

Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, P. Q. The successful pupils were as follows:—General Proficiency—4th form, H. C. Osborne; 3rd form, H. F. Hamilton; upper 2nd form, W. W. Francis; lower 2nd form, C. W. Gamble; upper 1st form, L. Lambe; lower 1st form, D. Dawson. Honourable Mention—6th form, W. E. Tucker; 4th form, P. C. H. Papps, R. J. Renison; 3rd form, D. McG. Rogers, R. H. Locke, H. C. Bickford, G. S. Wilkes; upper 2nd form, R. A. Bethune, T. W. B. Marling, R. C. H. Cassels, W. T. Renison, E. S. Senkler, H. J. Helliwell, R. B. Cartwright, J. D. Bell. Modern—Upper 2nd form, G. W. Coen; lower 2nd form, T. H. Cowdry, A. L. Ireland, S. A. McC. Armstrong, C. A. Heaven, S. Lockridge, J. Soney, F. T. Wolverton; upper 1st form, G. H. McLaren, C. N. Jackson, J. A. Stairs; lower 1st form—P. E. Frind, H. L. Reid, H. A. Mallock, B. Townsend, G. C. P. Montizambert, A. W. Whitney, J. M. Syer.

*Christ Church.*—We congratulate the Rev. T. Paterson, Rector of Deer Park, on the completion of the mission chapel in connection with this parish. It is a plain gothic with a small structural chancel, and will seat about one hundred and twenty-five; it is situated near the east end Balliol street, in the north-eastern part of the parish.

The names of the Lord Bishop of Toronto and Rev. Canon Dumoulin were among the signatures appended to the petition recently presented to the City Council of Toronto, praying for the running of Sunday street cars for the convenience of public worship.

Rev. J. G. Lewis, formerly of St. Alban's cathedral, has been appointed an assistant at St. James' cathedral.

#### NIAGARA.

*HAMILTON.*—*All Saints.*—R. Thomas Steele, choir-master of this church, was, on Saturday evening, presented by the members of the choir with a purse of gold and an address. The visit of F. Dumoulin, son of Canon Dumoulin, of Toronto, to Hamilton, is likely to result in the organization of three chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in this city. They will be in connection with the parishes of Christ church cathedral, St. Thomas and St. Matthew.

*Christ Church Cathedral.*—Rev. G. M. Bland, rector of the Cathedral and master of the Cathedral Guild, was delightfully surprised on entering the vestry on Christmas Day to find beneath a sprig of holly a handsome, gold St. George's cross, the badge of the guild, with an accompanying note stating that it was presented to him as a small token of the members' esteem and affection for the master of the guild.

*ST. CATHARINES.*—*Christmas-tide at St. Barnabas church.*—This pretty east end church, which has lately been moved nearer the city and thoroughly repaired inside and out, is never behind-hand in the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity. All last week busy hands and loving hearts were at work making wreaths and emblems of evergreen for the adornment of God's house. The dark green wreathing on the screen and around the windows serves to bring out the rich stencil work on the ceiling and the delicate colouring of the walls. Handsome banners in the chancel overhang with the texts "Jesus of Nazareth" and "Babe of Bethlehem," and a profusion of flowers on the altar and font make the interior as bright and as pretty as that of any church in the country. The festival began with choral service on Christmas eve. At the 8 o'clock celebration the Rev. R. T. Nichol was the celebrant, and the church was almost filled with devout worshippers. After matins the Rector, Rev. Mr. Macnab, took the choral celebration, the music of which was well rendered by a strong choir. At evensong the church was crowded and the service was bright and hearty throughout. The Rector preached from Hebrews i., 1st and 2nd verses, Rev. Mr. Nichol assisting in the service.

*WEST FLAM BORO.*—This mission is still without a clergyman. The Bishop hopes, however, to be able to send one in a few days.

*HAMILTON.*—The churches were all tastefully decorated, and the services, which were of the brightest character, were largely attended on Christmas Day. The Church in this city is making steady progress. Two new parishes have been set apart in the city, and a Chapel of Ease erected in All Saints' parish within the past few months.

Two clergymen of the diocese are absent on leave in England, the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B.A., Rector

of Chippawa, and the Rev. G. Johnson, B.D., Welland. They are both, it is understood, engaged in S. P. G. work.

*ANCASTER.* The services on Christmas Day in St. John's church were large and hearty as usual; not for many years has the attendance at the Holy Communion been as large as it was at both the eight and midday celebrations on this day.

### British and Foreign.

During the past year 4,260 people have been baptized in India in one district.

The population of Formosa is of a mixed character, partly Chinese and partly wild tribes. Missionaries began fourteen years ago to labour, when idolatry held sway and foreigners were hated. Now 12,000 conversions are reported, and churches in full operation.

The Belgian Anti-Slavery Society has ordered a steamer intended for carrying passengers and provisions on the Upper Congo. A station is to be established on the Upper Lomani, and an expedition sent to Lake Tanganyika by way of the Congo.

A very handsome verger's mace of solid silver and ebony, made in London, has been presented to the Corporation of Trinity church; it is a thank-offering for a baptism performed by the Rector.

St. Andrew's church, New York, is in process of enlargement and remodeling, and a parish house is in course of erection, at a total cost of about \$375,000. The church will be newly decorated and furnished, and thirty-three feet longer than before.

*WAHUMA.*—According to Stanley, one of the most promising fields for missionary work is among the Wahuma people inhabiting the grass country to the south-west of the Albert Nyanza, Africa. In this place, people, climate and soil, all unite in making a most inviting place for a Christian settlement, the only obstacle being the difficulty of access.

