

producing a most inspiring effect. It appeared from the reports and speeches made at this meeting—which did not adjourn until 11 o'clock—that heretofore all persons in all parts of the Diocese had not manifested that degree of interest in this work, which all confessed it demanded and deserved. But upon the statements and assurances and heart-confidences made and exchanged, all promised to put forth united and renewed efforts during the coming year, to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom in the waste places.

This result is rightly considered a cause for hearty congratulation, by all the members of the Convention. "It is so good and so pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Bishop in his Address, next day, said "I never have, and I never will make an appointment to the missionary fields on partisan grounds, so help me God." After the meeting the Convention was most hospitably entertained at the house of Mr. Stephen Warren, where the Bishop held a reception. There was an early celebration at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning. We regret to say the attendance was not as large as it ought to have been. The Convention reassembled after Morning Prayer, and the Bishop read his annual Address, which occupied two hours and a quarter. The afternoon and evening were occupied in the transaction of business—it being quite 11 o'clock when the Convention adjourned. The Bishop's Address should be read far and wide for its fearless and so undiscussed of the great issues now before the Church, and we doubt not it will come in for its share of attention when printed. In closing, your correspondent cannot omit complimenting and commending the proverbial hospitality of the Church people of Troy, and to thank the generous parish in which the Convention met, for the ample and excellent lunch provided daily at the rectory. **GEORGE G. HERBURN.**

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The Convocation of the First Missionary District of Central New York held its last quarterly meeting in Trinity and Grace churches, Watertown, Jan. 5 and 6. The first service was in Trinity church. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Hopkins, Andrew, Bailey, Muir, and Winslow, after which the Bishop preached on the subject of the Holy Communion.

On Wednesday morning (Epiphany) the service was in Grace church, on which occasion the Rev. J. J. Andrew of Theresa was advanced to the Priesthood. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Allen, Ely, Sanderson, and Pattison. The sermon, from St. John x. 16, was by the Rev. G. G. Perrine of Cape Vincent. The candidate was presented by the examining chaplain, the Rev. Thos. E. Pattison of Syracuse, and some of the presbyters assisted in the laying on of hands. The Bishop then proceeded with the administration of the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. L. R. Brewer.

In the afternoon the business meeting of the Convocation was held in Trinity church, at which most of the members and lay delegates, as well as a number of the clergy from neighboring districts, were present. One resolution read at this meeting by the President, and on motion of Judge Hubbard adopted, deserves to be recorded: "Resolved, That the thanks of this Convocation be presented to the Bishop for his sermon on the Holy Eucharist, delivered in Trinity church last evening. We believe it would be the means of doing much good were it preached in every parish of the Diocese, and that its publication at this time would be a protection to the Faith and a help to the faithful."

In the evening there was a missionary service in Grace church, at which the President read his report, and the Bishop made an address. The design of the Bishop's address was to encourage and assist the clergy in the difficult work of awakening and keeping alive a feeling of interest in spiritual things among their people. It was full of wise suggestions, and the words were of that kind of which Hooker says that ten of them are worth more than ten thousand spoken with disdainful sharpness of wit. It is safe to say that the address answered the purpose for which it was designed, and that all who heard it felt grateful for the word of truth spoken in love.

SECRETARY.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

CONVOCATION OF WILLIAMSPORT.—The Winter session of this Convocation was held in St. Mark's parish, Northumberland, beginning Tuesday evening, Jan. 12th. After Evening Prayer the Convocation Sermon was preached by the Rev. William Paret, D.D., of Williamsport. On Wednesday at 10½ o'clock, Morning Prayer was said and the Holy Communion celebrated. Sermon by the Rev. J. Milton Peck of Danville. The concluding public service was held on Wednesday evening. After Evening Prayer had been said, the Rev. John Hewitt made a stirring missionary address. He was followed by the

Rev. Milton O. Lightner, whose speech was replete with historical reminiscences, and wise and loving words of counsel.

