

that Rome is making boast of the unprecedented number of her converts, there never was a time at which her authority was subjected to a severer strain.

DICESAN SYNOD OF ADFERT AND AGHADOE.—A circular has been addressed to the rural deans of the diocese of Aadfert and Aghadoe, by the Rev. James Walsh, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Limerick, convening a synod of the clergy of the diocese of Aadfert and Aghadoe, at the parochial schoolhouse, Traice, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. for the purpose of considering the Irish Church Act, with especial reference to the provision for the commutation of the life interests of the clergy, and (2) the Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Irish bishops held in Dublin on the 3rd and 4th inst.—*Dublin Evening Mail.*

LAY ORGANIZATION.—The determination of the Bishops not to assume the position of leaders of the Church necessitates an immediate organization, and we are happy to say that steps will be at once taken by persons of influence and of every party to induce the two laymen of highest rank in Ireland—the Duke of Leinster and the Duke of Abercorn—to summon a Convention of the Laity for the purpose of considering the constitution of the new Church Body.—*Ibid.*

THE NEW EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENT.—The premier has had an opportunity of redeeming his offer of the Deanery of Durham to Dr. Temple in his appointment to the see of Salisbury, and we are bound to say that he has used his opportunity well. After having twice made his obeisance to "the golden image" of Religious Liberalism in the persons of Dr. Temple and Mr. Lake, Mr. Gladstone has apparently called to mind the higher and better associations of early days, when Sydney Herbert, and not John Bright, was his chosen friend. Dr. Moberly has been appointed to the vacant see. We could scarcely conceive an appointment which should be accepted with more universal satisfaction. Dr. Moberly is a sound Churchman, a well-read theologian, and a courteous Christian gentleman. If to this list of qualifications we add that he is a vigorous Conservative, we do not know what more we can say in praise of the new bishop, except that he had the privilege of being the friend of John Kobie. We wish the bishop-elect a hearty "God speed" in his work, believing him to be a worthy successor of Bishop Hamilton; though whether he would not at his age have been more in place as Dean of Durham, and head of the University, is a question.—*John Bull.*

Store-street Music Hall was filled on Friday night by a hostile audience, who had assembled to oppose the Rev. Father Ignatius in his reply to a lecture by the Rev. J. Geikie. The lecturer had stated that the Reformation in England did not owe its originality to Henry VIII.; that the Reformation was a blessing; that to monks were the curse of the land—all these statements Father Ignatius undertook to controvert. His appearance on the platform, in his monastic attire, was the signal for a storm of hisses which lasted for several minutes. On commencing the lecture, he was received with hisses and other marks of disapprobation. Having with great difficulty obtained silence, he begged, for the sake of fair play, that they would accord to him the same attention they had done to his adversary. He then commenced; but on saying he would show them the Reformation was a curse, the storms of dissent were so deafening that he had to stop and seat himself. He proceeded; but on arriving at the second point, loud cries were raised, "Prove the first!" "You and your historians have made a mistake!" &c. He said a brilliant idea had just struck him; a certain number amongst his audience were Baptist who had been taught to act like children, but he would prefer on the present occasion to see them imitating the simplicity and silence of children. Having arrived at the third point, considerable uproar was created outside the doors of the hall by those who had been unable to gain admittance. The confusion amongst the audience was thereby increased tenfold, and cries of "There's plenty of room on the platform," were raised. To this the lecturer replied that he had paid over seven pounds for the use of the hall, and he always reserved the platform for himself. The Rev. Lecturer, finding it impossible to conclude said he had come to reply to the lecture of the Rev. J. Geikie; they had promised him attention, but they had not given it, and it would be a loss of physical energy and a waste of time did he stay longer. He then wished them "Good night," and left the platform amidst cries of "No, no!" "Come back!" &c. A few minutes after leaving the platform, the Rev. Father sent one of his monks to announce that the reason of his not continuing the lecture was on account of physical weakness. Whilst separating hearty cheers were given for "the glorious Reformation," Rev. Father Ignatius, and the Rev. J. Geikie.—*Globe.*

The Marquis of Westminster towards the close of last year placed the sum of 6,000l. at the disposal of the Bishop of Carlisle, to endow places of worship at Cleator-moor, and Hawcoat, and Newbarns. Missionary work has been going on at the former place for some time, and it appears with success, and operations are to be commenced at the latter as soon as an incumbent is appointed.

