

ALGOMA.

PORT ARTHUR.—*St. John's*.—This little church is waking up from its lethargy. Two bright, enthusiastic services were held on Easter Day, the psalms being chanted beautifully at both. The choir stalls were filled, numbering 20. There were a great many communicants. The holy table was bright with flowers. In the evening, when the church was crowded, in addition to the organ, there was an orchestra of violins and cornets. The offertories morning and evening amounted to \$525. An equally cheerful service is contemplated for the evening of Ascension Day.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Rupert's Land is the fifth diocese in Canada for number of clergy—over eighty.

WINNIPEG, during June, will be a city of conferences, conventions and synods. The synod meets there in June, also the Methodist conference, Sunday school convention, etc. Already the Methodists have published the list of special (attractions) preachers who will occupy the Methodist pulpits. We hope a fitting service will be held in connection with the synod. Eighty clergy in vestments in the chancel of Holy Trinity Church, with a plain choral service, would make a good impression on the people of Winnipeg, and through the press on the people of the diocese. The lay delegates would go home and tell their friends of such a service.

St. John's College.—There is a debt of \$45,000 on *St. John's College*, and \$12,500 on the *Ladies' College*, that in the present critical state of education threaten to affect seriously the usefulness of our Church institutions. Any donations in aid of them would strengthen the Church and the cause of religious education.

BIRTLE.—The Rev. C. Wood, late of Souris, has been appointed rector of *St. George's*, Birtle.

Confirmed in the diocese last year, 1,356.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

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St. Barnabas.—The executive committee of the diocese met on Mar. 5th and constituted the new parish. In such hard times as at present it is no light matter for a district to start out to support itself as a parish, but good hope and faith are not wanting, and God's blessing will be earnestly prayed for to give success to the efforts of the people. The Easter services were crowded; there were 84 communicants. Great improvement has been made on the Church lot during the past month. On two Saturday afternoons upward of twenty men assembled with axes, picks, saws and shovels, and worked with such a will that many of the unsightly logs and stumps which cumbered the ground are now no more. The ladies did their part by providing on each occasion a most bountiful supper, which the workers attacked and cleared away even more rapidly than they had done the stumps.

St. Paul's.—Confirmation was held in this church, when six candidates were presented to the Bishop for the laying on of hands. An attempt is being made by the parishioners to raise funds for the purchase of the property to the south of the church. The building was erected three years ago by Rev. E. P. Flewelling, and has been occupied by him as a rectory, the parish paying rent for it. If purchased, the Canon of Synod will be carried out, which stipulates that "a clergy-house or rectory shall be provided by the parishioners for the incumbent of the parish." It is hoped that the attempt to raise funds will be successful.

PENTICTON.—The Lenten and Easter service of this parish were well attended. The Church people here owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Ellis for building the church, and also to an English lady who, in conjunction with him, contributes liberally towards the support of regular services. It is very encouraging to find people in this out-of-the-way district taking such an active interest in Church matters.

TRENANT.—The Bishop visited this parish on the 7th ult. and held a confirmation service. Among the latest gifts to the church may be mentioned an altar-kneeler, 14 feet long, in handsome pattern and colourings, made and presented by Mrs. Richards, of *Nevers Square*, London, S. W. This generous gift practically completes the equipment of the sanctuary of our little church.

VANCOUVER.—Easter Sunday large congregations

attended all the services; there were 151 communicants.

British and Foreign.

Bishop Stuart, of Waiapu, has arrived in England.

Churchmen in the Diocese of Norwich are taking steps to have next year's Church Congress held at Norwich.

The Archbishop of Armagh has just become one of the numerous patrons of the Church Army.

St. Paul's Cathedral has just contributed towards the Church Army Samaritan Office for destitute but deserving city clerks.

The Church House has received a legacy of £1,000, under the will of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Kettlewell of Eastbourne, who died on November 2, 1893.

Most cheering are the accounts received from Malta, where the work of the Mildmay Sisters has been blessed by the conversion of several soldiers.

By desire of the Bishop of Durham, the Church Army have just sent one of their colportage and mission vans into his Lordship's Diocese. This makes the seventh van which the Society has now at work in different dioceses.

The deadly climate of Africa has so affected Bishop Hornby, of Nyasaland, who was consecrated little more than a year ago for work in connection with the Universities' Mission in the interior of Africa, that he is returning home invalided.

The Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Hollins and the Rev. D. M. Wilson have left England for Palestine. Mr. Wilson is a brother of the Rev. C. T. Wilson, late of Uganda, and now stationed at Jerusalem.

Amongst other munificent bequests, the late Mr. Samuel Weston, yarn merchant, Manchester, has left £50,000 to the Bishop of Manchester for Church purposes within his diocese as he may think best.

The Bishop of Durham will contribute a preface to the volume of sermons on social subjects which is to be published shortly by Mr. Elliot Stock, under the title of "Lombard Street in Lent."

