

Thomas Neill, convicted in old London of poisoning Matilda Clover, will probably be hanged on November 8th.

The Primate completed his eighty-fourth year on Sunday last. The event was celebrated at Armagh by the ringing of the Cathedral bells.

In a letter to the *Church Times*, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe challenges the English discrimination against "Colonial ordination."

Trinity College is now in full swing for the coming year. The "freshmen" class is the largest on record.

Mr. H. A. Massey, of Toronto, has given \$40,000 to endow a chair in the Theological Department in the Victoria College.

The Rev. F. G. Newton, of Bayfield, has been chosen by the vestry of St. John's Church, Strathroy, as successor to the Rev. L. DesBrisay.

Rev. Prof. Williams, of St. James', Stratford, was tendered a reception by the ladies of the parish on Thursday, 20th inst.

At Cairo, Egypt, are eleven thousand students, from every part of the Mohammedan world. Their chief subjects relate to their religion.

The Duke of Argyll travelled from Inverary and Lord Dufferin from Paris respectively, in order to be present at the funeral of Tennyson.

The Dean and Chapter of Ely have received promises which amount to almost £5,000 towards the sum necessary for the repairs of the Cathedral.

A gentleman in Tacoma recently gave a dinner to twenty-eight people, the dining-room being the interior of the trunk of a tree on his estate.

"Lutetia," the ancient name of Paris, means in effect "mudtown," the city when the Romans found it being chiefly composed of mud-built houses.

Within three years the United States have bought from the Indians about 30,000,000 acres of land, yet there remains about five times that area.

The Bishop of Derry is busy revising the proof-sheets of his American lectures, which are likely to be published by an American firm before the close of the year.

Names well known to Canadians at the Folkestone Congress were Chaplain General Edghill and General Sandham, son-in-law of Colonel Gzowski.

A blind girl at Oak Hill, Texas, is a successful gardener, clearing about two hundred dollars a season. She detects insects and weeds by her acute sense of hearing and sensitive touch.

The sum of £800 has been raised for a memorial in Peterborough Cathedral to Dr. Magee, the late Archbishop of York, and the Committee have accepted the design of Mr. Pearson, R.A., for the cenotaph.

Rev. Canon Mills, of Trinity Church, Montreal, has received an invitation from Canon DuMoulin, rector of St. James', Toronto, to act as associate rector, but he has decided to remain in Montreal.

A copy of the first edition of "The Vicar of Wakefield" sold in London recently, fetched £96. Goldsmith sold the copyright of the work when in MS. for £60.

British and Foreign.

Mrs. Jane Anthony Eames, the authoress of *Concord*, N. H., who has given \$4,000 to the Episcopal cathedral fund at the Bermudas, will give \$1,000 toward rebuilding the cathedral at St. John's, N. F.

The Hon. and Rev. James G. Adderley, curate of St. Frideswide, South Bromley, takes his stand every Sunday after morning service on a piece of waste ground near the East India Dock gates, and holds services which have hitherto attracted large numbers of people.

It has been stated that the late Mr. Spurrell, of Brighton, has left £50,000 to the Church Missionary Society and £20,000 to the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

The council of the corporation of the Church House have been enabled to resume the building of the Great Hall, begun in June, 1891. The impossibility of obtaining possession of some houses remaining on the site caused an interruption in the work, but this difficulty has been overcome.

The Archbishop of Dublin, speaking at the Dublin Christian Convention, has expressed his approval of the recent action of the Bishop of Worcester in administering Holy Communion to the members of the Grindelwald Conference. His Grace declared that Dr. Perowne would have failed in his duty if he had acted otherwise than he did.

Sister Emma Durham, who nursed Lord Tennyson during his illness, has handed over the fee of \$1,000, which she received for her services, to the national pension fund for nurses. The gift is made by Miss Durham in connection with the Poet Laureate's eighty-third birthday.

The Brothers of Nazareth have taken possession of their permanent buildings, one of which will be devoted to the care of convalescent men and boys, and the other to young men and boys suffering with phthisis. Address, Brother Gilbert, Superintendent O. B. N., Verbank, Dutchess county, N. Y.

The Women's Department of the World's Fair have received from the Queen the promise of examples, for exhibition, of spinning and knitting work done when she was a girl. It is also understood that Princess Louise will contribute some clay modelling, and Princess Beatrice one or two water-colour pictures.

"Enoch Arden," it is recorded, has been translated six times into German, five times into French, twice into Italian and Dutch, and once into Spanish, Norwegian, and Dutch. The latest French translation is an elaborate annotated one.

The last visitation charge of the Bishop of Cashel deals with the so-called "Higher Criticism" of the Old Testament, which he vigorously attacks as being of the same kind which was used some years ago against the Fourth Gospel, whose authenticity and genuineness it only succeeded in the more strongly establishing.

The Rev. Algernon Kirkham, who has just been appointed to the incumbency of St. James', Umtata, in the diocese of St. John's, Kaffraria, was for ten years Incumbent of St. John's, Roslyn, New Zealand, and chaplain to the Bishop of Dunedin. During the last two years he has been priest-in-charge of St. Mark's Mission in the parish of Christ Church South, Hackney. He will leave England about the middle of November for Kaffraria. Letters can be addressed to the Vicarage, Christ Church, South Hackney, or to the E. C. U. Office.

The Most Rev. Robert Knox, D.D., Primate of all Ireland and Metropolitan, has just completed his eighty-fourth year, in the enjoyment, we are glad to say, of remarkably good health and vigour. His Grace was born in Dungannon Park Mansion, the seat of his grandfather, Viscount Northland (now Earls of Ranfurley), on the 25th September, 1808, and was consecrated Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore in 1849. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, and Metropolitan, in 1886. On Sunday his Grace had an ordination in his Cathedral at Armagh.

