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Sunday the 1st of Dec. was observed throughout the Diocese as the Day of Intercession for Foreign Missions in accordance with a pastoral from his Lordship the Bishop, agreeable to a pastoral from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DEAR SIR,—I beg to publish through the medium of your paper the immediate result of the visit I made to Toronto, at the request of the Ladies' Missionary Society. St. Luke's, \$8.19; St. George's \$48; St. Paul's \$57; St. Peter's \$40; Holy Trinity, \$20.25; All Saints', \$16.25; Rev. Mr. Hallen, \$1; W. Warwick, Esq., \$5; Trinity Church, Galt, \$14.44; Mrs. Tassie, Galt, \$2.00; Mr. A. H. Ladell, (Stisted) \$8; Mr. R. W. Crompton, \$4. I have forwarded receipts signed by the Bishop of Algoma to the clergy of the respective Churches, with a request that they would kindly read them to their congregations. But it is far beyond my poor power to speak as is deserving, of the general readiness to help me, the courtesy and excessive kindness with which all met me, both clergy and laity, and the interest every one manifested in the cause for which I appeared was warm in the extreme. During my visit to Galt, I received as special contributions—Mr. Wilks, \$10; by envelopes at offertory, \$28; and a quantity of clothing from Mr. Woods, to be distributed. In Toronto—W. Warwick, Esq., gave me a parcel of books as a nucleus to the Settlers' Library, I am so anxious to form; S. Trees, Esq., presented me with a whip, a Russian sleigh-bell, and a driving bridle. Mrs. O'Reilly and several other ladies subscribed for and gave me a splendid buffalo robe, which J. Gillespie had specially lined; from H. Rowsell, Esq., I received an excellent overcoat, so that I think Mr. Jack Frost will have to pass me by this winter. I was highly blessed and favored during my visits, the success of which I must say I feel due mostly to the efforts of Miss Girdlestone in Galt, and to the ladies of the missionary society in Toronto; and I can but pray for a continual blessing on them and their labors, whilst doing what little in me lies towards our common object.—WM. CROMPTON, Travelling Clergyman, Diocese of Algoma, Aspin P.O.

The Missionary Bishop of Algoma acknowledges with thanks the following donations for Mission work in his Diocese during the months of October and November:—Per Ed. Journeaux, Melbourne, P.Q., \$24.50; per Rev. F. Kirkpatrick, Sec. Treas. Diocese Ontario, \$65.00; per Rev. W. Crompton, collected in Toronto and Galt, \$208.50; per Rev. T. H. Bartlett, Sec.-Treas. Diocese of Niagara, \$83.64; Per S. P. G. F. P., £6 stg., \$29.16.

British and Foreign.

ENGLAND.

The establishment of a Diocesan Conference was agreed upon at a large meeting of clergy and laity, held lately at Norwich. The Dean of Norwich opposed the suggestion, but was outvoted by a large majority of both orders.

A similar subject was discussed at a large meeting at Bristol, when the principle of a Conference, to be held triennially, was adopted, and a draft constitution for the election of members adopted. It is difficult to see why the Lord Lieutenant, resident Peers and M.P.'s should be *ex officio* members of the Conference.

The Church of England seems to be steadily advancing in North Wales. On Oct. 29 the Bishop of St. Asaph consecrated a new church at Halkin, Flintshire, and next day the foundation stone of a new church was laid at Mold by the Duke of Westminster. The dean of Lichfield preached in the morning, and pointed out the claims that the Welsh, the protectors of the Ancient British Church, had upon Churchmen, especially as the English settlers had taken possession of the Churches, and by having only English service

in them, had been to a great extent responsible for the mass of the native population leaving the Church. In the evening the Bishop of St. Asaph preached in Welsh.

A new brotherhood is being established by the Rev. P. B. Simeon, with the approval of the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, near whose church the house which is to form the headquarters of the fraternity is situated. It is proposed that the Brothers shall devote themselves to mission work among the youths and men of densely-populated districts; and it is also intended to provide rooms in the house for young men who, without actually joining the brotherhood, may like to live in common, and to conform to some simple rules: a plan which is thought to be of great value in keeping young men from temptation when they come to London for the first time. The vicar of St. Augustine's, and many well-known clergy and laity, have given their hearty approval to the scheme in behalf of which funds are being collected.

Convocation stands prorogued until December 2nd.

The approaching mission at York is to be held from the 17th to the 24th inst.

The Dowager Duchess of Cleveland has given a second £1000 towards the endowment of the new see of Southwell.

The Bristol Times says:—We have authority for stating that the report by the President of Trinity College, Oxford (the Rev. S. W. Wayte, B.A.), has joined the Church of Rome is wholly unfounded, and that his leaving Oxford is owing to purely personal and domestic reasons, wholly unconnected with religion.

Dr. Pusey's health is stated to be satisfactory, although he did not feel equal to the exertion of preaching in the University Church at Oxford on Sunday, when Canon Liddon read his sermon for him.

The Bishop of St. Alban's requests the publication of the English papers of the following note which he has addressed to Dr. Gregg:—

"Danbury, Nov. 6, 1878. Rev. Sir,—You assert that the Bishop through whom the historical succession reached you had his consecration directly through the Anglican communion, and had not been deposed when the succession was transmitted through him to the three Bishops by whom you were 'validly and canonically consecrated.' And you call upon me to correct my statement that your consecration was derived from a deposed Bishop. I presume that the Bishop to whom you refer was Dr. Cummins. My statement was that this Bishop, though not yet formally deposed, lay under prohibition from performing any episcopal act, which prohibition was publicly notified December 1, 1873, just a fortnight before he proceeded to consecrate that Bishop through whom, as you say, you derived the historical succession. I have authority to state that none of the American Bishops have ever recognized as valid the act of pretended consecration performed by Dr. Cummins, or any act growing out of it.—And I am, Rev. Sir, your obedient servant,
"T. L. ST. ALBANS."

