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LONDON.—Our Church Schools have held their annual meetings, and from all we have very satisfactory reports.

A pleasant stereopticon was given in the Bishop Cronyn Hall to the teachers and pupils of St. Paul's Sunday School, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. Mr. Jewell used, for the first, the powerful stereopticon that he had lately purchased. The scenes were produced with remarkable clearness, the oxyhydrogen gas-burner adding greatly to the effect produced. After the exhibition, Miss Moore, on behalf of the teachers and scholars of the S. School, presented Mr. Jewell with a well filled purse and an accompanying address, congratulating him as Superintendent on the prosperous state of the schools; His performance of the onerous duties, marked by efficiency and zeal, and praying that our Heavenly Father may bless him more and more and spare him long to do his Master's work. They requested his acceptance of the present now given, the contents to be used in perfecting still more, by his own selection, the collection of his magic lantern slides. St. Paul's is the only church in the diocese that has morning and afternoon schools. The number of scholars in attendance is five hundred.

PETERSVILLE.—On Thursday evening, the 9th inst., there was a special service in St. George's Church for the members of the Sunday School, when Rev. John Gemley, in the unavoidable absence of Rev. Dr. Darnell, addressed the teachers and scholars on their privileges and responsibilities. The number of scholars in St. George's is one hundred, but the attendance is somewhat irregular, and the general attendance is little over seventy as some of them live some distance out in the country. The Superintendent speaks in the highest terms of the self-sacrificing zeal of the teachers. St. George's Church is quite a precious gem, complete in every part as an ecclesiastical structure. It now wears its Christmas wreaths most gracefully. On Christmas day a beautiful bouquet from the conservatory of a friend, was in a vase on the Altar.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening the members of St. James' Church, south, had their semimonthly literary and musical entertainment, in the building now known as the St. James' Hall. The Rev. Evans Davis, Incumbent of the mission parish, presided. The attendance was very large, the hall being crowded to the doors. Mr. Davis is very happy in the attachment and hearty co-operation of a large and increasing congregation. St. James' S. School is very prosperous; the number of scholars on last Sunday, notwithstanding the heavy snow-fall, present at the school was 147 pupils.

St. Luke's Church, Hamilton Road.—A parlor entertainment under the auspices of St. Luke's Church, was held on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. R. W. Andrew, and was very largely attended. The Rev. J. B. Richardson, Rector of the Memorial Church, to which St. Luke is a Chapel of Ease, presided. The school is reported to be holding its ground well.

During the week, also, The Sunday School of St. James', London, south, had their Christmas tree well laden with presents for the pupils. The Incumbent of St. James' presiding over the happy meeting, was the animating *persona* of the meeting.

Correction.—In the obituary notice of the lamented Rev. Mr. Checkley, there is an error which needs correction. Mr. Checkley was not in any way connected with the Huron College, but Rev. Francis Checkley was for some time Principal of the Hellmuth Boys' College.

ALGOMA.

ASPDIN.—The Church of St. Mary was opened with a cheerful and hearty service on Christmas Day. For some few days previously the weather had been most boisterous, accompanied with heavy snow storms; but the men had turned out in great force and chinked, mossed and decorated the church. The latter work was done in a really

artistic manner, and, considering the materials which the bush supplied, one not to be ashamed of. Our readers may form some idea of the zeal of our male members in this back-wood's region, when we state that the snow was very loose and over two feet deep, and that the majority had considerably more than two miles to walk.

The Rev. W. Crompton had a Christmas tree on Monday, Dec. 30th, at Beatrice; and on Thursday, January 2nd, at Lancelot, and those ladies who so kindly and liberally furnished the prizes for the same would have been more than gratified if they could have seen the sparkling eyes and joyful heartedness of the youngsters.

It is proposed to have a Christmas tree at Hoodstown during the Bishop's visitation in February, when his Lordship will distribute the prizes.

We are happy to hear that the coming of their Bishop is anxiously looked for by the church members, and we wish it were in our power to assure them that his lordship will be enabled to plant more clergymen amongst them.

Amounts received by J. Beard, Secretary-Treasurer Diocese of Huron, quarter ending December 31st, 1878:—

Half-yearly collec'n, St. Paul's, Woodstock,	\$17 00
Envelopes..... do do	2 00
Goderich, per C. G. Dyett, Esq.	4 00

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For Shingwauk Home:—

Rev. Dr. Townley.....	\$15 00
S. School, Galt, per Rev. Canon Hincks...	25 00
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For Wawanosh Home:—

S. School, Ingersoll, per W. H. Eakins ..	\$10 00
Mrs. Eakins	4 00

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Total\$67 00

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GREAT BRITAIN.

The death of the Princess Alice has caused grief to Englishmen of all shades of opinion, but especially great is her loss to Churchmen, who regarded H.R.H. as carrying out in a most exemplary manner the duties of a christian mother, daughter and nurse. Services in commemoration of the sad event have been held in many of the churches of London, and amongst the most solemn were those at St. James', Curtain Road, Finsbury, the Vicar of which Church is the Rev. M. Anderson, of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, and the assistant priest the Rev. George Horlock, the former incumbent of Christ Church, Bobcaygeon, in the Diocese of Toronto. The Fourth Sunday in Advent was the day selected. The altar was vested in a violet frontal and lace super-frontal, and upon the re-table were a cross and several candleabra. An excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. George Horlock, from the words "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." The English translation of the hymn "Dies Irae," sung to the Ancient Melody, fitly concluded a serious of solemn, Catholic and hearty services.

