

MAGAZINE.—The October number of the *Expository Times* begins a new volume with a great many points of interest. The notes of recent exposition are fresh and suggestive. The higher criticism naturally occupies a prominent place, and the editor congratulates his readers on the changed tone of the London *Guardian* in regard to the criticism of the Old Testament. Very favourable notice is made of Dr. Driver's commentary on Deuteronomy. There is a good article on Harnack by the Rev. D. Macfadyen. Many of the short articles are excellent, consisting in answers to questions on scriptural difficulties, sermonettes on golden texts, etc. The great text is the first verse of St. John's Gospel. A series of papers on "Christ's Prayer in Gethsemane" are quite worthy of perusal, giving many suggestions of value, although we cannot say that the mystery of that hour is solved or even sensibly lessened. And these are only a part of the banquet here provided

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH.

The General Convention of the American Church met at Minneapolis, on Wednesday, October 2nd. The place of meeting was Gethsemane Church, and at the opening services that large building was crowded to its utmost capacity by both bishops and delegates, as well as a large number of the general public. Temporary galleries were erected to accommodate the latter, whilst the floor of the church was reserved for the former. The opening services were very impressive, the musical parts being well rendered by the choir of the church. The Lord Bishop of Minnesota, in the absence of Bishop Williams, presided over the Convention, and on the occasion of the opening services acted as celebrant. The Epistle was read by the Lord Bishop of Maine, and the Gospel by His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Western New York, from the words, "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch," Acts xi. 26. The preacher in the course of an eloquent address pointed out the true Catholicity of the Church, both in matters of doctrine and matters of practice, and declared that the liturgic rites of the Catholic Church of to-day were in every essential particular identical with those practised by the Christians in Apostolic days. The Gospel, he declared, was commanded to be preached "to the Jew first," but it was not to stop there, for it was to be preached also "to the Greek," i. e., Gentile, and the bishop went on to show how that commandment had been obeyed literally, for from the days of the great Apostle St. Paul, who was the first missionary to the Gentile world, the Gospel had been preached first in one country, then in another, until now, nearly 19 centuries afterwards, the glorious tidings had been carried all over the world. The bishop dealt, particularly in the closing sentences of his sermon, with the marvellous growth of the Church in America, recalling the fact that in 1832 there were only nine bishops in the American Church, and that now there were seventy. Not only was the Church planted firmly all over the American Union, but bishops of the American Church were to be found both in Africa and Asia. "In all parts of America," the bishop declared, "as well as in China and Japan, our bishops are offering the same Gospel, and in all respects the same religion as was ministered by St. Paul and Barnabas." In closing, the bishop made a fervent appeal to his hearers not to rest content with what had been already accomplished, but to go on to still greater efforts in the work of evangelizing the world. He called upon the young men and women more particularly to devote themselves to missionary efforts and to do all that lay in their power to win the world for Christ. At the close of the opening service the bishops adjourned to the Knickerbocker Memorial House, which closely adjoined the church, where the House of Bishops was called to order by the Right Rev. Dr. Whipple. His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle, as representatives of the Canadian Church, were introduced to their Lordship's House and received a hearty welcome. The House of Deputies (i. e., the Lower House) after some preliminary business, elected the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, the rector of Holy Trinity Church, New York, as its president for the fourth time in succession. The remainder of the first day's session was taken up in the appointment of a secretary, the choice falling by a unanimous vote upon the Rev. Charles Hutchins, and the presenting of a number of resolutions of various kinds. On the 2nd day, after the usual opening ceremonies had been concluded, the president announced the names of the chairmen of a number of standing committees, as well as the names of those chosen to act upon two important committees. Several resolutions were then presented, and then the report of the Joint Commission on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons came up as the special order of the day. Dr. Hoffman, the Dean of New York, was called to the chair, and the matter was discussed very fully until midday. At that hour, by previous arrange-

