

STRAFORD.—*St. James*.—The bishop confirmed 45 candidates on Sunday, Dec. 20th (22 females and 23 males). He preached to crowded congregations morning and evening.

ALGOMA.

ILFRACOMBE MISSION.—*St. John the Baptist Church, Ravenscliffe*.—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, which has been provided by the members of the church, was used for the first time in the above place of worship. The officials of the church and a large congregation joined devoutly with the incumbent, Rev. J. Pardoe, in the dedication prayers, and the whole service was bright, hearty and reverent throughout.

QU'APPELLE.

JOHN GRINDALE, D.D., BISHOP, QU'APPELLE STATION.

INDIAN HEAD.—A very handsome present has just been received from the St. Matthew's Guild of the W. A., Quebec. It consists of a solid silver chalice and paten of very beautiful design and workmanship. We are deeply grateful to our kind friends in the east for their generous gift. An organ has been purchased for the parish room, where, during the winter, the week day services and choir practices are held. Special week-day services will be held in this room, when Mr. Dobie hopes to give instructions on the observance of the season of Advent. Mr. Dobie has a set of holy vessels which he would be pleased to give to any priest really in need of such things. He will answer any inquiries concerning them. They are complete and nearly new.

ELLISBORO'.—A meeting was held at this point on Saturday, 24th of October, at 8 p.m., to consider the advisability of building a church in the spring of next year. The meeting was very well attended by settlers in the vicinity, and great interest was shown in the matter. The Rev. T. G. Beal, priest-in-charge, acted as chairman, and Mr. H. Edwards was appointed secretary. After various plans being examined and the matter carefully discussed, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. W. P. Osler, and seconded by Mr. H. Edwards, "That a church be built at Ellisboro' according to plan A. (20x30 with a chancel 11x14), and that steps be taken to raise the necessary money during the winter so that work may be commenced in the spring. Miss Rosa Oliver received a gift of \$24 for the church from Mr. Ramsey, Southampton, England. Rev. Canon Osler, Toronto, has promised a set of holy vessels for the church when completed.

HYDE.—The first services were held in this church on Friday, October 28th, by special request of Mr. Hyde. Before the celebration of the Holy Communion, which took place at 8.30 a.m., a short service of dedication was held, when the church was dedicated to the "Holy Trinity." At 3.30 p.m. Evensong was read and sermon preached by the priest-in-charge of Grenfell, in whose district Holy Trinity is situated. A very handsome organ specially built by the Uxbridge Organ Co. has been placed in the church. The church has also been furnished with lectern and fold stool.

MAPLE CREEK.—*St. Mary's Church* has been greatly improved during the summer; it has had a stone foundation put under it, a tower 26 feet high has been placed at the north-west corner of the church, and this is a great addition and improvement. A bell has been purchased and placed in position, and we are all so proud of our bell; it has been talked of for years and now it is a reality. The church has been painted, and it looks very neat and trim in its new coat. The windows last fall were coloured with glacier, and this gives a very pretty effect; one can hardly tell it from stained glass, and it is a good substitute when one cannot get the real thing; so that now the church is in fairly good shape and we may feel very proud of it. We hope next year to get a parsonage and to get the church properly fenced.

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Carlisle is suffering from overwork, and is going abroad for three months.

The East London Church Fund still requires £3,000 if even the ordinary level of the income is to be reached.

Archdeacon Danks, who has recently been appointed Residentiary Canon of Ripon, will resign the living of Richmond next year.

The Bishop of Salisbury has consecrated fifteen new burial grounds or additions to burial grounds in his diocese during the present year.

Mrs. Benson, the widow of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Miss Benson, Miss Tait, and the Rev. Hugh Benson have arrived at Cairo.

The parish of All Saint's, Belfast, has outgrown its church, and a new building is in contemplation capable of holding 1,000 worshippers.

The Archbishop-elect and Mrs. Temple arrived at Canterbury recently on a brief visit to the Bishop of Dover. Dr. Temple preached recently in the cathedral.

In connection with the anonymous gift of £10,000 to the Diocese of Wakefield, the Bishop of Wakefield has decided to form a new parish at Crossland Moor, Huddersfield.

The Rev. H. J. Riddelsdell, M.A., one of the assistant clergy at the parish church, Leeds, has been appointed to the sub-wardenship of St. Michael's College, Aberdare.

Bishop Tucker is well enough to get about London, but he has not shaken off the effects of the dysentery which made it necessary for him to leave Africa for a short rest.

In a Convocation holden at Oxford recently, the degree of D.D. by diploma was conferred upon the Hon. and Rev. Edward Carr Glynn, M.A., University College, Bishop-designate of Peterborough.

It is proposed to have a service of intercession on behalf of some particular mission once a quarter in Winchester Cathedral, with an address from some one who has a knowledge of that mission.

At the university, Oxford, the special preachers chosen for next year include Archdeacon Sinclair, Canon Wiberforce, Canon Jessopp, Canon Hicks and the Rev. W. B. Duggan, vicar of St. Paul's, Oxford.

At Cambridge last week there was a service of intercession for foreign missions held in St. Michael's Church, at which a sermon was preached by the Rev. Lefroy, late of Delhi; there was a large congregation.

The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London have made a grant of twenty-five guineas to the Army Guilds' Home for the orphan daughters of non-commissioned officers and men of Her Majesty's army.