The business sessions of the Convocation were, as heretofore, harmonious, interesting, and profitable. Two amendments to the constitution were proposed, one changing the number of sessions in a year from three to four; the other, lengthening the duration of each session by the addition of a day. The expediency of dividing the Convocation, was discussed and referred to a committee.

Under the head of matters of parochial interest, the Rev. Mr. Rosenmüller reported that the cornerstone of the Church of the Good Shepherd had been laid, Sept. 17, 1874; that the first service had been held on Christmas Day, 1874, and that the consecration was appointed for Sept. 17, 1875. This church is a small, but tasteful structure, of stone, built after designs furnished by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D.D. The work of the faithful young rector of Montoursville, who revived this mission in the woods, has been greatly blessed.

The Rev. Mr. Adams announced that St. Mark's church, Northumberland, would probably be consecrated this Winter. This church has been enlarged and improved under the direction of its present hopeful and energetic rector.

The next session of Convocation will be held at Bloomsburg. The following appointments were made: Convocation preacher, the Rev. H. H. Hewitt; Wednesday morning, the Rev. P. B. Baldy; Essayist, the Rev. T. F. Caskey.

The topic for general discussion will be the relation of Convocation to the work of Diocesan Missions. The Bishop is expected to open the discussion. The following members of the Convocation were present during the whole or part of this session; the Rev. Messrs. William Paret, D.D., (Dean,) C. G. Adams (Rector), H. H. Hewitt, John Hewitt, P. B. Lightner, J. M. Peck, S. R. Phelps, Geo. F. Rosenmüller, and T. F. Caskey (Secretary). The Rev. Milton C. Lightner was present as a visitor, and added not a little to the pleasure and profit of the meetings.

The last session having voted that Thursday, Jan. 14, should be devoted to Catawissa, where an important work is being carried on by the rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, it was arranged that the Rev. Messrs. Adams, H. H. Hewitt, J. Hewitt, Peck, and Rosenmüller should hold two services there.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the rector and parishioners of St. Mark's, Northumberland, the Convocation adjourned. **F.**

DELAWARE.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

A series of services was held in St. Peter's church, Smyrna, beginning on the 13th inst.

The opening sermon was by the Rev. Mr. Brooks of Seaford, followed by the Rev. Mr. Douglas of Georgetown. The next day at Morning Prayer, the Rev. Dr. Clemson made an address, and at mid-day the Bishop of the Diocese advanced the Rev. Joseph T. Wright, deacon in charge of St. Peter's parish, to the priesthood. The sermon on this occasion was by the Bishop, from the text "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." At the close of the sermon the Bishop affectionately addressed the candidate. Mr. Wright has but recently taken charge of the parish.

The church was again open for service at night, when the Rev. Mr. Littell preached, and the Rev. Dr. Frost made a short address. **F.**

FOND DU LAC.

STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.

Counties—Marathon, Oconto, Shawano, Door, Kewaunee, Brown, Outagamie, Waupaca, Portage, Wood, Adams, Waushara, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Marquette, (19), and a portion of Dodge.

Square Miles.—Between 18,000 and 20,000, comprising about two-fifths of the whole State.

Population.—In 1870, 306,555; probable population at present time, 400,000; increase since 1860, 105,000; since 1855, 68,835.

Number of parishes, 21; mission stations, 16; clergymen, 23; families, 1125; communicants, 1572.

Contributions in 1872, \$26,250; 1873, \$28,228; 1874, \$32,808. Valuation of Church property, \$180,950.

The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph furnishes the following item in reference to the Rev. Leighton Coleman:

The Bishop-elect of the new Diocese is a native of Philadelphia, and is the eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. John Coleman. The latter was rector of Trinity church, Southwark, for many years, after leaving which, he resided in the West, his death occurring in St. Louis. The Bishop-elect at one time was rector of a Wilmington, Del., church, and while residing in that city he married a Miss Dupont, of the well known family of that name. Subsequently he became rector of the Episcopal church at Mauch Chunk, in this State, which he only recently left to accept a call to Trinity church, Toledo. He is a finished Biblical scholar and an attractive pulpit

orator, and the new Diocese will secure an excellent Bishop if he accepts the charge.

