

good men on both sides will feel the unspeakable importance of union amongst Churchmen at the present great crisis, when infidelity of a most alarming kind is making such headway on all sides, and political exigencies are threatening the Church with both disestablishment and disendowment.

During the last seven years more than 400 Jews have been baptized in a single parish of the English Church.

THE 17th of September 1892 was the centennial of the first consecration of an American Bishop on American soil viz: that of the Rev. Thomas Claggett, D.D., elected to the Bishopric of Maryland. In the consecration of Dr. Claggett the two lines of succession, Scottish and English were united "forever in all American Consecrations for all time to come."

The will of the late Miss Sarah Louise Cooke, of this city, contains bequests of \$100,000 for St. Mary's Free Hospital for children, and \$50,000 for the Rev. Thomas McKee Brown, rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin is made residuary legatee. The property is thought to be large, hence the last gift will be a handsome one. Miss Cooke was during her life a friend and benefactor of the Church just mentioned, and of Trinity chapel and the Church of St. Ignatius.

Last year extensive improvements were made in Grace Church, New York, including electric lighting and costly decorations in and about the porch. At present two memorial doors are in the course of construction, one in memory of Miss Catherine L. Wolfe, to whose beneficence the Church house, the Chantry and endowment fund of \$350,000 and many other gifts were made from time to time through a long course of years. The door is of Caen stone exquisitely carved and Sienna marble, and will cost about \$9,000, which has been raised by individual subscriptions principally from members of Grace Church parish.

THE *Churchman* of New York in a late number paid a well deserved tribute to the late Lord Bishop of Fredericton described as "A great Canadian Ecclesiastic, a typical Oxford man of the sober school of Pusey and Keble, whose influence he diffused among the Churchmen of his diocese." It also spoke of him as having spent his private fortune in building the exquisite little cathedral at Fredericton; and as having been an accomplished musician doing much to foster the cultivation of Church music in Canada. It also notes the fact that he was chosen, by Keble and Newman as *Collaborateur* in the translation of the "Fathers" for the "Library of the Fathers," one of the most important fruits of the Oxford movement, and it closes its obituary notice with the words "The Metropolitan of Canada was much beloved and it will be hard to fill his place in the affections of Canadians, as well as in the councils and government of the Canadian Church."

Among the many attempts to give adequate and appropriate training to women, who desire give all or part of their lives to the service of

God and the Church, one of the most interesting is the Church Training and Deaconess House of the diocese of Pennsylvania, opened in Philadelphia, in January, 1891, under the direction of the Bishop. The two years' course of study covers all that a deaconess or sister should know, and the instruction is not only in books,—the Bible, the Prayer-Book, Church History,—but in practical work, in the teaching of Bible-classes and Sunday-school, in hospital and sick-room work, in visiting the poor and wretched. Last winter there were twelve students resident in the house, five of whom hope to become deaconesses; of the others, one went to the headship of an orphanage in the South-west, another to work in the Indian field. The mortgage on the house has been paid off, the building itself improved in important and expensive ways, and there is every reason to hope for an increase in the power and influence of the work. The number of outside students, of special branches, is comparatively few as yet. All details may be learned on application to the Church Training House, 708 Spruce street, Philadelphia.

THE second International Old Catholic Congress was to meet at Luzern on September 13th, 14th, and 15th and among those who purposed being present were the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Salisbury, and the ex-Bishop of Truro, Dr. Wilkinson, who, by his Grace's desire will, together with the Rev. R. S. Oldham, specially represent the Archbishop of Canterbury on the occasion. An invitation to the Congress was addressed to the Old Catholics of Europe, and to the Churches in the East and West organized on the same principles, and to all the friends of the Old Catholic movement. The following important resolutions would be proposed for the acceptance of the Congress:—

