

Westville; the Rev. E. L. Whiteome of St. John's, North Haven; and the Rev. Edward S. Lines of Christ church, West Haven.

The course of sermons delivered before the "Berkeley Association," already referred to in your columns, have excited much interest, and have been largely attended. They have accomplished, we trust, much good.

ILLINOIS.

From a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Locke of Grace church, Chicago, preached on Sunday last, we extract the following description of the present condition of the Diocese of Illinois.

We trust Dr. Locke is not fairly reported, or has unconsciously exaggerated the condition.

If true, it is disheartening—without parallel in the Church.

We looked over this splendid Diocese, filled with the flower of the American people—the grandest field God ever spread before a Church. We marked our own Church. Witness its feeble, discouraged 8000 communicants and nearly 3,000,000 of people; \$2000 as the contributions in one whole year to ward Diocesan missions; with the exception of a few parishes, everything meagre and dragging, the whole field a dreary waste,—and our hearts burned within us.

LONG ISLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

On Feb. 14, first Sunday in Lent, Bishop Littlejohn visited St. Matthew's church, Brooklyn, of which the Rev. C. S. Williams is rector. Twenty-one persons (mostly adults) were confirmed.

LOUISIANA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The Rev. Campbell Fair has resigned as assistant minister of Christ church.

The Rev. O. W. Hilton has resigned the rectorship of Mount Olivet church.

New Orleans, Feb. 11, 1875.

MARYLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Baltimore, have a church building valued at \$20,000. The contributions of last year were a little under \$2000. The Sunday-school has 16 teachers and 125 scholars. This church, from various causes has been receding for several years, and was at last scarcely self-sustaining. For the past year it has been upheld by the free-will offerings of the people. The work has been revived under the active rectorship of the Rev. W. Rawlins Pickman; and though the "pew rents" did not raise a very large sum (about \$1100), yet from the offertory and two other agencies more than \$2000 were obtained. The women of the congregation gave \$600 to furnish a rectory, and they also have met, every month, the sums that fell due on a debt incurred in the repair of the church. Services are now quite frequent, and the number of communicants has increased.

This church is in "Old Town," but there is every reason for building up a large and flourishing stronghold at this place; and it can be done. Frequent changes, that seemed unavoidable at the time, have operated much against the steady and uniform progress which might have marked the course of this parish. Let us pray that its future may be not fitful nor meteor-like, but, like the day-star, move on to the perfect light. We congratulate the uprising rector on the present tokens of revival, and confidently look now for continued advancement. The Free Church of St. Barnabas (it is strange that any church of Christ should have to tell the world that it is Free, but most commendable is this church, because so many are not free), has been left unmentioned quite too long. Instead of "change," we have the happy satisfaction of naming a church that has grown up from its tender infancy to a noble maturity of strength, under the fostering care of one rector, the Rev. Augustus P. Stryker. There was recently made a very excellent addition to the building, bringing it out to Biddle street; and the church edifice is now valued at \$35,000. Here are 400 communicants. There are two Sunday-schools with 31 teachers and 326 scholars. The last year 60 were baptized and 23 confirmed. The confirmed and all communicants. The offerings of the year were nearly \$8000. A "pew rent has never been known since this vast work was cradled." The offerings have been appropriated to all good Christian objects, including Indian Missions, and Missions to Jews.

On Easter Day, through much Lenten self-denial, a mortgage of \$2000 on the church and a small floating debt, were sent together to the "tomb of the Capulets," and the people worship in a building free from debt, and supported by their own voluntary offerings.

"Patient continuance in well doing," and adherence to a true principle, has here triumphed, we hope forever.

St. Bartholomew's church, Baltimore, is next in order, though we have had occasion to name it before. The chapel now occupied is worth \$10,000; but a fine lot adjoining, reserved for the yet unerected church, is valued at \$10,000. The chapel will seat 600 persons. The Sunday-school has 10 teachers and 50 scholars. Last year's contributions reached nearly \$3500.