At the Metropolitan Tabernacle, it was announced that Mr. Thomas Spurgeon had decided to accept the invitation which has been accorded to him to fill the pulpit which for so many years has been associated with the name of his distinguished father, the late Mr. C. H. Spurgeon.

The contemplated conference between Mr. J. M. Flad, the superintendent of the Abyssinian Mission, and the native agents, has been arranged. Mr. Flad left Kornthal on March 3rd, to meet them at Monkulo, on the frontiers of the country, where they had already arrived.

It is stated that trustees of the living of *Holy Trinity*, Hull, have given an invitation to the Bishop of Melbourne (Dr. F. F. Goe) to accept the living of *Holy Trinity*, but he will not, it is supposed, care to relinquish his bishopric. The Bishop was once the vicar of *Christ Church*, Hull.

The visit of the Rev. Dr. Paton, the New Hebrides missionary to Liverpool, where he preached twice on Sunday, has been very successful financially. Last week he received—among other substantial donations—£1,000 from an anonymous friend. This is to be applied to the building of the new mission ship on which Dr. Paton has set his heart.

Canon Knox-Little, who has been in residence at Worcester during the last month, was taken ill on the evening of Easter Day, after preaching in the cathedral, and he has been advised to take entire rest for several months.

In view of the fact revealed by the recent census that upwards of 300,000 persons in Birmingham do not attend any place of worship, the Council of the Evangelical Free Churches in that city has resolved to take steps to "federate and utilise" lay agency, with a view to reach non-churchgoers.

Archdeacon Crowther, of Niger, son of the late Bishop Crowther, has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury in regard to the position of Church affairs in these parts. For himself and his colleagues, he submits to any arrangements which may be made for the Episcopal supervision of the work on the Delta. This submission is qualified by a reference

to the present arrangement as "temporary," and by a hope that the "cherished idea" of certain Delta congregations, with regard to the appointment of an independent native bishop, will in due season be realized.

The Bishop of Lichfield in recommending the organization and work of the Brotherhood of *St. Andrew* to his diocese, says he rejoices "to think that there is a prospect of our receiving from the sister Church in America the gift of so sound an organization." Bishop Anson has offered to give any help he can towards the establishment of branches in the diocese.

Miss Charlotte M. Yonge is writing a series of articles on "Reminiscences of John Keble" in the *Illustrated Church News*. To Churchfolk generally, as well as to those in particular who take an interest in all that concerns the leaders of the Tractarian movement, these articles will no doubt prove especially attractive, as no living writer is so well qualified as Miss Yonge to deal with the subject.

The Synod has decided by a vote of 181 to 97 that no change shall be made in the Canon which prohibits crosses from being on or behind the Communion table in the churches in the Church of Ireland. There was a long debate on the subject, which resulted in a division on a call for a "vote by orders." The above numbers are distributed as follows: Clergy for the retention of the Canon in its present condition, 126; laity on the same side, 55; clergy for an addition to the Canon forbidding crosses in the chancel or in apparent connection with the Communion table, 31; laity on the same side, 66.

The Church of Ireland.—According to the report of the representative body of the Church of Ireland, in the year 1892 the receipts had fallen below the level of the years before, but in 1893 the receipts both from voluntary contributions and from the interest on investments increased. The total contributions from voluntary sources were £156,597, being £5,685 over 1892. Since the disestablishment there has been a voluntary subscription of four millions and a quarter. The interest on investments for last year was £300,174, and the income of the Church from all sources £487,681. The total paid out to bishops, clergy, &c., was £380,682, and with additional expenditure on glebes, insurance, income tax, salaries, &c., the total outlay was £421,553, leaving a balance of £66,128 to be added to capital. The total assets of the Church are £7,714,801.

The Bishop of Bathurst.—The Bishop of Bathurst has arrived in England by the *R.M.S. Oruba*, for a complete rest ordered by his medical adviser. He took charge of his diocese at the beginning of 1888, and has a good record of work accomplished for his six years' ministration. The diocese is the largest in New South Wales, comprising a population of 122,000 people, of which 62,000 are members of the Anglican Church. During the six years he has had charge the Bishop has travelled 57,604 miles, not including trips he has made outside the diocese. He has confirmed 3,093 persons, and has ordained thirty-nine. The Bishop has been very successful in obtaining a supply of clergymen, and he says the experiment of raising the standard of examinations 90 per cent. has worked very well.

The commission of bishops and theologians, which was appointed last year to consider the question of a union of the Russian Orthodox Church with the Old Catholic Churches, has presented a report, which, if it receive the approval of the Synod, will lead to formal overtures being made to the Old Catholic Bishops of Germany, Holland, and Switzerland. But it distinctly declared that the union sought is of such a kind as would in no way interfere with the entire independence of both sides, what is aimed at being only the settlement of terms of inter-communion. High Churchmen in England express much satisfaction with this intelligence, believing, somewhat prematurely, that it points to the ultimate realization of their fondest hopes. The carrying out of the proposals will certainly tend to the consolidation of part of the forces arrayed against Rome.

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