

POINT EDWARD.—The Masonic Fraternity of Bismark Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, and visiting brethren from Sarnia, Port Huron and Fort Gratiot, celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist by attending divine service in St. Paul's church. The service was conducted and sermon preached by Rev. Bro. Wm. Stout, incumbent of the parish. The service was participated in by the brethren and congregation with deep earnestness, and the discourse listened to with rapt attention, and for its depth of thought and practical utility was pronounced by even the older brethren to be one of the ablest they had ever heard. The large number of the brethren present was very gratifying. On the following day the W. M. called on the Rev. Bro. Stout and presented him with a substantial and liberal recognition of their kindly esteem, accompanied with a resolution of their appreciation, tendered by the lodge, for his services on the occasion.

BERLIN.—The Rev. John Downie has recovered from his attack of bronchitis. It is probable that the addition to St. John's, forming virtually a new church, will be proceeded with this summer.

Miss Louise Edwards, who for nearly three years has been a most faithful teacher in the mission Sunday school in Waterloo, was, on the eve of her departure for Vancouver, where her parents are settling, presented by the S. S. children with a gold bracelet, together with an address referring in high, but not too high, terms to her valuable services as teacher and organist, and her many acts of kindness to the scholars. Miss Edwards will be very much missed in the Sunday School, and carries with her the best wishes of all.

RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Women's Auxiliary held their annual meeting in Holy Trinity school house on June 23rd. The sermon was preached by the very Rev. Dean Grisdale from the 4th chapter, 3rd verse, of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, "Help those women which laboured with me in the Gospel." The Dean spoke most forcibly of woman's capabilities, influence and mission in the Church. After the sermon followed the Holy Communion; about 60 members of the Auxiliary remained for the Blessed Sacrament; Archdeacon Fortin and the Rev. S. McMorine, Portage la Prairie, assisted the Dean in the service. Speeches, bearing chiefly on Indian work, were made by the Rev. W. Burman, of St. Paul's Industrial School, Archdeacon Fortin, and the Rev. S. McMorine. Very interesting and satisfactory reports were read by the corresponding and recording secretaries. The following are the new officers elected for 1891: President, Mrs. Grisdale; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Fortin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Thos. Clark; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Patton; Treasurer, Mrs. H. T. Leslie. The Executive Committee of the diocese have appointed the Rev. H. T. Leslie, B.A., Immigrant Chaplain, Secretary *pro tem.*, vice Dean Grisdale resigned.

All Saints' Church.—The Rev. H. A. Tudor and family are leaving for Ottawa shortly for a few weeks vacation. A most successful mission in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Rev. H. Wesley, of St. Chads, Everton, has just been brought to a close.

Holy Trinity Church.—The Rev. J. W. B. Page has resigned the curacy of this church; he will proceed to England in a few days with his family. We understand that the Rev. W. Yates, of the Montreal Theological College, is coming to assist at Trinity Church during the summer vacation. The Rev. B. C. Davidson Houston, vicar of St. John's, Sandmont, Dublin, preached in Holy Trinity on June 14th. Mr. D. Houston brought out a large party of immigrants to Manitoba.

St. Andrew's.—The Rev. J. K. Matheson, B.A., of St. John's College, was inducted into this church by the bishop on Sunday last. The Rev. B. McKenzie, who had temporary charge during the winter, is leaving for Touchwood Hills, his new field of labour.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of St. Luke's Mission, Fort Vermillion, in the Peace River district, is visiting friends at St. Andrew's, having arrived there the other day from the north. Mr. Scott brought down his two children to attend St. John's school. He left home on May 12th, travelling in the five weeks about 1,750 miles. Mr. Scott says the climate of the Peace River district is much similar to that of Manitoba, "minus the blizzards." The soil is well adapted for the cultivation of grain, which has been grown with much success. In proof of this statement, Rev. Mr. Scott has with him several excellent samples of wheat grown in the far north, a small quantity of which has been left at the *Free Press*

office, where it can be seen. The Peace River country is described as park-like in appearance; good prairie, dotted with small bluffs. Hay is plentiful, and cattle thrive well there, although stabling is necessary for a good portion of the year. Rev. Mr. Scott returns north to resume his mission work about September 1st. On his way home he will attend a meeting of the synod at Lesser Slave Lake.

HEADINGLY.—The Rev. A. E. Cowley has left for San Francisco on business in connection with the C. M. S. During his absence, Mr. Williamson, a student of Wycliffe College, will take charge of this parish.

SHAFTESBURY HOME.—Capt. Brooks, manager of the Feltham Industrial school, Middlesex, England, will arrive in a few days with a large number of boys to be placed with farmers in Manitoba and the North-West. The lads will remain a short time in Shaftesbury Home before being placed out. This Home was only started last year, and is supported by the Children's Aid Society of London, England. The Rev. H. T. Leslie is manager.

British and Foreign.

The sum of £18,000 has been raised in response to Bishop Maclagan's 'quinquennial appeal' for £20,000 in connection with the Lichfield Diocesan Church Extension Society.

A new altar table has just been placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, the gift of Mrs. Ambrose, sister of the late Dr. Liddon. It is made of ebony, with three medallions of brass.

It is reported from Warsaw that the Government is making every effort to reduce the number of Roman Catholic churches and convents, especially in the south-western provinces near the Austrian frontier.

The annual meeting of the E. C. U. was held on Tuesday afternoon at Prince's Hall, under the presidency of Viscount Halifax. The report stated that the number of communicants who had joined the Union during the past twelve months was 4,032, of whom 232 were clergymen, and the total number on the books was 32,975. The report, after some discussion, was adopted.