1. "Old Catholicism is no mere protest against the new dogmas of the Vatican, and in particular against Papal Infallibility, but it is the return to the true Catholicism of the ancient undivided Church as contrasted with the corruptions of the Papal Jesuit régime, and a call to all Christian communities to union upon the basis of primitive Christianity." 2. "What is binding upon Christians is the teaching of Christ, not theological speculation. But we accept as the teaching of Christ, and, therefore, as Christian dogma what has been recognised as such by the universal, continuous, and unanimous tradition of individual Christian Churches, in accordance with the Declaration of the old Catholic Bishops of Holland, Germany, and Switzerland, dated Utrecht, the 24th September, 1879." 3. "Resting upon the ancient practice of Christian National Churches which, while fully recognising general ordinances of Church Universal, have preserved their own autonomy and their own characteristics in accordance with their special relations, wants, and traditions, the Congress lays down the principle that it is the inalienable right of the Christian Churches both of the East and of the West to direct the religious thought and life of their peoples, and in their arrangements to respect national customs and traditions without any foreign influence."

You may say what you please about the inspiration of the Scriptures; so long as there are tears in the world, and sorrows that made them, so long the books of the New Testament will be considered authoritative; and for this simple reason that they bring balm to the wants of men where men's wants are most immedicable with any ordinary dealing.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH, although created by Synod Enactment, yet holds a separate and distinct existence, but by Canon, the 3rd day of the session is—after the transaction of routine business—devoted to this Society. On Friday, the 16th September, therefore, the members of the Upper House attended in the room where the Lower House sat, and there the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society meeting was held under the presidency of the Right Revd. the Bishop of Ontario. After prayers in the appointed form, the *Board of Management* was duly constituted by appointment by the Synod and by confirmation of the Diocesan elections as follows:

Diocese of Nova Scotia.—Rev. Canon Partridge, D. D., Venerable Archdeacon Kaulbach, Messrs. Thos. Brown and J. T. Wylde.

Diocese of Quebec.—Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec and Revd. Canon Von Iffland and Messrs. Hemming and Carter.

Diocese of Toronto.—Revs. Canon Cayley, M. A. B. J. Broughall, M. A., and Messrs. L. H. Baldwin and G. B. Kirkpatrick.

Diocese of Fredericton.—Revs. Canon Brigstock, D. D., and Canon Forsyth; Messrs. W. M. Jarvis and A. P. Tippet.

Diocese of Montreal.—The Very Revd. the Dean of Montreal and Rev. G. O. Troop, M. A., Dr. Davidson and Mr. Chas. Garth.

Diocese of Huron.—Very Revd. the Dean of Huron, Rev. W. A. Young and Messrs. V. Cronyn and M. Wilson.

Diocese of Ontario.—Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston and Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, and Messrs. R. T. Walkem and R. V. Rogers.

Diocese of Niagara.—Revs. Canon Houston and Rural Dean Forneret, M. A., W. T. Burton and Judge Senkler.

The Triennial Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, and showed decided progress, not alone in monetary receipts, but also in a largely increased interest in the mission work of the Church. Still it was felt that there was need of more liberal contributions, and a clearer recognition on the part of the members of the Church in the older settled portions of Canada, of the great importance of immediate assistance to the Church's work in the North-West. Reference was made to Indian work and to the efforts being made for the evangelization of the rapidly incoming Chinese. The Report also acknowledged the valuable aid received from the Woman's Auxiliary. The Report of the Treasurer (J. J. Mason, Esq.) showed the total receipts for the three years to have been:—For Domestic Missions [*i. e.* Missions in the North-West and Algoma] \$65,727.00, of which \$47,167.00 had been specially appropriated by the contributors to special objects. (This appropriation, it was generally felt, was undesirable, and it was hoped that as the Board gained more completely the confidence of the Church, the habit of appropriating to special objects might cease.)

For Foreign Missions.—Total receipts \$45,029, of which \$31,033 were appropriated. The grand total therefore reached the respectable sum of \$110,756.00. A pleasing feature in this connection was noted in the Secretary's re-