

an earnest plea for all to come forward and help in this good work for Christ. The Rev. Silva White then addressed the meeting, urging the importance of the work, and called upon any one present to come up and join in the good work. Three immediately presented themselves and signed the pledge, most of those present being already members. After the visitors had received a very hearty vote of thanks, the meeting came to an end with the singing of the Doxology.

WINNIPEG.—*St. John's College*.—Rev. H. Dransfield has left for England on a twelve months' visit.

Rev. J. Sykes, of MacGregor, paid us a flying visit last week. He was in the city seeking medical treatment.

The Christmas examinations have commenced. There is a decrease in the number of students writing on both the Arts and Theological examinations. The Christmas vacation starts on the 22nd inst.

The College magazine staff intend issuing the first number for this academic year soon after Christmas.

A programme of special fortnightly services in connection with the Church Society is being drawn up. The services will commence after the Christmas vacation.

The lectures in elocution recently delivered by Dr. Fortin, Archdeacon of Winnipeg, have been discontinued. The students have derived great benefit from the same, and it is their wish that the subject will again be taken up in the New Year.

The College Dramatic Society have postponed rehearsals owing to the departure to England of one of the Principals.

## British and Foreign.

Mrs. Benson, who was received by the Queen recently at Windsor, has gone to Egypt, where she proposes to spend the winter.

The Precentorship of Salisbury Cathedral having been vacated by the Dean, has been conferred by the bishop upon Canon Carpenter.

The *Yorkshire Post* announces quite seriously that the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, who is in his 78th year, has taken to cycling.

Canon Page Roberts resumed his work at St. Peter's, Vere street, on Sunday week, having completed his term of residence at Canterbury.

Bishop Tucker, of Eastern Equatorial Africa, has arrived in London from Naples, where he had been staying since Oct. 29th, to recover his health.

The Bishop of Liverpool has invited a number of representative Churchmen to meet him to discuss the important question of a Church House for the diocese.

A special service of intercession for foreign missions was held at Liverpool Cathedral, on St. Andrew's Day. Bishop Ingham, of Sierra Leone, was the preacher.

The Bishop of Peterborough arrived at Windsor Castle on a recent Saturday night, and preached before the Queen and Royal family on Sunday, the following day.

Nearly £20,000 has now been promised towards the Clergy Sustentation Fund of the Church of England; twenty-two dioceses will affiliate a diocesan organization with the fund.

The Rev. Andrew Noblett, at present curate of Cornwall, Letterkenny, Diocese of Raphoe, has been appointed rector of St. Barnabas, Glasgow, in succession to the Rev. T. H. Twist, M.A.

On a recent Friday, in London House, the Archbishop-elect formally sanctioned the appointment of 16 of the agents of the Church of England Scripture Readers' Association to London parishes.

The Dean of Argyll has been presented to the charge of St. John's, Seikirk, by the trustees of that church, and will vacate the charge of Portree and the Deanery of Argyll and the Isles, on March 1st, 1897.

On St. Andrew's Day a peal of eight tubular bells

was dedicated in the Church of St. Mark's, Mosbrough. The alterations to the tower and the bells cost about £200, and the money has all been subscribed.

The Rev. A. W. Rowe, Principal of the Training College, Lincoln, has been appointed by the bishop to the prebendal stall of Biggleswade, in Lincoln Minster, vacant by the death of Canon Hector Nelson, the late Principal.

Mr. Alfred Shuttleworth has promised £1,000 towards the cost of enlarging and reconstructing the organ of Lincoln Cathedral, and other promises of liberal support have been received. The estimated cost of the work is £3,500.

The Duchess of Albany has headed the subscription list for the proposed mortuary chapel in the parish of St. Augustine's, Stepney. The Rev. Harry Wilson, the vicar, has already collected £400 out of the £1,000 which was required.

On January 1st, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Edinburgh, which has hitherto been a mission of the cathedral, will become an independent charge under the Rev. H. B. Nicholl, its pastor, who will cease to be connected with the cathedral.

The alms on Advent Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral are given to S.P.G. The collections at the three principal services this year amounted to £72 7s. 2d., contributed in 3,305 coins. The attendance at these services could not have been less than 10,000.

The Archdeacons of Killaloe and Clonfert have issued a notice to all whom it may concern, that the Archbishop of Dublin has fixed the 8th of Jan. as the date for the election of a bishop for the vacant See of Killaloe. The election will take place in Limerick.

A sum of £8 875 has been raised in Sheffield to erect a church in memory of the late Archdeacon Favell. Part of this amount was raised during the lifetime of the Archdeacon, who wished to build a church in Brecco Bank to accommodate the growing population in that district.