LONG ISLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

The annual offering for missions in Grace church, Brooklyn Heights, on Sunday, Jan. 17th, amounted to about \$10,700.

A "Jacob's Ladder" formed the nucleus of the Christmas festivities in St. Paul's parish, Glen Cove, L. I. It was much superior to those usually seen. It was twenty-five feet in length, and in breadth five feet at the base and two and one-half at the summit. Several angels with branches in their hands hovered around the top, which was hidden by the rafters, the base resting upon the floor in front of the chancel rail. Lighted candles decorated the sides and rounds, while the presents for the children, hung in profusion upon the latter. A Christmas rhyme, entitled "Jacob's Ladder," written by the rector, the Rev. J. C. Middleton, was listened to with wrapt attention both by children and adults.

MARYLAND.

Correspondence of The Church Journal and Messenger.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Your correspondent from Baltimore has fallen into some errors of fact in reference to the Church of the Ascension in that city, which doubtless he will thank me for correcting. There is much in the recent history of that congregation which is encouraging; as, after having suffered the loss of its Church building by fire, it is now in a better condition financially than before that disaster. Happily the insurance was ample to restore the building, and the sympathy of Charchmen in other congregations, called out more strongly by that event, furnished a considerable sum towards lessening the debt which had weighed heavily upon its prosperity, and is not yet extinguished. But your correspondent is mistaken in speaking of the contributions as amounting to \$48,000 in the past year. That was clearly beyond the ability of this young congregation. The sum named includes about \$35,000 received from the insurance companies for rebuilding, as well as the gifts of other congregations, to which I have referred, without being able to state the amount.

Your correspondent is also mistaken in supposing that the temporary chapel erected for the use of the congregation while the church was being rebuilt, is still standing. It was a structure of rough boards, hastily put together and quite unsuitable for permanent use. Having accomplished the purposes of its erection, it was some time since removed, and the lumber sold. **P.**

Many who are still young, remember when there was no Emmanuel church in Baltimore. It grew out of Christ church, several years before the present "Christ church" grew out of her former self (her former self being now changed into the Church of the Messiah). Emmanuel was built in the days of Dr. Henry Var Dyke Johns; and a large number from old Christ church followed their eloquent head to the new place. In this truly flourishing congregation there are nearly 600 communicants. There are 1200 individuals in the cure. There are three Sunday-schools, and a night-school for colored people. There are 115 Sunday-school teachers, and in all, 750 scholars. Thirty persons received Confirmation the last year. There are sittings in church for 1300 persons. The church building is valued at \$60,000. It has a chapel valued at \$6000, and a rectory at \$12,000. Last year's offerings were nearly \$15,000. The "Pew-rental" is \$12,250. Large and liberal contributions went out, during last year, as always, to objects outside of their own church. We may specify, for example, nearly \$3000 for mission work in the city; \$1000 to the Church Home; \$1145 for education for the ministry. To her own "Emmanuel Church Home," and some other objects, she gave nearly \$4000. This church is bounded by no limited "congregationalism." No pent-up selfishness, or mere home charity, contracts her Christian energies; but where need exists, her liberality is ready to penetrate.

Emmanuel did a noble thing in purchasing a church building called Howard Chapel, on Park avenue, and opening it as a mission for colored people. Zeal is manifested, and wide usefulness is promised in the future, if we may trust to a good situation and the large field around.

The work of Emmanuel church will doubtless, for many long years, feel the impress of the Rev. A. M. Randolph, its present rector. In the list of her honored shepherds "may he long be the last."

The old Christ church, once ministered in by Drs. Johns, Balch, Hawks, H. A. Wise, and others, and standing in a thoroughly "down town" situation, was saved from passing out of the hands of the Church, and becoming a temple of mammon, (through the grace of God, and His blessing on the efforts of the rector and a number of other good Christians,) at the time when the new Christ church was built; and when Dr. Dudley became rector of the new church, the old one became the "Church