

have so kindly crined their care and regard toward me; but more especially that it may be set forth as an example for other congregations "to go and do likewise."

Believe me to remain,

Dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,  
W. F. S. HARPER,  
Rector of Bath.

We are glad to learn that the ladies of St. Luke's Church, Wellington Square, presented a few days since, a handsome set of robes to their respected pastor, the Rev. Thomas Greene, enclosing the following note.

REV. SIR.—I feel very great pleasure in presenting to you, on behalf of the ladies of St. Luke's Church, a set of robes, and which they respectfully request you to accept as a slight token of their esteem and regard for the very kind and efficient manner in which you have discharged your pastoral duties during your residence among them.

I remain, Reverend Sir,  
Yours with esteem,  
HANNAH P. SMITH.

REV. T. GREENE.

My dear Mrs. SMITH,—I have just received the handsome suit of robes, which you, Mrs. Chisholm and other ladies of the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Wellington Square, have so kindly and considerately presented me with, and desire to thank the donors for their affectionate remembrance of me, and entreat them always to bear me on their hearts before the "Throne of Grace," seeking for me the Holy Spirit of God, to enable me faithfully to discharge my solemn duties towards the flock committed to my care. I would also assure them of my earnest prayer, that they may be clothed in the spotless robes of Christ's righteousness, and kept in peace, and against the great day, when pastor and people shall stand in the presence of the good shepherd to receive the crown purchased for them by his most precious blood.

I remain, dear Mrs. SMITH,  
Your affectionate and obliged pastor,  
THOMAS GREENE.

Mrs. H. SMITH.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY AT DELAWARE, HELD ON 23RD ULT. IN CHRIST CHURCH, DELAWARE.

From the London Times, C W

We have much pleasure in calling the attention to the following items of religious intelligence. The Report and statement of the proceedings cannot fail to awaken a deep interest in every person who is friendly to the cause of our holy religion. There was a very numerous and respectable concourse of people present at the meeting where the following resolutions were adopted, and the greatest interest in the proceedings was evinced by all, although there were but few public speakers present. The venerable missionary—the Rev. R. Flood, A.M.—must be cheered in his arduous duties by his additional testimony, that his people are rooted and grounded in the faith, and are feeling alive to the necessity of increased exertions for the support of their church.

The committee of the Delaware and Caradoc Church Association, in presenting their brief report to the members of this association, would remark, that although the subscriptions and quarterly collections have not been much less than those of the preceding year, yet they have every reason to believe from past experience that

steady advances will be made in proportion to the growth and prosperity of this settlement.

Hitherto contributions have been made to this association, with few exceptions, by the stated members of the congregation attending this church, who also have been contributing towards their minister's salary by pew rent.

Now, your committee are of opinion that since the majority of the population of this province have decided by their suffrages at the hustings during the past year that endowments from the Crown for the support and advancement of the Christian faith is injurious to the cause of divine truth, and that the voluntary system is better calculated to effect that end, your committee, therefore, entertain the most sanguine hope that assistance will be afforded henceforth by the people at large, who will place the churches and ministers in a better position than hitherto, since the allowance from the Clergy Reserve Fund never gave the clergy, at least of this church, an half support.

The inhabitants of the country will now have the opportunity of redeeming the pledge they have made when they assented to the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, that the voluntary system is more excellent than any state endowment for promoting vital godliness and true Christianity.

How many countries are now presented unto us, in the most interesting point of view, which are desirous to benefit both in time and in eternity from the wide-spread circulation of the Holy Scriptures?

The populous empire of China is at this present period desirous of the bread of life, and Christian missionaries can have free access to the interior of that country, which they dared not attempt to do a few years since without the sacrifice of their lives.

The Irish Church Society is also accomplishing great things in Ireland. The Roman Catholics of that country have been till very lately debarred from reading the holy Scriptures, but now a brighter sun dawns upon that long benighted land, where the Scriptures of God have free course, and are glorified in the conversion of thousands from superstition and priestcraft to serve the living and true God.

