

He is, however, now prosecuting his work again, in which, I trust, he may be successful, as the introduction of a good Church paper into a Diocese is of the utmost importance, but I regret in the interest of the Church that such papers are not appreciated by our people as they should be. Much more of the Church's work would be done if every household had its Church paper as regularly as it has its secular one, and how much it is in the interest of the clergy that such should be the case, for I am confident more can be done by this means to educate our members in the true principles of the church than by any other, as without the knowledge of what is doing in our Church at large we become Congregationalists. I know instances in rural parishes when Church difficulties occur, the opinion becomes prevalent that the whole Church is going to destruction. This arises from a want of information of what the Church is doing, and the glorious progress it is making not only in the Father land, but in every part of the world, thus a Church paper becomes a necessity in this progressive age. While on the subject of Church papers I may say that during the past year an effort was made to start a purely Diocesan paper, with no desire to interfere with existing papers, but intended to be what what its name designated it, "The Chronicle of the Diocese of Huron." I am sorry to say there was not sufficient support given to it to warrant its continuance, it is only another proof of the old adage that a prophet has no honor in his own country, but I hope in the interest of the Church, we may yet see the day when all our Dioceses will follow the example of our sister church in the United States where all have a local organ for disseminating Diocesan work leaving to the GUARDIAN and other journals a more extended sphere of usefulness, such as that occupied by the New York *Churchman*. But in the absence of local papers if you would devote a certain space for the news from each Diocese, it would add to the popularity of your paper, as your readers in different sections are all interested in local views. I might add much more on this important subject but must not at present trespass further on either your space or your good nature.

I am pleased to report that our Diocese has settled down, after the usual anxiety and excitement attendant upon the election of a Bishop. I think I may be justified in saying that the antecedents of Dean Baldwin, his long record of devotion and usefulness while in Montreal, may be taken as a fair index of our probable future under his Episcopacy, for although he may be allied in thought with one section of the church, there seems entire confidence that in his exalted position he will be no partizan, and such being the case he may rely upon the hearty support of all Churchmen in Huron. Widely as we may differ in our views, it may in justice be said of us, that we are loyal to the Head of the Church, and although many may not have recorded their votes in favor of Dean Baldwin, yet he may fully rely upon that allegiance which is due to him as our Bishop. His reception upon the occasion of his first visit to his Diocese must have been gratifying as a number of the local clergy and leading laymen met him on his arrival at the station, and the chime of bells of St. Paul's pealed forth a welcome to our new Bishop, his first sermon was appropriately preached at the Chapter House, which we trust under his Lordship's rule will soon be completed as the Cathedral of Huron. During his stay the Churches of St. Paul, St. James' and the Cronyn Memorial were also visited, and impressive sermons delivered. A reception was held in the rooms of the Western University when a large number of citizens paid their respects to the Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin. His Lordship's first confirmation was held at Chatham, when a large number of candidates were presented and a most impressive charge given. The Standing Committee of the Diocese met with their Bishop for the first time on the 13th of December, the attendance was large, and we understand his Lordship expressed himself as well pleased with the financial and other positions of the Diocese.

Province of Rupert's Land.

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WINNIPEG.—Midnight services were held on New Year's Eve in Holy Trinity and Christ Church. At Holy Trinity, Rev. Mr. Fortin was assisted by Archdeacon Pinkham, Canon O'Meara, Canon Coombes, and Rev. Mr. Hicks. Addresses were delivered by the Rector, Archdeacon Pinkham and Canon O'Meara. At Christ Church the Rev. Mr. Pentreath was assisted by Canon Matheson, Revds. J. B. Seaman and A. V. Wiggins. The Holy Communion was celebrated after midnight nearly the whole congregation remaining. The Christmas entertainments of Holy Trinity and Christ Church Sunday schools passed off with great success.

DYMOOR.—Miss Gwendoline Cowley, second daughter of the Ven. Abraham Cowley, D. D., Archdeacon of Cumberland was married at St. Peter's Church, on the 26th of December to Mr. Samuel E. Smalley of St. Andrew's. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alfred E. Cowley, Rector of St. James', Winnipeg, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. B. McKenzie, native missionary. The bridesmaid's were Miss Vaughan and the Misses Agnes, Emma and Grace Cowley.

RAT PORTAGE.—A concert has been given in the Ontario Court Hall in aid of the fund for building a church at this place, and it proved a great success.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Canon Machray spent his Christmas holidays in New York and Washington.

Rev. A. V. Wiggins of New Brunswick, has left Winnipeg to visit a sister in Dakota.