The widow of the Rev. A. J. Bridgman, so long the vicar of St. Andrew's, 1 Hornhill-square, N. W., where he did a great work, unveiled a tablet on the north wall in his memory recently. There was a very large congregation, and the rural dean and several neighbouring clergy were present.

The Committee of the Additional Curates' Society have again received an anonymous gift of £150, sent "In the Master's Name" to provide one curate's stipend. They propose to allot it, as in previous years, to Llwynypia, a parish in the Rhondda Valley containing a population of 22,000 souls.

The London Junior Clergy Society held a meeting to consider whether the society should continue to exist. After a statement from the hon. secretary, the Rev. H. Cookson moved "That this meeting of the Society of Junior Clergy in London is of opinion that the society should continue its work," which was carried *nem con.*

A statement has been issued in connection with the Church Missionary Society informing treasurers and secretaries of associations that there is a deficit of £13,000 on last year, and that an increase in the annual income of about £13,000 must also be obtained if the current year's expenses are to be met.

The Archbishop of Dublin has issued an appeal in the name of the Committee of the Irish Memorial to the late Archbishop Benson, Lord Plunket suggesting, that in order to elicit as widespread an expression of sympathy as possible, it be resolved to issue an appeal in the first instance for contributions not to exceed £1 each.

The Vicar-General, Sir James Parker Deane, Q.C., has so far recovered from his recent fall that he was able to attend at Westminster last week, where, under a commission from the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, guardians during the vacancy, he instituted the Rev. Edward Tayleur Gwynn, M.A., to the vicarage of Stalisfield, Kent.

The Princess Louise opened the Church Army Sale of Work in the Portman Rooms on Monday week. In reply to a vote of thanks the Marquis

of Lorne said it was an immense pleasure to her Royal Highness to be able to aid the noble work that the Church Army was doing, not only in London, but throughout the whole country.

The Church of Ireland and the Irish gentry have equally sustained a loss by the almost total destruction by fire of St. Colomba's College, Rathfarnham, built by the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Todd, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, Mr. Augustus Stafford, the secretary to the admiralty in Lord Derby's first government, and other Irish Churchmen.

The funeral of the late Edward Wyndham Tufnell, D.D., first Bishop of Brisbane, Senior Canon of Chichester and vicar of Felpham, was conducted on the 3rd ult., at the cathedral. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. The service was fully choral. The interment took place at Felpham Church, of which parish Bishop Tufnell had been vicar for fourteen years.

Mr. Carr-Glynn, the Bishop Designate of Peterborough, is not to be allowed to leave his old parish of Kensington without some mark of appreciation from his many friends in the west of London. His personal qualities have made him a great favourite in the Metropolis; but the good work he has done in the way of organization would alone entitle him to some form of testimonial such as is now proposed.

The late Primate left personal estate of the value of £35,257. Some of the Radical journals, which cherish the fond belief that archbishops and bishops have none but private claims on their thousands, seem astonished that Archbishop Benson had not amassed a larger fortune, when the probabilities are that what comparatively little he has left was gathered from other sources than the so-called "princely" emoluments of the archiepiscopal office.

Sir Arthur Bigge, in regretting his inability to accede to a request that he would submit to Her Majesty the details of a proposal to erect a church, at a cost of about £15,000, in the neighbourhood of Fulham Cross, as a memorial of "the longest and most glorious reign in English history," remarks that it would be useless to thus encroach upon Her Majesty's valuable time, since it has been found necessary, no matter how much the Queen may sympathize with the proposals, to decide that Her Majesty cannot identify herself with such undertakings as are intended to commemorate the duration of her reign.

BRIEF MENTION.

The proper distance between the eyes is the width of one eye.

Rev. F. G. Meek has been appointed rector of Richibucto, N.B.

One hundred new words are annually added to the English language.

The rate of pulsation is 120 per minute in infancy, 80 in manhood, and 60 in old age.

A musical bicycle has been invented in England, which grinds out tunes as the wheels turn.

Rev. P. T. Mignot, rector of Milton, has been elected president of the local Bible Society Auxiliary.

It is a strange fact that the right hand, which is more sensible to the touch than the left, is less sensible than the latter to the effect of heat or cold.

The Queen's will is engrossed on vellum, quarto size, and is bound as a volume, and is secured by a private lock.

A sanitary authority, commenting on typhoid fever, says that a well 20 feet deep will drain a surface whose radius is 160 to 200 feet.

The only historical necklace in Rome was presented by Cardinal Mazzarino, in the seventeenth century, to one of his nieces. It is now the property of a Roman princess.

The Duke of York is the only member of the royal family who can dance a sailor's hornpipe. He is said to take considerable pride in the accomplishment, which he learned while a cadet in the royal navy.

The tallest trees are to be found in the state forest in Victoria, Australia. They belong to the eucalyptus family, and range from 350 to 500 feet in height.

The Rev. R. F. Taylor, formerly agent of the Saverio Mission, has been appointed rector of Aylmer, Que.

The children of the late Canon Kingsley were trained by him in the study of all branches of natural history; and one of his daughters, Miss Mary Kingsley, is demonstrating her cleverness in this line by writing the observations she has made as a naturalist upon the coast of West Africa.

Over 1,000 ships of all kinds and sizes pass up and down the English channel every 24 hours, and