

# Mission Field.

## South African Church News.

**DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN.**—An appeal has been made to increase the income of the Metropolitan, as well as to raise an income for a coadjutor Bishop. The late Mr. S. P. Moodie has left the Provincial Board of Trustees of the Church in the Provinces of South Africa the sum of £9,000, to be divided equally between the dioceses of Capetown, Maritzburg and Pretoria.

At the Diocesan examination in Religious Knowledge held in November last there were upwards of 400 candidates.

**DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.**—The Bishop of the Diocese has just completed the 21st year of his Episcopate, which has been marked by the gift of the Bishop's Throne of the Cathedral by the Bishops of Lincoln and Salisbury and a number of his Lordship's friends in England. The Throne will be made in Grahams-town, some of the beautiful variety of colonial wood being used therein.

The Bishop in the course of his visitations in November confirmed 180 persons, namely, Burgersdorf and Molteno 34, Queenstown 27, Tarkastad 9, Stutterheim 70, King Williamstown 40.

**DIOCESE OF MARITZBURG.**—At Pollela in this diocese the Bishop recently consecrated the cemetery, dedicated the church and administered Confirmation. The first service was held at half past ten in the Zulu tongue, when the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to twelve Basutos and to seven other natives. The Basutos had come a distance of 30 miles the day before, and the other natives 10 miles, in order to receive the rite. The colored congregation then withdrew and an English service followed when 5 European candidates were confirmed. After the Confirmation the colored people returned to the church and about 40 communicants received the Sacrament. This was the first Episcopal function in the newly opened part of the colony.

**DIOCESE OF BLOEMFONTEIN.**—The Elective Assembly of Clergy and laity met in the Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov. 17th, for the election of a Bishop. The Rev. John W. Hicks, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, Ven. W. T. Gaul, Archdeacon of Kimberly, and the Rev. W. A. Holbech, Canon and Chancellor of Bloemfontein Cathedral, were nominated. Dr. Hicks was elected on the second ballot by the Clergy, but failed to obtain the required two thirds of the laity. The Assembly adjourned until the next day, when Dr. Hicks received the whole of the lay vote save one, and was declared elected. He was immediately informed by cable of the election and replied accepting the office.

# A Bishop to the Clergy.

The words of Bishop Garrett, of Texas, to his clergy at the close of his annual council, embody so much common sense and needed exhortation generally applicable that we reproduce them for the benefit of whom they may concern. He says:

**Brethren of the Clergy.**—Most of you are comparative strangers. We bid you most cordial welcome to a share in our privations and prosperity. The work of the ministry is not different in Texas from what it is in other parts of our country. You will find your people quick to estimate your worth. Real merit will win speedy and generous recognition from those in whose souls the spiritual fire burns. But you must be prepared to expect many things in a new country not to be looked for in older communities. People are very much burdened with the labor incident to development. All things are in a transition state. Every one is kept on the stretch of highest tension lest the very ground should slip away. You must be alive too. Remember that very little is settled. Perpetual activity and watchful diligence can alone keep you in the van. You must seek the lost, the strayed, the indifferent, with ceaseless effort. The people must be made to feel your presence by your fidelity and diligence, or they will soon forget your existence. Avoid the entanglements of the world. Beware of any attempt to mix religion with the world in the hope of making it popular. The fascinations of speculation must be shunned as certain to prove destructive to your spiritual influence. Hold yourselves steadily true to the historic position of the Church in her continuity of polity, ministry and ordinances and you will win respect even from those who do not understand your position because of the invincible prejudice of their early training. Do not sacrifice your Catholic heritage for any imaginary benefit likely to ensue from unlawful efforts to enjoy fraternal sympathy. Be true, pure, wise, modest, earnest, and even the atheists will arise and call you blessed.

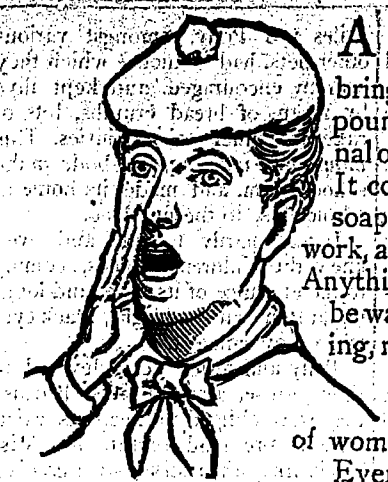
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