The Bishop of Lichfield has forwarded replies to the presentments made to him with regard to this conduct of divine service in Christ Church and St. Andrews, at Wolverhampton, and St. Matthew's, at Smethwick. His lordship says:—"With respect to the use in the service at Christ Church, Wolverhampton, of lighted candles standing upon or near the holy table, when not required for the purpose of giving light, I have requested the incumbent to relinquish this practice. As regards the wearing of the stole, described in the presentment as an unlawful ecclesiastical vestment, I do not propose to make any order, looking to the long established custom in this matter prevailing in the Church of England. In the matter of the mixed chalice, or the mixing of water with wine during the administration of the Holy Communion, I have made known to the incumbent my desire that this practice should not be continued. Having ascertained that the incumbent is in the habit of using circular wafers instead of bread in the administration of the Holy Communion, I have requested him not to do so in time to come. With respect to the eastward position of the celebrant while saying the Prayer of Consecration in the Office of the Holy Communion, the incumbent informs me that he does not intentionally prevent the communicant from seeing him break the

bread or take the cup into his hands, and looking to the present position of this question I make no order on this point. With regard to the singing of a hymn, generally known as *Agnus Dei*, after the Consecration Prayer in the Communion Service, having regard to the circumstance that the same words form part of the Communion Office itself, and are directed to be said or sung at a later period in the service, and further bearing in mind the custom, almost universal, of singing other hymns equally unauthorized at other parts of the service, as, for instance, at the end of the Nicene Creed before the morning sermon, I do not think it necessary to prohibit the singing of the hymn. The procession complained of being, as I understand, not an interruption of the service, but merely the formal entry into church of the clergy and choristers, for which no directions are given in the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, I do not require that it should be discontinued." In the case of *St. Andrew's, Wolverhampton*, the late Bishop of Lichfield, on the 8th of November last year, taking order at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed a letter to Mr. Bodington, the incumbent, in which he stated:—

Without professing to assert any right or power to authorize you to continue to perform any rites which have been declared to be unlawful, I so far respect the feelings of a large majority of your congregation as to refrain from urging you to bring all your services into exact and immediate agreement with the law. But I do hereby require you to offer to those parishoners who desire the ordinances of the Church to be performed in a strictly lawful manner such opportunities as may satisfy their just and reasonable demands. Bishop Selwyn's decision having been at once accepted by Mr. Bodington, Bishop MacLagan does not propose for the present to disturb an arrangement so recently made; and he has expressed to Mr. Bodington his earnest hope that he will carry into effect, in the spirit as well as in the letter, the above injunction of Bishop Selwyn.

In respect to *St. Matthew's, Smethwick*, the Bishop gives the following additional directions:—"With respect to the complaint of the unlawful elevation of the paten or bread, and also of the cup while saying part of the Prayer of Consecration in the Communion Service, I am informed by the incumbent that he does not elevate these vessels to a greater degree than he deems necessary for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the service, and that in no case does he elevate them above his head. In the matter of making the sign of the cross towards the communicants in administering the bread and wine, I have requested the incumbent to abandon the practice. The incumbent is accused of bowing or prostrating himself towards the communion-table immediately after the Prayer of Consecration. With reference to this complaint I understand that the incumbent himself receives the Holy Communion standing, and after receiving in each kind kneels down for the purpose of private prayer. As no explicit direction is given by the rubric on this point, I do not feel called upon to interfere with this practice. In the matter of the cleansing of the vessels used in the Communion Service before they are carried from the church, I understand that this is done after the pronouncing of the Benediction and conclusion of the service. I do not, therefore, make any order upon this point. The practice of bowing towards the holy table being only the revival of a custom widely tolerated in the Church of England subsequently to the Reformation, and actually enjoined in the statutes of the cathedral church of this diocese till within a recent period, as well as in the Canons of 1640, and being further an act of private devotion, I do not think it necessary to interfere with it. As regards the complaint with respect to the bringing of bread and wine from a side or credence table, and placing them upon the communion-table, I have to observe that this is in conformity with the requirement of the rubric, and further, that the elevation of the same complained of is only, as I understand, the incumbent's manner of humbly presenting and placing them upon the holy table, as is explicitly ordered with respect to the alms, and, as I believe, implied in the directions with respect to the bread and wine. With respect to the metal cross upon a ledge behind the holy table complained of as having been set up and placed there at Christmas, 1873, I am informed by the incumbent that a faculty was duly obtained for its erection." In each case the incumbent has loyally accepted the Bishop's decision.

UNITED STATES.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—At St. James' Church, North Cambridge, on Wednesday, January 8th, an ordination of deacons was held. The candidates were Messrs. Edward Abbott, of Cambridge, and Thomas W. Nickerson, of Andover, the latter now a student in the Cambridge Theological School. Mr. Abbott was for several years one of the editors of the *Congregationalist*, and a Congregational minister. He was confirmed in Christ Church, Cambridge, last spring, and has been acting as lay-reader at St. James' Church since the departure of its late rector (the Rev. T. S. Tyng) for Japan. He was presented by the Rev. Dr.