

said that the biography of Christ is the reverse of those of all great modern men. Lord Macaulay, after minutely describing the birth, education and famous exploits of Lord Clive, disposes of the circumstances of his death by one sentence. The evangelists, on the contrary, applied all their genius and vigor towards giving the world the awful events touching the last four days of the Saviour on earth. They did this because, under the guidance of God, they say that the time would come when the cross should be the principal attraction for all people and all tongues.

TORONTO.—Easter Services.—The Easter Day services in the Toronto churches were exceptionally bright and joyous with music, the churches almost universally having given great attention to festival services appropriate to the season. The altars and chancels were decorated with choice flowers. In some, as Holy Trinity, St. Matthias, St. Luke's, St. Simon's, St. George's, the display was most beautiful and effective in symbolising the fact upon which our hope of the resurrection is based. Even the Unitarians have now adopted this touching custom of Easter floral decorations. The attendance at the several Eucharist celebrations now held in most of the churches was very large.

Illness of the Rev. O. P. Ford.—We must regret the continued sickness of this most able and devoted priest. We trust his trip south will soon restore him to health.

Good Friday in Toronto.—The observance of Good Friday was more than usually general in Toronto this year. In the churches larger congregations assembled than had previously been seen at this season. This was very marked at Holy Trinity, where the morning service was as largely attended as at the usual Sunday one. Our congregations contained a large number of nonconformists of the higher class, who seem to feel being excluded by their sect from the opportunity of remembering their Saviour on the day of His sacrifice. We gladly note that there was one Presbyterian Church open where Dr. Kellogg preached. Thus do old prejudices shell off by the corrosion of time. We cannot but regret that some places of worship were used for amusement on this day so solemn in its memories. Better, far better, do not notice Good Friday than use it for amusement in connection with a place for worship. It is most deplorable too that some of our judges kept their courts open on Good Friday. This is an outrage on decency. We speak plainly as it is a great public scandal. There are a large number of those who are called into courts by their profession or as jurors or witnesses or officials, to whom the observance of Good Friday is a solemn obligation. The judges have no right to violate the religious rights and consciences of such citizens. We repeat it is a scandal.

PORT HOPE.—The Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., rector of St. Paul's, Brockville, has just concluded a very successful ten day's mission at St. John's, Port Hope. Mr. Hague, though not many years in the ministry, has had wide experience in parish work, and is intensely practical. His afternoon Bible readings on the Christian Life were thus of great benefit to all who attended. The evening services consisted of a shortened liturgy with an address, and were preceded by a service of song and followed by an after-meeting. The hushed solemnity and simple uplifting of Christ in these after-meetings were very impressive. The attendance at the meetings was very encouraging, fully five hundred being present at the five o'clock service, all but a score of whom waited to the after-meeting. As the grand result of the mission was brought to Christ, and slothful Christians stirred up to greater consecration in the Master's service.

NIAGARA.

St. CATHARINE'S.—On Tuesday, March 20th, the Ven. Archdeacon M. Murray formally inducted the Rev. Edward M. Bland into the rectory of St. George's church, assisted by Rural Dean Gribble and Revs. A. W. Macnab, P. L. Spencer, and James Ardill. Mr. Wm. Ellis, the rector's warden, on behalf of the congregation, presented the keys of the church to the newly inducted rector. Mr. Bland is the fourth rector of St. George's, his predecessors in office being the Rev. James Clarke, Rev. Dr. Atkinson, and Rev. Canon Holland, the two last having held the position for twenty-four years each, and all having died in office. Not many parishes can show such a record as this.

ANCASTER.—A memorial window of two lights and tracery, has been recently placed in St. John's Church by the Misses Halson to the memory of their deceased parents. It has been executed by Messrs. McCausland

& Son, Toronto, and is a beautiful work of art. The subject chosen is charity in the form of feeding the hungry. In the left hand panel is a group of suppliant poor, a venerable mendicant, a mother kneeling with upturned gaze, eloquent with gratitude for the substantial loaves her children are receiving from the hands of the lady bountiful, whose graceful figure fronts them. The "alms-giver" is arrayed in a costume of exquisite richness, a robe of purest white richly diapered in gold, a cloak of regal purple embellished with pearls and precious stones. Such wealth of color would scarcely befit a group of beggars, so a judicious admixture of mellow dark tints, describes their tattered garments, and assists in merging the complimentary tones into the background of pomegranate, which with its ripe golden fruit and varied leaves running through both compartments binds them harmoniously together. This with the deep blue sky, the bright ruby background of the canopies, and the delicate symphony of silver, blue, green and gold, that forms the base of the subject, complete a highly artistic and beautiful memorial. Some nine memorial windows altogether have been erected in this church, two of which, at least, in design and execution are fully equal to the best imported work. Since the 1st of January a handsome pipe-organ has also been erected in the church, built by W. Spencer, Hamilton.

FREELTON.—The Rev. W. R. Blachford desires to acknowledge with thanks, the following sums towards fitting up a house for services in a new part of the mission:—Bishop of Niagara, \$5; Thomas Blachford, \$5; H. Blachford, \$1; C. Blachford, \$1; Rev. A. Henderson, \$1; Rev. G. Harvey, \$1; Mr. Chas. Howitt, \$1; Mr. Archibald, \$1.

HURON.