We have already chronicled the restoration of cathedrals in different parts of England, and to these we have now to add

that of Exeter. The choir is to be restored by Mr. Gilbert Scott, at a cost of upwards of 12,000l., towards which the Chapter subscribes 3,000l., the Bishop of the diocese 1,000l., and the Dean 1,000l. Restorations are to be made on other parts of the venerable edifice when the necessary funds have been obtained. We may also state that the restoration of the holy Trinity Church in Hull, by Mr. Gilbert Scott, at a cost of not much less than 20,000l., is proceeding satisfactorily. New places of worship are also springing up. As a sample of what is doing in this way we may refer to the case of Yorkshire, where we find that on the 5th inst. the Archbishop of that diocese presided at the opening of the parish church of Goole, rebuilt after being partly destroyed by fire. On the 6th his Grace consecrated two churches in Sheffield, one at Sharrow and the other at Walkley. The cost of their erection has been in great part supplied by the Sheffield Church Extension Society. Within three years six churches have been erected in that place; four of these have been consecrated in the present year. A seventh church is in course of erection. On the 10th the Archbishop preached at the consecration of a new church at Southcoates, in Hull. Two other new churches are in course of being built in the district. In London a new church is about to be erected close to Finsbury Park, at a cost of 8,000. It will contain between 900 and 1,000 seats. The Rev. Geo. Birkett Latreille, of King's College, London, will be the first incumbent.

At the Hertford assizes, on Friday, the case "Fair vs. the London and North-western Railway Company" was heard. This was an action to recover compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff through the negligence of the servants of the defendants. The company admitted their liability, and the only question was the amount of damages to which the plaintiff was entitled. The plaintiff in this action, the Rev. Campbell Fair, was a clergyman of the Church of England, and at the time of the accident he held the appointment of secretary to the Church Missionary Society in the Midland Counties, and had a salary of \$250 a year and travelling expenses. He was on his way from Birmingham to Rhyll on the 16th of September last year, in a second class carriage upon the railway, when upon the train arriving at the Holywell station it came in contact with a goods train, but this accident was not at all of a serious character, and the plaintiff was the only person who received any injury. It appeared, however, that in the first instance he received a violent blow under the right ear, which he at first did not consider as likely to cause any material mischief. Very alarming symptoms, however, speedily came on, he became paralysed, lost his sight for a considerable time, and ultimately entirely lost his taste and hearing, and, according to the medical testimony, he was in such a condition as to render it more than probable that he would be prevented during the remainder of his existence from following any useful occupation and his prospects in life, which were stated to be very good, had been entirely destroyed. Mr. Harcourt, having addressed the jury in mitigation of damages, the learned judge summed up, and the jury, after being for some time in deliberation, found a verdict for the plaintiff, with £5,000 damages, and £250 in addition to pay the expense of his medical attendants.

DIocese of MONTREAL.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. C. F. THORNDIKE.—On Monday evening, the 30th ultimo, the members of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Chambly, presented their Rector, the Rev. C. F. Thorndike—who has been appointed assistant minister of the cathedral at Quebec—with an address. At the same time two beautiful presents were given to the Misses Thorndike for their services rendered in the choir of the church. A handsome Church service was also presented by the Sunday-school children to Mrs. Thorndike, a very slight token of the appreciation of her work in the school. Universal regret was expressed at the prospect of parting with Mr. Thorndike.

In his new and extended field of labors we sincerely trust he may find as many warm and affectionate friends as he has left in Chambly. The address and reply will appear in our next issue.

His Lordship the Metropolitan has made the following appointments: Rev. Canon Loosmore, M.A., to be Examining Chaplain, also Domestic Chaplain to His Lordship and private Secretary. The Rev. Canon Balch, D.D., to be one of His Lordships Domestic Chaplains.

We understand that a special meeting of the Executive Committee of this Diocese will be held on Tuesday, 14th, inst., to consider some very important business.

