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was tendered Mr. Softley, coupled with a request to send the paper to the church papers for publication. A resolution of sympathy with the Rev. Canon Richardson, on the loss of his brother, was unanimously passed. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Christ Church, London, the Rev. W. T. Hill, and W. R. Seaborne being appointed to read papers at such meeting. In the evening divine service was held at 8 o'clock, at which a large congregation was present, the excellent choir of the church rendering efficient service. The Rev. W. T. Hill preached an able and instructive sermon from Acts, 20th chapter and 28th verse. At the close of the service the congregation were invited to remain, and the Rev. Mr. Softley, at the request of the Chapter, again read his paper on consecration. This was followed by discussion, in which the Rural Dean and Revs. Hill, Sage, Seaborne and Des Brisay took part. A very interesting meeting was brought to a close shortly after ten o'clock.

FLORENCE.—Rev. Mr. Bryan, who was offered the appointment to Trinity Church, Blenheim, has decided to remain at Florence, his parishioners at Florence being strongly opposed to his leaving.

LONDON.—*The Dean Boomer Scholarships.*—Rev. Principal Fowell, M.A., before leaving for England, testified in the strongest terms to the high esteem in which he held the two successful candidates for the above scholarships, Mr. O. Howard and Mr. Rhodes. The former has taken a high position in the college already, and had well earned the distinction of holding his scholarship for the second year. Mr. Fowell writes:—"I venture to predict the brightest and most useful future for both the 'Dean Boomer scholars,' and it must be a great cause of thankfulness to the promoters of the fund that the fruits of their labors are already becoming apparent."

A meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of the county of Lambton was held on the 27th ult. in the parish of Warwick. The clergy present were the Revs. Dr. Armstrong, of Moore, Rural Dean; H. A. Thomas, the Rector of Warwick; T. R. Davis, M.A., of Sarnia; R. McCosh, of Petrolia; William Stout, of Point Edward; J. Jacobs, of Walpole Island; H. P. Chase, of the Sarnia Reserve; William Johnston, of Forest, and J. M. Gunne, of Wyoming. The laity present were Messrs. T. Woods, A. G. Brown, R. Herbert, A. Williams, H. Kenward, E. Tanner, J. French, Jr., Silas Weebmong, Samson Jackson, etc. After reading a portion of Holy Scripture and prayer by the Rural Dean, the meeting proceeded to do business. As this was the first meeting since the election of Rural Dean to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. P. E. Hyland, Dr. Armstrong referred to his commission to the office, and asked Rev. H. A. Thomas to read His Lordship the Bishop's instructions to Rural Deans.

The Rev. T. R. Davis, M.A., was elected Secretary. A long discussion took place upon making correct statistical returns, and also upon increased efforts in regard to holding missionary meetings. A Committee was appointed to report upon a Sunday school and church workers' convention. The next meeting of the chapter is to be held at Forest.

The Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Thomas received the hearty vote of the Chapter for their hospitality in entertaining both the clergy and laity.

The Chapter closed by the Rural Dean pronouncing the benediction. In the evening a service was held in the church, and was addressed by the Revs. J. M. Gunne and W. Johnston.

SASKATCHEWAN AND CALGARY.

CALGARY.—Bishop Pinkham, D.D., left Calgary on the 7th of May, for an extended Episcopal tour through his Northern Diocese of Saskatchewan.

BLACKFOOT CROSSING.—Crowfoot, the great chief of the Blackfeet nation, died a short time ago, to the great mourning and sorrow of his entire tribe, amongst whom he was highly esteemed. The missionaries lose a good friend and one who always received their teaching with apparent seriousness and good-will. His career was an eventful one, a sketch of which would be of undoubted interest. Rev. J. W. Tims, C.M.S. missionary to the Blackfeet has returned from England and again settled down to hard work amongst his dusky people, who were very glad to have him amongst them again.