Bishop Hills' resignation will take effect on Nov. 15th. His work in the Diocese of Columbia has extended over a period of thirty-three years. When he first arrived there was but one clergyman in the country; there are now twenty-five in the island of Vancouver, and the colony has grown to a population of 100,000, amongst whom three Bishops and upwards of fifty clergy are employed. Bishop Hills was Curate of the Parish Church, Leeds, in his earliest ministerial years, held the incumbency of St. Mary's, Leeds, from 1841 to 1848, and for the next eleven years was Vicar of Great Yarmouth.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have arranged a series of lectures on Church history, to be delivered under the dome on Tuesday evenings at seven p.m. The Bishop of London will deliver an introductory lecture on Tuesday, November 8th, at seven p.m. The Bishop of Peterborough will deliver a course of three lectures on the "Rise of the Friars," on Tuesdays, November 15th, 22nd, 29th; and Canon Brown, on "Lessons from the Times of Wilfrid and Bede," on Tuesdays, January 28rd and 30th, and Feb. 7th.

Calvary Church, N.Y., raises annually by voluntary systematic offerings the large sum of \$28,000. The Systematic Offering Fund is designed to provide for all worthy objects a regular and definite amount of assistance each year. The claims of domestic and foreign missions are first considered, then come the parochial and general objects. The general objects include diocesan and city missions, St. Johnland, the Parochial Missions Society, Church Temperance Society and the American Church Building Fund.

At the monthly general meeting of the S.P.C.K., the Rev. Brownlow Maitland, a New Vice-President, in the chair, the annual report was submitted, which, after noting that the number of members had increased to over 10,000, went on to say of the reports of the various works in which the Society has been engaged: "If only all men would read them, we should not again have to combat the wide-spread idea that the S.P.C.K. is merely a bookselling business, not in need of subscriptions. Nothing could

be a less accurate description of our Society. The books form but one out of many ways in which we try to promote Christian knowledge. They do not need subsidizing, for they make a profit, and that profit is given away in charitable grants. But we ask for subscriptions to enable us to meet the numerous applications of a missionary character which come to us from every quarter of the world."

Miss Frances E. Willard, who has just been paying a short visit to Lady Henry Somerset, is the President of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. An admirable speaker and writer, a very considerable traveller, a woman of large brain and larger heart, of much experience and more sympathy, Miss Willard has won many converts to her views by her wise tact and sweet persistence. "We mean to be as good-natured as sunshine, but as persistent as fate," she once said, and the phrase, says the *Ladies' Pictorial*, fits her whole life. Brimful of imagination and eloquence, Miss Willard is a born lecturer, and wisely recognises that her crusade against drink involves all sorts of other social reform. "White light," she says, "includes all the prismatic colours; so the white ribbon stands for all phases of reforms." Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset leave for America

Correspondence.

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N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Acknowledgment.

SIR,—May I be permitted to acknowledge in your columns some tokens of practical interest in the effort being made on behalf of the sorely needed Clergy Superannuation Fund of the diocese of Algoma, which have been entrusted to my care, and which have been duly passed on to the same through the proper channels, the treasurers of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions, *i. e.*, no less a sum, from a friend who withholds her name, than \$100; Mrs. Acer, \$5; Mrs. Falls, London, \$1; from the Offer-tories and Thank-offerings of our Huron semi-annual meetings at Chatham, \$33; and a donation of \$5 from Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Bishop of Ontario, to the Thank-offering fund at our Triennial meeting in Montreal, accompanied by some earnest words commending the work to our sympathies. With sincere thanks, very faithfully yours,

H. A. BOOMER.

Acknowledgment.

SIR,—May I acknowledge, with warmest thanks, the following contributions in answer to my appeal in your columns. Money has come in but slowly and more is still needed; but I am glad to say the repairs are well under way, and I hope all expense will be cleared off before long.

H. P. LOWE,

Priest-in-charge, Aspidin Mission.

Rev. W. J. Creighton, M.A., Bobcaygeon, \$2; Geo. Hallen, Esq., Oakville, \$1; T. W. H. Wood, Esq., Bank of Commerce, Thorold, \$2; Mrs. Ellis, Grenville House, St. Catharines, \$1. Per G. F. Davidson, Esq., Trinity College, Toronto: H. Thorne, Esq., \$1; Anon, \$1; F. T. Shutt, Esq., M.A., Experimental Farm, Ottawa, \$1; Mrs. Osler, the Rectory, York Mills, \$1.

Huron Lay Workers' and S.S. Convention.

SIR,—Your account of this most successful convention, good so far as it went, was most incomplete. Permit me to supplement it by a few words.

In the first place it was a refreshing sight to behold 200 communicants at the 9 o'clock a.m. service, and men in the large majority. Then, at the evening service, attended by 800 worshippers, every part was an inspiration: the Psalms were read by Mr. T. Woods, of Galt, the 1st lesson by Mr. A. H. Dymond, of Brantford, and the 2nd lesson by Mr. Jasper Golden, of Kingsville. The Bishop's sermon was a ringing call to consecration in Christ's service. In the afternoon of the second day, Mr. Dymond read a practical paper upon "The Lay Representatives," which will be printed; the Rev. Canon Richardson spoke upon "Young Peoples' Societies"; the Rev. W. J. Taylor followed in an interesting and forcible address upon "The King's Daughters," upon which subject the Rev. Canon Davis also spoke earnestly. In the evening Mr. Jasper Golden gave a suggestive address upon "The Model Teacher," illustrated by the black board; Miss Brown, in a very winning