

Communion. Dr. West, Dean of St. Patrick's, took the chair in the new Synod Hall, and read a letter from the Archbishop of Dublin, which stated the inability of his Grace to attend, from physical infirmity. A resolution of the warmest sympathy with the Archbishop was passed. The Secretaries having been re-elected, and the standing orders re-adopted, the Rev. J. A. Galbraith read the report of the Diocesan Council, from which it appeared that the Sustentation Scheme had been working well, and that the outstanding arrears of payments to it are but small. The composition balances to the credit of the united dioceses on 31st December, 1875, were £74,557, and the balance to credit of stipend fund amount to £51,036. This makes a total capital of £344,240, which at four per cent., represents an income of £13,769; the subscription for shares taken by the parishes amounts to £17,106; this, with the interest on capital, amounts to an income of £30,774; the stipends provided for under the other plan, amounts to £28,300. There is, therefore a surplus of £4,574 of estimated income over estimated expenditure. Mr. T. C. French brought in a bill to provide for the performance of temporary duty, and to provide a stipend for the substitute; and also a second bill for defining and amending certain portions of the financial scheme which affected the incomes of clergymen who might hold chaplaincies to unions and other public employment; which, with amendments, was passed. Another topic under consideration was the education of children of church people.

FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

INDIA.—INDORE.—The Mission to Indore, of which the population is estimated at 60,000, is entirely to the heathen, and outside Her Majesty's dominions. At the end of last year F. O'Neill was sent thither by Bishop Milman. He was accompanied by the Rev. Nehemiah Gorch, a converted Brahmin. His joining the church has been a great help in bringing the Mission into connection with the natives. Not much success, however, has hitherto attended the work. Mr. O'Neill writes a few months ago: "You might imagine with so much teaching we must have a great number of people preparing for baptism; but the truth is we have only *one* really satisfactory inquirer. Even he stipulated that if he comes to us for instruction, we should not use *force* to make him a Christian, and one of his serious enquiries was whether Christians *danced naked* in their churches. There is a wide spread fear that the intention of the English is to make people Christians by stratagem or force, and that the Missionaries are paid by the English Government. One day a native of Bajansvah came to us with earnest protestations of his sincerity to be received as a Catechumen. We explained the prayers and took him with some of his friends into the house. The rest stood outside. When I closed the door that we might have quiet, some of them outside began to call out, "a panic seized our little congregation—they all got up and fled."

DEPARTURES FOR MISSION FIELDS—October, 1876. Mr. George Brookes, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, has sailed for South Africa, there to be admitted into holy orders for work in the Diocese of Grahamstown. Miss Vizard sailed in the same ship for Mission work in the Diocese of Capetown. Mr. Lateward and Mr. Priestly left London by the *Suez* with a view of being ordained and undertaking Missionary work in the Diocese of Bombay. The Rev. G. Ledgard who has been in England on sick leave, sailed in the same ship for Bombay to resume the work

of his mission. Mr. Pink sailed from London by the *Duke of Lancaster* for Calcutta to take, in that Diocese, either school or itinerating work; and lastly Miss Dixon, who has volunteered for honorary missionary work in India, sailed in the *City of Venice* from Liverpool for Calcutta, to superintend the Girls' Orphanage at Cawnpore. It is desired that they who read of these *departures* will pray God to have them in His safe keeping, and to bless their work for Him.

The foreign committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, U. S., reports the unpleasant fact that they close the year with a debt of no less than \$41,000. They add that they have tried all the means within their reach to relieve their treasury, and have failed, and recommend that a renewed appeal be made to the churches, and that meanwhile their scheme of expenditure must be confined within their anticipated income.

Japan.—Increasing activity is reported among the Buddhists. "Provoked to jealousy," says Bishop Williams "by the zeal of the Christians, on feeling that some new effort was necessary to regain their waning influence, they have started a religious newspaper, are building a large temple which will cost over \$200,000, they have determined to send two or three young men to India to study Buddhism at its original source, and they now propose to send Missionaries to Corea to spread their peculiar tenets." But the Bishops report is otherwise encouraging; "the Berean spirit exhibited in the diligent searching of the Scriptures by the Japanese is one very encouraging feature in our work," he writes. "In our school my Bible class, which is entirely voluntary, has been the largest class in the school all through the session; and in addition to this, ten or twelve of the more advanced pupils at their own request, have been instructed in the Epistle to the Romans two evenings in the week. We need, very much, good sound, concise commentaries, to lend to the Christians who frequently come to borrow the few we have.