The Provincial Depository of the S. P. C. K., has been opened at the store of Mr. R. D. Richardson, Main Street, Winnipeg. There has been already a considerable demand for the publications, and a large order will soon be necessary. The Depository is under the control of a committee appointed by the Provincial Synod, and is for all the Dioceses of the North-West.

WINNIPEG.—A meeting of the mission board of the Diocese of Rupert's Land was held in the Education office. The members present were his Lordship the President, the secretary, the treasurer, Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Rev. Canon Matheson, Rev. O. Fortin, Rev. A. E. Cowley, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, H. S. Crotty, A. H. Witcher, and W. Leggo. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Rev. F. Jephcott, and report from Rev. F. W. Greene and J. J. Morton. The treasurer presented a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past six months. Archdeacon Cowley moved, seconded by Canon Matheson, and it was resolved: "That the Dean, Archdeacon Pinkham, (convenor) the treasurer, and Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, be a committee to consider assessments for the current year; and the same committee was authorized to report on the furniture for the Synod office in the new college." His Lordship announced the sudden death of Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, which occurred on the 24th of last month. Whereupon it was moved by Dean Grisdale, seconded by Archdeacon Cowley, and unanimously resolved. That the Board has heard with the deepest regret of the sudden death of the Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, M. A., who has been labouring for the past twelve months, and desires to convey its sympathy to Mrs. Rounthwaite and family in their sad bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be sent by the secretary to Mrs. Rounthwaite. The meeting then closed with the benediction.

OUR AMERICAN BUDGET.

OMAHA has just dedicated a Childrens' Hospital; \$25,000 for the hospital was realized at a bazaar.

W. H. VANDERBILT is now building his family mausoleum, at a cost of \$75,000. Jay Gould has just completed his, at a cost of \$100,000.

CLERGYMEN in Canada are by no means well paid, but they are a great deal better off than their brethren in Tennessee, whose average salary is only \$351.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL Denver, Col., has been in operation two and one-half years, and has had nearly 700 patients. Colorado is the great sanitarium of the country.

THE Rev. Dr. Huntington started last week for a short trip abroad for much needed rest and recuperation before assuming the rectorship of Grace Church, New York.

THE Secretary of State has issued the documents which authorize the incorporation of the Western Theological Seminary, such being the title which the institution is to bear.

THE will of Mrs. Griffith provides for the placing of memorial windows in St. John's Church, Dubuque, at a cost of \$1,000, and for the purchase of a bronze lectern, to be cast in Italy, at a cost of \$1,500.

THE Bishop of Wisconsin has received pledges toward the payment of the debt on his Cathedral Church, to an amount that encourages him to plan for the consecration of the edifice on All Saints' Day, 1884.

THE Bohlén Lectures are being delivered by Dr. Allen, of Cambridge, Mass. The subject which Dr. Allen proposes to treat in the course of the six lectures is, "The Continuity of Christian Thought." The opening lecture was "The Greek Theology."

HUMANE PROGRESS has made advances in the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Cleveland. The scholars sent half-bushel baskets of household necessities to one hundred destitute families. This effort involved the surrender of the Christmas gifts to the scholars and was the choice of the children.

DR. BUCKLEY, editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*, the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says of Southern Methodists: "Their revival meetings are no better than the wild cat effusions and efforts of Mrs. Van Cott." And of their Church, he says: "It has no appreciable influence on the morals of the people down there."

THE clergy, it is said by compilers of vital statistics, live longer than any other class of men, but it is not often that one even of that favored class is found who at the age of eighty-four is still in charge of a parish, and able to celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday with his clerical brethren. Yet such is the unusual experience of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, D.D., Pittsburgh.

IN Massachusetts, not long since, a Chapel anniversary was held. The Sunday-school children had a processional, as in the Episcopal Church, and a good old deacon was to lead them. The choir sang the first verse of "Hold the Fort," to which they were to march. The deacon stalked in, followed by the scholars, just as the choir commenced the second verse, "See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on!"

THE League in the interest of Divorce Reform, during the General Convention, made known some appalling statistics. New England in 1878 granted 2,113 divorces, Maine 587 in 1880, Rhode Island 271, and in 1882 New Hampshire 514. In these three States there is a divorce to every ten marriages. In four New England States 726 divorces in 1860 became 1,109 in 1870 and 1,439 in 1878. A similar state of things, but not as bad, exists in the West. In Chicago the divorces to the marriages are as 1 to 13, in San Francisco 1 to 6.