

struction." He dwelt forcibly on the Prayer Book as an authority in faith, history, sacraments and ministry. He dwelt on faith as summarized in the Church's creed on this historical testimony to the antiquity of her rites and ordinances, and her liturgy on the close alliance the Prayer Book maintains with the Scriptures, of her definition of the sacraments in perfect accord with the Holy Scriptures, and of her ministry of three orders—Bishops, Priests and Deacons, continuous and uninterrupted from the beginning.

At the afternoon service Rev. E. C. Mockridge read a paper on "The Relation of the School to the Church."

ST. THOMAS.—*Elgin Deanery*.—The Lord Bishop of Huron held an Ordination Service in Trinity Church on Sunday, the twentieth after Trinity, when seven deacons were advanced to the priesthood:—Rev. T. H. Brown, Merlin; Rev. A. F. B. Burt, Alvinston; Rev. J. C. Farthing, Durham; Rev. E. W. Hughes, Lion's Head; Rev. F. G. Newton, Bothwell; Rev. Richard Shaw, Lucknow; Rev. W. H. Wade, Burford. Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, who accompanied the Bishop as Chaplain, preached at morning service, and the Bishop preached at evensong.

LONDON.—*Christ Church*.—Dr. Wolverton gave an address and short readings on the formation and structure of the earth and on mineralogy, rocks and fossils, in the Sunday school room of Christ Church, on Friday evening, the 6th inst. Rev. Canon Smith presiding. There was also a concert.

THORNDALE.—The anniversary service of the fifth of November was duly observed in St. George's Church, Thorndale. Rev. J. Holmes officiated, and preached a very impressive and appropriate sermon to the brethren assembled. The members of L. O. L., 517, had in the forenoon visited their Thorndale brethren of L. O. L., 248, after which they formed in procession, and, in their regalia, they marched with martial music in military array, and at 8 o'clock they attended divine service in St. George's Church.

LONDON.—The number of Sunday schools, as reported at the Sunday School Convention held in Toronto, is 4,800, "exclusive of Episcopalians," who, holding apart from the Association, have made no report. We have no authoritative statement of the numbers in our own Church schools, but computing them at 2000—the general estimate—our city has nearly 7000 young persons connected with our Sunday schools.

ADELAIDE.—Rev. J. P. Curran, Rector of St. Anne's, Adelaide, has been superannuated, and so far no one has been appointed in his place. "The laborers are few."

WYOMING.—Representatives of Christ Church congregation, Camlachie, visited the Incumbent, Rev. J. M. Gunne, on Monday last, and presented him with a huge load of oats, in behalf of the congregation.

BRANTFORD.—"His Lordship the Bishop of Huron attended a union meeting of the members of Grace Church and St. Jude's Church in Brantford Church on Wednesday, October 20th. St. Jude's Church has for some time had no regular supply, and the Rector of Grace Church, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, has enough for any one clergyman to do in his own parish."

I cannot conceive how such a statement about St. Jude's not being supplied could appear in your paper. The Rev. J. L. Strong is the present Rector, and he is doing a noble work. The Church was opened for Divine Service on August 18th, 1871, just fifteen years ago last August, and regular services have been conducted without one single exception from that time up to the present; and furthermore, the parish has always provided for her services without receiving any assistance whatever from any other Parish or friend. And I am happy to say that to-day the Church stands in the most prosperous condition of her whole history.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. W. Crompton desires gratefully to acknowledge from Mr. Baker, Port Hope, per C. W. A. S., Toronto, a box well filled with clothes, which, although coming so unexpectedly was not the less acceptable, and the contents have been duly distributed. Also a cheque for £10, from a friend in York-shire, with which to purchase something for the church at Lancelot, and a cheque for £5 from a gentleman, to be spent upon something for St. Mary's Church, Aspdin. This purchase will take the form of a "corona" for the chancel.

Aspdin, Nov. 9th, 1886.

PORT SYDNEY.—The following donations are gratefully acknowledged for the month of October:—Miss Hamilton, London, Ontario, \$3; Walter Chapman, C.E., London, Ontario, \$5; Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto, \$3; Miss Wheelwright, Toronto, \$1; St. James' S. S., Toronto, per Grant Helliwell, Esq., \$60; books, papers, etc., for distribution, from various friends.