St. George's new church is fast approaching completion, as far as outside work is concerned. The architect, Mr. C. J. Thomas, may well feel proud of this beautiful edifice, which, unlike most buildings, looks better when erected than even on paper.

The Rev. J. Carmichael's tract against the errors of the Plymouth Brethren has had a good circulation, the first thousand having already passed out of the publishers' hands.

The Rev. W. B. Curran, Incumbent

of St. Stephen's, held last week a communicants' meeting, previous to the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There was a very good attendance, which augured well for the success of future meetings of a like nature.

At the last meeting of the St. George's Young Men's Association, a committee was appointed to confer with kindred associations in the city, to devise measures for preventing by law the horrid scenes of desecration which occur each Sunday in the suburbs.

The monument to the late Metropolitan is in course of erection. It will stand on the east side of the cathedral.

The Rev. Canon Bond, in company with the Rev. N. Forbes, of Paris, has been engaged this week in visiting the missions supported by the Colonial and Continental Society. Mr. Forbes leaves this for Quebec, and thence for England.

The rotting away of the beams which supported the old floor of the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, and the floor itself being in the same condition, a new floor has been laid, which the congregation hope will endure better than the last.

DIocese of TORONTO.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, HAMILTON.—The Crystal Palace on Wednesday night was the scene of one of the most pleasant and successful entertainments ever given in this city. It is in contemplation to erect a neat and commodious School House, which will also be used for Church Services in the West End, and this entertainment was given with a view to assist in raising funds for that purpose. They must have been nearly 2,000 persons present, and everything passed off most pleasantly. The band of the 13th Battalion was present, and performed a choice programme with their usual ability and taste. The Glee Club of the Great Western Railway sang with good effect two or three capital choruses, and Mr. Swift some three or four excellent Solos. Mr. Smith gave a humorous reading, and altogether the entertainment was all that had been promised. The refreshment table, furnished by the liberality of the teachers in St. John's Sunday School, was one of the best we have ever seen at an affair of the kind, and its receipts will, we should judge, to be very considerable. Through the kindness of Mr. Chilman, a soda water fountain was in operation. We cannot express too strongly our commendation of the whole affair, and one of its pleasantest features is the evidence it affords of the kindly feeling towards the Church existing in that part of the city.—*Church Herald.*

The teachers of St. George's Church Sunday School, assisted by the members of the congregation of this Church, gave a picnic to the scholars last week in the Queen's Park. Over three hundred children were present. The day was delightfully fine, and what with music and a variety of recreations the afternoon proved one most acceptable as well as profitable to the party.

Precisely the same can be said, with the exception of numbers, of the Sunday School and pupils connected with St. John's Church, Norway. Mrs. Patterson and family, assisted by others of the congregation, made all the children happy upon this occasion. Should the weather continue fine we shall have next week to chronicle the success, no doubt, of an event undertaken and completed for the benefit of the funds of the little church with a large congregation which is situated in this place.—*Id.*

The annual picnic given to the children attending the Sunday-schools of Christ's Church and St. John's, Hamilton, was held last week, and proved a great success. Over 600 children assembled in Christ's church at 10 o'clock, and, after divine service, they were addressed by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, the Rector, and Rev. T. S. Cartwright, assistant minister. A procession was then formed, and the children marched to Dundurn, where they amused themselves with base-ball, lacrosse, foot-ball, &c., till 4 o'clock, P.M., when tea was served. Over 1000 persons were present.

The Rev. T. S. Cartwright of Hamilton, whose lectures on "Mary, Queen of Scots," &c., were so well received last winter, is about to lecture on "Lord Byron," with special reference, we suppose, to the Stowe controversy. Mr. C. will, no doubt, handle the subject ably. The proceeds of the lecture will be applied to the church building fund.

We are sorry to have to record the death of the Rev. J. Sims, one of the most earnest and efficient missionaries amongst the Indians in the Dominion. Mr. Sims was on his way home from one of his stations, his wife and children being in the canoe with him, when he was attacked, it is supposed, by an apoplectic fit, and fell over the side of the canoe into water 30 feet deep. Search was at once made for his body, but it was not recovered for two days. We condole very sincerely with Mrs. Sims in her sad bereavement, and pray that God may comfort her, as He alone can do. Mr. Sims' career in the ministry, though short, was a bright one. His ministry in Dunganon, Diocese of Huron, will long be remembered, and, short a time as he was connected with the Indians, he had thoroughly mastered their

difficult language, and through this power, coupled with his own earnest piety and devotion, he had gained the deep affection of his red brethren committed to his charge. It will be very hard to fill his place.

