

drawn from all sections of the religious public, who heartily enjoyed and profited by the privilege of hearing a noble illustration of the pulpit oratory of the Church of England, and an earnest presentation of the Gospel as this Church hath received the same from Apostolic teachers and the times. The amazing fecundity of brilliant illustrations drawn from history, art, nature and human life, which the distinguished preacher displays, made a profound impression on all his audiences, while the intensity of his pathos, the vehemence of his denunciations of sin, the vividness of his calls to repentance, and the distinctness of his teaching of Church truth as Bible truth touching the Sacraments, will ring through the memory and conscience and hearts of all brought under his influence through life. We very gratefully thank the Rev. John Langtry for bringing the great mission preacher to Toronto, and trust ere long to have others, especially Canon Body, who will follow up this work not in Toronto only, but in all the cities of the Dominion.

NIAGARA.

PORT COLBORNE.—The ninety-third meeting of the Ruri-decanal chapter of Lincoln and Welland was held in St. James' parish January 7th and 8th. Present Rural Dean Gribble, Revs. E. J. Fessenden, E. M. Bland, R. Gardiner, G. B. Bull, and A. W. Macnab, Secretary. Evensong was said in the Church on the 7th by Rev. A. W. Macnab, and an excellent sermon preached by Rev. E. M. Bland from St. John i. 51. On the following morning the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rector, assisted by Revs. Bland and Bull. The morning session was occupied by a very interesting and profitable study of St. John xix. and xx.

DRAYTON.—The Rev. A. Bonny begs to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following amounts, from friends in Hamilton, in aid of the Church debt of Christ Church, Drayton.

Mr. R. A. Lucas, \$10.
Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Stuart, Messrs. W. Ramsay, A. Friend, A. Powis, J. Lottridge, each \$5—\$30.
Messrs. G. Roach, A. Brown, H. McLaren, each \$2—\$6.
Mrs. R. Fuller, Mrs. B. G. Morgan, Miss McLaren, Messrs. F. C. Bruce, R. A. E. Kennedy, J. Pottenger, W. Carey, R. R. Morgan, R. Steele, E. Bristol, each \$1—\$10.
Three Friends, each 50cts—\$1.50.
Total \$67.50.

MOOREFIELD.—A watch night service was held in St. John's church, Moorefield, on the last night of the old year. The incumbent, Rev. A. Bonny preached from Gen. xii. 2. A large congregation was present, many being members of other religious bodies; and all seemed much impressed with the solemnity of the service.

On Thursday, January 3rd, a most successful Christmas Tree entertainment was given to the children of St. John's Sunday School, in the Temperance Hall, Moorefield. Though the day was unavoidably late; yet the full spirit of Christmaside gladdened all hearts. And the children sang their carols as joyously as birds. The "tree" was loaded and bowed down with presents for the little ones; and such dolls, toys, and books, were never seen at any Christmas tree in our parish before. Thanks, hearty thanks, to the kind ladies of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, who so liberally and lovingly contributed the larger and far the more valuable portion of the gifts. The large new hall was well filled, and some really excellent readings, recitations, and music, both vocal and instrumental, were given. As a time of happy, innocent, joyous mirth and gladness, the evening will long be remembered by young and old.

ST. CATHARINES.—St. Barnabas.—A very successful children's entertainment was held last week in connection with the Sunday school of this parish. A large number of handsomely bound books were given as prizes for conduct, lessons, and attendance. A programme of recitations and songs by the children was a very enjoyable feature of the evening. Special mention ought to be made of a pretty song and chorus rendered by fifteen little girls dressed in bright colours, with crowns on their head, and sprays of flowers in their hair. The children held in their hands red banners, bearing the letters of the motto, "A Merry Christmas." At the close of the evening there was another song with banners entitled "A happy New Year to you all."

The Sunday School is at present in a very flourishing condition. The Christmas Festival was celebrated in this parish with very bright and enjoyable services. The number of communicants, one hundred and thirty-six, a larger number than ever before recorded in the annals of the parish.

The Rector has established a branch Guild of the Iron Cross, which it is hoped will prove a source of strength and help not only to the individual members, but also to the parish at large. The objects of the Guild are to resist *Intemperance, Impurity, and Profanity*, perhaps the three greatest sins or vices commonly found amongst all classes.

FOREIGN.

The census of 1881 shows that in India there was then, out of a total of 202,000,000, a Christian population of rather more than 2,000,000; and of those 2,000,000, nearly half belong to the Church of Rome, about one-sixth to the Church of England, about one-seventh to the Syrian Church. The first Protestant Missions in India were Danish and were Lutheran, beginning work in 1705 at Trarquebar; and it is on ground ploughed by the Lutherans that English Missionary effort has been most successful in Southern India on the Coromandel coast.

The new altar which is now in course of construction for St. Paul's cathedral will have a table of ebony, with bronze figures of boys supporting the altar slab, and dividing the front into three compartments. In the centre is an *Angus Dei*, and on each side are angels in the act of adoration. The character of the sculpture is in general keeping with that of the cathedral.

One of the best known figures in English university life, the Rev. Richard Oakes, D.D., Provost of King's College, Cambridge, has just passed away, at the patriarchal age of 93 years. He was a man of fine scholarship and progressive mind, and the London press is full of tributes to his success, first, as a master at Eton, and afterwards as head of his college, which he raised to proud eminence.

