

**ST. MARY'S.**—Mr. F. W. Wilson, Barrister, of St. Mary's, and warden of St. James' Church there, has removed to Petrolia. Mr. Wilson takes an active interest in musical matters, and his departure from St. Mary's was much regretted. Rev. W. J. Taylor, rector of St. James', has arranged to hold fortnightly services in Downie, commencing February 28th, in the Orange Hall there.

**MILLBANK.**—Rev. S. R. Asbury, B.D., of Atwood, conducted the services in the three churches of this parish on February 23rd, administering the Holy Communion at the close of each. On Monday, Feb. 24th, the annual missionary meetings were held in Crosshill at 3.30 p.m., and at Millbank at 7 p.m., and the following day in Milverton at 7 p.m. The Monday speakers at Crosshill and Millbank were Rev. Rural Dean Deacon, Rev. James Ward and Rev. S. R. Asbury. The speakers at Milverton were Mr. Deacon and Mr. Asbury. Mr. Deacon entered into full explanations regarding the management of the missionary funds of the diocese; Mr. Ward dealt with the duty of supporting missions, treating it as the evidence and expression of true Church life; Mr. Asbury dealt with the foreign field, having been three years a missionary in India, and having an intimate acquaintance with the life and customs of the Hindoos. All the addresses were very full of interest, and it is greatly to be regretted that the roads were not favourable for a larger attendance at each meeting.

**LISTOWEL.**—The people of Christ Church, whose building was destroyed by fire recently, have decided to rebuild next summer and will have all details settled in time to commence operations when the season opens. It is probable that the new edifice will be constructed of stone and will cost about \$1500, though, as yet, these particulars are not settled upon. The insurance on the burned church has been adjusted. The policy stood at \$650 on church, \$350 on contents, and \$100 on organ. The first two items have been paid in full, and \$15 allowed on the latter, making in all, \$1015.

#### ALGOMA.

EDWARD SULLIVAN, D.D., BISHOP, SAULT STE. MARIE.

**EMSDALE.**—The Lord Bishop of Huron arrived here February 15th by the evening train, and proceeded next morning to St. Mary's Church, Sand Lake, Township of Proudfoot, in the district of Parry Sound, to administer confirmation. The journey thereto was most severe, a strong north wind blowing the whole of the distance (16 miles). At this place the church is not finished, owing to lack of funds, and the frost coming on in the early part of the winter we were unable to plaster the chinking, which had been stuffed with moss, but the strong winds had blown much of that out. When it is remembered that long after this time last year the logs of which it is built were trees growing in the bush, it is not to be wondered at, nor is it to be thought the people have been slothful in the matter, having raised a neat little church on stone foundation in a church-like style, and they are at most few in number, but the few that are there are staunch, and best of all, united in their action. Here the two candidates of this place were joined by four from Ebberton, making six in all. Had it been anything like moderately cold, the congregation, which was good, would have been very much larger. Owing to the intense cold the service had to be cut short. Dinner over, the bishop had prayers with the family, and then we proceeded on our return journey to Emsdale, where a good congregation was waiting. Here nine candidates were presented, the tenth having been taken ill. The service here had also to be shortened, but the bishop's address will long be remembered by both candidates and confirmed.

### British and Foreign.

The General Committee had cordial interviews with Bishops Bickersteth and Awdry about the work in Japan.

The Rev. R. S. Beloe, whose death was announced recently, was for forty years rector of Holton, St. Peter, Suffolk.

It has been decided to make certain improvements at the Halifax parish church, at an outlay estimated at about £2,000.

Owing to a decrease in legacies, last year's income of the Bishop of London's Fund was less than that of the year before.

The Rochester Diocesan C.E.T.S. reports an increase in adult membership during last year of nearly 513 more branches.

A telegram was received recently announcing the death of Miss Constance Lancaster, who went out to the Girls' School, Agra, in 1893.

The late Rev. A. B. Goulden will be greatly missed. He was known not only throughout England, but in the colonies. His loss is a calamity.

The Bishop of Chester and Mrs. Wilberforce have taken a furnished house in West Pallant, until the Episcopal Palace is ready to receive them.

The Bishop of Southwell last week consecrated a fine new church built at the cost of Sir Charles Seely, Bart., for the parish of Daybrook, Notts.

The Archbishop of York visited his old parish of St. Mary's, Newington, and preached in the splendid church on behalf of the Parochial Mission Fund.

Mr. Richard Holtby, of Nafferton, has bequeathed legacies of £500 each to the Church Missionary Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

In the C.M.S. special paper on "Africa," it is stated that during the seven years, 1888-1895, the number of converts and communicants in Uganda has practically doubled year by year.

Through the munificence of Mr. William Blythe, of London, the parish church of Imber, on Salisbury Plain, a building of thirteenth century date, has been restored at a cost of nearly £1,000.

The Right Rev. William Alexander, D.D., Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, has been elected Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, in succession to the Most Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D.

An important addition has been made to the fine pile of buildings of the St. Mary's Home, Wantage, the central home of the Sisterhood of St. Mary the Virgin, founded so many years ago by the late Dean Butler.

The champions of the Church Schools held an imposing review at St. James' Hall. Two things were demonstrated by the meeting—the earnestness of Churchmen in defence of their schools, and their unanimity.