The Irish correspondent of *Church Bells* writes:—"It is all idle speculation at present as to who is likely to be Cardinal Cullen's successor in Dublin. If an extreme Ultramontane of the same type is appointed, the wretched system of isolation and mutual suspicion will go on, Protestants and Roman Catholics occupying different and hostile camps. A prelate of really Catholic and genial temper, ready to co-operate with others in every good work, would be a true blessing to the city and country. The late Cardinal would not allow his co-religionists to take part in the great Hospital Sunday movement, because some of the money would go to Protestant institutions, although for one Protestant relieved in the Dublin hospitals there are a dozen Roman Catholics."

Referring to the touching allusion made to the death of Mr. Justice Keogh by the Lord Chief Justice and the Attorney General, the same writer says:—"The general impression is that Judge Keogh's heart was broken under the incessant and cruel slanders heaped on him, on all sides at once, by the Fenian and priest-ridden journals of the day."

The Bishop of Durham is seriously ill, and has appointed Bishop Ryan to act for him.

At a meeting of Church-workers in the rural deanery of Wolverhampton last week, the Bishop of Lichfield said that the few months of his labors as Bishop had shown him that sadly too much of the clergyman's time was occupied in little matters which could be better attended to by laymen. In speaking to the members of the church choirs his lordship deprecated the employment of opera singers in the church choir. He much regretted that such engage-

ments were made in what were most misappropriately called fashionable churches.

A general Church Mission is to take place in Liverpool during the week following Advent Sunday. The Bishop of Chichester issued on All Saints' Day a pastoral letter, in which he recommends certain prayers to be used in families and in private devotion previously to and during the Mission. The Bishop also says:—"The wretchedness and degradation of a considerable portion of the population of this great town are in painful contrast with the wealth and prosperity which many in it have been permitted to attain; and whatever success may be granted to the best considered measures of our philanthropists and statesmen, it is to the constraining love of Him who gave himself a ransom for all that we must look for real and permanent improvement. We must feel that, whatever may be regarded as likely at all to help towards the recovering of any out of the unbelief and ungodliness into which they have fallen, is worth far more than all the labor and pains which we can any of us give."

Ely Cathedral must be numbered amongst those which are aiming at increased usefulness, by supplementing the ordinary Morning and Evening Prayer by special services of a popular character. Three weeks ago we recorded the celebration of such a service, in honor of the Founder's Day, attended by 2,500 people. A further step has just been taken in the same direction. The first of a course of lectures on Ecclesiastical History was given by Dean Merivale, in the Cathedral, on Wednesday week, in connection with the theological college which the Bishop has lately instituted there.

The Bishop of St. Albans concluded his visitation yesterday week at Halstead, after having been engaged for ten consecutive days in delivering his charge and attending the visitation dinner at different centres. With the exception of Southend, there has been a large muster of influential laity as well as clergy at each place of visitation.

We regret to hear that the Rev. Prebendary Bullock, Secretary of the S. P. G., has, owing to illness, been ordered by his physician to abstain from work for some months. Churchmen at home and abroad will cordially unite in wishing Mr. Bullock a speedy restoration to health.

The Bishop of Rochester in his recent pastoral asks his clergy for justice and sympathy. He asks them to be slow to accuse the bishops of a change of front, or of levity of principle, because they mean to be fair all round, and to refuse to try to govern the great Anglican Church as if she was no more than an obscure sect. The Bishop states that the first great function of his office is to continue the transmission of the Apostolic doctrine and fellowship by ordaining an efficient clergy—to confirm, to preach, and to sustain the continued administration of the diocese. He is expected to be a leader bold and elastic enough to initiate new schemes for ever-changing time, yet prudent enough, while he can stir their enthusiasm, not to lead his followers into a quagmire. After sketching the work of the first year of his episcopate, the Bishop lays down the lines of "work in front," including plans for an organization of lay-helpers, evangelists, readers, workers, a Diocesan Temperance Society, the encouragement of theological study amongst the younger clergy by offering prizes of books—the bishop himself offering one of ten guineas—Diocesan bursaries to help candidates for the ministry—the bishop offering one of fifty pounds a year for four years—a system of Book Colportage, and a Charitable Donation Fund. The concluding portion of the Pastoral treats of "our present distress," in which the bishop deals clearly and firmly with those who oppose themselves to authority—and he sets forth "our duty" to be, to check the bitter party spirit—to be quiet, firm, and wise—to see the difference between what is merely Anglican and more than Anglican; to bear with those who differ from us; and he closes by urging the younger clergy especially to seek diligence, patience, and humility.

It is stated that the Rev. St. George French, rector of Still Organ, Blackrock, Ireland, has surrendered his living from being unable to accept the revised Prayer-book of the Irish Church for his future ministrations.

In the diocese of Down, Sir J. Hogg, having contributed over £4,000 for the endowment of a church, has had the right of presentation assigned to himself and his successors, and this act has given rise to a very warm discussion. It is contended that the right of the laity to have a voice in the nomination of ministers is one of the most valuable which has been conferred by the Church Act, and that it is contrary to the intention of the Legislature to deprive them of it and assign it for ever to a lay patron.

A very interesting service was held at Cambridge on the occasion of two more graduates of the Univer-