will be reduced rates. Tickets can be obtained on the trains or beforehand by applying to G. F. Davidson, Trinity College, who will also gladly furnish any information.

#### NIAGARA.

*Correction.*—The address and purse presented to Rev. Canon Mackenzie on his leaving the parish of Milton and Hornby, were presented publicly on Good Friday, by the Hornby congregation.

#### HURON.

*NEW HAMBURG.*—*St. George's.*—The wardens (Major Campbell and Mr. S. J. Holley, who are re-elected) showed by their report at the annual vestry meeting that the affairs of this parish are satisfactory and progressive. The regular attendance and number of communicants have largely increased, as have also the offertories, both for home and mission purposes. The record of the past year shows considerable improvement in the interior of the new church by gifts of furniture from the rector and other individual members of the congregation, etc. The "Ladies' Aid Society" are also doing good work in this direction. During Lent and "Holy Week" the services were regularly attended, and on Easter-day were of a joyous character, the leading of the musical parts of the service by the choir showing careful preparation. As customary on church festivals, special care was bestowed on the chancel decorations, and while not too elaborate, the groups of white flowers in bloom about the chancel steps were bright and effective, while above the altar, vases of white cut flowers and the "Emblem of Faith," with sacred monograms on a crimson reredos completed the adornment of the sanctuary. The Rev. J. Ward gave an earnest extempore address from the chancel steps from the text, "Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." The Rector's Bible class and instruction every Wednesday evening in the church, based upon the Diocesan S. S. leaflet, continues to be much appreciated and regularly attended.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

The current year is the centennial of the cotton gin, which Eli Whitney invented in 1793.

A rabbit drive in Sacramento county, Cal., recently resulted in the death of 1,200 of the pests.

Philadelphia has 23,000 more girls than boys.

The oldest periodical published in Spain is the *Madrid Gazette*—founded in 1662.

Pontoon bridges, with copper pontoons, were invented by the French about 1672.

The coldest place in the United States is the interior of Alaska, 80 degrees below zero.

In Ceylon the Roman Catholics outnumber the Protestants by quite four to one.

There is no record of paper having been manufactured in England until the end of the sixteenth century.

The cost of establishing a nutmeg plantation is very high, and for ten years at least there can be no return.

The Boston common contains in round numbers forty-five acres, and is worth more than \$1,000,000 per acre.

The Bishop of Ontario approves of the proposed choral festival to be held in connection with the opening of the diocesan synod in June.

The deepest English colliery at present is Moss colliery near Ashton-under-Tyne, which is sunk 2,820 feet.

Dr. Oppel, the great German geographer, says that 1,700,000 square miles of the earth are still uninhabited or ownerless.

Rev. P. T. Mignot, incumbent of Tapleytown, has resigned his parish on account of ill-health, and he intends taking a trip to Europe.

Of Sir Walter Scott's novels, three are assigned to the sixteenth century, seven to the seventeenth, and thirteen to the eighteenth century.

The St. George's Society, Toronto, attended divine service last Sunday at St. James' Cathedral, the Rev. Dr. Mockridge preaching the annual sermon.

One of the brightest members of the graduating class of the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania is John J. France, a native African, born in Liberia 25 years ago.

The Rev. E. W. Sibbald, of Lloydtown, Ont., has been appointed to the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Portland, St. John, N.B.

Lord Shannon, who before his succession to the title served on a ranch in Manitoba, is now known among his friends as the "Cowboy peer."

In person the late General Gordon was slight and short, and nothing could be more unassuming than his manner.

The Bishop of Huron will return before the meeting of the Synod in June. He has written home from Gibraltar, Rome, and Egypt, and is now presumably in the Holy Land.

The oldest monument in the world is the mound covering the Tower of Babel, erected B.C. 2247.

Horatio J. Sprague, who represents the United States at Gibraltar, is the oldest consul in continuous service. His commission dates from May, 1848.

The Bishop of Hamilton confirmed eight candidates in the church at Acton. He gave a very fine address on Christ, the Church and its Members. The building was crowded.

Haydn was forced to compose in the family room at home, and generally in the presence of his wife. She gave him no peace, and he finally left her, as he once said, to get time to write.

Wagner wrote without referring to any musical instrument. He professed a great contempt for musicians who were obliged to play as they composed, and called them "piano riders."

Dr. Neville, who is exploring in Egypt, reports that he has discovered the funerary chamber of the great Thothmes I. of the 18th dynasty at Thebes.

Mahomet wrote the revelations of the Koran on bits of parchment, blocks of wood and the shoulder bones of sheep, and threw them pell mell into a box, where they were found after his death.

Young's "Night Thoughts," as the title would suggest, were written for the most part at nights. They were occasioned by the death of his stepdaughter and her husband.

Tennyson wrote only by inspiration, and was very irregular in his hours of labour. His manuscripts are written in a small, distinct hand, with infrequent erasures.

A Jersey City man is reported to be the proud possessor of 3,000 door knobs, and a Philadelphia gentleman has his house decorated with various sizes and patterns of cast-off horseshoes.

Rev. F. M. Baldwin, rector of Old St. Paul's, Woodstock, is much improved in health. The doctors decided that an operation was unnecessary, and assured Mr. Baldwin that he would be completely restored to health in a short time.

A Canadian has invented a contrivance to do away with holding a telephone receiver to the ear while talking over the wire.

During the year 1892 there were 1,758 strikes in New York State, of which number 1,138 were successful. The number of persons involved were 25,764.

Till the year 1798 clocks of Basle, Switzerland, went an hour in advance of other European clocks.

Paris gardeners buy toads, which they use as insect destroyers. There is a regular weekly sale of these hideous little animals in the French capital. They cost \$1 a dozen.

The famous Adam Clarke wrote steadily, without relaxation or intermission, ten or twelve hours a day. He never took any amusement, and always enjoyed the best of health.

The following figures, lately compiled, show the proportion of legislators to the population in Canada. The proportion in Ontario is one legislator to every 23,583 of population; British Columbia has one to every 2,950 persons; Prince Edward Island one to every 3,686; Manitoba, one to 4,013; New Brunswick, one to 7,835; Nova Scotia, one to 11,852; and Quebec, one to 20,890.

The Mexican papers tell of a miser named Moncke, who died recently. His relatives were unwilling that his body should be interred, as he had tattooed his will over his chest with some red pigment, instead of using pen and ink. The court decreed that the remarkable "human document" should be copied and the representation duly attested in the presence of witnesses. This was done and the court has pronounced the queer will genuine.

### British and Foreign.

An American contemporary states that Messrs. Moody and Sankey have received £200,000 in royalties from their numerous editions of Gospel Hymns.

The Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City, has recently paid off the last dollar of its debt, making in all, it is reported, \$280,000 (£56,000) spent for principal and interest.

It is announced that during the financial year ending on Good Friday the company which runs the gaming-tables at Monte Carlo made a profit of nearly a million sterling.