

great reformers—Wycliffe, Luther, and Tyndale—Wycliffe was perhaps the greatest. This great Wycliffe movement will diffuse information and knowledge among the common people, which hitherto only the learned have possessed. Wycliffe's correct title is the Morning Star of the Reformation. In translating and circulating the Holy Scriptures he was the first, the greatest, and the most direct reformer. England, after his time, was never again subject to the rule of the Pope. Wycliffe has been slandered; he has been called a worthless fellow, an apostate, a rascal. But these clouds of contumely are now vanishing, disclosing the brilliancy of the man's character and the nobleness of his heart. He is a standing proof that God has never left an age without a witness to Himself. The people of England to-day owe Wycliffe a debt of gratitude which they can never repay. They can only show their thankful appreciation of his life and labors by testifying to the world of the work which he performed, by cherishing his precepts, and blessing God for the translation of the Scriptures which he made.

Canon Taylor moved a resolution to the effect that "the quincenary of John Wycliffe's death affords a suitable opportunity to commemorate his work as a patriot and Church reformer, a translator and preacher of the Holy Scriptures." He added: "The great work which Wycliffe did for the Church is now in danger of being overthrown. We should beware of those who are trying to lead us back to the darkness and blindness of idolatry and medievalism." The motion was carried without a dissenting voice. After this a resolution was adopted instructing the Memorial Committee to appeal for £10,000, to be used in the publication and circulation of Wycliffe's writings, and for the erection of a memorial statue on some suitable site in London.

The Young Men's Christian Association of London has formed a Foreign Missionary Society. During the year four young men from its ranks have gone forth to distant lands to labor for God and for souls. Six others are now in training for the field, while many more are waiting for the way to open up.

Truth, which is a journal representative of worldly sentiments rather than those of the Christian Church, has lately commented on the inconsistency of ladies who do their own shopping early in the day, sending out their servants for that purpose in the evening, thereby not only helping to keep up the system of late closing, but also exposing the girls themselves to many temptations. There needs to be more thought and care exercised all around in order to the securing such ends as are desirable in the interests of social morality.

For the first time since the Reformation, a Synod of the clergy of the Diocese of Lichfield met in the Cathedral, at the summons of the Bishop, to consider questions belonging to their spiritual life and work. Upwards of four hundred of the clergy were present, and the Synod was conducted as far as possible according to the ancient forms. A protest was signed by five of the beneficed clergy of the diocese, explaining their reasons for not being present, and for not recognizing the Synod. The chief of these are the exclusion of the laity, and the summoning of the Synod without Royal authority.

NOT JACOB'S PILLOW.—In the House of Commons Mr. Kenny recently complained that the public notice attached to the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey has been altered by the omission of all reference to the legend that the coronation stone (in Irish, Lia Fail), was first used for the coronation of the Irish kings, and was only carried to Scotland by Fergus, the Irish king who invaded that country. Mr. Shaw Lefevre, in reply, offered to show the honorable member a letter of explanation he had received from the Dean. The legend to which the honorable member referred was not admitted to be accurate by many of the best Irish authorities. The explanation furnished by Dean Bradley was to the following effect: Among the interesting features of Westminster Abbey the coronation stone has always been popular. Many years ago an inscription in Latin was attached to it stating that the stone was the pillow on which Jacob rested his head at Bethel; and the legend went on to say that it was carried from Palestine to Egypt, and from thence to Spain. From Spain it was said to be conveyed to the Hill of Tara, in Ireland. In the year 1851, in order to meet the convenience of the visitors to the Great Exhibition, the head guide wrote on a label a notice to the effect that the stone had been used at the coronation of the ancient kings of Scotland and Ireland, but he omitted all reference to the legend relating to Jacob's pillow, whilst retaining the closing

part referring to Ireland. The label having become dusty and dirty, the guide, who has considerable antiquarian knowledge, turned it over recently, and on the back wrote simply the historical fact with regard to Scotland, and ignored the legend entirely. Dean Bradley adds that geologists have conclusively shown that the stone is of Scotch lime stone, and that no stone of the kind is to be found in Palestine or Egypt. He has, however, in contemplation the addition of a separate inscription, setting forth the curious legend of its travels in the Holy Land, as distinct from the authenticated history of the stone. This will prove a sad blow to the Anglo-Israelites and their "Identifications."

SCOTLAND.

Henry Drummond has suddenly become a name of note in Great Britain. While large numbers have been reading his book entitled "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," the author has been threading his way through the lakes and jungles of Southern Africa. He was sent there by a Glasgow merchant, chiefly in the interest of science, and went into the interior as far as Lake Tanganyika. He found the missionaries of the Free Church of Scotland at the Livingstonia Mission of that Church, and was helped by them in his journeyings. He came back in hearty sympathy with the missionaries, and at the late meeting of the Free Church Assembly made a most earnest plea for their support and the extension of the mission. The Free Church, appreciating the services of Mr. Drummond, and his admirable defence of Christianity in its relations to science, added another chair to its College in Glasgow, and elected Mr. Drummond to be Professor. Mr. Stevenson, of Glasgow, has endowed the chair by the gift of \$30,000.

UNITED STATES.

The Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. He is a High Churchman.

