

Association. Mrs. E. Harvey, Mr. J. B. Powell, Mrs. Lett, and a host of energetic assistants worked together with great zeal, and the result was an addition to the chime fund of some \$500. In the words of a local paper: "The Young People's Association is a live Institution, and from time to time the general public are made aware of this by the entertainments given under its auspices. On the 19th ult. it gave 'An Evening of Music' in the City Hall. The hall was well filled with such a fashionable audience as is only once in a while witnessed here. The reason for this is apparent when it is mentioned that Miss Nora Clench was advertised as one of the performers. Miss Clench was rapturously applauded. She stands in the very foremost rank as a violinist. Another taking feature was the readings by Mr. S. H. Clark, professor of elocution in the Toronto Conservatory of Music. It was Mr. Clark's first appearance before a Guelph audience, and it is to be hoped that it will not be his last. In 'The Two Bells,' and the stories which they told, his rich melodious voice appeared effectively. 'The Chariot Race,' from Wallace's Ben Hur was delivered with true dramatic power and fervour." The profits of this concert went to the chime fund.

The Sewing Class lately sent a package case of articles of clothing, together with books and toys given by S. S. Class 20, to the Rev. Mr. Young, of Magnetawan. There were also three other packages sent by members of the congregation to different places in Muskoka.

The Infant Class have given their offerings, \$2.71, through Mrs. Taylor and Miss Chrisholm, for the support of one of their number in the Orphan's Home, Toronto. For the same object \$1 has been given by Mrs. A. Hogge.

A beautiful set of embroidered book markers was presented to Church on Christmas morning by a lady.

Mrs. Gardner Harvey, Organist of St. George's, desires to acknowledge with many thanks the kindness of some of her friends in St. George's congregation, who last month gave her a very unexpected, but acceptable present, in the shape of a handsome sum of money.

*The Bible Association.*—This organisation, now consisting of 94 members, held a concert under the management of W. Howard on the 12th of December, which was very successful. The music and singing were by members of the Association, and was exceedingly creditable to their taste and training. Dr. Lett kindly presided, and there was a large attendance in the school room of members of the congregation and others. One of the features of the entertainment was a lecture by the Archdeacon on the history and associations of Westminster Abbey.

*New Year's Eve.*—There was service on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11.30, followed by a celebration of Holy Communion at 12.30. There was a good attendance, and about 60 remained for the Holy Communion. The Archdeacon gave two addresses, the first on the lessons of the past year, and the second on the duties incumbent on all through the year, on whose verge all were standing. We are like travellers, he said, who, standing on a summit of a hill, can see the path by which we have journeyed, while the road we have to follow is hidden from our eyes, and to some there will assuredly be many changes and revolutions—to all crosses, cares and disappointments. The hymns in the former part of the service were: "Days and moments swiftly flying," and "A few more years shall roll." As the hour of 12 struck, the hymn "Harp awake tell out the story," was sung. Part of the service for the festival of the Circumcision was used in the celebration.

*Mission School Entertainment.*—There was a very pleasant Sunday School entertainment held on the night of the 2nd in the school house, Waterloo Avenue, under the supervision of Mrs. Thomas W. Saunders and a number of assistant teachers. This branch of St. George's Sunday School is in a very vigorous condition, numbering about 100 scholars, with 10 teachers. The infant class, in number about 40, is in charge of Miss Saunders. A more pleasing-looking set of children it would be difficult to find in the Province. Brief addresses were given by the Archdeacon, Mr. T. W. Saunders, and Mr. E. Morris. Each gentlemen highly complimented Mrs. Saunders and the teachers on the efficient state of the school, and the children on their excellent behaviour. Several carols and hymns were sung vigorously, and Father Santa Claus in very wintry garb entered complaining of the Guelph mud and distributed a great profusion of gifts from two Christmas trees, which adorned the room, to the intense delight of the young folk and their parents who were present. The happy party broke up about 9.30, the doxology being

sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Archdeacon.

*HAMILTON.*—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The clergy and congregation are to be congratulated upon the handsome and costly memorial lectern presented to the cathedral by Mrs. Orr in memory of her late husband, Mr. John A. Orr, who was during his lifetime a warm friend of the cathedral, a constant attendant on its services, and a most generous contributor to its funds. The lectern, which is of polished brass of beautiful design and exquisite workmanship, stands five feet nine inches high, the shaft being surmounted by the figure of an angel with expanded wings and bearing on his shoulders the book rest for the Holy Bible. The following is the inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John A. Orr, entered into rest August 17, 1887." "Christ Church Cathedral, Xmas, 1889." This beautiful work was executed by the Gorham Manufacturing Company, of New York, and was procured through their forwarding agent, Mr. J. G. Geddes.

*THOROLD.*—Christmas was celebrated more joyfully here than in former years. The decorations were pronounced superior to those of any previous similar festival. Windows, doors, and arches all received a share of attention, texts being both numerous and tasteful. Arches of evergreens spanned at intervals the centre aisle. The singing was remarkably good, the choir being present in full force. A large congregation attended the principal service, and the offertory collections for the day amounted to as large a sum as ever was given on any previous Christmas. The congregation are about to spend \$300 in permanent improvements.

