

which can only be spoken of with pain and regret."

The commendation concluded in these manly words has been richly deserved. The course of the English clergy and their people has all through the perplexities and troubles of the transition period been honourable and consistent.

ADVERTISING AGENCIES.—One of the most reliable establishments of this character, that of John Hooper & Co., of New York, whose name has long been the synonyme for integrity and financial responsibility, has just been merged with the younger but not less favorably known house of G. P. Rowell & Co. The success of the last named firm has been something unparalleled in the history of the business. More than five thousand American Periodicals are received regularly and kept on file at their offices which are located in the New York Times Building, Nos. 40 & 41 Park Row, and we are informed that their corps of assistants outnumber the combined force of any four similar establishments now in existence. Their patrons can always be sure of finding a file of our paper open to their free inspection at the office of Messrs. Rowell & Co., whenever they happen to be in New York and want to read the news from home.

ST. STEPHEN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—The first regular meeting of the Young Women's Association in connection with St. Stephen's congregation, Montreal, was held on Wednesday evening last in the basement of the church, Rev. W. B. Curran in the chair. Two essays, one on Music, and another on the Book of Genesis, were read by members of the association; after which, recitations and readings, interspersed with singing by the choir, under the direction of Miss Swaine, (organist of the church) brought the evening's entertainment to a close.

last chapter on this subject, J. C. Ryle, appears in this week's Observer. We have not space in this issue to review those "papers," but we shall take an early opportunity of doing so.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letter received from "Constant Reader," Montreal, cannot be inserted as the writer omits enclosing his name.

LITERARY NOTICES.

We have received a copy of two able treatises by Mr. B. Homer Dixon, one on the Lord's Supper, and the other on Turning to the east. They both evince considerable research, the results are stated with a candour and simplicity which, in these polemical times, are as refreshing as they are rare. We shall return to the consideration of Mr. Dixon's pamphlet in a future issue.

A Treatise on "Bible Temperance" from the pen of one of our city clergy is in press and will shortly appear. The author, who has laboured very successfully in this cause, may be expected to give us some valuable thoughts on a subject on which we hear a good deal of random talk, and very little criticism. A communication to the above effect has reached us as we are going to press, and will appear in our next issue.

VACANCIES IN ENGLAND.—Weekly, near Kettering; income, £126; patron, the Duke of Buccleuch. Little Oakley, near Kettering; income £113; patron, the Duke of Buccleuch. Claybrooke, near Lutterworth; income, £45; patron, the Crown. Lutterworth; income, 585; patron, the Crown. Goathurst, near Bridgewater, income £378, patron Colonel Tynte.

Correspondence.

We are not responsible for any opinions expressed by our Correspondents. We cannot undertake to return rejected manuscripts.

POSTURES.

To the Editor of the Church Observer.

SIR.—The "Churchman" who writes in your last issue on the unhappy division caused in the Quebec Cathedral by the introduction of a change of posture during the reading of the offertory service, is naturally and properly anxious that a remedy should be applied; but, I apprehend, his suggestion that the Metropolitan or the Provincial Synod should be appealed to would be ineffectual, as there is no probability that either would favor the passing of a rubric or canon on the subject. The practice which was introduced, of standing during that part of the service, is almost unknown either in England or this country, and though not a matter of principle or of any great moment, was considered by a large portion of the congregation as one of those novelties which of late years have troubled the peace of many congregations. It was, consequently resisted, and its introduction was condemned at the ensuing Easter Meeting by a majority of three fourths of those present. Very improperly, and very unfortunately this part of the proceedings was suppressed in the published account of the annual meeting, as I feel assured many of those, who in deference to the Rector, had adopted the change recommended, would have considered the formal decision of the congregation against it as a sufficient reason for its discontinuance. A desire for peace alone prevented a newspaper discussion on the extraordinary alteration of the proceedings in the printed report.

I am convinced that the only effectual remedy would be for the Rector to tell the congregation, that as a suggestion, made with the best intentions, had unfortunately produced discord and division, which has continued ever since, he would thank them all to return to the old practice, which had prevailed in the church since it was built, and in which no one had ever for a moment imagined any irreverence could be discerned till this year.

ANOTHER CHURCHMAN.

Quebec, 24th Oct. 1870.

