

government. A collection was afterwards made, and the Bishop closed with the benediction.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Mission fund offertory.—About fifteen hundred dollars was the amount of the cathedral mission Sunday collections this year, which was about fifty per cent. better than last year's.

ONTARIO.

Instead of Bishop Sillitoe holding a meeting at Smith's Falls on March 17th, it should be Kemptville.

TORONTO.

ASHBURNHAM.—The Rev. Herbert Symonds, M.A., who is still much missed at Trinity by his many friends, was lately presented with a very handsome white stole by a number of graduates and undergraduates of St. Hilda's College. The signatories were the Misses Ethel Middleton, B.A., Mina Elliott, B.A., Sarah C. Nation, B.A., Constance B. Laing, B.A., Edith M. Mairs, B.A., Helen E. Rolph, Amy Halliday, Georgiana B. Potts, M. Ida Lowe and Edith Jones.

Trinity University Theological and Missionary Association.—On the second Sunday in Lent Mr. Dwyer, B.A., LL.B., took duty at St. Jude's; Mr. J. H. H. Coleman, B.A., at Bullock's Corners; Mr. Dumbrie, at Dunnville; Mr. McTear, at St. Matthias; St. Saviour's, East Toronto, was supplied by Mr. G. F. Davidson; Fairbank by Mr. Williamson; Norway by Mr. C. H. Buckland; Wexford by Mr. J. E. Fenning, and Milton by Mr. Starr.

Mr. Hugh Spencer, who has been in charge of Beaverton mission for the past few months, received a genuine surprise last week, in the form of a beautiful copy of Shakespeare. The choir endeavoured in this way to show a slight appreciation of Mr. Spencer's industrious and self-denying efforts in their behalf.

On Thursday evening last, Feb. 23rd, in spite of the inclement weather, a fairly large audience greeted Bishop Sillitoe, of New Westminster, at Trinity College. The meeting was held in the convocation hall, and was presided over by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who is the patron of the association. By the aid of a stereopticon, kindly managed by Mr. Mercer, splendid views were shown of some of the varied and imposing scenery in the British Columbian Diocese. No happier way of illustrating a lecture can be conceived, and the wonder is that this method is not used oftener. The mission work carried on by the aid of sisterhoods among the Indian children was dwelt upon, and a plea made for the establishment of brotherhoods to assist in the same cause. A very pleasant and profitable evening was thus spent.

NIAGARA.

GRIMSBY.—The annual meeting of the branch of the Woman's Auxiliary took place on Friday, Feb. 24th, opening with service and celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Andrew's Church. A short address was delivered by the Rev. C. Scudamore. After the service the members adjourned to the Misses Grout's residence for the business meeting. The following officers were appointed: Mrs. A. J. Pettit, President; Miss Grout, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Hagar, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. G. C. Pettit, Cor. and Fin. Secretary; Mrs. G. S. Morphy, Treasurer.

HURON.

WALKERTON.—The rural deanery of the County of Bruce met in convention in St. Thomas' Church on Tuesday, January 31st. The Rev. Rural Dean Cooper presided. Service began at 3 p.m. with Litany, read by Rev. A. Corbett, of Paisley. After the service the secretary, Rev. E. W. Hunt, of Southampton, read the minutes of the last meeting, held at midsummer in Paisley. On motion they were confirmed. Letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were read from the Rev. J. Thomson of Kincardine; A. H. Rhodes, Ljon's Head; W. G. Reilly, Chesley; and Mr. Hargreaves, of Paisley. The Rev. E. W. Hunt then gave an address on "The Church of England in Relation to the Spirit of the Country and the other Religious Bodies." This paper brought on a sharp discussion, being criticised by the Revs. Corbett, Burt and Robinson, the chairman summing up the debate. At the evening service the annual missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. A. F. Burt of Durham, who, on motion at the afternoon session, had been given the full privileges of a member of the deanery of Bruce. A fair congregation assembled and listened attentively to an excellent sermon. On Wednesday, February 1st, the annual Sunday School convention for the county was held. A large number of delegates came from Hanover with the Rev. M. M. Golding, and from Paisley and Pinkerton with the Rev. A. Corbett.