At the One Hundredth Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in the very able sermon preached by Bishop Stevens, the twofold line of thought pursued were, 1st, What was done in establishing the Church in this Diocese? and 2nd, The influence of certain great principles which guided those who were instrumental in organizing it. In unfolding the latter, the Bishop said:—To form a general organization of a shattered Church was a task of great difficulty. To form it so that it would stand the storm of one hundred years, required masterly statesmanship. The introduction of laymen was first suggested by Bishop White, against great opposition. Nearly all the New England States questioned its propriety. But "had the laity been excluded," said Bishop White, "no Church could have been formed." It was Bishop White also who first suggested the idea of electing a Bishop by clergy and laity together. It restores to the laity a long-withheld right. In his thrilling peroration, Bishop Stevens grouped together most eloquently the characteristics of the wonderful nineteenth century in which we live, "the banner century of all the centuries," and urged on his hearers that whilst our zeal should not be mere devotion to our organization, but devotion to Christ Himself, personal loyalty, yet as the work of the century that was past was that of laying foundation, the work of the new century that has dawned upon us is a work of extending and building up the Churches.

FOREIGN.

The following is from *The Indian Witness* of April 26:—"A formal invitation has been sent both by the Missionary Conference and the Evangelical Ministers of Calcutta to Messrs. Moody and Sankey, asking them to visit India at the earliest practicable date. We are not aware that any information has been received which makes it probable that the invitation will be accepted, but we notice that very many earnest Christians seem strong in the faith and hope that the great Evangelists can be persuaded to devote at least one season in India, and we are assured that no effort will be spared to induce them to do so. That they would stir our great cities as they have never been stirred before is more than probable, and even if they should not succeed in breaking the ranks of the non-Christian population they would make a deep impression upon a very important class of young men, while the awakening and conversion of worldly and irreligious Europeans would make a profound impression upon all classes."

Home News.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending July 10th, 1884:—

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Mission Fund.—Etobicoke, St. George's, \$2.45; Christ Church, \$5.50; Cookstown, \$11.40; St. Luke's, Creemore, \$6.30; St. Thomas', Allenwood, \$3.00.

MISSION FUND.

Parochial Fund.—Christ Church, Mimico, additional, \$1.00; West Mono, balance, \$29.95.

July Collection.—Grace Church, Markham, \$3.25.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Ascensiontide Collection.—Mulmur West, Whitfield, 70 cents; Elba, 76 cents; Honeywood, \$1.34; West Mono, \$5.05.

RECEPTION FUND.

Subscription.—Mrs. Fleming, \$5.00.

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.—Mr. R. A. Bilkey who has lately severed his connection with the Reformed Episcopal Church in this city, is to be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Toronto, next Sunday morning. Mr. Bilkey will preach at the Church of the Ascension in the evening, when he enters upon his duties as assistant Minister in that church.

The annual pic-nic of the Sunday School of the Church of the Ascension, took place on Wednesday, July 9th, to Riverside Park. The school, including teachers, children, and friends, to the number of about 400 left the Union Station by special train, at 11 o'clock, and soon afterwards safely arrived at the beautiful pic nic grounds on the banks of the Humber. The day was all that could be desired, and every arrangement connected with the pic nic was most satisfactorily carried out. After a good feast had been partaken of by the children, who did ample justice to the things provided, the afternoon was spent in various amusements. Foot and base ball claimed the attention of some of the boys for a time. Various races for both boys and girls took up a good portion of the afternoon, the successful competitors being rewarded with prizes in the form of balls, knives, purses, &c. After a most enjoyable day all arrived home in the city about six o'clock, and dispersed to their various homes.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.—Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., left last week for Gaspe. During his absence Rev. Ed. Owen, late of Jamaica, has charge of his duties.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—Rev. T. C. DesBarres is staying in Muskoka. Until his return Mr. H. P. Hobson, of Wycliffe College, will officiate in the church.

HOLY TRINITY.—The Bishop of Toronto will hold an ordination service in this church on Sunday next, during the morning service.

Mr. A. P. Kennedy, of Jamaica, who graduated from Wycliffe College this year, sailed last week for the West Indies, to be ordained by the Bishop of Jamaica.

SUNDERLAND.—On July 12th, Mr. G. E. Lloyd addressed a very large demonstration of Orangemen held in Sunderland on behalf of the Church of England, and on Sunday the six lodges of the district attended divine service in the three churches of this parish, each being filled to its utmost capacity. The subject of the sermon was, "Wycliffe's Times and Works."

DIocese OF HURON.

Bishop Baldwin has appointed the Rev. J. W. Armstrong to the mission at Onondaga, instead of Rev. R. F. Dixon, who remains at Bothwell for a time longer.

LONDON.—Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, suffragan bishop of Ripon, England, and ex-bishop of Huron, arrived in London Saturday afternoon, on a visit to his son, Mr. I. F. Hellmuth. Among those who were at the station to receive him were Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, Dean Boomer, Canon Innes, Canon Newman, and Mr. F. B. Reed. Bishop Hellmuth will probably remain some time in London before going back to England.

The Rev. A. G. Smith, of Leamington, will exchange duty with the Rev. J. B. Richardson, of Memorial Church, for one month, commencing on the second Sunday in August.

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