

ALGOMA.

Acknowledgment.—The Rev. J. S. Cole, Mrs. Cole and family, beg to thank their friends who sent so many valued presents to them through Mrs. Gree, of York St. Toronto, and unknown friends for a bale which arrived without advice.

On Jubilee day the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes joined with the Protestant S. S. of Sault Ste Marie in a procession through the town. A tableau shewed 4 little white girls and 4 little Indian girls supporting the Queen's picture, and above it the open Bible on a lectern with the words "The secret of England's greatness." Two wild Indians on horseback headed the procession. Among the banners displayed were "Shingwauk boys loyal to the core," "One Queen, one Empire, one Faith." All went to the Shingwauk Home for athletic sports and a picnic.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson, principal of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh homes, has just returned home from a trip to the Rocky Mountains, having been there to visit the Blackfoot Indians. This tribe, (including the Bloods and Piegans) numbers about 60,000, and they are almost all without exception pagans. The Blackfoot Indians received Mr. Wilson very cordially and adopted him into their tribe, giving him the name Natusi-asamiu (the sun looks upon him). They also shewed so much confidence in him as to allow two of their boys, Appikokia and Etukitsin to go back with him to his Institution. These are the first two Blackfoot boys that have consented to go to an Institution to be educated. They are wild looking fellows with long plaited hair, and one of them on his arrival had nothing on but a blanket and a pair of leggings. The boys are intelligent looking fellows, aged 18 and 16 respectively, and seem very anxious to learn. One of them is to be taught carpentering and the other bootmaking. Mr. Wilson is in communication with the Dept. in regard to the establishment of a branch Institution out at the Rockies. If his proposals are assented to, it is probable that he will place his Sault Ste. Marie Homes in other hands, at any rate temporarily, and move out there to inaugurate the new work. He also hopes to establish another branch home at Elkhorn, on the western boundary of Manitoba. Towards this he has \$2,000 and the offer of a free grant of land close to the railway. The next issue of *Algoma Missionary News* will contain a full account of Mr. Wilson's trip.

FOREIGN.

A handsome church and vicarage have recently been erected at Appleton Thorn, near Warrington, the entire expense having been borne by Mr. R. E. Egerton-Warburton, the lord of the manor.

The Princess of Wales opened the new nursing home, library, and other offices of the London Hospital on May 19th; visited the wards and delighted some of the children by distributing her bouquet among them. The cost of the new building is £25,000.

The Church Congress, which is to be held this year at Wolverhampton, under the presidency of the Bishop of Litchfield, opens on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The Congress sermon is to be preached by the Bishop of Durham.

In a recent address on the growth of the Church in the East Riding, Canon Paget said that in Hull, fifty years ago, Holy Trinity, Sculcoates, and Drypool, had a population of some 60,000, and there were seven churches. Now the population amounts to 154,000, and the churches number eighteen—in either case one church to about 8,600 people. The cost of the new churches, and the restoration of the seven old churches, amounted to nearly \$900,000.

The Rev. Canon Camidge, Vicar of Thirsk, has been offered and has accepted the bishopric of Bathurst, New South Wales, in succession to Bishop Marsden, who resigned the see in 1885. The income of the see is stated at £800. Canon Camidge was ordained in 1860.

The past year has been one of great activity in the Archdeaconry of Blackburn, six churches costing over £25,000 having been consecrated, while at the same time there are four churches and four mission buildings in process of erection.

In a letter to the *Hants Chronicle* the Dean of Winchester says the small charge made for showing the crypt of Winchester Cathedral has produced a sum sufficient to pay for the rebuilding of one bay of Walkelin's Lady Chapel, and also to defray half the cost of the handsome tomb wherein to deposit the remains of Bishop Peter Courtenay, whose coffin was found last December in the crypt.

On Sunday, the 15th of May, the Church of All Saints, Messing, Essex, was reopened by the Bishop of St. Alban's. One of the transepts having been damaged by the earthquake in 1884, it was needful to remove it altogether, and the nave has been restored to its original form. During the work some interesting discoveries have been made, including the remains of an old decorated doorway, some Roman tiles and bricks and a decorated window. A fourteenth-century roof, found under the plaster, has been restored so as to show the old beams.

Among the ecclesiastical curiosities still remaining in the Church of England are what are called Episcopal chapels, such as Ram's Episcopal Chapel at Homerton. This chapel was founded in 1723, and holds the peculiar position of being attached to the Church, but is not directly under the control of the bishop of the diocese.

The church of Egloskerry, Cornwall, was reopened on the 17th of May, after complete restoration. It is stated that the original dedication of the church is unknown, and that local tradition mentions S. Kyrracus, an Italian Bishop. (According to Lewis's Topographical Dictionary, however, the church is dedicated to St. Petrock). The old building has been restored in the fourteenth and again in the sixteenth century. During the present restoration remains of early stonework were discovered in the walls, and also Norman piscina of rare design.

At the restoration service at the Church of St. Mary's, Chatham, Canon Self said: "The Norman and the Plantagenet, York and Lancaster, Tudor, Stuart and Hanoverian sovereigns, have all been prayed for on this actual spot." And again: "The Chatham Parish Church stood here 300 years before the battle of Agincourt, 400 years before the earliest dockyard, and 450 years before the destruction of the Spanish Armada; and parts of this building existed before there was any House of Commons." The memorial stone was laid by the Duke of Cambridge.

