

WATFORD.—Easter Day was the Rev. Geo. Wye's last Sunday in this parish. At each of the three stations he spoke in earnest and touching terms on the subject for the day, and referred only very briefly to his departure, commending his people to the care and guidance of the Almighty, and soliciting their prayers for a blessing on his efforts in his new field of labour.

The vestries met on the following day and after the usual routine, resolutions were passed thanking our retiring pastor for the faithful Christian work which he has done amongst us during the past three years, in binding together in Christian harmony the several churches which compose our parish, and also expressing in no uncertain terms the sincere regret which all feel at his unavoidable removal.

At St. James' church, Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Wye were specially thanked for their zealous and efficient work in organizing and carrying on successfully a large and prosperous Sunday School. On Wednesday afternoon and evening more than one hundred persons gathered at the parsonage to bid farewell to Mr. Wye and family and to wish them God speed. We all regret that Mr. Wye cannot remain with us and we congratulate the people of Amherstburg on securing the services of such a zealous and untiring Christian worker and such a powerful expounder of Gospel Truth.

A large quantity of Huron Diocesan News unavoidably held over.

ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING.—We are glad to learn that the lay reader who has been officiating here is to be ordained Deacon, on Trinity Sunday. The congregation numbers over 70. On 17th April, 17 were confirmed, before a congregation of nearly two hundred. Messrs. Penson and Stubbs are the churchwardens, who would highly appreciate any contributions towards a vicarage which they hope to build. Gifts of books or periodicals suitable for a Sunday School library would also be very gratefully received; they might be addressed to the Churchwardens, care Mr. Penson, Ferndale House, Lake Rosseau, Muskoka.

PORT ARTHUR.—During Holy Week, the Rev. C. J. Machin has had special services every day, and has preached seven special sermons on the Sayings of Our Lord. They have been exceptionally well attended, and this remark applies with special force to Good Friday.

Sunday, Easter Day, was a notable day for the Church of England folk. The morning service at Fort William was given up, the assistant minister, the Rev. M. C. Kirby, helping at Port Arthur instead. Many came in from the Fort and the Plot, among whom were 81 communicants. The total number of communicants was 96, such a gathering as the Church of England had not seen in Thunder Bay before; and yet a number were absent through sickness, absence from town, &c. The congregation was very large, and the choir strong and efficient. In the evening another large (and this time purely Port Arthur) congregation assembled, one attraction being a full choral service. The prayers, &c., were intoned by the Incumbent.

There was no anthem, but three familiar hymns were sung to enable the congregation to bear their part. The whole services of the day appear to have given great satisfaction to those who attended, and the offertory was a liberal one, amounting to \$64.21. Over the pulpit, lectern, and reading desk were hung small banners with appropriate Easter texts of velvet letters, cut out and prepared by Mrs. (Judge) Hamilton. Some exquisite flowers also were presented by Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Flaberty. The congregation are greatly indebted to the good taste and skill of Mr. Murdoch for the beautifully designed scrolls newly painted over and under the chancel window in readiness for Easter.

FOREIGN.

AFRICA.—A telegram has been received by the Universities Mission to Central Africa, dated Zanzibar, March 30, informing them that Bishop Smythies, the Rev. J. Key, and Dr. Ley had arrived at Zanzibar, via Wanga. They reported all well at Magila, and that fresh stores had been safely landed at Pangani. The Church Missionary Society have received a telegram from their missionary, the Rev. W. Salter Price, dated Zanzibar, April 1, indicating the safety of their missionaries at the South, and at the Usagara station. The telegram is as follows: "Letters Usam- boro, January 22; Mamboya, March 19. All well."

It is announced that the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the recommendation of the Church Missionary Society, has appointed to the vacant see of Travancore

and Cochin, South India, the Rev. Edward Noel Hodges, M.A., of Queen's College, Oxford, a missionary of the society now in Ceylon. Mr. Hodges was formerly principal of the society's college at Masulipatam, South India, and is at present principal of its college at Kandy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is announced to preside at the annual meeting of the Church Army, which takes place on Wednesday, May 1, at 8 p.m., at the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly. Mr. Edward Clifford, treasurer of the Church Army, returns from his visit to Father Damien and the lepers in the Sandwich Islands in time to be present on this occasion.

The remarkable growth in the number of new members joining the English Church Union since the commencement of the trial of the Bishop of Lincoln, who is a member of the Union, still continues, the total since January 1 being 2,020. The Union now numbers 26,000 communicants.

The Working Men's Lord Day Rest Association has issued a letter to members of Parliament, stating that from 200,000 to 300,000 barmaids and barmen work on the average fifteen and one-half hours daily, seven days a week, and that the passing of the bill for closing public houses on Sundays would be an incalculable relief to these overworked employees.

The Queen has sanctioned the appointment of a suffragan-bishop for the diocese of Carlisle, and Bishop Harvey Goodwin has sent her Majesty the names of the clergymen, one of whom will be chosen by her for the office.

At the recent consecration of the Bishop of Chester, the consecrators, with the exception of the Archbishop of York, all represented sees comparatively modern. They were Liverpool, Penrith, Wakefield, Ripon, and Oxford. The see of Oxford dates back to 1542, and was one of Henry VIII's bishoprics; all the others are the creation of the present century.

