

opening and parish festival could scarcely have dawned than the 16th. Any one who did not know the self-denial and earnestness of the good people of Waterloo would have predicted a small attendance and services the reverse of festive. The church, however, was well filled, and about ten of the neighbouring clergy were present. The new church is a very attractive and commodious edifice built under the direction of Mr. Scott, architect, of Montreal. The opening service was of a highly interesting character. His Lordship preaching a most appropriate sermon from Haggai ii. 9. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation adjourned to a room where the annual Parish Festival was to take place, and where a plentiful repast had been prepared. After the collation, a number of useful and fancy articles, the handiwork of the ladies of the congregation were disposed of at reasonable prices. We have frequently had occasion to speak disparagingly of such means of raising funds for church purposes, and it is therefore a pleasure to state that in this instance there was nothing in the least objectionable or questionable. The merit of this belongs largely to Mrs. Lindsay under whose wise management the bazaar was conducted. In the evening His Lordship enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Robinson, thus bringing the day's labours to a very pleasant close. At nine o'clock on the following morning the Bishop and Archdeacon Bond started from Waterloo for North Shefford where divine service was to be held. The small church was comfortably filled. His Lordship after a brief address, administered the rite of confirmation to fourteen candidates, an appropriate sermon being preached by the Ven. Dr. Bond. Having dined with a member of the congregation, His Lordship set out for Granby. By the liberality of one true friend the little church at this place has been very prettily restored, though one conversant with the minutiae of ecclesiastical decoration might perhaps, find fault with some of the details. This, however, is one of the many cases in which fault-finders are themselves at fault. We trust that many will be found willing to follow this excellent example, which we believe to be without precedent in the history of our Church in the Eastern Townships. The gentleman, whose liberality we have now the pleasure of recording, has also done much for the musical service of the Church at Granby. The Venerable Archdeacon delivered an appropriate address to the candidates for confirmation—fourteen in number—whom His Lordship subsequently admitted to the privileges of full church membership. The sermon which was preached by the Bishop from St. Luke xii. 32, was well calculated to encourage those who had just taken upon themselves the responsibilities involved in their baptismal vows.

His Lordship's visit to Waterloo, North Shefford and Granby will be long remembered by the brethren there, to whom it has been an occasion of rich spiritual profit. The discomforts of travelling at this inclement season of the year have been reduced to the minimum by the attention and hospitality of those who have enjoyed the privilege of entertaining His Lordship and the Ven. Archdeacon.

CHRISTMAS GIFT.—The congregation of Christ Church, St. Andrew's, readily complied with the wish expressed in the circular lately received from the bishop, and presented the offertory collection of Christmas day, amounting to twenty dollars, to their rector, the Rev. Canon Londsell.

DIocese of Fredericton, N.B.

The following resolutions of respect and condolence were passed at a meeting of the corporation of Christ's church, Woodstock, on the 13th inst. :—

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from us by death the Rev. S. D. Lee Street, who, for more than forty years, has been rector of this parish :—We, the churchwardens and vestry, on behalf of the parishioners, wish to record our deep feeling of grief for the loss which has come upon us so suddenly.

"His life was pre-eminent for industry, zeal, and untiring perseverance, and the work he accomplished in this parish and the surrounding districts will long remain his best memorial.

"Although there have been times when we could not all agree with him in opinion or course of action, yet we can all unite in expressing our appreciation of his warm

affection, uprightness, and untiring devotion to the work of his sacred calling.

"We would also express our heartfelt sympathy in the deep affliction which has fallen upon Mrs. Street and her children, with our fervent prayer that the God of the fatherless and widow may comfort and support them in this their hour of need."

Extracted from the minutes,

JAMES GROVER,

Vestry Clerk.

—The Rev. Harry Leigh Yewens, rector of Trinity church, Digby, having resigned his charge, an address of regret and regard, signed by the high sheriff and ninety-five others, was presented to him from that parish, and also one with twenty-six signatures from Marshallow, to both of which suitable answers were returned by their late pastor.

—The Rev. John Ambrose, late Rector of St. Margaret's Bay, has been appointed to the rectory of Digby.

DIocese of Nova Scotia.

An association has been formed in connection with St. Luke's church, Halifax, "to unite the laymen of that parish" more closely in good works, and to organize their labours more thoroughly and systematically for the glory of God and the good of their fellow-men.

"More particularly," say the promoters of the association, "we propose to ourselves :—

1. To assist the clergy in maintaining the Christian faith, and to spread a knowledge of the true doctrines of our holy religion, especially those relating to the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation, Atonement and Mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostolic Ministry, and the graces conferred in and by the Holy Sacraments.

2. To maintain both by precept and example, a religious observance of all the offices of the church, by promoting the public administration of holy baptism, confirmation, frequent communions, regular attendance at daily prayer, and a proper observance of the holy days and seasons of the church.

