

GLENORA.—A successful concert was lately held here. The Rev. W. Langham Cheney is trying to raise funds to build a church, and if any mission in the Province needs outside help, it is Glenora.

TREHERNE.—The Rev. George Gill is doing an excellent work in this parish. His "night school" is very popular.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Dean of Huron is acting president of the London Humane Society.

Until 1840 Europe produced 80 per cent. of the world's wheat; now only 50 per cent.

In the French prisons religious instruction is provided for all inmates.

Egyptian children are never washed until they are a year old.

During the year ending November, American railroads killed 2,819 persons and crippled 2,000 others.

Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, D.D., of Chatham, Ont., died last Monday evening of paralysis.

The Emperor of China, who is 23 years old, is now studying the English and French languages.

The skeleton of the leather-winged bat is bone for bone and joint for joint, similar to that of man.

The British Museum possesses an iron axe head of 1370 years B.C., the oldest authenticated iron implement known.

A copper chisel has been taken from the famous mound of Lachish, in Syria, which dates back to about 1,500 B.C.

Little Switzerland has an enormous army in proportion to population. The population is 2,900,000, the standing army 126,000.

A piece of iron was found in an air passage of the Great Pyramid which may have been there since 3,700 years B.C.

Scott was fond of riding, and by day-light would be out with his horse and dogs. Most of his work was done before dinner.

The domestic pets of the world are believed to carry 80 per cent. of the common contagious diseases from house to house.

The Canadian Pacific bridge over Stony Creek is the largest in Canada, and has just been completed without a casualty.

An oak tree at Windsor Castle is over 1,000 years old. Local history says that William the Conqueror many times admired it.

The Ancient Order of Foresters in England now admits women into its ranks, and there are already 17 courts of female Foresters.

The Sultan of Turkey and the Shah of Persia each possess a prayer rug made of diamonds and pearls, and valued at \$2,000,000.

Canon Wilberforce, new canon of Westminster, is an inveterate cigarette smoker, and has for years waged a fierce crusade against intemperance, the opium trade and vivisection.

It is said that in England there are one hundred lives of Gladstone in manuscript, ready to be rushed to the printer the day the grand old man dies.

Trinity Church corporation, New York, has sold the Hudson street cemetery, 300 feet square, to the city council for park purposes. The price was \$520,000.

It is believed that the custom of raising the hat to ladies is derived from the days of chivalry, when the knights unhelmed before ladies.

An enumeration of the population of Aggerhus, Norway, in 1763, showed that 150 couples had been over 80 years married.

The committee of the Hamilton Branch Bible Society has secured the Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron as one of the speakers at the anniversary meeting on April 27th.

The laughing plant of Arabia produces black, bean-like seeds, small doses of which, when dried and powdered, intoxicate like laughing gas.

It is stated that a railway train travelling at the rate of 100 miles an hour could not be pulled up in a distance less than two miles with old fashioned appliances.

The first regular railway for carrying passengers was opened September 27th, 1825, from Darlington to Stockton, England.

The Bishop of Algoma and Mrs. Sullivan will shortly leave on a trip to southern climes. The *Algoma Pioneer* reports improvement in the Bishop's health.

In 119 cities of the United States there are 801,000 wage earners in enforced idleness. Dependent on these for support are 1,956,000 persons.

The most expensive illustrated book yet made is said to be a Bible now owned by Theodore Irwin, of Oswego, N. Y. It is valued at \$10,000.

Emperor William sells the products of his farm at Potsdam to whosoever will buy at market rates.

A family in Mitchell county, North Carolina, consists of seven brothers and five sisters, all of whom are over six feet in height. One of the brothers is said to be seven feet nine inches tall.

In the four years ending 1891 there were 15,947 murders in the United States. But 1,050 of the murderers were ever called to account for their crimes, and of these 410 were hanged and 640 lynched.

The Rev. W. M. Seaborn, rector of St. Matthew's Church, East London, has returned home from a six months' trip to England. Mr. Seaborn feels greatly benefited by the change, and comes back much refreshed.

During the trial of a case in London recently it was developed that dealers in eggs usually sell the bad ones to certain confectioners of that city, who use them in making candy.

It is reported that the governors of McGill University, at Montreal, have offered the principalship, made vacant by the resignation of Sir William Dawson, to Professor Henry Drummond, of Aberdeen University.

A Kansas wife was released from her husband because, as she stated in her petition, "the defendant pinched the nose of this plaintiff, causing it to become very red, thereby causing the plaintiff great pain and anguish of mind."

It is a singular fact that both Ottawa and Washington are without resident Anglican Bishops, but the diocese of Maryland, like that of Ontario, is proceeding to division in order to provide the capital city with a prelate.

The offerings on hospital Sunday in London, England, up to and including the year 1891, have been £573,000. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches contributed. Of this amount £444,000, or more than three quarters, came from the Anglican Church. This Church also led in 1891 and 1892 in offerings to the Kingston general hospital; in 1893 the Presbyterian Church led.

British and Foreign.

The Dean of Chester, in answer to a recent appeal for funds with which to restore the cathedral, has already received two separate donations of £1,000 each.