The handsome new church of Westham, which has been built at a cost of more than £4,000, has been formally opened by the Bishop of Salisbury, in the presence of a large number of the local clergy and civic dignitaries.

The Bishop of Newcastle, who has been for some years on the Council of the St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission for Sailors, Fishermen, and Emigrants at Home and Abroad, has now been added to the list of patrons.

The living of Cheddar, which is of the net value of £200 a year, with residence, and is in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Wells, will shortly become vacant by the resignation of Prebendary Coleman, who has been vicar since 1882.

The parishioners of the late Prebendary Rogers have resolved to do something for the purpose of preserving his name from oblivion. Their memorial is likely to take the shape of a complete restoration of the schools in the Goswell Road.

The appointment of the Rev. J. F. Kitto to a prebendal stall in St. Paul's Cathedral, is mentioned. This is supposed to be a valuable piece of preferment, but it only secures him five pounds for preaching in his turn on Sunday morning.

The operations of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge cover a wide area, and include the placing of chaplains on all the great ships going to Canada, Australia and the Cape, for the purpose of ministering to the emigrants on board.

In balloting for the Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill, it came out so low down that it must needs be dropped. For a bill that during the last twenty years has received the support of a large majority in every House of Commons, this is a hard fate.

The appointment of the Rev. G. H. Tremeneere to the charge of the Winchester College Mission, indicates a laudable desire on the part of the authorities of the mission to secure a continuity of Catholic teaching, and is in itself an admirable selection.

An important deputation of the Church of England Temperance Society, headed by the Bishop of London, and including ten others, presented a memorial to the Prime Minister. Lord Salisbury adverted to the difficulties of the situation, saying that nothing could be attempted this season.

A very lively attack has been made by a well-known Manchester Canon upon a Methodist mission held every Sunday in the Free Trade-hall of that city. The Canon thinks that the sensational services are a danger to the young people who attend them.

Mr. G. H. Schofield, of The Oaklands, Greenfield, Saddleworth, has presented to the vicar, the Rev. H. Doig, a parochial hall for the Church's work. The hall, which has cost over £1,200, is situated in the populous village of Uppermill, in the parish of Saddleworth.

The Upper House of Canterbury Convocation has agreed upon the draft of a bill intended to confer upon the two Convocations powers to lay before Her Majesty in Council a scheme for amending or supplementing the rubrics and providing new prayers and services.

The East London Church Fund income for 1895 amounted to £17,780. Though this was behind the income for the previous year by £1,000, owing to a falling off in legacies and donations, it covered the expenditure, and left a small balance of £157 to be carried forward to 1896.

**Ordination by the Bishop of Honduras.**—In St. John's Cathedral, Belize, December 29th—Deacons: Robert Rogers, head master of the Diocesan School, licensed to St. Augustine's Mission, Kendal; Percy Bernard Simpson, licensed to St. Stephen's Mission, Monkey River and Punta Gorda.

One of the most respected clergymen in the Diocese of Liverpool is, it is said, about to resign his living. The Rev. Canon Burbridge has been vicar of St. Michael's-in-the-Hamlet since 1886, in which year he was also made Hon. Canon of Liverpool Cathedral and Rural Dean of Toxteth.

The late Arthur Sheldon, of the Tinnevely Mission, whose death was recently recorded, was asked why he did not go to England instead of to Australia to recruit, and he replied: "Oh! if I had gone home my people would never have allowed me to return to India; and, oh! I love India."

A correspondent informs us that Father Black, lecturing at Plaistow on "Holy Matrimony," stated that he had learned from his solicitor that Dr. Tristram, while reserving his right to issue licenses for the marriage of divorced persons, had agreed with the Bishop of London not to issue any more.

The report on the work of the Church Army Mission and Colportage Vans last year is both interesting and encouraging. The year began with ten vans, working in the Dioceses of Canterbury, Carlisle, Down and Connor, Durham, Exeter, Manchester, Norwich, St. Alban's, St. Asaph and Wakefield.

The village sexton has lately been described as holding "a necessary but sad office." The office is certainly necessary, and may be described as gruesome, but it can hardly be called sad. Most sextons have been most jolly and cheery fellows. There seems something in the office conducive to the length of days.

The Right Rev. Robert Kestell Kestell-Cornish, D.D., has notified his intention of resigning the Bishopric of Madagascar in September next, by which time, it is hoped, the affairs of the mission will be settled with due regard to the influence of the French occupation. He has held the See for twenty-two years.

At St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, recently, the Right Rev. Edgar Jacob was installed Bishop of Newcastle. There was a large congregation, including municipal representatives from Newcastle and other boroughs in the diocese and a number of clergy. Canon Gough, vicar of Newcastle, performed the installation.

The choral celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday, when the Archbishop of Canterbury was celebrant, the Bishop of Winchester epistoler, and the Bishop of London, gospeller, was quite an innovation in the abbey. Large numbers remained without communicating, though few members of Convocation unfortunately set the example.

The Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand, is going from church to church in his diocese on a tricycle. To one congregation he spoke as follows in respect of the offertory: "I never saw so much bad coin in all my life. To offer to the Church—the cause of God—money that the butcher or baker would not accept, shocks me. The man that would do that wants the grace of God badly—or [three months]!"