The Missions to Seamen have received a further sum of £1 300, completing a total of £2,300 anonymously given for the erection of a Missions to Seamen Institute and Church at Lowestoft, on a site which had already been acquired. The building will be for the sole use of seafaring men and their families.

The Bishop of Melanesia has decided not to be present at the Lambeth Conference. There are many new developments of the Mission's work in the islands, at Siota, and in Queensland, and he desires to see them firmly established before leaving them for so long a time as a voyage to England would require.

The Rev. R. Cotter, Ardanny, Limerick, who was deprived of his benefice by the court of the General Synod on account of certain grave breaches of the law of the Church of Ireland, now refuses to give up his rectory, and has fortified his citadel, and bids defiance to his enemies. He has hoisted the Union Jack over the rectory, and barricaded all the approaches to his fortress.

The Rev. P. D. Hornby, a former curate at Wakefield Cathedral, but recently of the Cheltenham College Mission at Nunhead, recently bade farewell to a large gathering of his friends at Wakefield prior to leaving England to take up mission work in Kaffraria, South Africa. Archdeacon Donne presided, and the Bishop of Wakefield took part in the proceedings.

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley has offered to present St. Paul's Cathedral with a gold Communion service in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession in June next. The service will consist of two flagons, four chalices, and four patens, and contain more than 250 ounces of pure gold. The Dean and Chapter have formally accepted Mr. Hooley's offer.

A lady bequeathed a sum of money for the endowment of a church at Bournemouth, on the condition that the clergyman should wear a black gown in the pulpit, unless the law rendered this illegal. The incumbent objected to the black gown, believing it to be illegal. His application to receive the money without complying with the condition, was refused by Mr. Justice North, whose decision has been upheld by the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Smith remarking that the usage of three hundred years was enough to show there was no infringement of the law.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Rev. J. Fisher, Roslin, has resigned that parish, having been appointed rector of Asuton by the Bishop of Ottawa.

Historians believe that the horse was first domesticated either in Central Asia or in Northern Africa.

The memorial to the late Archbishop of Canterbury is to take the form of a monument in the cathedral, and the completion of a portion of Truro Cathedral.

The growth of the English language during the present century has been without parallel in the history of any tongue.

The Arabian horses have, from the earliest times, been noted for their fleetness and endurance.

Vienna has a strange "Silence Club," composed of married men, who meet, dine and spend the evening together without talking.

Thirteen letters written by George Washington over a hundred years ago were sold in London recently for \$2,350. This is an average of about \$180 apiece.

A Wurtemberg parish priest, having collected 9,000 pounds of postage stamps in eighteen years, has sold the lot for \$5,000 and given the money to charity.

Hamburg claims to have now the largest central telephone office in the world, with 10,000 connections, nearly double the number in Paris, London or Berlin.

France is the greatest wheat-growing country in Europe, not excepting even Russia.

The commutation allowance of the late Canon Pettit, of Cornwall, passes to Rev. G. J. Low, of Almonte. The amount is \$400 per year. Ottawa Diocese has met its first loss in the clerical ranks.

Among the thousands of photographs brought back by Nansen is one of an attacking Polar bear, of which the explorer took three snap-shots with his camera before he shot him with his gun.

Kaiser William is having a large building erected near his palace at Mon Bijou, for exercise in winter. It will contain a gymnasium, tennis and racquet courts, fencing-rooms, and a covered bicycle track.

Munkacsy's large "Ecce Homo," painted for the Budapest exhibition, has been started on a tour of the principal cities of Europe, as was done with his "Christ before Pilate." The picture is described as being more realistic than his earlier paintings, and as being hard in colour.

Samuel Smiles, the author of "Self Help" and other well-known books for boys and young men, is now over eighty years old. He is living quietly at his suburban home near London, writing a little now and then, and looking after his literary interests. Mr. Smiles has led a stirring and successful life, being successively merchant, railroad manager and author.

*London Truth* says that Archbishop Temple intended originally to become a teacher. A \$4,000 principalship in a training school becoming vacant, he applied for the place, and, finding that a clergyman of the Church of England was wanted, he took orders against his own inclinations and obtained the position. Later he gave it up to become a Government school inspector.

Manchester College, the new haven of non-conformity at Oxford, is fast acquiring an aesthetic notoriety, which will probably make it toward the middle of the twentieth century the Mecca of many earnest pilgrims. All the main windows of this little chapel except two are filled with stained glass, executed by William Morris from designs by Burne-Jones.

## Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

## Canadian Churchman.

SIR,—A lady in England who takes an immense amount of trouble in sending and having sent by others Church newspapers to the colonial clergy, happens to say in her last letter to me: "The Canadian Church paper, which some one kindly sends me, still goes to Bournemouth, so that I only get it occasionally when I go there." This must be, I