NEW ZEALAND.—On February 26th the Bishop of Nelson consecrated the Cathedral Church of his diocese.

The cathedral church of Wellington has received from Bishop Abraham, first bishop of Wellington, and Mrs. Selwyn, widow of the first bishop of New Zealand, a beautiful cross and candlesticks for the altar, which have been modelled after the shafts and capitals at the entrance of the door of the Chapter House in Lichfield Cathedral, and are similar to those in the Lady Chapel.

At the forty-fourth anniversary of the Church of England Sunday-school Institute, recently held in London, it was reported that the total Sunday-school and Bible-class attendance in Church Sunday-schools for 1886 was 2,555,399, or an increase of 323,623 since 1880. At the last teacher's examination 632 candidates entered, and of these 146 were awarded certificates in the elementary section, and 483 in the advanced section. The Bible Reading Union for young Churchmen now numbered upward of 30,000 members, and several branches had been started in the colonies and also in America.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*De Veaux College*.—On Thursday 16th, was Foundation Day. A very large attendance of visitors witnessed the closing services of the Students. The corner stone of a new and large Chapel, (St. Ambrose) was laid by the Right Rev. Bishop Cox; who made an admirable and impressive address. Mr. Herbert Bissell, of Buffalo, ex-student, was the chosen orator of the day. His oration was both instructive, eloquent and impressive, and met with frequent applause. One suggestion met with unanimous approval,—of the erection of a worthy statue to the memory of the late Judge Samuel De Veaux, through whose munificent bequest a noble and useful educational institution has been erected and is now flourishing. The Very Rev. Dean Geddes, Canons Houston and Bull, of the diocese of Niagara, were present.

Cardinal Simeoni, Prefect-General of the Propaganda, who was charged by the Pope to examine the present situation in Ireland, has proposed to the Pope that the Irish Bishops should be invited to rigorously adhere to the instructions decided upon at the meetings in council held at Rome by the Bishops, for the purpose of preventing the clergy from associating themselves with the agitators.

Correspondence.

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THE VACATION SEASON.

SIR,—The New York Methodist paper says: "Pleasure seeking and money loving clergymen is ruining our Church." But this season of "lazy leisure" is not confined to clergymen, but extends to laymen, merchants, manufacturers and others. The benefit of rest to the hard worked, and of change to those confined most of the time at home, cannot be overestimated. But unfortunately at most of the summer resorts the crowds and fashionable amusements and excitements prevent repose and add to the wear and tear of life experienced in profession and ordinary pursuits, while the effect upon the religious life is in many cases most unhealthful. The springs and the sea-side are in a majority of cases, sought more for fashionable display and enjoyment than for any health-giving qualities they may have, or any rest they may be supposed to give. Some years ago I spent a few weeks with a friend three miles from Newport, Rhode Island, one of the most celebrated watering places in the United States. During my visits to the hotels I picked up a slight acquaintance with some of the principal families quartered in them. One would say, "I am sick and tired of this idle dissipation, how I long to get home out of this wearisome place." Another would say, "How foolish to bring my family down here, from a comfortable happy home to be in misery in the midst of a bustling crowd, &c." I may say in passing the friend with whom I stopped, Miss Gibbs, built a beautiful stone church near her residence, in which was offered daily prayers. She also built a rectory and paid the priest his annual salary. She also built another church three miles distant, all at her own expense. Miss Gibbs belonged to one of the old aristocratic Church families of the United States. During my visit, her sister, wife of the celebrated Dr. Channing of Boston, was staying with her.

I have known mechanics after saving up all their earnings, take their families away on vacation and spend to the last cent. Many parents have come to doubt whether the large annual outlay, with the exposures, physical and moral, of their families, were compensated by the social excitements and recreations, or the expected re-invigoration, resulting from a temporary but very costly change of residence for two or three months. A reaction seems to be setting in from the long, yearly, expensive and wearisome departures from home and the regular duties of life for so many weeks. Many ministers have found such a lapse in spiritual life and activity on the part of their flock during this period, and so much difficulty in wheeling them into line again, that they have more than questioned whether the evil resulting did not far more than counterbalance the good. One of the dangers is that vacation rest, cessation from the ordinary routine of spiritual work, is at the expense of God's work, rather than a means to further it through this rest. Unfortunately it so happens that most of those who really need rest and change of air, from various circumstances, are compelled to stay at home. At several points in the United States are houses set apart where needy clergymen can go and recruit themselves free of charge.

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THE CALL TO DELIVER THE RUSSIAN CHURCH FROM ERROR.

SIR,—I could not but smile when I read of Canon Liddon's objections to the revival of the "Jerusalem Bishopric," and after just now reading Stepiak's "Russia under the Czars," (Harper), and his description of the servility of Russia's Church to *absolution*, &c. &c. I think that it is our absolute duty to try and reform Sacred Christendom. Until this is done our work in the world is not half accomplished. If "Russian orthodoxy" had only withstood as the Church of England withstood and withstands evil rulers in Church and State, what a world this would be now. Let us learn a lesson from seeming failures in Christianity.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.

Would it not be well to have a day of intercession on behalf of Rome and the Greek Church. God is still a living God and hears prayers. Although I have little hope myself of Rome, I have great faith in the coming Russian Church. Yours,

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