President Cleveland has appointed as United States Minister to Corea, Professor J. M. B. Sill, of Michigan, who two years ago was ordained deacon by the bishop of that diocese.

The Bishop of Truro proposes making a personal visitation this year of all the churches and parishes in his widely scattered diocese. The Bishop of Rochester has commenced a similar visitation, and the Bishop of Salisbury will commence his visitation in Wiltshire in May.

The Ven. Mervyn Archdall, Archdeacon of Cork, has been appointed to the Deanery of Cork, vacant by the death of the late Dean Warren.

It is stated that the Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D., who occupied the pulpit at the Metropolitan Tabernacle for some time after Mr. Spurgeon's death, has been immersed, and is now working with Dr. A. J. Gordon, the well-known Baptist minister of Boston.

A volume of selections from the writings of Dean Stanley is being prepared by Archdeacon Aglen, of St. Andrew's, for publication by Mr. Murray.

The Rev. Harry Drew arrived safely at Capetown in the *Dunottar Castle*, and has proceeded to Claremont, where he will remain until the consecration of the Coadjutor-Bishop. Mr. Drew will later on go up to Kimberley, on a visit to the Rev. the Hon. A. V. Lyttleton.

The Duchess of Sutherland has joined the Total Abstinence Section of the C.E.F.S. A former Duchess of Sutherland used to recommend champagne as the most wholesome of morning drinks, though injurious at night.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has accepted the nomination by the C. M. S. to the bishopric of North Japan of the Rev. H. T. E. Barlow, senior curate in charge of St. Michael's Church, Workington, a son of the vicar of Islington.

In reply to Mr. Perks' recent pamphlet against the scheme for a so-called Methodist Episcopate, the Rev. Dr. Rigg (the originator of the proposal) contends that his separated ministers will in no sense of the

word be bishops, because the duties that generally fall to the lot of the clergy of that rank are already performed as far as the Methodist Church is concerned by the district synods. It is to aid the synods to do their work more effectively that Dr. Rigg declares he is desirous of seeing certain men set apart for a term of six years and freed from the duties of a settled pastorate.

The Bishop of Rochester, at a special service held at St. Paul's Clapham, set apart as deaconess Miss Cecilia Robinson, who has been three years resident at the Training Home of the Rochester Diocesan Deaconess Institution. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Robinson, Norrisian Professor of Divinity, and brother of the lady set apart as deaconess. Thirteen deaconesses are now licensed to parishes in the Rochester diocese, and are resident in the parishes to which they are licensed. In the home of the institution there are now resident the head deaconess and an assistant deaconess, seven probationers for the office of deaconess, and visitors.

The Christian Social Union lectures at the Church of St. Edmund, Lombard street, have at least been interesting, though all may not agree with the views which have been put forward. The first address on Ash Wednesday was a very powerful one by Canon Scott Holland on national penitence; and the Dean of Winchester followed on Thursday with a series of warnings from history against letting the Church fall out of line with the movements and aspirations of the time.—*Rock*.

The Bishop of Nyassaland is anxious that diplomacy and not arms shall solve the difficulties there, for, he writes, "the people against whom the military operations are directed are nearly related and commercially connected with the Yaos of Unango, amongst whom our lot here is cast, and either the successes or the reverses of the British arms may prejudice our Yao friends against the missionaries or stray European travellers."

Sir J. T. D. Llewelyn, Bart, Penllergaer, has informed the authorities of St. David's College, Lampeter, of his intention to devote the interest of a sum of £5,000 to the purpose of furthering education at St. David's College. Sir J. T. D. Llewelyn proposes to give this sum in memory of his late son, Mr. W. Dillwyn Llewelyn, and the fund is to be called after his name. £100 a year from the income of this fund is to be applied, in such proportions as may be hereinafter decided on, to assist students of St. David's College to proceed to Oxford and Cambridge under the affiliation scheme, and £50 a year is given to found a scholarship tenable at St. David's College.

Australian Churchmen are calling earnest attention to the fact that Roman Catholics undertake to instruct Protestant children for fees less than are charged in the public schools, promising non-interference with their religion—a pledge that means nothing, for it is not dogma so much as atmosphere which influences the minds of children; besides, the Romanists do not regard Protestantism as "religion," and therefore by teaching these children Roman Catholicism they are not tampering with their religion, since they have none. Rome's steadfast aim in the Colonies, as elsewhere, is supremacy. Her followers are rapidly filling all available public offices. The priests are zealous advocates of religious education, and make a show of working with Protestants to secure their own ends.—*Rock*.

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.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Superannuation.

SIR,—I am in receipt of notice from Synod office re parochial assessment to the Superannuation Fund of the diocese, which is required to be paid over early in April. The clause of the canon authorizing this payment, is quoted in the circular, and applies to all parishes and clergymen in the diocese, as well as myself and parish. This canon was, as stated per circular, passed by the synod in 1877, but I would ask how much of it stands intact at the present date? From the alterations and amendments that have been made to it from time to time, one would be led to think that a similar book to the one explanatory of the public school law, would be an absolute necessity to a clear understanding of its working. I am therefore of the opinion (and very strongly too), that

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