NEBRASKA.—The growth of the Church in Nebraska is encouraging. A comparison of the statistics given in the Council Journal for 1888, with those given in the journal for 1887, shows the following gains; Organized missions, 20; baptisms, 216; confirmations, 207; communicants, 344; Sunday scholars, 685; increase in value of Church property, \$110,497; increase in contributions for missions—diocesan, \$1,522; domestic and foreign, \$302. Increase in total for all purposes, \$14,437. Twelve churches have been built, and several others are in course of erection. Four churches now being built will cost about \$90,000.

Mr. Henry Irving declares that "English actors would be the first to resist and oppose" the Sunday opening of theatres. As for himself, he says: "When I have been acting in cities where the Sunday performances are the most popular of the week, I have never played on Sunday, and, I need hardly tell you, I never should." From a player so eminent, we cordially welcome that testimony to the good feeling of the English stage.

The Scottish Guardian gives details of a remarkable confirmation service held at St. Margaret's, Lochee, near Dundee. Forty-four persons received the "laying on of hands," the largest number ever confirmed in this church at one time. Of the number, twenty-seven adults left the different Presbyterian bodies to seek confirmation, and six of that number had never been baptized in infancy. The service was most impressive and the church was crowded.

Yet Hyderabad is a city of nearly 300,000; the largest and much the richest native city in India; with very friendly relations between the natives and ourselves, and with a most loyal supporter of England in the Nizam. Few cities in India can need Christianity more. Few can have a lower moral standard. Few can have a ruling class more superstitious at heart, with an attractive veneer of European refinement. You meet eunuchs in the streets, and the hospital registers tell their own tale. The mortality among the poorer women in childbirth and their sufferings are excessive.

Mr. Horsley, famous as a wonderfully successful chaplain at Clerkenwell prison, and latterly secretary to the Waifs and Strays Society, has been appointed to the vicarage of Holy Trinity, Woolwich. This is his characteristic way of advertising for a curate.

The Rev. J. W. Horsley wants a fellow-helper to work in a poor parish near London (dio. Rochester). Full of tramps' lodging-houses, immoral dens, but also a real aristocracy of artisans. Evangelical High Churchman of liberal opinions. A priest that is

man, not a man that is a priest. A brother, not an underling. One who will be on fire himself without wanting to set the Thames on fire at once. £180. Another who could work without stipend would find plenty of wages.

Before leaving England in October, Bishop Crowther received a letter from his son, the Archdeacon of the Upper Niger, informing him of the demolition, by the chiefs of Bonny, of the Juju House, or Temple of Skulls at that place, which was for many years the receptacle of the bones of victims killed and eaten. Bonny has advanced in Christianity and civilization, but no attempts were made to remove this hideous memorial. The Archdeacon having spoken to the king and chiefs of the disgrace brought on the place by the building, they sanctioned its removal. The Archdeacon writes: "Chief Warribo sent for me in the morning to offer prayer and witness the clearing away of the skulls. I went, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Williams, and after reading Psalm cxv. and the Ibo "prayer for the king and chiefs" in the Prayer Book, the work of clearing up commenced. By six o'clock in the evening there was not one skull to be seen, or a post of the house standing. To God be praise!

The English Church Union, at its last meeting, in addition to giving its strongest support to Archdeacon Denison's "Declaration on Ritual," adopted a resolution on the topic of education, calling for an increase of state aid to Church schools, and for other amendments of the existing law. The mover stated that the National Society was founded in 1811, and that it and the British Society conducted the education of the country unaided by government until 1833, when the first grant in aid was given by parliament, which grant was further increased in 1839. The Church contributions at that time were five times as large as the parliamentary grant, and the Church then educated eleven-twelfths of the children of the poor. By and by the parliamentary grant fell from £140,000, until in 1865 it was only £19,000. Then in 1870 came the Act of Mr. Forster. At that time three-fourths of the children were being taught in Church schools. The cause was not yet a lost one; the Church of England was at this moment providing accommodation in Church elementary schools for two millions and a quarter of children.

Dr. Jer. Blake says:—
The degradation of the Hindoo religion is so deep, and the immorality and unnatural vices of both Hindoo and Mahometan races are so revolting, that the need of religious renovation is more urgent, and the opening for Christianity is more patent, than I had any conception till I saw with my own eyes and heard on the spot with my own ears.

The Indian mind, though now with most degraded objects and theories of worship, is essentially a reverent and religious mind, and, if once won to Christianity, would be a fervently Christian mind.

To win India to Christianity is not a hopeless task, if only enthusiasm at home were strong enough to multiply the army of workers tenfold, and to send men of such quality as those now at Delhi and Peshawur.

Every great religion still active in the world is an Asiatic religion, and the more imaginative or ideal side of Christianity is really akin to Indian veins of feeling and of thought, really Asiatic still.

England has no moral ground for holding India beyond the moral good she does there; and no moral good that she could do could equal the spread of Christianity over that vast continent, peopled by scores of distinct nations, with no unity whatever, except the subordination of each to one empire.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

ALGOMA.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make the following grateful acknowledgments. A small box of Xmas prizes from the W. A., of Napanee, per Mrs. Bedford-Jones, and a box from the W. A. of Brampton, per Mrs. Roberts, on the recommendation of Mrs. O'Reilly, Hon. Sec. C.W.A.S., Toronto. Also my usual Xmas box full of presents for my household, not forgetting the Plum Puddings, and a box of "clothing," books, &c., from old friends in England. I have also received an excellent Cassock well

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