ment, the deputation representing the Canadian Church was introduced. The House of Bishops joined the Lower House at this juncture, and, Bishop Coxe having taken the chair, he introduced successively to those assembled the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, the Primate of All Canada, the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle, the Very Rev. J. Carmichael, the Dean of Montreal, the Very Rev. J. Grisdale, Dean of Rupert's Land, together with Messrs. M. Wilson, Q.C., of Toronto, and Mr. A. H. Brock, of Windsor, each of whom addressed the Convention in turn. At three o'clock the adjourned debate was continued, and continued for the remainder of the day. The House of Bishops on the same day received the report from its presiding bishop (Williams, of Connecticut,) who was prevented by illness from being present at the Convention. After that several memorials from various dioceses were received. After disposing of some routine business their lordships spent the rest of the day in discussing the report of the Commission for Revision of the Constitution. The triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held on Thursday, October 3rd, in Christ Church, St. Paul. Following a special celebration of the Holy Communion, the members of the Auxiliary adjourned to the Central Presbyterian Church, where they were addressed by the Right Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Suffragan Bishop of Minnesota. Besides representatives from all the American dioceses, delegates were present from Alaska, Japan and China. At the afternoon session a report was given of the offertory collected in the morning, which amounted to the large sum of \$53,928 58. Many very interesting addresses were given by four bishops (one from Africa) and a number of delegates from China, and also from various parts of America. An interesting feature of this meeting was the reciting of the 2nd Psalm by an African lad, a pupil of Bishop Ferguson's, who repeated the whole psalm through in the English language and followed this up afterwards by singing both in English, as well as in his own native tongue, the Lord's Prayer and the hymn, "Safe in the arms of Jesus." On Friday, the third day of the Convention, a number of further memorials were received and resolutions adopted, including one declaring the Convention sermon should be printed, and another setting forth the cordial approval of the Convention in regard to the conduct of the State officials of Texas re prize-fighting. Both the Upper and Lower Houses met together later on in the day and held a general Church missionary meeting. At this gathering, Bishop Ferguson, of Cape Palmas, Africa, and Bishop McKim, of Japan, were the two principal speakers, and they both of them delivered very interesting addresses, dealing with the work of the Church in their respective dioceses. Alaska, Brazil and Mexico were also dealt with, and resolutions of sympathy with the Armenian Christians and the friends of those missionaries recently murdered in China, were unanimously adopted. On Saturday, the committee appointed to deal with the question of the erection of new dioceses reported to the Lower House in favour of granting the erection of three new dioceses, viz., in Maryland, California and Kentucky. Their report was adopted unanimously. Later on in the day a magnificently bound copy of the Standard Book of Common Prayer was presented to the House by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York. The rest of the day's session was taken up with discussions of various matters of law and order in the Church. On the same day another missionary meeting was held. It lasted the whole of the day and was attended by large numbers of people. The whole time of the House of Bishops on Saturday was taken up with the appointment of various committees and the discussion of the report of the Revision Committee. On Monday, in the Lower House, the time was entirely taken up with routine business. Amongst other matters, a resolution offered by Mr. Sowden, of Massachusetts, requesting that the Upper House should consider the question of a short form of prayer to be used in all the churches on the 4th of July, "with a view to elevating the character of the observance of that day," was referred to a special committee. The latter part of the day's session was occupied by a debate on the word *Primus* and the substitute offered for it. On Tuesday, October 8th, the sixth day of the session, both Houses agreed on the title of the code of laws which govern the American Church.

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Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

ONTARIO.