3. To assist the clergy in parochial work, without encroaching upon their special duties, and to uphold and extend their proper spiritual authority.

4. To aid in church extension, by supporting in every way in our power the missions of the church; aiding in the maintenance of Christian schools, and in other beneficial designs.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The parish church of Skegby has been re-opened after undergoing restoration.

—A new church is in course of erection at St. Frideswide, Osney Town, Oxford, at a cost of nearly £4,000.

—The new Bishop of Sierra Leone (Dr. Cheetham) was to sail from Liverpool on Christmas-eve.

—The ancient church at Pevensey, Sussex, is about to be restored. It is situated near to the well-known castle of Pevensey.

—The Hon. and Rev. E. Carr-Glyn, of Doncaster, has been appointed Private Secretary and Chaplain to the Archbishop of York.

—The Dean of Westminster has been addressing a course of lectures on the History of the Scottish church, at New College, Oxford.

—Trinity church at Cwmbran has been re-opened after restoration. A new roof has been put on, a new lobby added, and a bell put in the tower.

—The Bishop of Salisbury administered the rite of confirmation lately to more than 300 sailors, chiefly the crew of the "Boscowan" training-ship. The service was held at St. John's, Weymouth.

—The Martyrs' Memorial church, near Smithfield, will be consecrated on the 30th inst. As much as £3,000 is still needed to complete the building and leave it free from debt.

—The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles (Dr. Dwing) has started for Malta and Sicily, in search of health. The Rev. W. Bell, of Lochgilphead, will act as his lordship's commissary.

—Mr Mackonochie has authorised the publication of a letter begging for pecuniary assistance towards paying the costs incurred in obtaining a proper legal judgment as to the legality of his proceedings.

—His Grace the Duke of Devonshire has contributed £300 towards a tower and

spire for Christ church, Eastbourne, and the Boodie Family £500. The Duke gave a sum of £1,000 a short time ago to St. Saviour's church spire fund.

—Among the candidates for Deacons' Orders at the Advent ordination of the Bishop of London is Mr. Brewin Grant, who has been persecuted in Nonconformist cliques, because he refused to recognize the "principle" of "disestablishment."

—The vacant canonry in Chichester Cathedral has been conferred by the Bishop upon the Rev. A. R. Ashwell, the principal of Durham Training College, and editor of the *Literary Churchman*. The new Canon will, we understand, undertake the responsible post of Principal of the Theological College at Chichester.

—The parish church of St. Alban, Tattenhall, has been re-opened after extensive alterations. Throughout the whole of the restoration the character of the Perpendicular style of Gothic has been preserved. The cost is about £5,500, of which over £3,000 have been already subscribed.

—The Bishop of Bath and Wells is improving his palace, the more ancient portions of which were the work of the noted Joeline de Welles, between 1205 and 1244. Much of that early work still remains as substantial and almost as perfect as when first erected. Bath Abbey church and Wells Cathedral are also in course of restoration.

The new church of St. Paul, Carlisle, has been consecrated. The district assigned to it forms part of the parish of St. Mary, which has grown largely at the east side within the last few years. The site was given by the Earl of Lonsdale and the Duke of Devonshire. The church will accommodate 600 persons, the cost being £3,600, and another £1,000 will be needed to add the tower and spire.

—We are glad to find that the Archbishop of Canterbury has hitherto sustained his journey to Italy without relapse or discomfort. The travelling has been by short stages, occupying but a few hours daily, and special carriages have been secured on the railways. Hotel-keepers and Custom-house officers, here, we are told, been unusually considerate to his Grace. (*Rock*, Dec. 9.)

—The question of restoring Exeter Cathedral has been considered by a full Chapter. Mr. Gilbert Scott's estimate for works in the choir was £15,000, towards which £12,000 has been contributed, but in the face of the fact that just now Churchmen are called upon to help, with more than ordinary promptitude and generosity, the urgent movement for the extension of church schools, it has been thought expedient to postpone the matter for the present.

—The foundation-stone of a church, to be dedicated to St. Peter, situated in the Eltham-road, Lee, has been laid by the Lady Louisa Mills. The building, which is to be early Gothic in style, will be constructed of brick, with stone columns and window tracery, and will consist of a nave, north and south aisles, chancel, and organ chamber. The west end of the nave will terminate in a tower and spire, the basement of which will form the principal entrance. The cost of the church and part of the tower at present in progress will be £3,950, of which sum there is still about £2,000 to be raised.

