

HURON.

WATFORD.—The members of the congregations of Trinity and St. James' Churches, on Friday evening last, to the number of about 160, gathered at the spacious new rectory, where they were cordially received and hospitably entertained by the rector, Rev. J. Downie, B.D., and his amiable family. Mr. Shirley, the chairman, after a neat introductory address, called on Major Kenward to read the following address: Rev. J. Downie.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—We met together this evening to spend a short time in social intercourse; and having received a cordial welcome from yourself and Mrs. Downie, we desire in return to avail ourselves of this opportunity of extending to you and your family a cordial welcome to this parish. We welcome you, sir, as our pastor and the accredited ambassador of the King of kings and Lord of lords, and sincerely pray our Heavenly Father that your ministration here may be blessed abundantly by Him whose servant you are; and that the word of life preached by you may prove effectual in confirming believers in the faith, strengthening the weak, and arousing the careless and impenitent.

Your antecedents are not entirely unknown to us. We recognize in you an able and faithful minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You were unanimously invited to accept the pastorate of this parish, by a committee of a full meeting of the joint vestries of the congregations thereof. We trust and hope that your residence among us may be pleasant and agreeable both to Mrs. Downie, yourself and family; and that the relations of pastor and people may be maintained in the fullest and best sense of the term.

Again wishing you and yours many happy days in your new home, we are, dear sir, on behalf of your parishioners, yours faithfully.

N. B. HOWDEN, Wardens of Trinity Church.
A. G. BROWN, Wardens of St. James' Church.
EDWARD COWAN,
WM. WOOD,

Rev. Mr. Downie made a most suitable reply, after which refreshments provided by the ladies of the congregation were served during the evening, and the large assembly seemed to thoroughly enjoy the occasion, sociability and good feeling pervading the proceedings throughout. At a seasonable hour the singing of the national anthem brought an extremely enjoyable evening to a close.

ST. MARY'S.—The Lenten services in this parish are being well attended; the following are the preachers: The Revs. F. R. Ghent, Granton; J. Ridley, Galt; W. T. Hill, London; Canon Davis, London, and J. H. Moorhouse, Ingersoll (annual missionary meeting). A. Brown, Paris; J. C. Farthing, Woodstock. The work in this parish is prospering, and the rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor, who has quite recovered from his severe illness of last year, is, with his beloved wife, labouring assiduously and successfully.

WOODSTOCK.—Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto, administered the rite of confirmation in new St. Paul's Church last week. Rev. Mr. Farthing, rector, has offered the curacy to Mr. F. Steen, M.A., of Wyckliffe College, to succeed Rev. E. Chilcott, who has gone to Bradford.

ALGOMA.

LACLOCHE.—We received a visit to-day, March 2nd, from the Rev. Mr. Frost, of Shigenandah mission on the Manitoulin; he was on his way to visit the Indians residing in a village on the banks of the Spanish River. He stayed all night with us and preached to the men in the camp. After supper the cook cleared up the camp and arranged it for the service. A large number of the men took advantage of the opportunity afforded them of hearing the Word of God. At a given signal they left their own camp to come to the service, and listened attentively while the rev. gentleman spoke to them about the power of Christ delivering us from the power of the devil. This is the second time Mr. Frost has been to see us this winter. The last time he was here was in the month of January. He stayed till next day at noon, and then on his way down the lakes he called at the other camp, and stayed awhile there. He brought some papers and magazines, which he distributed among the men. We are altogether about eighty in camp.

QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—Last month an entertainment was held in the immigration building in aid of the funds of the church; it was well attended and a great success, realizing \$70.

KUTAWA.—The Rev. Leonard Dawson will leave this mission next Trinity. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson purpose returning to the old country, as Mrs. Dawson's health has been very poor of late.

BRIEF MENTION.

Chaucer is thought to have written the "Canterbury Tales" after he was 50.

A railroad with a gauge of about 24 inches is now building in North Carolina.

Thirteen millions sterling have already been spent on the Manchester ship canal.

Drowning, as a punishment for crime, was legally enforced in Scotland up to the year 1611.

About 6,000 intoxicants of different kinds are known to custom house officials.

A very small portion of the residents of the Hawaiian Islands live in hotels and boarding houses.

The Bishop of Ontario confirmed forty candidates at Picton on Sunday week.

It took five cars to transport the fishery exhibit of Canada to the World's Fair.

A newspaper has been started by two educated colored women in the Congo Free State.

The death is announced in London, Eng., of Hugh Nelson, ex-governor of British Columbia.

The Bishop Brooks Memorial Fund has already reached the large sum of \$77,200, and the fund is closed.

Railroad employees to the number of 24,743 have their homes in Kansas.

Nineveh was 15 miles by 9, the walls 100 feet high and thick enough for three chariots to drive abreast.

A young seal, when in distress, or about to be attacked, utters a sound very much like that of a child.

In 1807 Davy decomposed potash and discovered potassium, soon after soda.

An effort will be made, this summer, to renovate the interior of St. Mark's Church, Barriefield.

Hawaiians will not change their national colors by annexation. Their old flag was red, white and blue.

In the United States and Canada six out of every ten men who have reached the age of 30 are unmarried.

Nearly 20,000 Hindoos lost their lives last year from being bitten by snakes.

On the evening of Friday the 24th, the Bishop of Toronto will confirm candidates in St. Simon's Church, Toronto.