[Correspondent is not strictly correct in his allusions to the practice being introduced, as it is un-

ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Church Observer:

SIR:—Permit me, through the columns of your paper to acknowledge the receipt, during the past year, of the following sums by the Treasurer of the Synod, in aid of the Sorel Endowment Fund. Yours truly,

WM. ANDERSON.

Sorel, 24th Oct. 1870.

- Edw. Carter Q. C.—M. P. P. Montreal. \$100. Wm. Cowie, Montreal. 10. Major Campbell, C. B. St. Hilaire. 10. A. Friend, Sorel. 240. John Forgraves, Sorel. 15. D. Finlay Sorel. 20. Mrs. Hall, Sorel. 20. Dr. Johnston, Sorel. 20. Wm. Lunan, Sorel. 20. A. Martin, Sorel. 20. Thos. Nettleton, Sorel. 20. Thos. Woolley, Sorel. 32. \$527

Church News.

CANADIAN.

DIocese of Ontario.

CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI.—The new Christ Church, Cataraqui, was consecrated on Sunday 16th with appropriate services, his Lordship the Bishop of Ontario presiding in the morning at 11 o'clock; Mr. Mulock, assisted by Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, in the afternoon at 2:30, and Mr. C. P. Mulvaney in the evening at 7. The choirs of St. George's Cathedral and St. Paul's Church combined were in attendance in the afternoon; and the building was completely crowded with persons, numbers being obliged to return home, unable to gain admission. A collection was taken up at each service in aid of the building fund. Two children were baptized, one in the forenoon and the other at the evening service. Total offertory for the day, \$81.

CONFIRMATION AT LANARK.—Special notice attaches to the Confirmation lately

held in this village, as it was the first occasion on which the impressive rite was performed at Lanark. His Lordship the Bishop, who was accompanied by the Rev. J. A. Preston, M.A., of Carleton Place, arrived at Lanark on the evening of Wednesday, the 12th inst., and was the guest of Thomas Watchorn, Esq., of the Clyde Woollen Mills.

The services on Thursday commenced with the consecration of the church. The Rev. A. Fisher, incumbent, having read a petition signed by himself, Messrs. John Jackson and Thomas Watchorn, churchwardens, and others, His Lordship proceeded to consecrate the building, the deed of consecration being read by the Rev. J. A. Preston. The church, which is very commodious, and, to the credit of our people, entirely free from debt, stands on a piece of land granted for the purpose by Mr. W. Manahan. At the Confirmation twenty-three candidates were presented by the Incumbent, and his Lordship, after the laying on of hands, preached a most suitable sermon from Exodus xii. 26. It was not our own people merely who were impressed with his Lordship's discourse, but also a large number of persons who belong to other churches. The Holy Communion was administered to between thirty and forty persons, all the candidates but two partaking. The services terminated with the consecration of "God's Acre."

His Lordship, whose visit we shall long remember with gratitude and pleasure, left Lanark in the evening for Bell's Corners.

DIocese of Huron.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.—The members of the Confirmation Class of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, in token of the interest manifested in their spiritual welfare by the Curate, Rev. C. Bancroft, presented that gentleman with a magnificent copy of the Holy Bible on Wednesday last. In addition to the language of the class, the venerable Rector enlarged on the happy relationship evinced in the action, and in the successful labours of his assistant. The following is a copy of the address:—

Reverend and Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Confirmation Class of St. Paul's Church—of those privileged, on a late occasion, to receive the Scriptural rite of Confirmation and partake for the first time of the eucharist—in grateful acknowledgement for the assiduous attention bestowed on our spiritual welfare, and as a slight recognition of your personal regard for us individually—we are privileged to solicit your acceptance of this copy of the Word of God. The occasion to which reference has been made, is, to us, an important one. May we, in our walk through life, and in our attendance on the means of grace—the doors of which through your labours have been opened to us—appreciate the great sacrifice, and your endeavours; so that when "life's fitful fever" is to close, we shall not have mis-spent the opportunity accorded, or proved unmindful of the teachings of our esteemed Rector; rather that through our efforts for the Cross we sustain his and your hands in supplications for a more complete realization of our duties.

The Rev. gentleman in accepting the valuable gift acknowledged the considerate and timely presentation in language of affection, and with an earnestness that gives promise of lasting usefulness among the members of St. Paul's Church, especially with the youthful portion.