—The ancient parish church of St. Andrew, Biggleswade, has been re-opened after extensive preparation. The structure is in the early English style, with square tower, and five bells, nave, chancel, and two aisles. A new organ chamber has been built on the north side of the chancel, with cellar for the heating apparatus beneath. Nearly the whole of the stone-work, which was very much decayed, has been restored; and where so much of it had been mended with cement, it has been cut away, and replaced with new stone. A noticeable feature is a new carved stone pulpit, very rich. The work is estimated to cost about £2,160. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

—The parish church at Houghton Conquest has had about £3,000 expended upon it, and the utmost pains taken to restore it to its original state. The Duke of Bedford and Lord John Thynne gave liberally, and a fine organ has been presented, chiefly by the neighbouring clergy. The chancel, which had fallen into a condition of great neglect, has been furnished by the rector with a fine oak roof, and was

certainly never in such a state of substantial beauty as at present. The parishioners also readily came forward and borrowed £800 on the rates. The Bishop of Ely preached at the re-opening, rest of the service being conducted by the rector of the parish (Archdeacon Rose), his sons, and the two rural deans present.

—The Bishop of London has arrived at one solution of the difficulty of obtaining assistance in episcopal ministrations, by selecting, as successor to Archdeacon Hale, the Bishop of Colombo, who has for a long time past contemplated resigning his See. The Archdeacon-nominate (the Right Rev. Piers Calveley Cloughton) was born in 1814, and educated at Repton school, Derbyshire, and Brasenose Coll., Oxon. He graduated First-class in Classics in 1835, obtained the English Essay prize, and was elected Fellow of University Coll. in 1837, and was Examiner in the Final Classical school in 1842-4. In 1859 he was consecrated Bishop of St. Helena, and three years afterwards was translated to the See of Colombo (Ceylon), on the resignation of Bishop Chapman. He is a younger brother of the Bishop of Rochester.

—The Old Testament company of the Revisers opened their third session on Tuesday. The Bishops of St. David's (president), Bath and Wells, Ely, and Llandaff, and fourteen others, were present. Dr. Jebb has announced that he finds himself unable to continue a member of the committee. He is now satisfied that no revision is required; but even if it were otherwise, the work should have been entrusted solely to the Anglican clergy. Above all, however, he has been shocked by the Communion at Westminster, in which, a Unitarian minister joined. This event fulfils to the letter "that which he apprehended from the beginning—the establishment of a virtual equality, in the prosecution of a matter so very sacred, between the members of our church and those extern to her communion."

ENGLISH PREFERENCES.—Ashwell, Rev. A. R., C. of Chichester, Barton, Rev. H. J., C. of St. Dunstan, Stepney; Brinckman, Rev. A., C. of All Saints, Margaret-st; Brooke, Rev. J. M. S., C. of St. Matthew, Oakley-square; Bullen, Rev. W. C., C. of Brompton Episcopal Chapel; Coates, Rev. R. P., Rural Dean of Gravesend; Hutchinson, Rev. W., Rural Dean of Uttoxeter; Heathfield, Rev. J., C. of St. John, Paddington; Hurd, Rev. W. R., C. of Christ's Chapel, Maida-hill; James, Rev. J. C., R. of Sedgberrow; Milroy, Rev. A. W., C. of St. Mary-le-bone; Monkhouse, Rev. P. E., C. of St. James, Norland-square; Roach, Rev. O., V. of Laocock, Wilts; Ramsay, Rev. A. C., C. of St. Columba, Haggerston; Thornton, Rev. J., C. of Bedford; Tidy, Rev. T. M., C. of St. Mary, Haggerston; Wood, Rev. Dr., V. of Cropredy, Oxon; Whytt, Rev. J., C. of Trinity, Bath; Williams, Rev. W. J., V. of Mansfield, Woodhouse; Wollaston, Rev. C. B., V. of Ampert, Hantz.

—A diabolical outrage has just been committed at Wood-church, Wakefield. The incumbent, Mr. Miller, is travelling for the benefit of his health, and during his absence the Rev. Mr. Williams has been left in charge. Some of the young men and women of the village having grossly misconducted themselves in church, Mr. Williams, in the course of a sermon, expressed, in a very decided manner, his strong sense of their behaviour. Mr. Williams, on going to church early on the subsequent Thursday morning to prepare for a wedding, found the edifice filled with a dense smoke, and on walking into the vestry he was lying on the floor a canister capable of holding 2lbs. of powder, with a spent fuse attached to it. A square of glass in the vestry window had been broken, and through it the infernal machine had evidently been thrown.

—The following extract from a letter on the subject of the New English Church at Rome, from J. Gason, Esq., M. D., Rome, will be read with much interest :— "12, Via della Mercede, Rome, Oct. 20, 1870.—I can assure you it is no easy thing to set up a new English church here free from all extremes, and founded on the true principles of our Reformed church. But, thank God, we have been enabled so far to do so. What a contrast from the state of things under the former Papal Government, when all the books, &c., must have been smuggled into Rome, if we wanted to get them. This time they were sent to