The Laplander sleeps in a big reindeer skin bag to keep him warm.

A chemical preparation of camphor is said to be one of the principal ingredients forming smokeless gunpowder.

Cornelius Vanderbilt is preparing to build the finest residence in New York City at a cost of \$2,000,000 or more.

Pope Leo XIII. owns a pearl, left to him by his predecessor on the throne of St. Peter, which is worth \$20,000.

The eight hundredth anniversary of the consecration of Winchester Cathedral will be commemorated on April 8th and 9th by special services.

A Berlin tradesman advertises: "Any person who can show me that my cocoa is injurious to health will receive 10 boxes gratis."

The U.S. Government has ordered 3,000,000,000 of Columbian postage stamps to be delivered this year.

Canon Mackenzie, of Milton, has been appointed to the rectorship of Chippewa.

The painting by Millet recently sold at Brussels for \$200,000, was originally sold by the artist for a cask of wine, worth about \$8.

An orange peddler in Amsterdam has died and left his heirs \$80,000.

The modern Italian wine jars, holding about twenty quarts, are almost identical in shape and size with the amphoras found in Pompeii.

Rev. C. Scudamore, late assistant minister of St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, has been appointed, at the request of the congregation of the Kyffin Memorial Church, York, as rector of that parish.

Hard coal loses eight per cent. in bulk per annum, when exposed to the weather. Soft coal loses twelve per cent.

Five ladies-in-waiting to the Empress of China are expected soon in Berlin, where they are to study the German language and German court etiquette.

Paper teeth are manufactured by a Lubeck dentist. One set has been in use for thirteen years and is as good as ever.

The American Geographical Society has decided that Paul Du Chaillu's stories about gorillas and dwarfs are facts, and entitled to full credence.

Mr. Flinders Petrie has a work in the press on Meidoun, which included a description of the Pyramid of Seneferu, and an account of certain inscriptions more than 5,000 years old.

British and Foreign.

The restoration of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, which has taken three years to accomplish and has cost upwards of £10,000, is now almost completed.

The first Bampton Lecture was delivered at St. Mary's, Oxford, by Dr. Sanday.

Dr. Mandell Creighton, Bishop of Peterborough, has been appointed Hulsean lecturer at Cambridge for 1893-94.

It appears probable that Scottish Episcopalians will generally oppose the proposition to disestablish the Scottish Established Church. It is anticipated that the Bishops will shortly make an official pronouncement on the subject.

The Duke of Connaught has just sent a donation of £10 towards the Church Army Social Scheme, by way of showing his appreciation of the benefit received by a poor and destitute man, in whose particular case he was interested.

A report on the situation at Lake Victoria Nyanza, drawn up by the commander of the German station at Bukoba, contains a confirmation of the report of the death of Emin Pasha, communicated from Uganda by Captain Williams.

The sum of £97,141 has now been raised in aid of Bishop Wilberforce's scheme, proposed about ten years ago, for raising £100,000 for the work of Church extension in the Diocese of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The annual meeting of the S. P. G. was held last Friday. The report showed the gross annual income for 1892 was £127,148—an increase upon the previous year of £10,628, of which £5,484 was due to legacies.

The Duke of Fife has just sent £25 in aid of the Social Scheme of the Church Army. Another Colportage Van is about to be dispatched by this Society through the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk for the purpose of providing good sound literature for the people.

On the 4th ult., Bishop Branch of Antigua, in a cathedral service to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese, gave a graphic historical sketch of the diocese for the half-century, referring to three buildings used in turn as cathedrals. In ten years he had made twenty-four deacons and ordained twenty-five priests, and also confirmed 11,000.

This month the Rev. C. A. Lane began his second thousand of lectures on English Church History. The attendance has varied from 50 in villages to over 4000 in large towns. In the diocese of Lichfield he has delivered 78, and in that of Manchester 65. In the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle he has delivered 53 and 18 respectively.

The Rev. Richard Free, whose much-canvassed letter suggesting the formation of an ex-Nonconformists' Association first appeared in the *Rock*, says he has received a large number of letters from clergy who have been Nonconformists, as well as from Nonconformist ministers and students who wish to enter the Church.

A memorial brass to the late Canon Liddon has been placed on the south choir wall of Salisbury Cathedral, opposite the tomb of Bishop Hamilton. The brass is of the form of a cross, the arms of which have quatrefoil terminations, and is inlaid in a slab of South Devonshire polished red marble, 7 feet by 3 feet.

A beautiful work in *opus sectile* has just been presented to Archdeacon Farrar for the decoration of St. Margaret's, Westminster. It is placed over the door, and represents Christ blessing little children. A tablet records that it is "the gift of two sisters, A. and E. L." It has been designed by Messrs. Powell, of Whitefriars.

The Rev. N. M. Brown, D.D., late Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian Church, writes: "Mr. Gladstone's proposal for '98 is no improvement upon the Bill of '86. In several leading particulars it is much more objectionable, and more dangerous to life and property in our poor, unfortunate island."

THE BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE AND WORKING MEN'S EARNINGS.—The Bishop of Newcastle, speaking in his Cathedral city on Monday, said it was nonsense to say that the working man could save sufficient out of his small earnings to keep himself in later life. He hoped that some munificent scheme would be instituted which would help and strengthen the

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