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into, which showed a very decided increase in every branch of the work during the year. The Ladies' Aid, under the presidency of Mrs. Watts, and the Girls' Guild, under the presidency of Mrs. Joseph A. Merrick, have very materially assisted the wardens in the finances of the church. There is a vigorous branch of the Church of England Temperance Society with the incumbent as president. The Sunday school showed a very marked increase, and the incumbent took the opportunity of asking for additional teachers. Wardens elected, H. Dayton and J. H. Agnew. Delegates to synod, Messrs. Agnew, Dayton and Joliffe.

RATHWELL.—*St. Paul's.*—The vestry meeting was held on Wednesday. The chairman called upon the warden, Mr. J. Coles, to read the balance sheet of the offertory account, showing receipts to be \$82.94, and expenses \$81.31, leaving a balance in hand of \$1.63. The incumbent then read his report, saying that he had held 72 public services during the year in the church. During the year the building has been finished and the inventory shows the church property in this parish nearly worth \$1,700, and the only debt is a private loan of \$224. This mission has only been open now 21 months and the amount raised actually in the district for church purposes in that time has been over \$1,600, and considering none of our church people are wealthy, shows they have done their best. Wardens elected, J. Coles and Hugh Scammill. Delegate to synod, Paul Kane.

QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—At the vestry meeting H. F. Boyce and A. H. B. Spurling were elected wardens. The parishioners agreed unanimously that it was time a vicarage was provided for the incumbent, accordingly the incoming churchwardens were instructed to arrange either for the purchase of a suitable house or the building of a new one. It was also determined to light the church with Rochester lamps; this change, combined with the improved pulpit and chancel screen, will add to the beauty of our cathedral considerably.

REGINA.—*St. Paul's.*—At the vestry meeting the churchwardens presented their report, which was adopted. Wardens elected, R. B. Gordon and J. W. Sowett; delegates to synod, R. B. Gordon, H. Le Junne, J. W. Sowett, and S. A. Clark. The whole of the vestrymen were appointed a building committee with power to add to their number for the purpose of erecting a new church, which is greatly needed. The present structure, which was erected to meet the requirements of the congregation twelve years ago, is altogether inadequate for the present congregation.

GRENFELL.—Services in the morning and evening were held in the English Church on Easter Sunday. The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers. Both services were full choral. We have nothing but praise for our energetic rector, Mr. Beal. Verily a pastor's work in the Northwest is no sinecure. Mr. Beal had an early celebration of Holy Communion, morning service and communion, twenty mile drive, afternoon service and celebration Holy Communion, and evening service in Grenfell. Large congregations listened to his scholarly and interesting sermons.

WHITEWOOD.—The Easter decorations at St. Mary's Church were very pretty. Mrs. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. John Knowler, Mrs. Greenstreet, Miss Seager and Mr. Batchelor contributed the various devices.

COTHAM.—The annual meeting of the parishioners was held this year in the church for the first time. The Rev. F. H. Tatham, vicar, presided. On the motion of Mr. C. R. Boulton, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. E. J. Bissicks, the people's warden, to which office he was re-elected. Mr. C. H. Smith was appointed vicar's warden, and Mr. E. W. H. Trood, lay delegate. On the motion of Mr. Wm. Trant, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Bowden, the organist. It was decided to build a stable for the convenience

of the church goers. The vicar announced that henceforth the church would be always open for the benefit of those who wish to enter for private devotion.

MOOSOMIN.—On Easter Monday, St. Alban's Church parishioners held an election of wardens in the vestry. Mr. W. H. Barton was elected to be people's warden, and the rector nominated Hon. Justice Wetmore as his warden. The delegates chosen to attend the synod this year are: Hon. Justice Wetmore and Capt. Price, with W. N. Barton and Dr. Carter as alternates. Messrs. E. James and Guillim were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

We are sorry to hear that Bishop Sillitoe is again laid up with pneumonia and unable to attend to his duties, which accounts for his not answering the large number of letters awaiting his attention. The doctors have ordered the Bishop a thorough and long rest, and say he must go away for all next winter. Having charge of the Cathedral parish since Christmas, in addition to his own work, has been too much for his strength. The new rector of the cathedral has arrived, so that will relieve the Bishop's mind.

British and Foreign.

King Milan's divorce has been annulled by the Episcopal Synod.

The Rev. C. Gore has been asked to visit Australia, and it is considered almost certain that the invitation will be accepted.

So far the chief result of the extension of the franchise to women in New Zealand has been very largely to increase the power of the Prohibitionists.

The Rev. Dr. Quarry has been appointed Archdeacon of Cork. He has spent the whole of his ministerial life in that diocese, having been ordained for the curacy of St. Mary's, Shandon, in 1832. He was select preacher at Cambridge in 1882, and Donnellan Lecturer in T. C. D. in 1877.

It is said that some difficulty has arisen over the installation of the new Dean of Ely. The cathedral statutes provide that the Dean of Ely shall possess certain University degrees, either in Law or Divinity, which Mr. Stubbs has not yet had conferred upon him.

The Church of the Advocate (G. W. South Memorial), Philadelphia, will be a magnificent structure. For its erection and endowment above £180,000 has been left; £80,000 has been expended already on the building, and the tower (245 feet high) is yet to be built.