"Another encouraging fact is, that some of the converts are awakening to a sense of their responsibility to "let their light shine," and are beginning to work for Christ. Two young men go a long distance twice a week to instruct a class of ten or twelve in the Catechism or the Creed, and another is instructing his mother and other members of his household, and a few neighbours who assemble at his house. It is hoped that others may be induced to "go and do likewise," and that much good fruit may spring up from the seed thus sown."—*Spirit of Missions*, Dec., 1876.

MARRIAGE OF MISS ROWSELL.

The *Paddington Chronicle* England, of Nov. 18th, gives an account of the marriage of a niece of Mr. Henry Rowsell of Toronto, some notice of which, we are sure, will be highly interesting to the numerous friends of that gentleman in this country. The ceremony took place on the 16th ult. at St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, the Vicar of that parish being father to the bride, who was married to Francis Bertram Cunningham, Esq., of Bayswater. Miss Rowsell is widely known in Bayswater, from the part she has taken in various religious agencies at St. Stephen's, as well as from the reputation belonging to an eminent clerical name; and the consequence was that for more than an hour and a half, the capacious building was filled with a vast assemblage of well-wishers; the children of the schools being placed in the west gallery.

At half past eleven, the officiating clergyman, the Rev. T. Norman Rowsell, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Eltham, the Rev. Herbert Rowsell, and the Venerable Dr. Hesse, Archdeacon of Middlesex, appeared duly robed in the chancel. A bold rhythmic march was heard from the organ, when the surpliced choir marched down the nave to meet the bridal party, and conduct them forward with the processional hymn:—"The voice that breathed o'er Eden;" which was sung to a special setting in D by Mr. Blanche, organist of the church. The veiled bride was dressed entirely in white, the eight bridesmaids being attired in the palest blue silk, and two of them being very little girls, nieces of the bride.

The Service was semi-choral, and the music to the Antiphonal responses written by the organist. The *Beati omnes* was sung to a single chant. After the prayers preceding the address, Hy. 851, A. and M., was sung. When the benediction had been pronounced, the venerable Archdeacon Hesse addressed the large congregation from the chancel, in the course of which he stated that she who had just been bestowed upon another for his happiness and to be a help meet for him, was not only her mother's joy: she was her father's aid. At Stepney, at Tothbury, and there in that district, she had been his unspeakable help, not only teaching in the school, but visiting the sick, taking thought for the needy, and bearing the troubles of the poor as though they were her own. After the Archdeacon's touching address, the organ played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, after which the bride and bridegroom with difficulty made their way through the ranks of congratulatory friends to St. Stephen's Vicarage; and at three o'clock, they left for Tunbridge Wells. The presents to the bride were unusually handsome and numerous, one of the most valued being a clock, the offering of the children of St. Stephen's schools. A beautiful Silver Salver from St. Stephen's choir was also among the presents. The breakfast party numbered fifty-one, and included the Ven. Dr. and Mrs. Hesse, Rev. Dr. Barry, (cousin of Canon Barry;) Rev. Mr. Campbell, H. M. Inspector of schools; Rev. Norman Rowsell; Rev. Herbert and Mrs. Rowsell; Mr. and Mrs. Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. Brakespear, (both ladies *nee* Rowsell;) Mrs. Cunningham and the brother of the bridegroom; Mrs. Flews (*nee* Cunningham) Rev. Wm. Newton, late Curate of St. Stephen's; Rev. B. W. Day, etc.

MENEELY and Kimberly, of Troy, N. Y., shipped a bell a few days ago to a church in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.

I WOULD fain know all that I need, and all that I may. But I leave God's secrets to Himself. It is happy for me that God makes me of His court, and not of His council.—*Bishop Hale*.

OUR success in life generally bears a direct proportion to the exertions we make; and if we aim at nothing we shall certainly achieve nothing. By the remission of labor and energy it often happens that poverty and contempt, disaster and defeat steal a march upon prosperity and honor, and overwhelm us with reverses and shame.

WHEREVER unselfish love is the main-spring of men's actions; wherever happiness is placed not on what we can gain for ourselves, but on what we can impart to others; wherever we place our highest satisfaction in gratifying our fathers, our brothers and sisters, our wives and children, our neighbors and friends,—we are sure to attain all of happiness which the world can bestow.