

The clergy and laity of the diocese of Auckland presented the Bishop with £350 prior to his departure for England. The Bishop is also Primate of New Zealand, and by consecration is senior to all the Anglican Bishops except the Bishop of Gloucester. In the course of an interesting interview at Adelaide, the Primate stated that the Church has quite half the people of New Zealand, and is making satisfactory progress.

Excellent progress is being made with the work of restoration of Canterbury Cathedral, three-fourth of the entire amount having been subscribed, and it is hoped that it will be almost completed when the Lambeth Conference meets in July. The careful system of treatment to which the crypt had been subjected has revealed frescoes and paintings on the vaulting which had been hidden for a very long time. A most interesting discovery, made in the course of the excavation of the floor of the crypt, is that of a stone coffin of the date of the twelfth century, almost precisely similar to that of Stephen Langton in the Warrior's Chapel. The carved work at the east end is found to be in very fair condition.

The pastoral staff used by Archbishop Benson, while Bishop of Truro, and sometimes also in the diocese of Canterbury, has recently been placed in a niche prepared for it, in a recess of the pier at the junction of the south choir aisle with the Benson transept in Truro Cathedral. The staff was bequeathed by the Archbishop to the Dean and Chapter of Truro, on the understanding that it should be kept as a memorial, in the place where it could be readily seen by all. It is in design extremely graceful and simple, composed of ebony, with ivory crook enriched with carbuncles, and silver gilt mountings. It was presented to Dr. Benson shortly before his consecration on St. Mark's Day, 1877, by the tutors and students of the Scholae Cancellarii at Lincoln, to mark the British and Celtic traditions of the restored Cornish see. The staff is rounded at the top, and on the ebony shaft some spiral and interlaced work is introduced in metal. It is now placed in a case of Burmese teak lined with purple velvet and faced with glass, designed by Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A. A brass plate, with a short inscription to be contributed, at the request of the Dean and Chapter, by Mr. A. C. Benson, will shortly be placed beneath the case.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided on Wednesday week over the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the members of the C. E. T. S., held in the library of Lambeth Palace. The council in their annual report stated that the year had been one of steady progress. The general income amounted to £5,068 2s. 8d., and the expenditure £5,199 11s. 1d. The excess of expenditure over receipts was due to exceptional circumstances. Legislatively speaking, there had been no advance during the year. Although the C. E. T. S. Bill was introduced into the House of Commons, it was not possible to make any progress with it. The chief event had been the deputation to Lord Salisbury, to urge upon his lordship the principal points upon which the society considered that legislation should be conducted. With regard to the Licensing Laws Commission, the Central Temperance Evidence Board had done much useful work in the collection and presentation of evidence.



The first annual conference of the Brotherhood in England, was held on June 24th, St. John Baptist's Day.

Proceedings commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion in Westminster Abbey at 8 a. m. The meeting of delegates was held at 10 a. m., and a public meeting took place at 3 p. m., in the Convocation Hall, Church House, Westminster. At the last named gathering, the chair was taken by His Grace the Archbishop of York, while among the speakers was the Lord Bishop of Albany, the Lord Bishop of New York, and Eugene Stock, Esq.

Among those who were recently admitted to Holy Orders in the diocese of Carlisle, we are delighted to find the name of Mr. W. M. Plues, who for many years has done splendid work, as a layman, for the Church of England. Mr. Plues is an excellent theologian and an able controversialist. More than twenty years ago, he was the leading spirit in a band of earnest laymen, who even then did yeoman service, on the lines of the Brotherhood, in the city of New Castle-on-Tyne. He is now on the special clergy staff of the Bishop of Carlisle.

### Church of England Temperance Society of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

#### ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED AT SYNOD

It is now two years since this Synod unanimously adopted the platform of the C. E. T. S. as a basis for operations in connection with aggressive temperance work. Being thus a Synod organization, we feel that the members of this Synod will be interested in learning what work has been attempted and done by the Diocesan Society.

When I was elected secretary at the last annual meeting, I assumed that office under certain difficulties. The late secretary severed his connection with us without having handed in the minute book and other data of the society; and thus I shall only be able to review the work that has been attempted during the past year.

#### That Wonderful Churn!

I want to add my testimony to the list of those that have used the Lightning Churn. It does all that is claimed for it; you can churn easily in one minute and get a large percentage more butter than with the common churns. I never took the agency for anything before, but so many of my neighbors wanted churns that I ordered 30, and they are all gone. I think in a year every farmer will have a Lightning Churn; in fact, they can't afford to be without one, as they make so much more butter, and a good little bit of money can be made in every township selling those churns. By writing to J. F. Casey & Co., St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A., you can get circulars and full particulars about the churn.

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