WESTMINSTER SCANDAL.—Archdeacon DENISON writes to an English contemporary as follows:—The 'Westminster Scandal' is one of the many marked features of A.D. 1870. Out of it have come, and are coming, protests not a few, combining names of very opposite theological colour; and showing that, however men may differ about the manner whereby the one atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ is applied to the souls of men, there is, so to speak, but one mind amongst us about the atonement itself, and about the Divine Person who, 'by taking the manhood into God,' made the atonement once for all upon the cross. But upon the point of who it is that is primarily and principally to blame, who it is that is primarily and principally responsible for the 'Westminster Scandal,' there appear to be many minds. Some say it is the Dean of Westminster, and no doubt if it had not been for the Dean of Westminster there would have been no 'Westminster Scandal.' But still this does not go to prove that he is primarily and principally responsible for it, which is what is wanted to be ascertained. Others say it is the Committee of Revisionists who co-

opted into their number Mr. Vance Smith and so enabled the Dean to invite him to receive the Holy Communion. But this, again stops half-way. Who was it that made it possible for the Committee to co-opt Mr. Vance Smith? This is the question. Others say it is the Bishops, who, if they could not prevent the act of the Dean, might, at least, upon its being done, have taken prompt measures, 'unanimi consensu,' to vindicate the church from the sin and scandal of it. And truly, among many lamentable spectacles and signs of the time, there is none more lamentable and filled with fear than the general tone and attitude of the Bishops upon this matter in convocation and out of it." The Archdeacon's conclusion is that the sin and the scandal rests with the two Houses of Convocation of the Province of Canterbury.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE GAZETTE.

THE undersigned, formerly publishers of the Hamilton Spectator, having removed to Montreal and become Proprietors of the THE GAZETTE, have greatly enlarged and otherwise improved it,—it being now printed on new type from the Foundry of C. T. Palsgrave & Co.

THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT Is under the charge of able and experienced writers, who have already earned a high reputation in the field of journalism. Editorials are furnished upon all the live topics of the day, by experts in different departments of literature and European, American and Dominion Politics. Public questions are discussed solely in the public interest, and in a tone of fearless and independent criticism.

THE COMMERCIAL REPORTS. The Publishers fully recognize the supreme importance of accurate and full Commercial Reports in a newspaper aspiring to leadership in the great Commercial Metropolis of the Dominion, and have completed arrangements which will make the Commercial columns of THE GAZETTE immeasurably superior, in fullness and accuracy of information, to those of any other paper published in this city. By the employment of first-rate talent in this important department, THE GAZETTE will be made a necessity to merchants in all parts of the Dominion interested in the Commerce of Montreal.

THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT Of THE GAZETTE will comprise a full record of every event of importance occurring in the city, Legal Intelligence, Sporting News, Reports of Meetings, etc., prepared by gentlemen well skilled in the various departments.

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AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM, THE GAZETTE is immeasurably superior to any other paper in Montreal, having a larger circulation than all the other English morning papers published in this city combined.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS. Notwithstanding the very great improvements in THE GAZETTE, the price will still remain the same. It will be sent by Mail at \$6.00 a year, or \$5.00 when paid strictly in advance, and will also be furnished in the city, and by News Agents, to whom it is sent by Express, at TEN CENTS A WEEK.

THE WEEKLY GAZETTE Will also hereafter appear in greatly enlarged and improved form, and special pains will be taken in the selection and arrangement of its matter, so as to give an interesting and complete epitome of the week's news. THE WEEKLY GAZETTE will continue to be aimed to subscribers at \$1 a year, payable strictly in advance.

SPECIAL TO CLERGYMEN. Following an old custom of THE GAZETTE, we will continue to supply it to Clergymen at a reduced rate. The DAILY will be sent for \$4.00 a year, or six copies of the WEEKLY, in a Club, for \$5.00; but this reduction will only apply where the subscription is paid absolutely in advance. In all other cases, the regular prices will be charged. The reduced rate simply covers the cost of the paper in its enlarged form.

Orders addressed as under, and registered, will be at our risk. T. & R. WHITE, 171 ST. JAMES STREET. Montreal, 9th September, 1870.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH. NOTICE is hereby given that the Church Wardens are prepared to receive applications from those desiring PEWS in the above Church. Such applications to be made in writing to either of the undersigned Churchwardens. C. S. BLACKMAN, A. F. GAULT, Montreal, Oct. 1871.