The service began with the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Hunt, who also preached the sermon. The offertory was devoted to the expenses of the convention. At 1.30 Mr. H. B. McKay, superintendent of the Walkerton Sunday School, read an excellent paper on "The Influence of Children on the Future Man." This paper was highly spoken of by several of the delegates, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. McKay by a unanimous vote. The Rev. A. Corbett gave an address on "Young People's Societies" with special reference to the Y. P. Apostolic Church League. A sharp discussion followed, in which the Revs. E. W. Hunt, A. F. Burt, M. M. Golding, S. F. Robinson and Messrs. Cowie and McKay took part, the rural dean summing up the debate. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Corbett, on motion of Rev. S. F. Robinson, seconded by Mr. H. B. McKay. The Rev. A. F. Burt gave an example, with crayon illustrations, of his method of teaching the Prayer Book by means of charts, which was highly appreciated by the assembled Sunday School teachers. A business meeting was then held at which it was resolved to hold the next meeting in June, in Tara. The Rev. E. W. Hunt was re-elected secretary, and a committee, consisting of the Revs. S. G. Robinson, convener, and M. M. Golding and A. Corbett, to make the missionary arrangements. At 7 o'clock in the evening a spirited meeting was held in the church, addressed by the rural dean, Revs. Hunt, Corbett, Burt, Robinson and McKay, concluding the most successful rural deanery meeting ever held in the county, and the first convention of the Sunday School teachers of Bruce.

THAMESFORD.—The congregation of St. John's has sustained the loss of one of its aged and respected members, in the person of Mrs. Jane Cowper, who departed from earth to enter the rest of Paradise on the 14th Jan. Mrs. Cowper came with her family from the county Fermanagh, Ireland, several years ago, and settled in Thamesford, and at death had attained the ripe age of 83 years, with faculties of mind vigorous to the last. The deceased lady was a consistent member of the Church of her forefathers, and of kind and unassuming disposition. She was greatly beloved and respected by all who formed the large circle of her acquaintances and friends; and of her it may be truly said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The congregation attending the funeral at the church was unusually large, and listened with deep attention to the impressive service, and the discourse by the rector, Rev. Wm. Stout, on the comforting doctrine of the resurrection, which was much commented upon as affording the truest consolation in the presence of death. Two former rectors of the parish, Rev. Prof. Seaborne, of London, and Rev. W. R. Seaborne, of Thorndale, were present, the former assisting in the service. Two sons, favourably known as the firm of Cowper Bros., and two daughters survive, and have the deep sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$310.65 from D. Kemp, Toronto, and \$635.97 from J. J. Mason, Hamilton. The finances of the Indian Homes are now in a very satisfactory condition; and the Government grant admits now of 100 pupils being trained in the two schools.

The Rev. J. Irvine, of Garden River Indian Mission, has been appointed to succeed Rev. E. F. Wilson, as principal of the Indian Homes, Sault Ste. Marie, and will enter on his duties March 1st, at which time Mr. Wilson leaves for Victoria, B.C. Mr. D. Kemp, of the synod office, Toronto, will act as treasurer of the Homes.

BRIEF MENTION.

At Cherbourg, France, an electric canoe is in operation.

Seven new planets, all small, were discovered during January last.

America mines 20,000,000 barrels of salt a year.

Silk worms were brought from China to Europe A.D. 402.

Psychologists say that people do their dreaming, or most of it, after 4 a.m.

Ben Jonson was 24 when he wrote "Every Man in His Humour."

Rev. W. R. Clark of Ancaster has removed to Barton. He will officiate until the new incumbent is installed.

The people of Tory Island, off the north-west coast of Ireland, are dying by dozens of malignant measles.