This was organized as a *Free Church*, considerably less than three years ago; is entirely self-supporting; and, by God's abundant blessing on the well-directed and faithful labors of the Rev. John Y. Gholson, is really becoming one of the centres of influence in the city.

This excellent work deserves help from outside of the congregation, in order to become relieved of debt; and this timely aid would go very far towards enabling them to direct attention towards the erection of the main edifice on the beautiful lot which stands waiting. The situation is a commanding one, and the church edifice should be a superior one. However superb may be its architecture, it will never be too rich, either for the glory of God, or for the multitudes that will always have free access to the Father's House of Prayer.

St. Luke's church reported 99 baptisms, 70 persons confirmed, and 740 communicants. It had, as always, weekly catechisings; with Holy Communion, 230 public and many private; and daily service, both morning and evening. There are two parochial schools, with five teachers and 111 scholars. There are 43 Sunday-school teachers. Of scholars, there are 406 white, and 80 colored. There are sittings in church and chapel for 1900 persons. The value of church and chapels is \$106,000. There is other church property valued at \$10,000. The total sum of contributions was above \$14,000. The work among colored people is of great interest. There are about forty communicants among them, a flourishing Sunday-school, and a growing congregation. The Rev. Charles W. Rankin, as for some twenty years he has been, is still rector. Those who assist the rector, are the Rev. Frederick Gibson (who has given up his school for boys, and devotes the whole of his valuable labor to St. Luke's); the Rev. Wm. A. Coale (who however, is in special charge of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, at Franklinton); the Rev. Francis B. Dunham (in special charge of the Chapel of the Holy Cross, and at this present writing, about to leave for Mount Morris, New York); the Rev. James Briscoe; and it may be that St. Luke's has further assistance of which we are not particularly informed. The Rev. Chas. B. Coffin some time since left his position as an assistant priest in this church, and removed to Haverstraw, N. Y. The two important chapels named above, under the Rev. Messrs. Coale and Dunham, must "take their turns," when we come to Baltimore county. The vast operations of this church, and the ramifications of the work, will need no "letters of commendation" from us. We must not forget that St. Luke's has just organized a new mission, its fourth, we believe, in a neglected part of the city, whose work will probably be further noticed in due time.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The quarterly meeting of the Dakota League was held in St. Paul's chapel, Boston, on the 17th inst. The chapel seats about 250 persons, and was well filled by ladies, representing some thirty parishes in Boston and its suburbs, though quite a number of gentlemen were also present, including three or four clergymen.

Letters were read from Bishop Hare and Henry Whipple Wan-mi-shun (delegate to the late General Convention), from the Rev. Mr. Hinman, Sister Mary, and Miss Kerback of the Santee Mission, from Miss Ives of the Yankton Mission, from the Rev. Mr. Goodnough of the Oneida Mission, and from the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan and Mrs. Selby of the Chippewa Mission. Several others of equal interest were necessarily postponed until the March meeting.

The letter of Mr. Gilfillan illustrated very beautifully the power of the Gospel of our Lord, as manifested in the life and labors of one redeemed from heathenism, and living very closely with his Saviour.

After singing the missionary hymn, the League were addressed by Miss Margaretta Scott, long associated with the late and most lamented Bishop Auer, in the Foreign Missionary work of our Church, at Cavalla, West Africa.

The Dakota League now includes in its organization sixty-one parishes of Massachusetts, and circulates each month among them 1100 missionary papers or pamphlets, which are furnished for this purpose by the Indian Commission.

In November last a system of work was devised and assigned to all the parishes then connected with the League. As the result of that system, before the 1st of April more than forty boxes of clothing, household goods, and supplies of various kinds, will have been forwarded to the Indian missionary field, and the benefactions of the League this season, will reach every station under the direction of both Bishop Hare and Bishop Whipple.