A site has been purchased in Boston, at a cost of £6,000, for the erection of a church, dedicated to St. Augustine, for the colored people under the care of the Evangelist Fathers.

The first section of the Jaffa and Jerusalem Railway, viz., up to Ramleh, was opened for traffic on Sunday week.

The appeal for funds in aid of the saving of the historic tower of St. Michan's Church, Dublin, has been generously responded to. The building is one of the most famous landmarks of old Dublin, and if it were suffered to fall into ruin it would be a great reproach to the citizens of Dublin.

At a recent meeting of the executive of the Church of England Temperance Society, the Bishop of London was unanimously appointed chairman in the place of Rev. Canon Ellison, resigned. His Lordship signified his acceptance of the post, but, owing to the impossibility of regular attendance at committee meetings, requested the appointment of a deputy chairman, and Bishop Barry was unanimously elected to that office.

The Duke of Newcastle has transferred his right of presentation to the living of Worktop to the Canons of the Society known as Cowley St. John, who are at present engaged in building the first wing of the new college at Worktop for the education of middle class boys. The living of Worktop is worth £360 a year, and the extra grant of £100 to the Vicar for conducting services at Clumber has been withdrawn since the Duke appointed a resident chaplain.

CHICAGO.—*Ascension.*—An anonymous friend of the parish has just given a check for \$2,000 towards paying off the debt on the church. In a quiet unobtrusive way the Church of the Ascension is doing a good work on the north side of the city. Both the rector, the Rev. E. A. Larrabee, and the assistant, the Rev. R. R. Upjohn, have made for themselves hosts of friends by their hard and self-denying labors.

OXFORD AND THE WOMEN OF INDIA.—Lady Dufferin's great movement for supplying female medical aid to the women of India is to be specially recognized and honored in Oxford. Recently the Vice-Chancellor of the University, with the Doctors, Proctors, and Heads of Houses, received Lady Dufferin at the Divinity school, where a procession of the Sheldonian Theatre was formed. The mayor of Oxford and the aldermen, in their robes, took part in the procession. A host of distinguished people were present.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, EARL'S COURT.—During the last twelve months between twenty and thirty, chiefly ladies, of the congregation of the above church, have been engaged under the tuition of Mr. Kuchemann of Bedford Park, in carving a series of diaper patterns for the enrichment of the aisle walls. The portion completed around the two windows next the Lady Chapel has now been fixed, and promises to add greatly to the appearance of the interior when the whole series is finished. This is believed to be the first recorded instance of ladies having carved any part of the stone work in a sacred edifice, and it is hoped others may be induced to join in the work, as much remains yet to be done.

The general ecclesiastical tendency of the Anglican Church in America being in an altitudinous direction, we do not hear of prosecutions for extravagance of ritual. But orthodox churchmen are very active in bringing to book latitudinarian clergymen. The result of the MacQueary case was eminently satisfactory, and offers a hopeful precedent in the action taken against the Rev. R. Hebert Newton, who, it is said, had denied the doctrines of the Incarnation and Resurrection. Bishop Potter, of New York, has made prompt reply to the presentment which has been made to him, and announces his intention to take up the matter.—*The Lock.*

A singular experiment recently took place in Palestine to test the accuracy of Dr. Colenso's statement that the people of Israel assembled in the valley between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim could not hear the curses and blessings delivered from the heights above them. A party, it appears, was travelling in the neighbourhood of these mountains, and two Scotchmen ascended Mount Ebal and two Welshmen Mount Gerizim, while the rest of the party remained in the valley. One of the Scotchmen read the curses, and from the opposite mountain a Welshman read the blessings. Both were easily heard below, where the party added the amens. Both readers were perched upon natural platforms near the summits.

On Sunday, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, Archdeacon Farrar, preaching to a crowded congregation, said that at an annual expense of £600,000, 78,000 in-patients and 1,158,000 out-patients were treated at the hospitals and dispensaries, and more than 6,000 beds were daily occupied by the sick and injured. It was said that there were 1,088 different forms of disease to which the human frame was liable. When they thought of the helplessness of childhood, the liability to accident and sickness, and hereditary infirmities—when they remembered that the air was rife with the germs of disease, and that often the water was tainted with pestilence—the wonder was that they lived so long and enjoyed such good health. For the sick, the helpless, the diseased, the injured, he pleaded that morning to all true Christians to give liberally, not with measured charity, but with open hands and grateful hearts.

SYDNEY.—The Diocesan Synod of Bathurst has met during the past week. The Bishop (Dr. Cambridge), in his address, said that since the foundation of the diocese in 1870 its nineteen clergymen had increased to forty, while the population of 50,000 had become 100,000. But it must be remembered that many of these clergy have to cover a very large area in the case of a comparatively small but very widely scattered flock. The bishop himself speaks of having already travelled 5,000 miles, exclusive of railway journeys, in the confirmation of 1,458 candidates. With respect to the election of future Primates, the bishop inclines to the senior bishop of each province becoming the Metropolitan, simply by virtue of his seniority, and the senior Metropolitan becoming the Primate.

It is with much pleasure that we chronicle the following instance of brotherly unity. St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, was lately destroyed by fire. Immediately afterwards the Presiding Elder of the St. Charles Avenue Methodist Church in that city wrote a letter, placing his church at the disposal of the congregation of St. Paul's, "to use it in your own way, as though it were your own." His letter was of an exceptionally cordial tone and character.