Lady Elizabeth Villiers has offered to increase her donation for providing new stalls in Peterborough Cathedral from 1,200l. to 1,400l. The cathedral restoration committee has accordingly decided to contract as soon as possible for the construction of as many of the stalls as the subscriptions promised may warrant. The committee has also decided to fit up the choir temporarily for public worship. With this object it is proposed to expend 100l. for the removal of the organ, 186l. for choir fittings, and 85l. for lighting. Canon Argles has offered to defray the cost of warming the choir when it is thus temporarily fitted up. The committee has further decided to proceed with the work of shoring and underpinning the south transept, and underpinning and stiffening the inner face of the foundation of the south transept gable.

JAMAICA.—The death is recorded on January 27 of Mrs. Duncan Campbell. She accompanied her father, Bishop Aubrey Spencer, when he was appointed to the see of Jamaica, in 1843, and became the wife of the Rev. Duncan Campbell, then a clergyman in Kingston. Amongst many other charitable acts they founded in 1865 an orphanage, the first institution of that nature established in the island. On the call of Mr. Campbell to St. Andrew's, Half-Way Tree, the orphanage was removed to that place, and with the help of friends (notably of Mrs. Brooks, of Ropley), the work was carried on with energy; but on the death of Archdeacon Campbell the burden of supporting and directing it, and even of teaching the orphans, fell on his widow. Though her means were lessened, and the whole support of the orphan children fell on her, with a complete self-denial she toiled on for nearly ten more years, till her death, which was due to a cold caught by visiting a sick girl. The orphanage has now had to be closed.

FRANCE.—At Paris Lord and Lady Lytton, attended by Mr. Austin Lee, Mr. McLane, the United States Minister, attended by Mr. Augustus Jay, and a large and fashionable congregation, attended recently the consecration of the new English church in the Rue des Bassins. The foundation stone was laid by Lord Lyons in June, 1887, and the church, by her Majesty's permission, has received the name of the Victoria Jubilee Church. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bishop Wilkinson, suffragan of the Bishop of London, assisted by the chaplain, the Rev. George Washington, and by the Rev. Howard Gill, chaplain of the Embassy Church, the Rev. Carlos Swain, and the British chaplains of Dieppe, Tours, Rouen, Compiègne and Chantilly. At the close of the sermon Bishop Wilkinson paid a well-merited tribute to Mrs. Way and Sir Richard Wallace, to whose munifi-

cence the construction of this handsome edifice is mainly due.

ITALY.—During 1888 the Pope's income amounted to £504,000, of which £372,000 came from the *abolus* of St. Peter, and £32,000 from the interest of moneys which are invested out of Italy. The outlay of the Vatican amounted to only £340,000. The highly satisfactory balance-sheet does not take into account a sum of £480,000 which his holiness received in money presents during his jubilee.

Correspondence.

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

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

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

SIR.—In my letter of last week I dwelt upon the hard lot of those who are in charge of Mission work far away from post office or store, a lot which should command our sympathy and help. Then oh! mothers of the Auxiliary, there is a heavier fold of the curtain which I would raise tenderly and delicately if I dared, but which you can by private enquiry lift for yourselves, and then judge how you would like your tender little daughters to run similar risks. Ask of those Missionaries who labour among the heathen of our own land whether the establishment of a mission station and the protective guardianship it strives to exercise over the dusky little maidens of the friendly tribes camped around it, often their own children's only companions *always* avails to shield them even at a very tender age from a fate worse than death? and still further, is there not more than one unwritten record of hearts torn with anguish during a fruitless search of years, hearts throbbing despairingly in the bosoms of the Lord's own messengers themselves? Just to know that that such things have been ought to rouse in our breasts the determination that *whenever a similar risk is run, or a mother's heart cries out to us from our mission field to lift this burden from her* we will at least try our best to do it, therefore let our Delegates to the Convocation come back to us with the very clearest views of what we may or may not undertake as members of the W.A.M.A., and if our rules should prove, after full examination, too stringent to leave us free agents to expand or develop our work, let us have them so amended that what our hearts dictate we may find our hands unshackled to do.

In connection with the practical side of this very important question it has been suggested that there might be found in every Diocese, one or more of the widows of those who have themselves been laborers in the Lord's vineyard who would gladly receive one such little one and be her foster parent during her necessary absence from the home nest. With the free and admirable educational advantages offered by our Dominion Government, no more would be required of her than this foster mothership, letting the child share in common with her own, all the school privileges of the town or city in which she may reside, passing through its full course and ending by obtaining the necessary Certificate which would ensure a position as Teacher, if need be, whenever and wherever she might desire to enter upon the duties. Not only would this work commend itself to the heart of those of whom I speak and to whom it would especially appeal as enabling them in some degree to carry on a work kindred to the life work of those they loved now "at rest from their labors," but the small remuneration it would bring with it, might be also in some small measure a lightener of their own burdens by assisting them in the solution of that ever recurring problem "how to make both ends meet."

Please, my friends, weigh even this material view of the question and see if we cannot devise some plan to bring our hoped for project to at least a satisfactory trial.

We would provide, if possible, such educational training, that at its completion the pupil may be not only equipped by the full development of her talents for her own individual work, but to be the right hand of her parents in school and mission work, with some knowledge of cookery, of nursing, and some acquaintance with medicine and rudimentary surgery. It would be difficult to limit the value of what the education we propose may achieve for parents and children alike. By taking a child, young, we may more thoroughly accomplish this end—and we could, the earlier discovered whether by the bent of her mind, she would be likely to realise our hopes, limiting our help and regulating our term of instruction accordingly. Like the "daughter of the Regiment," our Mission child would

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