

against marriage. But when supplied by Dr. Trevor with chapter and verse to the contrary, the candid critic suppresses the letter and coolly reiterates its misrepresentation. This is only a specimen of the usual method.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—Considering that the Missionary Diocese of Algoma was, with much enthusiasm, set apart by the Provincial Synod of Canada, or that known as such, consisting of representatives of the Church in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and that pledges were given by these same men that it should receive their cordial support, I fail to see there has been any unfair or unequal distribution of the funds at the disposal of the Board of Missions in granting it the larger share. It is the bounden duty of those represented by the delegates who established the Diocese to maintain it liberally, and, with the exception of their own parishes and domestic missions, it should have the first claim. It has been my privilege to go over a large portion of the district included in this Diocese, and if ever there was a purely missionary field, it most emphatically is Algoma. The few hamlets called villages are scarcely deserving of the name. Neither the houses nor the people indicate prosperity. The farmers are scattered at long distances from each other over a country consisting for the most part of rock barely covered with soil. In the winter the privations are extreme; all communication with the outside world is cut off for weeks at a time—Port Arthur the only exception. To attempt to pass from place to place is accompanied with the greatest danger, because of the inclemency of the weather and the almost trackless roads. Last winter a devoted missionary undertook to carry some medicine to sick parishioners, five or six miles off. Part of the way lay across a bay. It was towards night, and intensely cold. He set out. The boy who acted as his guide, after they had gone two miles, returned home, being afraid to go on. The missionary pushed forward. He missed the right direction, and gladly he sought the shelter of an empty hut. He was so exhausted and benumbed that he actually could not raise his hand from his pocket to take a bite of biscuit. When he was somewhat recovered, he again started off and reached his destination, only too glad to find he was in time to be the means of saving a fellow-creature's life, and that his own had been spared: for he learned that during the night three men had perished on the very road he had passed over. Speaking this summer to the delicate wife of one of the most comfortable of the settlers on the Georgian Bay, I said, "How far have you to send for a doctor?" The reply was, "Twenty-two miles by open boat across the bay" over which we were then looking. These stories of cold, distress and isolation fall far below what could be told of those living amongst the Indians in Lake Superior. The direst want is oftentimes experienced. With the exception of one or two places, little or no money can be had from any of the Missions for the support of the clergy laboring in them—for the very good reason that there is positively none to give. These men, then, are altogether dependent upon the liberality of the Churchmen in the wealthier parts of the Dominion for their support.

The Northwest Territories cannot possibly have the same claim upon us as this portion of Canada; for ecclesiastically, all the dioceses in that far off part separated themselves, and put themselves under a Metropolitan of their own selection. The people who have taken up land

in Manitoba are principally from the northern countries, and they can properly and justly look to the same for assistance. It is quite different with Algoma; it is the Canadian Church's—that is, as was known in the Provincial Synod of Montreal—*first and only child*, and it would be a disgrace to the Church people represented in that Synod to attempt to leave it, at this early stage of its existence, to struggle for its life. In fact, to do so would be its death. Let not those who are not of us have cause to sneer at the voices of acclamation, together with the unanimous shout, "We will maintain Algoma!" which arose when it was first constituted; nor let them suppose that the strains of praise which were raised to God, on the announcement of the election of Dr. Sullivan to the office of Bishop of the same Diocese, appear to have been "*vox præterea nihil*."

"JUSTITIA."

Hamilton, St. Andrew's Day.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—The very admirable tone of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, in its weekly visits to the homes of the Church people, is eliciting, as it deserves, the warmest commendation. Perhaps one of the best proofs of this is the effort which is being made by many to increase its circulation. For one, I can say that I have entered upon an earnest and thorough canvass of my own parish, and hope shortly to be able to send forward several new names, with their subscriptions, so convinced am I of its excellence and value.