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HARROWSMITH.—The first of this month the new Anglican Church in this village was solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. The ser-

vices in the morning consisted of Mattins and celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with a most impressive sermon by the Rev. J. K. Macmorine, of St. James' Church, Kingston who emphasized the fact that all worship on earth in the Church should lead up to and prepare us for the higher worship in Heaven. Public dinner, generously and liberally provided by members and friends, was served in the Town Hall at 12.30, when a great many sat down to a most sumptuous meal. At 4.30 the church was photographed by the Rev. John Fisher, of Thomasburgh, and at 5 o'clock the bell rang for tea. Evening followed at 7 o'clock, when a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Rural Dean Carey, of St. Paul's Church, Kingston. In the course of his sermon the Rural Dean described the church as being "a perfect little gem." Both morning and evening the building was thronged with worshippers. The clergy who took part in the services during the day were Rev. Rural Dean Carey, Rev. J. K. Macmorine, Rev. J. R. Serson, Rev. F. D. Woodcock, Rev. R. Coleman, Rev. J. Fisher and the rector. The amount of money contributed during the day amounted in hard cash to the sum of \$94.

WOLFE ISLAND.—The cyclone of the 11th ult., which did so much damage in this neighbourhood, blew down the new belfry and bell of Trinity Church, Wolfe Island. The belfry was completed in June, and the bell had been only five weeks in use when the accident occurred. Fortunately, the bell in its descent was not broken. The bell-wheel, however, and a small casting on the yoke to which the wheel was bolted, were so badly damaged that it is necessary to purchase new ones. The financial loss is about \$125. The horse-shed is also badly wrecked. The work of rebuilding has been begun and will be completed in a few days.

KINGSTON.—St. Paul's, regarded by many as the most beautiful English Church in the city, looked magnificent on the evening of Oct. 5th, being the occasion of the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The church was very tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and grain. A handsome floral cross with several vases of choice flowers on either side rested upon the altar. There was a large congregation. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Richard Coleman, and was heartily rendered. The lessons were read by the Revs. J. K. Macmorine and W. Lewin. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Professor Worrell, of the R.M.C., from the text, "Consider the lilies," Matt. vi. 28. The other clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Smith, the Rev. Canon Spencer, the Rev. W. T. Lipton and the rector. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Betts and Lieutenant March.

BROCKVILLE.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., immediately before the Office of Holy Communion, the Archdeacon requested the congregation to unite with him in invoking the blessing of the Almighty on the gift of a new altar for St. Peter's, and in its dedication for its sacred purpose. He said that it was offered for the glory of God and in "loving and pious memory of one of His departed servants." Archdeacon and Mrs. Bedford-Jones presented it in memory of their son, who died so suddenly at the Rectory on Dec. 27 last. The altar is of black walnut, nine feet long by two feet three inches wide, and with re-table and stand for the cross, is nearly four feet six inches high. It is all finely carved, the table or mensa being a splendid piece of walnut in one solid slab. The re-table standing behind is two feet shorter, and bears the legend, "Holy, Holy, Holy," in raised letters gilt. The cross stand is half octagon in shape and its three front faces have an intertwined Alpha and Omega between Maltese crosses. The altar-front is composed of three solid recessed panels, the central one bearing the sacred monogram, and those at the ends respectively, "Alpha and Omega," all exquisitely carved in raised letters, gilt. The panels are divided from each other by three tre-foil arches of Gothic design supported by chapitred Corinthian pillars based on a heavy sill, which is relieved by quatre-foil piercings. Behind the arches, which are open, is placed a brass rod to carry the coloured frontals which will show through them. Great pains have been taken to have the whole structure in perfect harmony with the rich surroundings of the chancel, and the details of the furniture. The Messrs. Carnowsky, of Kingston, to whom was entrusted the erection of the memorial, came down to see the church and took drawings of the existing carvings, and the result reflects great credit on their skill and judgment, as well as on the workmanship of the altar in all its parts. A small but very neat enamelled brass plate is placed in one of the panels of the re-dos on the south side. It bears a Latin inscription in two colours, red and black. The translation is as follows: "To the greater glory of God. In memory of their well beloved son, Gwyn Macanlay Bedford-Jones, who fell asleep in Jesus on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, 1894, aged 23, in the adjacent