Our new parsonage is nearing completion, and we find ourselves taxed to the utmost to meet the heavy drain upon our resources. The necessary "extras" are proving a large item, and we earnestly hope our friends will not allow us to be stopped when so near the end. At our late harvest service here, a very handsome offertory was made amounting to upwards of \$40, toward our parsonage fund. Since that time donations in labour towards fencing, etc., have been made. A large quantity of wood has been given for church and parsonage, so that while we anxiously look to our friends for assistance we are not unmindful of our own responsibilities so far as we can discharge them. We hope soon to report ourselves entirely recovered from the fire of 1881, that so completely desolated our property on the parsonage ground. R. W. PLANT, Missionary.

FOREIGN.

The Bishop of Rochester has held a two days' retreat for the wives and daughters of clergymen.

Mr. J. W. Dodd, a merchant of Bristol, has offered £5,000 toward the completion of the western towers of the cathedral.

There are at present thirty-three foreign cardinals, and exactly the same number of Italian cardinals. This never occurred before in the history of Papacy.

A statue has been unveiled at Walsall, in memory of Sister Dora, one of the Christian heroines of the nineteenth century.

The Right Rev. J. B. Pearson, who has been Bishop of Newcastle, Australia, since 1880, has accepted the vicarage of Blackburn, and will assist the Bishop of Manchester in diocesan work.

The Very Rev. Arthur Rankin, Dean of Aberdeen and Orkney, has died, in his eightieth year.

The death is announced of Dr. Currie, Principal of the Church of Scotland Training College, for thirty-four years.

Canon Knox-Little is still too feeble to resume his duties.

The Rev. H. P. Parker, the Bishop Designate of Equatorial Africa, was consecrated on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, at St. James', Paddington.

The Bishop of Edinburgh has been presented, by the clergy of the diocese with a magnificent Episcopal ring, set with a fine sapphire, engraved with the arms of the diocese, and a silver salver, engraved with a mitre, and on the back a suitable Latin inscription.

The English archbishops have issued a joint letter asking the clergy of their provinces to give their flocks an opportunity of united intercession for foreign missions, in the week in which St. Andrew's Day falls, with a preference for the eve of that festival.

The annual sittings of the representative Council of the Scottish Episcopal Church in Edinburgh were largely attended. The Primus, Bishop Jermyn, intimated that his predecessor, who died recently, had left a pastoral letter recommending that the Archbishop of St. Andrew's be restored, and the late Bishop Cotterill held the same view. The intimation was received with loud cheers. Bishop Jermyn expressed his entire concurrence in the views of his deceased coadjutors.

The oldest German speaking university is Prague, founded in 1348; next comes Vienna, founded 1365; Heidelberg follows, being the senior of the universities in the German empire, founded in 1386; then Leipzig in 1409; Freiburg (Baden), in 1454; Griefswald, in 1456; Bale, in 1460; Munich, in 1472; Tubingen, in 1477; Marburg, in 1527; Königsberg, in 1544; Jena, in 1558; Würzburg, 1582; Giessen, in 1607; Kiel, in 1665; Halle, in 1694; Breslau, in 1702; Göttingen, in 1737; Erlangen, in 1743; Berlin, in 1810; Bonn, in 1818; Berne, in 1834; Zurich, in 1838; Strasburg, re-established in 1872, originally founded in 1567.

There stands at Pohick, Virginia, the church which General Washington attended when in Fairfax County. It was completed in 1772, and is of stone brought from the Isle of Wight. During the war troops occupied the building, and at one time horses were stabled in it. The pews, flagging and other things were destroyed or sent away as mementoes to the homes of the soldiery. The pew of Washington was the favorite object for desecration. The old vestry book dates 1772, and among the names of vestrymen there appears that of the Father of His Country. The old church is now kept in fair repair and once a year the Lady Regents of Mount Vernon attend service there in a body. The Rev. S. A. Wallis is rector.