MACLEOD.—The Guild of St. Anne's in connection with the parish of Christ Church, Macleod, realized \$387.20, by a sale of work held recently. The ladies of the field had been working hard for months previous to the sale, and it was very gratifying to all that the undertaking was such a pronounced success.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the erection of a handsome tower to the Church and a bell (Meneely & Co., N. Y.), 500 lbs. in weight is to be procured.

Mr. Hilton lately received the handsome donation of \$72.50 from a lady friend in England. With this money a shed for horses and a fence round the church are to be built.

The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, meets in Winnipeg in August. The delegates from the Diocese of Calgary are:—Clerical.

Revs. J. W. Tims, A. W. J. Cooper, H. H. Smith, Ronald Hilton, J. J. Pritchard, H. W. Gibbon-Stocken, Canon Newton. Lay.—Hon. Mr. Justice Macleod, C.M.G., Messrs. A. D. Braithwaite, A. G. Wolley-Dodd, J. H. Cavanaugh, J. P. J. Jephson, W. Pearce, J. C. Cornish.

British and Foreign.

Mr. Lloyd, the new Bishop of Bangor, has defined himself as a moderate High Churchman; and, while seeking to defend and to advance the interests of the Church to which he belongs, expresses himself as anxious to live in harmony with Nonconformists. In reply to an inquirer who asked his position in relation to the Dissenting bodies, he said: "I hope to be able to live in peace and charity with all Nonconformists in the country; yet, at the same time, I shall feel it my duty to maintain and to defend the teaching of the truth—the Catholic truth. I shall be a churchman, upholding that which is committed to my charge."

There are three Presbyterian sects in Scotland, says John Bull, that are absolutely agreed on all questions of doctrine and discipline. Yet they remain apart, with divided energies and divided interest. There are several denominations in this country of which nearly the same statement might be made.—*Living Church.*

OXFORD AND THE EAST-END.—At the annual meeting of the Christ Church Mission to East London, held at Oxford on Sunday night, it was stated that the new Church of St. Frideswide in Poplar was nearly completed, and would be consecrated in July. The total cost was estimated at £6,500, of which there had been received £5,900, and an appeal was made to old Christ Church men for the remaining £600. Towards the close of the meeting the treasurer (Rev. W. O. Burrows) announced that he had just received an envelope, which, on being opened, was found to contain £600 in bank notes from an anonymous donor.

It is gratifying to observe that Irish Churchmen have voluntarily contributed a no less sum than £170,724, 5s. for Church purposes during last year, being an increase of £22,343, 6s. 8d. as compared with the previous year. The receipts of 1888 showed, however, a falling off, and this also happened in 1887, so that the Church may be said to have only recovered her former position. The Church of Ireland is now dependent upon her members; she is not a rich church, and the clergy receive very small stipends. These facts, without any others, show the difficulty with which she has to contend in carrying on her work.

THE BISHOP LIGHTFOOT MEMORIAL CHURCH.—The people of Sunderland are building the Church of St. Hilda as a memorial to the late Bishop of Durham, and one of the pillars will be erected from monies contributed by the Missions to Seamen at that place, and will have inscribed on it the words: "Built by the Missions to Seamen at Sunderland to the memory of their great benefactor, Bishop Lightfoot. It was greatly due to the late Bishop's persistent advocacy that the Missions to Seamen Church and Institute for the Port of Sunderland was provided. Hence the gratitude of Seamen expressed in this contribution to the Memorial Church."

The Bishop of Capetown has notified the clergy and laity of the Church of the Province of South Africa, in the Diocese of Zululand, that, pending the election and consecration of a new Bishop for Zululand, the Bishop Maritzburg has in his kindness consented to act in his behalf as vicar-general of the Diocese, and has been appointed with full power to exercise the spiritual oversight thereof, and that it is their duty, as he doubts not it will be their happiness, to submit themselves to him as to their chief pastor in the Lord, until a new Bishop shall have been consecrated to the Diocese.