DIocese of ONTARIO.

MEETING OF THE MISSION BOARD.—The quarterly meeting of the Mission Board of the Diocese of Ontario, was held at the Secretary's office in the city of Kingston, on Wednesday the first of September, at 10 o'clock.

In the absence of the Archdeacon who was prevented by a bereavement in his family from being present, the Chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Boswell, there were also present the following: Dean Lyster; the Rev. J. A. Preston, Carlton Place; J. J. Bogert, Napanee; G. A. Anderson, Tyendangaga; T. R. Tane, Brockville; G. Forest, Merrickville; J. S. Landen, Ottawa; Messrs. F. McArmany, James Shannon, S. Muckleton, E. Harrison, S. Keeper and the Hon. James Patton, Dr. Henderson, W. B. Simpson.

The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A memorial from Ospeode was read, complaining of the reduction of the grant to that mission.—The previous action of the Board was sustained.

A conversation arose concerning the mission of North Gower, which a resolution was moved referring all after action in the matter to the Archdeacon, the chancellor and the clerical secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Preston brought under the notice of the Board the case of the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Pembroke, who claimed payment for the unexpired portion of his term, he having left the Diocese.—On motion it was agreed that the grant should be made.

The grant was renewed to the mission of Carlton Place on motion of the Rev. Mr. Forest.

A communication was read from Mr. H. Lvinks, of Pembroke, asking a grant for that mission and hoping a clergyman would soon be sent.—On inquiry it was learned that the term for which the original grant was made was unexpired, and it was not necessary to take any action in the matter.

A communication was read from Wm. Percival Esq., Amherst Island, asking that the grant made to that mission be continued, the former clergyman the Rev. Mr. Short having been removed, and his successor the Rev. Donny D. Cartwright having been nominated by Lord Mount-Cassell.—The grant was continued.

A communication was read from the Rev. Mr. Tigh, of Marysburgh, asking for an outfit.—The Board did not permit the request to be granted at present.

The Rev. E. H. M. Baker applied for the renewal of the grant to the mission of Hillier.—The matter lay over until next meeting as did also an application for a grant to the missions of Smith's Falls, Lym.

A communication was read from the Rev. Dr. Jones, of Ottawa, apologizing for his absence and enclosing the copy of a canon he had prepared for the management of the mission fund &c.—The matter was referred to a special committee previously appointed.

STATE OF THE FINANCES. Mission Fund. To Balance 1 June, 1869 ... \$3267.70 " Collections received to date ... 1099.47 " Grant from S. P. G. for quarter ... 545.03 Cr. By paid salaries for quarter \$2806.66 " share clerical Secretary's salary 30.00 " discount on silver 34.07 " account for printing 3.25 " auditing books 90.00 " account for stationery 10.00 " charged to profit and loss account as per vote of Synod .. 50.00 \$4999.19

Balance Sept. 1, 1869 \$1949.21 Dr. Subscriptions Fund. To Balance 1 June, 1869 ... \$336.89 " Interest ... 174.45 " Offertory at meeting of Synod ... 33.90 Cr. By discount86 " paid acct. for auditing books 10.00 " " secretary .. 3.50 14.36

Balance 1 Sept., 1868 \$529.88 It appearing that several of the Parishes had not yet sent in their Parochial Collection, the secretary was directed to inform such clergymen as were missionaries of the Board, that their next quarter's salaries would not be paid until the Collection was forwarded.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

DIocese of HURON.

Dean Hellmuth's school for girls was opened for the reception of pupils on the 1st instant. The Dean has procured an able staff of teachers from England, and as the terms are moderate, we expect ere long to hear that it will be filled to overflowing. The school is a beautiful building, situated on the old rectory grounds, once in possession of the present Bishop, and since then Archdeacon Brough. It is situated about a mile and a half from the city limits, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country.