BRANTFORD.—Grace Church.—The holy season of Lent has been well observed here this year. In addition to the services usually held in Grace church by the rector, the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, a mission was held by the Rev. J. C. Farthing, B.A., of Cambridge, commencing on Sunday, 4th March, and ending Wednesday, 14th. The daily services in the afternoon and evening were well attended. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and again at 10 on Sunday, and crowds of reverent communicants met to obey their divine Master's command, "Do this in remembrance of Me." A solemn yet joyful spirit pervaded all the services.

Mr. Farthing is an Irishman and possesses the national gift of easy, flowing speech, enthusiastic in his work. He impresses his hearers with the feeling that he is thoroughly in earnest. No shibboleth of party stains his utterances, but as the ambassador of Christ he pleads with men. In all these Lenten services no one could fail to be impressed with the power and beauty of our noble liturgy, its Scriptural teaching and universal adaptation to the wants of men. The immense congregations showed their appreciation of their privileges by their hearty responses. Perhaps the young evangelist's best effort was on the last Sunday of the mission; at morning service his subject was the request of the Greeks, "We would see Jesus," and the hearts of his hearers "burned within" them as they listened to his words. At 2 o'clock Mr. Farthing addressed the Sunday School, and at four o'clock held a service for men only. On both occasions the church was crowded to excess. On the last evening of the mission the subject was "The Beauty of Praise and Joyful Worship," and at the close of the service the rector, the Revs. Mr. Howarth and Mr. Farthing, stood at the church doors and presented memento cards to the departing worshippers. We trust "the new fervour which filled the hearts of men" will be lasting and bring forth the fruit of holy living.

WOODHOUSE.—The many friends of the Rev. Wm. Davis will regret to hear that he caught a severe cold at the funeral of the late Dean Boomer, which, however, did not prevent him from officiating at the parish church, and the very promising mission at Point Rye on the following Sunday. Many a younger man would have felt excused, but not so this faithful old priest. Literally he is spending and being spent for the Master. Though confined to the house ever since, he is, thank God, slowly recovering. Well for the diocese of Huron if there were more like him, a fine specimen of the old evangelical churchman, instead of the more common pinch-beck variety, of ceaseless and untiring devotion to the Master's work, labouring one would think beyond his strength, and that, too, in spite of discouragements neither few nor small, he fights on apparently without seeing, as do others however, that his good work is even now being blessed. The hitherto barren ground is being sown by him in Faith. The harvest will come in God's own good time. May He who alone can make the seed grow bless His aged servant now, and when his work is done give

him "the rest that remaineth" for "the faithful servant."

ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma left the city last week for Montreal to spend a few days there before sailing for England by the Parisian, April 7th. While there he will preach in the cathedral and St. George's in behalf of his mission fund, and also address a meeting of the Churchwomen of the city. During his absence in England the diocese will be administered by his commissary, the Rev. S. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to whom, therefore, all official correspondence may be addressed. The Bishop's address in England will be Office of the High Commissioner, 9 Victoria Chambers, Westminster, London, S. W.

RUPERT'S LAND.

DELORAIN.—I have lived here during the past six months, and have not seen the face of a clergyman of the Church in all that time. There are, I am told, quite a large number of Church families in this vicinity—living as sheep without a shepherd. Souls seem to lose value in proportion to their distance from Winnipeg. Perhaps this is natural after all. Zeal for their salvation can be shown in a city with much more comfort than among the blizzards of the prairie. Moreover, dignitaries are not usually "created" out of rustic clerical material.

FOREIGN.

Two hundred and fifty clergymen have signed an address to Mr. Gladstone recording their "conviction as Christian ministers that the claim of the Irish to self-government must be admitted and dealt with, not ignored and repressed." The *Guardian* says in comment, "We are at a loss to understand the call for this particular exercise of the priest's office."

Another scheme for a Liverpool cathedral is now on the carpet. Happily the committee did not entertain the suggestion (made half in jest, half in earnest) that St. George's Hall should be acquired and turned into St. George's cathedral. The new scheme is a more modest one than the old, but it seems to have a better hope of realization. The present site of St. Peter's church has been definitely selected, and the proposed cathedral will not be much inferior in size to Chester, and larger than Truro or Edinburgh. It is to have a central tower, and a nave capable of accommodating 2,500 persons. The estimated cost is £100,000 to £150,000, towards which conditional promises of support are said to have been already received to the extent of £22,000, including £500 from the mayor and £1,000 from the bishop.

An extraordinary function took place at St. Clement's church, Salford, when the female child of the Sioux Indian "Little Chief," which was recently born in Buffalo Bills' camp, was baptized according to the rite of the English Church. The entire body of Sioux and Apache Indians are at present located in the "Wild West" camp at Manchester walked in procession to the church, which was filled to overflowing with a miscellaneous company, comprising Colonel and Miss Cody, Major Burke, Buck Taylor, cowboys, Mexicans, and other spectators. Baptism was administered by the Rev. J. F. Sooth, the service being translated sentence by sentence by "Broncho Bill," the Sioux interpreter. After the baptismal rites, the assembled body of Sioux sang, "Nearer my God to Thee," in the Sioux tongue.

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HE IS NOBODY.

SIR.—How often do we hear it said of one of no position, wealth or influence, he is nobody. As we grow older we see things in a different light. The nobodies, as they are contemptuously called, are an overwhelming majority of the human race. Of the fourteen hundred million of people on the globe to-day, how many have ever been heard of beyond the narrow circle of their neighborhood? Certainly not one in a million. They never get their names into the papers, they are not talked about on the streets, or on the