Among the special gifts in these boxes is a copy of "Farrar's Life of Christ" to every clergyman of the mission. And among the specialties, also, nearly 1000 pairs of woollen stockings of every size, mostly hand-knit, with needles and balls of mending yarn attached, donated by the members of the League in all parts of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

MINNESOTA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

I mentioned in my last the opening of a new church at Pine Island in Goodhue county. I have received some particulars of the interesting Church work accomplished there the past year, that may be of general interest. Occasional services had been held at Pine Island by Bishop Whipple, the Rev. Mr. Ruth, and the Rev. Dr. Welles, but for five years services had been discontinued and every Church family had removed but one. The missionary writes: no doubt good seed was sown in those early visits of the Bishop and others, and when the need was felt in the village of another church, they turned to ours. For four months while at Mantorville, I gave them occasional week-day services, and met with great sympathy and encouragement. In May last we organized a parish and elected a vestry. In July I accepted a call to become their rector. July 13th our cornerstone was laid by Bishop Welles, the Rev. Mr. Wainwright of LeSeuer making the address. In August our church building began. It has been a hard struggle, the country is poor. No one has more than enough to live upon, and yet our building is now finished. One of the vestrymen was our architect, and he thinks our church is very beautiful. The proportions are as follows: chancel and sanctuary 16x16, choir 6x11, vestry 10x12, nave 26x46, porch 4x12, open roof with lofty pitch and ornamental rafters. The stained windows are nearly all memorial, the altar window and the circular being very beautiful. The basement is intended to be finished for lecture room and parish school, and is admirably lighted for the purpose. The chancel is carpeted and furnished, and the nave and vestry covered with matting. In all we have been at an expense of \$3000. \$700 has yet to be raised to clear us of all debt. The vestry and men of the village will very soon clear this indebtedness. On Christmas Eve we had our Christmas Tree in the church. It was a very happy, interesting occasion. On Christmas morning the church was filled and first Communion celebrated, 17 communicants participating. For four weeks the church was closed, and yesterday, Feb. 1st, was formally opened, being filled with attentive congregations. We hope to work along quietly but earnestly; to win laurels for Christ a little at a time, but all the more surely for that. In the seven months of this work we have had 39 baptisms, 18 adults, 14 confirmations. Our Sunday-school numbers over 100, and we have had an average attendance for six months of 69. The communicants now number 20. And we have a large class awaiting the Bishop's visitation for confirmation. We trust to have a strong self-supporting parish here in a few years.

The Rev. A. W. Seabrease, B.D., has resigned the rectorship of Calvary church, Rochester, in this Diocese, to take effect at Easter. Mr. Seabrease is a graduate of Seabury Divinity School, and at Wabasha and Rochester has done faithful work. During the three years of his rectorship at Rochester a large church debt has been paid, and a sterling silver Communion service has been bought. Annual confirmation classes have been presented to the Bishop. The congregations have averaged well, and the offerings of parish for rector's salary, parochial, diocesan, and general objects, have held their own. And all this in the face of constant losses from removals. Outside of the parish a regular monthly service has been sustained at Chatfield, a distance of 20 miles; at Pleasant Grove, 14 miles from Rochester; with occasional services at High Forest, 16 miles, and Olmstead Station, six miles distant.

The hard times and the great severity of the Winter, is making it a hard Winter for missionary work in this Diocese. The missionaries continue at their posts and endure the trials connected, and without a murmur, and with the spirit of the old martyrs. Many prayers are offered for the speedy restoration of our Bishop's health and his safe return to his work. Yours, B. February, 1875.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of Minnesota, held Feb. 15th, Mr. Edward Benedict, a member of the Junior Class of Seabury Divinity School, was recommended as a suitable candidate for Holy Orders.

Mr. A. E. Harjard of Wykoff, Southern Minnesota, was licensed as lay reader.

Notice of the resignation of the Rev. A. W. Seabrease of the rectorship of Calvary church, Rochester, was received from the wardens thereof.

On January 28th a commodious and beautiful chapel, erected under the auspices of the "Brotherhood" of St. Paul's church, St. Paul, was opened, by the Rev. Dr. Paterson, rector. It is located in a growing suburb of