The Swiss telephone system is claimed to be the best and cheapest in Europe.

The Rev. P. L. Spencer has returned from England in good health. He acted on deputation work for the S.P.G.

A bill has passed the Assembly at Albany, N.Y., providing for the taking of acknowledgments of deeds, etc., in Canada.

Ireland sends annually 40,000 tons of eggs—about 640,000,000 in round numbers—to England alone.

The Rev. James Irvine is to succeed Rev. E. F. Wilson as superintendent of the Indian Homes at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Meteorological editor of a Mississippi paper, in describing the weather one day recently, said the "soughing rain sozzled and sizzled."

The average weight of the Chinese brain is said to be heavier than the average weight of the brain of any other race.

John Locke finished the "Essay on the Human Understanding" at 58.

The Commercial Cable Company proposes to lay a third cable from Canso, N.S., to Waterville, Ireland.

British India has 10,417 licensed opium shops.

Pliny ascribes the invention of the sling to the Phœnicians about B. C. 2,000.

A hundred years ago William Murdoch "illuminated his home with gas made in an iron kettle, and burnt at the end of an open iron tube."

Amoy, in China, bears the doubtful distinction of being the most dirty and unhealthy city in the world.

The Chinese Government will send out an expedition shortly to extend its telegraph system through to Kashgaria.

Distinguished New York Churchmen mentioned as successors to Phillips Brooks are the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, and the Rev. Dr. Satterlee, of Calvary.

The Emperor William has ordered a model of the church erected in memory of the Empress Augusta to be sent to the Chicago Fair.

Among the Saxons, when drinking healths, as many cups were drunk as there were letters in the name of the person complimented.

A fast penman will write at a rate of thirty words a minute, which means that in an hour's steady writing he has drawn his pen along a space of 300 yards.

Miss Miriam Sluder, a sister of the Franciscan Order, has left St. Louis for the Sandwich Islands, to devote her life to nursing lepers. She is 22 years old and beautiful.

Among the Digger and Ute Indians there is no edible so highly esteemed as the common grasshopper.

Mr. Gladstone is by no means the oldest member of the Commons, in spite of his 82 years. Charles Villiers is the father of that body, having completed his 90th year January 2.

A number of Bishop Potter's many friends in New York have transformed into an oratory a vacant room in the See House, for the Bishop's use. It served as a Christmas gift, and was an entire surprise to Dr. Potter.

In the early days many New England villages were built on hills for safety from the Indians. Some of these have been moved down into the valleys. Newfane, Vt., is now two miles from its old site, which is absolutely deserted.

The most costly piece of railway line in the world is that between the Mansion house and Aldgate stations in London, which required the expenditure of close upon \$10,000,000 a mile.

A small bird which inhabits the valleys and canons in Death Valley, Cal., is said to be very skilful in killing scorpions, which, it is further stated, seems to be its chief occupation.

There is a scrapbook full of money in the archives of the Treasury Department at Washington. The sum of the contents is over \$200,000, but it is all Confederate notes, bonds and "shinplasters."

Rev. W. R. Dixon, rector of St. John's church, Tilsburg, has decided to resign his charge owing to ill-health and remove to Hamilton, where he will act as assistant rector of St. Matthew's church.

The *Church News*, of Cobden, suggests that the rector of Christ's church, Ottawa (Archdeacon Lauder) be elected Bishop of the new Anglican diocese, thus joining the two offices and securing \$1,500 a year at once to the Bishop.

Pope Leo's family is very long-lived. With the exception of his brother, the cardinal, who died a few years ago at the age of 82, all his immediate relatives have lived to be more than 90 years old.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the writer of books of travel, is the first woman to deliver an address in the British House of Commons, having been summoned there to tell what she had seen of the Christians in Turkish Koordistan.

The new church organ to be placed in St. Thomas' church, Toronto, is now finished, and was built by the celebrated firm of Warren & Sons.