

had been enabled to do in the past, urged them not to be weary in well doing, but on the contrary to redouble their efforts in the future. Rev. Mr. Elliott followed and with many graphic touches eloquently described his own experiences in deputation work in the wildest and most distant parts of the Diocese, citing some remarkable instances of the good done by these missionary meetings, and giving those present a clearer idea of the privations and hardships endured by clergymen in remote missions. A few brief, earnest remarks by Mr. Woodcock succeeded, and the Rev. Mr. Garrett was introduced, while ably advocating the cause he had come to plead he gave interesting information as well, and not the least striking of the facts adduced was the statement that of all contributors to missions, missionaries themselves are in proportion to their means the most liberal, and surely this should forever silence those who carp and grumble at the frequent appeals which are necessarily made for the support of the Church both at home and abroad. Rev. Mr. Lewin quoted the well known charity sermon of Dean Swift as a model of brief and pithy eloquence. The offertory was then taken up, and after the benediction the meeting closed with singing a hymn. In addition to the services at the Blue Church, weekly services are being held at Wexford an eastern suburb of Prescott, and it is hoped will be found profitable. The Children's Church Missionary Guild had an entertainment on February 12th, when the beautiful Cantata "Birth of Christ" was produced and most creditably rendered, this society which works in connection with the Women's Auxiliary was only organized about three months ago, and has already raised about \$75 for missionary purposes. Let us commend their example to all parishes where the C.C.M.G. does not already exist.

TORONTO.

The next meeting of the Rural Deanery of D. and V. will be held in Lindsay, on February 21st and 22nd. Session to begin on Thursday, 21st, at 2 p.m. H.C. on Friday, at 9 a.m. H.S. Subject 2 Pet. 1st Chapter. Wm. C. Allan, Secretary R. D. D. and V.

TORONTO.—Bishop Strachan School. On Saturday evening, February 2nd, the pupils of the school and their friends had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on the Holy Land delivered by the Revd. T. W. Paterson, of Deer Park. The lecture was made to appeal to more than one sense, being illustrated by a series of beautiful views of Jerusalem and other Eastern cities and places of interest. The audience showed their appreciation of what was done for their entertainment, by earnest attention during the lecture and by hearty applause when the chairman thanked Mr. Patterson for his kindness in giving them so enjoyable an evening. We understand that the authorities have made arrangements with Mr. Gordon Richardson that he shall give two lectures on Natural Science, on the evenings of the second and sixteenth of March. At these lectures all pupils of the school (past and present) with their friends will be welcome.

ORONO.—Perrytown Mission.—The first Missionary meeting under the auspices of the Church of England was held in this place on Monday evening, 21st inst., and was a fair success, taking the state of the weather and other matters into consideration. The Chair was occupied by the missionary, who gave an appropriate introductory address. The deputation was the Rev. W. C. Allen, of Millbrook, who gave a very eloquent, instructive, and telling speech, showing that though the disciples were to preach the Gospel first at Jerusalem, that their commission afterwards was to preach it in all the world: the force of his argument being that charity should begin at home first, but should not end there, or in other words that the missionary cause in our own Diocese have the first claim upon us, and that claim should be met first, and that afterwards Foreign Missions should receive our aid and sympathy. This is the kind of speeches that we want, both in our country parishes and at our Synod. Missionary meetings where we hear perpetually of the claims of Foreign Missions and hardly anything about the necessities or claims of our missions or the privations of the Missionaries. The reason of course is very plain, all the speaking is done by men (with very few exceptions) who have not the slightest knowledge of missionary work, except what they gain by reading, but none of a practical nature; they give very flowery addresses, but it is question if they are such as would elicit the greatest sympathy of the people.

Lecture at Trinity College.—At the time fixed for a lecture on Kant, at Trinity College, by Prof. Murray of the McGill College, the learned gentleman did not appear, owing to delay by a snow storm. As a large

audience was assembled it was decided that Professor Clark should address the company on the subject of the lecture, and at a moments notice Dr. Clark rose and for some time spoke as though he had been the lecturer of the day, so full, and so complete, and finished was the address he delivered. At length Mr. Murray arrived and took up his subject where his brother professor had left off. The *Empire* on this incident remarks:—The extempore lecture which Professor Clark commenced last Friday afternoon, and which was interrupted by the arrival of the regular lecturer, has aroused such admiration from the public and the students alike, that they have been expressing the hope that an opportunity will be given Professor Clark to continue his remarks on Antekantian German philosophy at some other time. The impromptu address was certainly a wonderful effort, which only a man possessed of Professor Clark's gifted attainments and wonderful command of language would ever think of attempting. It is to be hoped that the professor will gratify a wish which is quite general, and that another lecture may be added to the series which was intended to conclude on Friday afternoon.