Bishop Westcott and the Wesleys.—The Wesleysans of the Whitby and Darlington district, which is situated for the most part within the borders of the Diocese of Durham, thought well at their annual district meeting, held last week at Barnard Castle, to

send to the new Bishop a fraternal greeting. A telegram was first despatched congratulating his lordship on his enthronement, followed by a suitable resolution welcoming him to his Diocese. The chairman of the district, the Rev. Robert Stephenson, B.A., has received the following reply from the Bishop:—"I was very deeply touched by the telegram which I received from your meeting just as I was walking through the cloister of the cathedral on the way to my installation. I could not acknowledge it at the moment, for I had no distinct address. Your most kind note with the resolution adopted by your meeting enables me now to offer to the meeting, through you, my grateful acknowledgments and ledgments of the generous welcome which they have given me. As I endeavored to say on Thursday, I believe that God will give us, in His own way, that great blessing of unity for which on all sides faithful hearts are waiting and praying, and in the meantime I trust that we shall realise the power of the Spirit sent in His Son's name in our common endeavours to combat the terrible evils by which the life of men and of people is at present darkened."

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From our New York Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, June 3rd.—A most interesting confirmation was that which recently took place at St. Ambrose's church, this city, when two Japanese gentlemen, converts to the Faith, were confirmed by Bishop Potter. One, Mr. Awoki, had only just given up his false creed, and, after the confirmation, bestowed on each member of the class a memento in the shape of a Japanese curiosity. At the same time he made them a simple address, whose imperfect English was forgotten in the loving fervor of his words. He told them how he was not a Christian when he first came to this country, and how he was brought to the door of St. Ambrose—by chance as some might think—where he listened to the word of God, and "more singular still and surprising, at last bowed himself to embrace the doctrine of Christ." He expressed his gratitude to the congregation, "for," said he, "you have carved me and convinced me of the existence of the immortal God. . . . The benefits of life you have given me, both in the art of talking and in understanding the Divine nature which has planted in me a new Spirit. Yet I am an infant in this study, and my lack of understanding of the language renders it difficult for me to grasp things at once, so I shall wait a time to come when I am able to understand more clearly, and to thoroughly tell you my experience and about my country."

THE MISSIONS HOUSE.

In consequence of the anonymous donation of \$50,000, by a lady of Grace church parish, towards the \$200,000 required for the purchase of a site and the building of the house to be built for the use of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, on Fourth Avenue, next to Calvary church, to which reference has more than once been made in these letters, the Board has resolved to begin the work at once, and, first of all, to lift the \$55,000 mortgages on the property. The building committee will then enter into the necessary contracts for the erection of the Missions House, on the understanding that as soon as the funds give out, the work shall cease. But as only \$40,000 remains to be raised, the probabilities are all in favor of there being no occasion to break off. And in this connection it is pleasing to remark that, as the collateral Inheritance Tax could be by law and was levied on the bequests left by the late William H. Vanderbilt to the Church, and not least to the mission cause, two of his sons, Messrs. Cornelius and William K., have written to the Bishop of this diocese stating that, as residuary legatees of their father, they desired to reimburse the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the amount of the said tax, in order that it might enjoy the full amount left to it by their father's will. Such generosity was unexpected, and all the more welcome, as there was not even a moral obligation to make the reimbursement.

A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES.

It has been determined to open a training school for deaconesses in this city, in connection with Grace church parish. It will be held in Grace House, Broadway, and will be opened on the first of October next for the admission of candidates. The aim of the school is to send out graduates thoroughly equipped to be the helpers of the parochial clergy in their missionary and charitable work. With this end in view instruction will be given in the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer, with special reference to Bible class work, also in household management and the care of the sick. Special efforts will be made to familiarize the students with the actual work done in the hospitals, missions, homes, refuges, and reformatories of this city. Object teaching of this sort will supplement the instruction of the class-room. Extra studies for