I wish, in this place, to testify, my own appreciation of the excellent articles which have recently appeared, especially those in the number of October 28th. One entitled "*Fiat Justitia*" merits more than ordinary attention from all good Church people. It expresses, without doubt, the sentiments of the truly loyal citizen and subject; and in your quotations from certain papers we have the only true and correct view to be taken concerning this matter, which has already been too long an incubus upon the land. I hope, therefore, that the effect of such articles will be to strengthen and build up true views and opinions regarding those things that so vitally influence the destinies of our common country. Whatever may be the final issue of this momentous question, you will have the grand satisfaction of being at least on the right side, having thrown your influence into the scale that only must be true and just. This consciousness of acting always according to those principles which govern the conduct of every real Christian is of itself a reward, which I trust has been already your own experience.

Yours, &c.,

CLERIC.

Port Stanley, Ont.

BRITISH BUDGET.

The value of the buildings of the Church of England, as estimated by the Liberation Society, is an aggregate of £101,000,000, of which £99,000,000 are the voluntary offerings to God of individuals; whilst nearly two millions were given to God by the Parliament as a thanksgiving for peace in 1817, 1824 and subsequent years. About one million pounds a year have been spent by individuals on their Church buildings during the last fifty years.

The late Bishop of Ely, who gave £10,000 to the Ely Theological College during his lifetime, has left the bulk of his fortune to that institution.

The restoration of Ballynakill Church was effected solely by the liberality of Lady Domville, unaided by any of the parishioners. The chancel was erected in memory of her husband, the late Sir William Compton Domville,

Bart., and of her youngest daughter, Evelyn Caroline Domville.

The result of the triennial election for the Sheffield School Board is that the Church party have returned the whole of their eight candidates, and thus secured a substantial majority on the Board.

The will of the late Bishop of Manchester has been proved in the Manchester Court at under £85,594, the bulk of which is left to the widow, who is sole executrix.

A service was held at Lichfield Cathedral, England, for the purpose of taking leave of Bishop Selwyn on his return to Melanesia. The right rev. prelate had been on a visit to England during the past six months, and has engaged in much active Church work, especially on behalf of Missionary enterprises. He has also received the distinction of Doctor of Divinity from his University, in recognition of his zeal and service as a Missionary Bishop of the Church of England. He has married Miss Mort, of New South Wales, and returns to the scene of his labors with an accomplished and devoted helpmeet. The respect entertained for the Bishop and his family at Lichfield drew together a congregation such as is seldom seen in the Cathedral, excepting on occasions of extraordinary interest, the building being crowded. A shortened form of evening service was gone through, appropriate prayers and hymns being selected for the occasion, and the service was, as we have previously intimated, most touching and impressive.

It is stated that the Bishopric of Bloemfontein, which has been for some time vacant, has been offered to the Rev. George W. H. Knight-Bruce, in charge of the district of St. Andrew's, Bethnal Green.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, following the example of the Bishop of London, has restored to his clergy the privilege of electing their own Rural Deans.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a commission, including the names of the Bishop of Bedford and Bishop Bromby, for performing Episcopal functions during the vacancy in the See of Ely.

The Archbishop of York has appointed the Right Rev. John Mitchinson, D.D., late Bishop of Barbados, and coadjutor of the Bishop of Peterborough, to act as suffragan bishop for the diocese of Manchester during the vacancy in the See.

Canon Wilberforce, who has returned home and has been ordered by his physicians to cease all work for six months, has notified to the Bishop of Winchester his willingness to resign the living of St. Mary's, Southampton. The Bishop has replied, declining to accept his resignation, and recommends him to take the rest prescribed.

A statue of the Queen has just been placed in a niche reserved for it on the west front of Lichfield Cathedral. The Queen is represented as standing in mediæval costume, the head-dress being a veil falling over the back of the head, with a diadem encircling the forehead. The Queen holds a sceptre in her right hand and an orb in her left.

AMERICAN BUDGET.

The Rev. Geo. Williamson Smith, D.D., President of Trinity College Hartford, has declined the election to the Bishopric of Easton.

Hobart College has met with a great loss in the destruction by fire, on the 19th ult., of the building hitherto used as a Library.