The sermons on social subjects which have been delivered from the pulpit of St. Edmund's, Lombard street, will be published by Mr. Elliot Stock, after being revised by the authors, under the title of *Lombard Street in Lent*.

The new Bishop of British Guiana (Dr. Swaby) has spoken wise words about the relationship of Churchmen to Nonconformists. Strongly urging the former to unite with the latter in all good works, he said: "It is not our Church which forbids those who are casting out devils in the Master's name, which arrogantly says, 'Outside me there is no safety,' and which refuses to recognize the honest motive or the sterling value of all who cannot pronounce their 'shibboleth.'"

The discussion with regard to the Archbishop of Dublin's proposals concerning the Spanish Reformers continues, but it does not appear that there is any considerable opposition in the course which his Grace purposes taking. It is, of course, quite possible that those who oppose it are reserving their attacks for the time when the matter will come before the General Synod, but there is at present no outward sign of any very strong attack upon the Archbishop's proposals. There has been some little talk about the question of "jurisdiction" to which some attach considerable importance, but it does not yet appear that they propose to push this point to any length.

The Down and Connor correspondent of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* regrets "a practice in the diocese which has unfortunately been far from infrequent—that of appointing junior men presidents of societies, by the votes of their brethren, and put-

ting them over the heads of men of long standing. If it be intended to teach the senior clergy humility, the answer may be retorted that it is not altogether well to teach the juniors conceit." But if the juniors are elected by the votes of their brethren, is not the remedy in the hands of those brethren?

Among the grants recently made by the Bible Society, on account of the Church Missionary Society, were 200 copies of the Old and 400 copies of the New Testaments in the Syllabic character, and 250 portions in the Roman character, for use among the Cree Indians of the Hudson's Bay territories. These were voted to Archdeacon McKay; and a further supply of Cree and English Scriptures was sent to the Rev. A. E. Cowley. Of Luganda Scriptures for Uganda, there were voted 1,800 copies of Genesis, 1,800 Psalms, and 450 Exodus, and 200 Joshua.

The following are among the subjects which have been selected by the "Subjects" Committee for discussion at the Church Congress to be held in Exeter next October. "Education" (including secondary education and Sunday schools), "Training and Studies of the Clergy," "Cathedrals," "The Church in Country Districts," "Church Reform and Discipline," "The Temperance Question," "The Relations of Morals and Politics and of Morals and Commerce," "The Church's Work Among Soldiers and Sailors," "The Ethics of Amusements," and "Biblical Criticism."

It appears that Dr. Talmage is to continue his pastorate of Brooklyn Tabernacle. The American papers contain statements about the financial position of his church which are not pleasant reading. A gentleman named Sate holds the first mortgage for \$125,000 on the property, and the builder comes forward with a claim of \$83,000. The congregation offered the unsecured creditors the choice of taking the meeting house on their hands, subject to a mortgage of \$125,000, with four years' interest unpaid, or to take nineteen per cent. Yet this is a church of 4,500 members, the largest Presbyterian Church in America, with an overflowing congregation, and a teacher of international repute. The missionary collections have been insignificant. —*British Weekly*.

The opening address of the Bishop of Tasmania at the Congress excited much attention. "We welcome here," said his lordship, "representatives from at least twenty dioceses of Australia and New Zealand. We represent the Christian life of a tract of the world's surface measuring 4,000 miles by 2,600. We are disappointed that the band of black clergy and their white brothers from Norfolk Island have failed us. Although £400 had been subscribed to secure their presence, the winds have proved unfavourable and our calculations have been baffled." The larger portion of the Bishop's address was taken up with a eulogium of the missionary work of the Church. "We in Australasia," said Dr. Montgomery, "owe our very existence to missionary societies." The benefactions and help of the S. P. G. and S. P. C. K. to the churches of Australasia came in for unstinted praise at the hands of the speaker. "I trust," said the Bishop, "that speakers of experience at this Congress will stamp with approval the obvious maxim that in a missionary Church none should be appointed for life to offices so arduous as ours, but that we without exception should look forward to a pension some day to guard the baggage of the army when we are no longer fit for that glorious front rank. Let us welcome Archbishops if possible. Perhaps it is not easy for anyone to fulfil Archiepiscopal functions till he has the title. Let us make many strides in company with Africa, India, and America, ere we meet at our Conference at Lambeth in 1897 to keep the 1,300th anniversary of the English Church."

At last the teachers employed by the London School Board are compelled to teach either Christianity or to give no religious instruction at all. This result, as we all know, has been brought about by the band of Churchmen on the Board, led by Mr. Athelstan Riley, who were determined that Socinianism, under guise of Christian teaching, should no longer be given in the schools. Everybody also knows how these Churchmen have been vilified for their defence of Christianity, how the drum Radical has been beaten by the *Daily Chronicle*, and the song of "School Board Bigotry" shrieked into the public's ear by every other Radical print, and how, after all, these vilifiers were unwittingly enlisting on the side of the "bigots" all orthodox Christians by thus letting it be seen that to the High Church party on the Board was it left to represent and defend Christianity itself. A few items of the fight will be interesting. Thus, from Christmas to Easter the Board sat on eight Thursdays for eight or nine hours on each occasion; seven of the sittings were devoted to what Christian principles meant; the celebrated