The Conversion of England.—The fourth and last of the series of public lectures at Trinity College, which have been so instructive and popular, was given on the 15th February, by the Lord Bishop of Toronto. Provost Body felicitously welcomed his Lordship, who for an hour and a half learnedly discoursed on "The Conversion of England." "This conversion," he said, "is not to be confounded with the introduction of Christianity into Britain nor with the foundation of the English Church there. This church was planted before the close of the second century, and in the fourth century, completely organized, was acknowledged as orthodox and noted for its uncorruptness. Then Dr. Sweatman opened his story with the evacuation of the Roman garrisons, the incursions of the northern barbarians, the stirring times of the Picts and Scots, and the history of the Saxon Heptarchy. At length he dealt with the Teutonic conquest of England, the two remarkable features of which were the length of time it required for its accomplishment and its thoroughness. The British Church in these days of distress never lost her missionary spirit and action. Restrained from accomplishing the conversion of England she sent missionaries into Ireland and Scotland. The opportunity of converting the new masters of England being denied to the British the door was open to Rome. How this came about was told in great detail, from the "Angles" in the slave market at Rome to the conversion of the whole of the seven kingdoms of the Heptarchy. Deeply interesting was the story of Iona, Glastonbury, Lindisfarne, the foundation of the monasteries and cathedrals, and how the Pope was only acknowledged as head in spiritual matters. The lecture was replete with historical incidents, and the lessons the Bishop drew from the story were that great as is the debt of England to Rome, she does not owe her Christianity to Rome, but chiefly to the ancient British Church. The Apostolical character of this latter church has never been called in question, nor has its submission to Rome ever been conceded. The Church of England does not date from Rome but from Theodore. It was her standard of catholic doctrine to which at the Reformation she reverted. "Let us," said the Bishop, "pray God that this and every other branch of her communion may be preserved in unswerving fidelity and unabated devotion till her mission is accomplished."

Provost Body voiced the thanks of the audience for the story of the thrilling incidents of the early church, and said they recognized in Toronto's bishop and the 200 bishops of the Anglican Church, successors of the old bishops of whom they had that afternoon heard. "Like them," said he, "we repudiate that narrow spirit which insists upon a uniformity or outward observances and ritual. We shall leave this hall with a wider sense of the great heritage we possess, and endeavour to follow in the steps of that catholic church and under the guidance of our Fathers in God do that work which God has for us to do to-day."

The above is from the *Toronto World*, and although not perfect, is as clever a specimen of a condensed report as we have seen for some time. We trust the Bishop will have other opportunities of delivering this most able, instructive, and highly important lecture, which eventually will, we hope, be published and secure a large circulation.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Rev. Rural Dean Forneret has written to the Hamilton papers to say that the first use of his name in connection with the Church Defence Association was wholly unwarranted, and without his knowledge or consent; that he was afterwards persuaded to accompany a deputation of the Association to a

conference with the Bishop, partly to inform himself of the questions at issue, and partly to act as a check on any extreme partisanship; and that with that conference began and ended his connection with the Association. Mr. Forneret believes that all partisan associations or unions are detrimental to the Church, and do more harm than good.

FOREIGN.

Since Bishop Stubbs was consecrated in April, 1884, he has confirmed in the Diocese of Chester, 25,054 persons, the proportion of males to females being about two to three.

AUSTRALIA.—Melbourne Cathedral, which will shortly be opened, has cost £160,000. The site, the gift of the government, is said to be worth £800,000.

The total amount of subscriptions received toward the Pusey Memorial Fund up to the end of 1888, was £35,042 8s. 7d.

St. Ann's Church, New York, the Rev. Dr. Galland, rector, has received from a person, who desires not to be known, \$11,000, and the burden of debt, so long resting upon it, is entirely removed. The condition of the gift is that St. Ann's should be a free church, with a permanent mission to deaf mutes.

The death of the late General Gordon at Khartoum, on the 26th January, 1885, was marked by a season of special religious worship this year by some of his friends, including members of the Gordon Boys' Home Committee, and some of the clergy of St. Paul's, by attendance at the services in that cathedral.

The Rev. Bartholomew Edwards, rector of Ashill, Norfolk, now in his one hundredth year, took part in the two services held in his church on Christmas Day, and afterwards called on certain of his parishioners to present his Christmas salutations. Is this not almost, if not quite, unique in the history of the Church?

The remains of the late Bishop of St. Asaph were interred on the west side of the cathedral yard, in a vault in which are the remains of the bishop's step-daughters and his sons. The Welsh clergy have, it is stated, approached Lord Salisbury through a Welsh representative, urging him to appoint a "strong" man to his see, and insisting that, in view of the vigorous attack on the Church, a Welsh-speaking bishop is absolutely necessary.

IRELAND.—The memorial to Bishop Berkeley, which is to be placed in Cloyne Cathedral, is now finished. It consists of an altar tomb of veined marble, on which is a recumbent figure of the bishop, executed in alabaster. The memorial is the work of Mr. Bruce Joy, an Irish sculptor. It will be brought over from London, so as to be in Dublin during the time of the General Synod, when it will be on exhibition.

At the Church Missionary Society's station of Rabai, Africa, a very remarkable sight was witnessed on New Year's Day, when Mr. Mackenzie, before an immense concourse of people, presented papers of freedom to many hundreds of runaway slaves, for whose unconditional redemption he had amicably arranged with their owners. This philanthropic measure has had an extraordinary widespread and beneficial effect on all classes.

To meet the requirements of the Church in West Africa, and, as much as possible to relieve the Bishop of Sierra Leone, the Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to consecrate a clergyman as a bishop for work in the Yoruba country, West Africa. The permanent residence of the new bishop will be at Lagos. At first it was thought that it would be best that a native African clergyman should be appointed to the bishopric, but it has now been decided that a European shall be the first occupant of the See.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The Hon. Roswell P. Flower, with his brother Anson R., will build, at a cost of \$55,000, a church for Trinity parish, Watertown, their native place. It will be of stone with terra cotta trimmings, Norman Gothic in style, and will have a length of 150 feet and a width of 117 feet. There will be a spire 156 feet high. The church will be connected by a cloister to Trinity house, which was built mostly by the gifts of the Messrs. Flowers.

The Rev. E. P. Gould, formerly professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Newton (Baptist) Theologi-