#### ALGOMA.

*ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.*—The Sunday-school children and members of the congregation of the Church of Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, enjoyed a pleasant evening's entertainment on Friday, Dec. 27th. They assembled in the house lately occupied by Mr. Kent, and in a few hours had tea ready in one room, and seats and a stage improvised in another. There was also a large Christmas tree, resplendent with candles, candies, and many presents, which were almost wholly the gift of St. Paul's Guild, Fort Erie. And here the missionary, Rev. Charles Piercy, desires on his own behalf, as well as on behalf of the Jocelyn churchfolk, to express gratitude to the ladies of Fort Erie and to their little "Busy Bee" friends. Tea over, a short entertainment, comprising Xmas carols, songs, dialogues, etc., wiled away a couple of hours. Then all gathered around the Christmas tree, which somehow seemed to bear something for nearly every person present. About 10.45 p.m., the singing of the National Anthem brought the happy event to a close. Such gatherings, by relieving the dull monotony of the Algoma settlers and widening the sympathy felt for them by Church people of Ontario, conduce to the glory of the Head of the Church.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A. New York millionaire, the late Mr. Crerar, has left 446,000/. for the foundation of a public library at Chicago, upon condition that French novels and works reflecting upon the Christian faith shall be forever excluded.

Bishop Potter is to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard University at the next commencement.

Already 16,000/. has been subscribed towards the fund required for the restoration of St. Saviour's, Southwark, the proposed Cathedral for London south of the Thames.

Mrs. Elliott F. Shephard, of New York, has given a Home, costing \$200,000, to the young working women of that city.

In less than four years the King's Daughters have sent out from the central supply 119,819 badges of membership. This year 67,894 new members were added.

Sir Edward Guinness, of London, has given \$1,250,000 to be used in the erection of dwellings for the poor of London and Dublin, the rents to be used in further development of the scheme.

It is announced from Constantinople that the Sultan has sanctioned the erection at Bethlehem of a chapel for Protestant pilgrims. It is stated that this decision is most gratifying to the German Empress, who has had the scheme particularly at heart.

The Pusey House, Oxford, has lately been harbouring several distinguished Socialists, one of

whom might have been seen dining in Christ Church Hall with Canon Scott Holland. It seems that a number of undergraduates have formed a "Christian Socialist Union," and Canon Holland, with Mr. Ben Tillett, had gone to Oxford for the purpose of inaugurating it. Only a very mild form of Socialism, one must imagine, could find source or centre in an institution like the Pusey House, but its principal, Mr. Gore, is credited by the younger members of the University not so much with having views as with having a complete programme of Socialistic aspirations. —London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*.

CANON ARGLES, who has already made several large contributions to the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund, has undertaken to defray the expense of scraping the internal stonework of the nave, which is estimated to cost 1,110/. The subscription is given in order that the work of restoration may not further be delayed, and because the committee are out of funds. The Bishop has given a second donation of 100/., and the feebees of Peterborough 50/. The family of the late Canon Pratt have given 110/. for a stall to his memory.

It is stated that as an outcome of an address issued by the Bishop of Lichfield to the clergy of his diocese, in which he requested those who were not bound by family ties to go out and labour for the Church in the colonies, the Rev. A. Pitman, vicar, and the Revs. M. C. Dickenson and A. J. Knight, curate of Christ Church, Tunstall, have sent in their resignations to Dr. Maclagan. They intend to proceed to Canada to labour in one of the large towns there, and will probably leave England about March next. Their stay in the Dominion is expected to extend over a period of about three or five years. The vicar has been at Christ Church about two years, Mr. Dickenson three years, and Mr. Knight a little over one year.

Meetings of the Executive and Finance Sub-Committees of the Birmingham Bishopric Scheme were held lately, the Bishop of Worcester presiding, and a report was agreed to for presentation to the Provisional Committee as to the probable cost of the scheme, the boundary, and the title. The original proposal of confining the Bishopric to the county of Warwickshire has been abandoned. It is now suggested to take in small portions of Staffordshire and Worcestershire, and to shut out portions of Warwickshire nearest Worcestershire on the south-west. The wishes of the people of Coventry have been met by the proposal to make the title the Bishopric of Birmingham and Coventry, but the Cathedral and Bishop's palace will be in Birmingham. The cost of founding and maintaining the Bishopric is estimated at 90,000/., and it is believed that there will be no difficulty in settling the site of the Bishop's residence when the time arrives. The whole scheme will be laid before the public after the meeting of the Provisional Committee early next month.

The number of conversions of ministers of different denominations to the Church in the United States from Advent 1888 to Advent 1889, is 37, as follows: Methodist, 11; Reformed Episcopal, 3; Baptist, 3; Congregationalist, 5; Adventist, 1; Unitarian, 1; Presbyterian, 3; Reformed, 6; Roman Catholic, 4. Of these two returned to the Church of their first love. Very few this year have gone from us. When they do go, it is blazed abroad upon every banner. One of our losses this year was a man of most eminent intellectual attainments but in practical usefulness always a failure to the Church.—*Church Year*.

The Proctors on each side in the case of "Reed and others v. the Bishop of Lincoln," have settled the pleadings, and therefore there will be no necessity for a hearing before Sir J. P. Deane, Q.C., the Vicar-General, in order to obtain his ruling on any disputed points. The cause is now ready for hearing before the Archbishop of Canterbury and his assessors.

The income of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for 1888, exceeded that of 1887, by more than \$140,000.

*THE LATE ARCHDEACON JONES.*—By the death of the Ven. John Jones, late Archdeacon of Liverpool, the Church has lost one of its oldest clergymen, the deceased having reached the age of 98 years. Mr. Jones graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1815, and in the same year was ordained deacon and priest, and appointed to the then new church of St. Andrew's, Liverpool, by the late Sir John Gladstone, father of the ex-Premier. After holding the incumbency for 35 years Mr. Jones was appointed to the living of Christ Church, Waterloo, near Liverpool, and this position he held at the time of his death. When Archdeacon Brooks died in 1855 Mr. Jones was chosen Archdeacon of Liverpool, a post

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