The Rev. W. H. Thompson, D.D., F.S.A., for twenty years master of Trinity College, Cambridge, died at the College Lodge, Oct. 1st, at the age of seventy-six. He was born at York on Mar. 27th, 1810, and, after education at a private school, was elected a scholar of Trinity in 1830. In 1866 he succeeded Dr. Whewell as master of Trinity on appointment by the Crown, and the year afterwards served as vice-chancellor of the University. During the period of his mastership the extension of the courses of study has been immense.

SKETCH OF LESSON.

ADVENT SUNDAY. NOVEMBER, 28TH, 1886.

The People and the Promise.

Passage to be read.—Exodus i. 1—14.

1. *Israel's Dwelling-Place*.—Try to realize what the land of Egypt was like. A land very unlike Canaan, which was a small country not so long as from Toronto to Kingston, or from Montreal to Quebec; not so wide as from Toronto to Peterborough, or from Quebec to Three Rivers.

Canaan, too, was a country of mountains, e.g.—Mount Lebanon, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, Mount Moriah, and of deep and rapid mountain torrents. Egypt, on the other hand, was flat, with one great river, the Nile, flowing between low banks, and rising once a year to flood the adjacent country and fertilize it by depositing all over its surface the rich black mud from the highlands of Upper Egypt and Nubia.

In the richest part of this fertile land Joseph had "placed his father and his brethren" (Read Gen. xlvii. 5-11). They were in what has been called "the cradle of civilization." The Egyptians were very clever and industrious: fishers (Isaiah xix. 8-10), weavers of "fine linen with bordered work" (Ezek. xxvii. 7), paper-makers, whence the *papyrus* which grew by the brooks is called the "paper-reed" in Isaiah xix. 7. They invented the alphabet, they built mighty temples and pyramids, which are still among the wonders of the world; and they were the earliest known students and teachers of many of the arts and sciences.

From the same valley of the Nile whence flowed the culture of Greece, was also to flow the religion of Palestine. That same land of ancient learning which in the schools of Alexandria, was, ages afterwards, the first settled home and shelter of the wandering Christian Church, was also the first settled home and shelter of the wandering Jewish nation. Egypt was the meeting point, geographically and historically, of the three continents of the ancient world" (STANLEY, *Jewish Church*).

2. *Israel's Temporal Condition*.—In this rich country and amid these surroundings, the children of Israel "increased abundantly and multiplied and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them" (Ex. i. 7).

What period of time elapsed between the migration of Jacob into Egypt and the birth of Moses, is not quite certain. According to the chronology commonly accepted, it was 215 years, viz., 1706-1571 B. C. (PINCKOCK'S *Old Testament History*). But the English version of the Hebrew makes it 430 years (Gen. xv. 13; Ex. xii. 40; Acts vii. 6), and some modern students of Egyptian chronology make it 1,000 years (STANLEY, *Jewish Church*, Lect. 3, p. 90).

At the close of this period a great change occurred in the temporal condition of the Israelites. "There arose up a new king over Egypt who knew not Joseph" (Ex. i. 5).

Although we know the names and the very features of many Egyptian kings who reigned even before this time, and have actually touched and handled their mummied corpses, yet scholars are even now divided as to the identity of this king; but he is commonly believed to have been Aahmes or Amosis, who drove out the Hyksos or Shepherd kings and established a new (the 18th) dynasty.

He saw the possibility of grave dangers to his kingdom, in the presence there of a foreign race, "more and mightier than we," and, probably, then

1st of November is village, it being the arch there. The in-reen re-decorated—a with the addition of ble, gave the Church-ergy from the neigh-es had assembled to v. E. M. Bland (St. St. Barnabas), Rev. v. G. B. Bull (Stam-a celebration of the e service was well devout. The choir y well. An excellent y Rev. Dean Geddes n of Saints, in which e loss the parish had r in the removal, by L. Ingles. In the rvice was held at the that beautiful hymn Holy Voices."

is been the custom of all members of the n this day; the ele-served in the Town e enjoyment of the rttook of it. After- n, consisting of music hich both ladies and alves, and gave much dience. A humorous couple of recitations atharines, were very

Bull, who endeared er parish, has been h in Drummondville; h seconding his efforts between themselves

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