At the Convocation in New Albany, the Bishop confirmed Prof. Alfred Kingsley Glover, late a Unitarian minister at Grand Haven, Mich., and received him as a postulant for Holy Orders. Mr. Glover is Professor of Science in the Indiana Normal University, located at Evansville. He is a graduate of Columbia College, New York, and of the Meadville Theological School, Pennsylvania.

The Soudan Mission of the Church Missionary Society has now penetrated the interior as far inland from the Western coast as Lokoja, on the Niger River. This is a little above the junction of the Benue. Though even this is but on the borders of the Soudan, it is an important station, and will serve as a rendezvous for those going still further.

The "Journal of the One Hundred and Seventh Convention of the Diocese of New York" shows the "Statistical Summary for 1880-1890," and on page 205, presents a remarkable exhibit of growth in the decade. Thus the baptisms have increased from 5,399 to 7,223; the communicants from 35,637 to 51,655; and the contributions from \$766,388 to \$2,620,524, which is more than one-fifth of the contributions of the whole church for the past conventional year.

The Bishop of Ossory in a letter from Bath, addressed to the *Kilkenny Moderator*, gives a most interesting account of the discovery of the real "Pool of Bethesda." The Bishop supplies full details sent to him by a relative, Mr. Gilman, United States Consul at Jerusalem. The story of the discovery of this famous pool after so many long ages is indeed a remarkable one. The remains of an ancient church were found immediately over it, which confirms certain traditions handed down from the Fathers and ancient historians.

It is scarcely fifty years since Bishop Selwyn left England, and now New Zealand is a flourishing Church province with a Metropolitan and five suffragans. The daughter missionary diocese of Melanesia presents an equally splendid sight. The cross which marks the grave of the martyr Bishop Patteson is now the object of most reverent care at the hands of the islanders, most of whom are Christians; and his beloved successor is a son of George Augustus Selwyn, the pioneer Bishop of New Zealand.

The following is the appropriate reply of the Bishop of London (through his chaplain) to a protest made by the "Church Association" against the recent service of Reconciliation in St. Paul's Cathedral:—

FULHAM PALACE, October 25.

*Dear Sir*—I am desired by the Bishop of London to write and acknowledge with thanks your very learned and interesting letter concerning the "Service of Reconciliation" in St. Paul's Cathedral, which, however, seems to be based on the assumption that the Church of England did not exist before the Reformation. I am, yours faithfully, Wilfred Ogle, Chaplain.

A venerable relic has been restored to daylight at Canterbury, and is in course of reconstruction; it is the archiepiscopal throne presented to the cathedral about two centuries ago by Archbishop Tenison. The work is attributed to Grinling Gibbons, and about three months since, when it was said the throne was stowed away in a cellar adjacent to the cathedral cloisters, Mr. Cavendish Bentinck, M. P., proposed that the vice-president of the council should, on behalf of the Science and Art Department, apply to the Dean and Chapter for the loan of it with a view to its exhibition at South Kensington.

Bishop Temple, the Bishop of London, has adopted a most successful plan of holding once in the year a conference in each Rural Deanery, to which all the licensed clergy are invited, while the incumbents are requested to bring with them five representative laity from their parishes, including the churchwarden. The practice is to hold a combined meeting of clergy and laity in the evening, the afternoon being occupied by a gathering of the clergy only, and although in some few deaneries the attendance is still somewhat unsatisfactory, in the majority clergy and laity alike value very highly the opportunity of meeting their diocesan.

Of the 116 students at the General Theological Seminary, New York, certainly twenty and probably more have been educated in the denominations; many of them are recent converts, and not a few have been Churchmen for less than a year. The latest addition to the list is the late pastor of a Dutch Reformed society. The contributions of the various bodies to "The Church of the Reconciliation" may be summarized about as follows: the Presbyterians and Dutch Reformed send half a dozen each, the Lutherans, Methodists, and Congregationalists, each a couple; the Baptists and Unitarians each one. Various foreign branches of the pure Catholic Church are also represented. The list is far from confirming the popular idea that converts become extremists in the Church.

At the Congregational Union at Swansea, Mr. Simon, a Nonconformist minister of Leicester, ventured to tell his brethren that "the Church of England is progressing in spite of—not in consequence of—its State connection," and that in his own town "it is making greater progress than all the Nonconformist Churches put together. Such a statement could hardly be acceptable to Mr. Simon's audience, which was largely composed of Welshmen, in whose ears the decadence and approaching downfall of the Church of England has for years past been sounded.

*ARCHBISHOP THOMSON DEAD.*—The most Rev. William Thomson, D.D., was born at Whitehaven, Cumberland, on February 11, 1819, and was educated at Shrewsbury School and at Queen's College, Oxford. Of the latter he was successively scholar, fellow, tutor and provost. He took the degree of B.A. in 1840, and was ordained deacon in 1842 and priest in 1843. After four years' experience of parochial labour at Guildford and at Cuddesdon, he became tutor of his college, and was appointed select preacher at Oxford in 1848. He was chosen to preach the Bampton lectures in 1853, the subject being "The Atoning Work of Christ." In 1855 he married the daughter of James Henry Skene. In the same year he was appointed to the Crown living at All Souls, Marylebone, and was elected provost of Queen's College. He succeeded Dr. Baring as Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol in 1861, and less than a year after became Archbishop of York, this rapid progress being altogether without precedent. He was a few years ago known as the Society Bishop and was a favorite at court. In earlier years he was tutor to the Prince of Wales. Of commanding person, above 6 feet in height and corpulent, he looked every inch an ecclesiastic of the old school. He was of the most conciliatory disposition. Dr. Thomson's chief Parliamentary work was the promotion of the Public Worship Regulation Act and the royal commission on church patronage. He was author of a large number of volumes, chiefly of a theological nature, including a series of the Bampton