In conclusion, the committee are happy to add that the sum raised by this association during the past year, and which was remitted to the Parent Society without any deductions, amounted to, in subscriptions, £13 10s; quarterly collections, made at Christ Church, Delaware, and the Caradoc Academy, £11 8s 2½d; total, £24 18s 2½d.

The following resolutions were passed at the meeting:

"That the report now read be received and adopted."

"That this association has cause for thanksgiving to Almighty God for the measure of success that has attended its operations during the past year."

"That the members of this association rejoice at the spread of the glorious Gospel throughout the world by missionaries of our church, especially in the East, now the theatre of the fiercest warfare, and in Ireland, long enthralled in the darkness of the Roman apostasy."

"That the following gentlemen be the officers of the association for the current year.

COMMITTEE.

Horatio Jell	Richard Webb
Henry Johnston	Rothwell Gnrret
Braek Burwell	Richard Prico
William Livingston	

"Treasurer—John Johnston. Lecturers—Rev. R. Flood and Dr. Francis."

UNITED STATES.

PENNSYLVANIA.

During his recent visitations the Bishop of the diocese has performed the following services:

**Ordinations.**—Dec. 30th, at the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, admitted Mr. Geo. L. Crooko to Deacon's orders. Dec. 3rd, at St. James's Church, Philadelphia, admitted Rev. J. T. Huntingdon and the Rev. H. A. Coit (Deacons) to the Priesthood.

**Consecrations, &c.**—Dec. 7th, consecrated St. James's Church, Kingessing, (Philadelphia co.) Dec. 10th, laid the corner stone of St. Peter's Church, Trevorton, (Northumberland co.)

**Confirmations.**—Philadelphia, at Christ Church confirmed eighteen; Church of the Redemption, thirteen; St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia, one; at Church of the Ascension, ten; at St. Mark's, one; at Church of the Advent, nineteen; at the Church of the Epiphany, thirty-two; at Chapel of St. Mathews, two; at Northumberland, three; Sunbury, two; Trevorton, six; Danville, five; Muncy, nine; Williamsport, four; Scranton (Lucerne co.), four; Springville (Susquehanna co.), one; Montrose, three; New Milford, one; Erie, four.

He also visited and officiated by preaching and otherwise at Coudersport (Potter co.), Great Bend (Susquehanna co.), Milton (Northumberland co.), Bloomsburg (Columbia co.), Jerseytown and Derry (Montour co.), at the Church Hospital, St. Philip's Church, &c. &c. (Philadelphia co.)

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Correspondence of The Banner

The church in Stamford having been recently enlarged, was re-opened on St. Paul's Day, the 25th ult., by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop. The increasing size of the village caused a demand for pews greater than could be supplied, and has led to the enlargement of the church. The building being of wood, the Vestry decided to move the chancel back, and to add some forty feet to the former nave. As the building now stands, there is a nave of 30 by 40, and a chancel of ten feet. The addition has been finished in the same style as the old church, outside wood, inside imitation of blocks of stone, and the interior wood-work grained to resemble black walnut. The general effect, however, is solemn and impressive.

The day was clear and bright, and a large number of the clergy were present.

In consequence of Dr. Addam's opinion upon certain points connected with the subject of the pews of Buckingham Church, the following injunctions have been forwarded to the churchwardens by the Bishop of Oxford:—"1. To allow of no money payment for pews or sittings in Buckingham parish church. 2. To seat no one as being of right entitled to any pew. 3. But to the utmost of your powers, without fear or affection, to endeavor to seat the parishioners according to their quality, disturbing existing arrangements as little as you can whilst you maintain these principles."

MARRIED.

At St. Andrew's Church, Red River, Dec. 13th, by his Bishop of Rupert's Land the Rev. Charles Hlyer, of the Church Missionary Society, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop, to Maria, youngest daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Cochran, Minister of St. Andrew's Church.

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