The new church in Stratford, county Perth, bids fair to be one of the largest and most ecclesiastical structures in Huron

Diocese. The Rev. E. Patterson, the valued incumbent, has slowly, yet surely, carried out this holy enterprise, in a manner which not only reflects the highest credit on himself, but also on his people. Long ere this he might easily have erected a less costly structure, but he thought it better to remain in his old church a few years longer, in order that, when he did build, he might erect a church which would last for many generations to come. The Roman Catholic church erected last year in Stratford was looked on by many as "the church" of the town, but we feel convinced that a careful comparison of the two churches will result in giving Mr. Patterson's in every way the palm. The church will accommodate about 700 people, and, when finished, will cost at least \$35,000. We heartily congratulate Mr. Patterson, and trust that he may long be spared to minister in this beautiful building, which owes its erection to his faithfulness and christian energy.

The quarterly meeting of the Church Society will be held in the Synod Hall, on the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock.

The church members in Clinton are about procuring a bell for St. Paul's church. We hope soon to hear of a paragon.

The Rev. S. DuBourdien, of Clinton, has addressed a faithful, manly letter to his parishioners on the subject of bringing ill-feeling, arising out of local municipal matters, into the church, and church matters generally. If often happens in small communities that this course is pursued, and always with the most unhappy results; and we are very sorry to learn, for the first time in the history of Clinton church, that cause for sorrow in this respect has been given to its clergyman. We feel confident, however, that such a letter, coming as it does from one so beloved by his people as Mr. D., cannot fail to reconcile all differences between brother churchmen.

STRATFORD.—The Church people of this town are building a really magnificent structure, in which to meet for public worship. The site is one of the best in the place, being situated on the hill, north of the river, and commands a pleasant view of the surrounding neighborhood. The building is already roofed in, and looks very much like our magnificent Cathedral in Montreal, only, of course, its walls are not of such a colossal form. Few churches in any city or town in Ontario, will be better finished. No pains or expense are being apparently spared to make it both comfortable and handsome. It will take all of \$35,000, to bring it in a state of completion. A beautiful chancel is shown out from the rear, in which is to be a large and tastefully stained glass window. We believe marble slabs with the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments, will be incased in the walls, within the communion rails. The main portion of the building is supported on either side, with arch-roofed wings. Altogether, the structure is a model of taste and will not only be an ornament to the town, but will reflect the very highest credit upon its promoters, prominent among whom are Messrs. Fuller, sons of the venerable Archdeacon Fuller, of Toronto. Rev. Mr. Patterson is the pastor, and a more beloved minister of the Gospel, there is not in the Dominion. He is one of those good men whose sole time is devoted to the work of Christ, by going amongst his flock, the rich and the poor alike, and imparting to them knowledge of a Christian nature. Would to God, other ministers would follow his example.—*Church Herald.*

ST. GEORGE.—This parish, which was one of the first in the Diocese, is situated about fifteen miles north of London, and is one of the best self-supporting missions in the Diocese. The church at present in use, is an old structure, and was erected some twenty years ago. Having served more than the allotted time, the good people of the place, through the instrumentality of their pastor, Rev. W. Davis, a short time ago let the contract for the erection of a place of worship more in keeping with the people and the times, and its beautiful white brick architectural walls are already rearing themselves heavenward. It will be in all probability be brought to a state of completion before the cold weather sets in. As the congregation are very wealthy, we expect that no debt will be left on the building, and its consecration will therefore immediately take place.—*Id.*

We hear it is the intention of the House of Bishops to present a complimentary address to the Metropolitan, and that their Lordships expect to be in Montreal about the middle of this month. The Bishop of Huron will leave London for Montreal on the 13th instant.

The Bishop of Huron left London for a confirmation tour through the county Grey on the 30th August, and will be absent till the 10th instant. His Lordship went through the counties Huron and Bruce last month, and administered the rite of confirmation in all the churches.

CLINTON.—This parish is widely known from the fact that it was here that the popular preacher and lecturer, Rev. J. Carmichael, had been stationed up to his acceptance of the assistant ministry of St. George's Church, Montreal. Rev. Mr. DuBourdien is the present Incumbent. The congregation is in a flourishing state, and church matters generally are going on