

the candidates. After alluding in terms of warm commendation to the evident tokens of progress in the parish, he encouraged those who had just been confirmed to stir up the gift that was in them, and to 'grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

The address, which was at once practical and spiritual, was listened to with devout attention by the large congregation. The recessional hymn was 271 (H. A. & M.)

"O, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end."

A MEMBER OF ST. MARK'S CONGREGATION.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MORPETH.—The new church in this village was opened for divine worship on the 19th inst. It is a very ecclesiastical building of gothic style. The exterior is of red brick with stone facings. The interior has an open roof, the boards placed diagonally on the rafters and purlins with corbels between the windows; the whole stained and varnished. There are stained windows in the east. It will seat about 400 persons. Lloyd & Co. were the architects; and it is a very handsome building, but we are afraid it is the same old story of injudicious expenditure for so small a village, and no likelihood of growth, but the reverse. The church, we understand, cost about \$5000—over \$3000 of which, we believe, is borrowed at ten per cent. interest. It is an "ornament to the architect," but we are afraid it will prove a "graveyard to the parson," financially.

Prayers were said by the Incumbent; the Ante-Communion by the Venerable Archdeacon Sandys, D.D., who also preached a very eloquent and appropriate sermon.

WARDSVILLE.—For over thirty years the church families of Wardsville had worshipped in the quaint old edifice where first they assembled. But the congregation outgrew their place of assembly. The new church is a handsome brick edifice seated on a gentle elevation in the centre of the village, and presents quite an imposing appearance. There is a large airy basement designed for a Sunday School, lecture room, and other church purposes. The body of the church is church-like, accommodation sufficient. The roof is high and partly supported by light pillars: there is a handsome chancel, the greatest adornment to a church. At the end opposite the chancel there is a neat small gallery designed for the organ and choir. There are six memorial windows placed there to the memory of departed friends, three by Mrs. Hammond, two by Mr. Stokes of Newbury, and one by the Rev. G. W. Wye, former Incumbent. The cost of the building is understood to be from \$5,000 to \$6,000, all paid except a small balance of \$450, so the Minister and people look forward to consecration at no distant day.

The opening for divine service took place on Sunday the 19th instant. The absence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of the diocese in England prevented his being present and deprived him of the pleasure of performing a duty that is his greatest pleasure. In his absence the Bishop's commissary, Ven. Archdeacon Sweatman, preached at morning service a very impressive and appropriate sermon, who also with the Rev. G. W. Wye, and Rev. W. Hinde, read the morning service. At afternoon service, the Rector, Rev. W. Hinde preached, and at evening service, Rev. G. W. Wye, formerly Incumbent of Wardsville, now of Port Burwell. The congregation at each of the three services was very large—the church literally crowded—many families evincing the deep interest they felt in the opening of the new church by coming considerable distances from all the surrounding country. We cannot refrain doing ourselves the pleasure of naming some of the most zealous and energetic in the good work now completed. He with whom the undertaking had its first conception, Mr. W. D. Hammond, now sleeps in a vault underneath the main body of the church, a fitting resting place to one of the faithful sons of the church. Mr. Hammond was not long alone in the good work designed. Several warm hearted churchmen aided him nobly in his enterprise, many of whom may be named: Messrs.

Munroe, Kent, Henderson, Neill, O'Malley, and others, while friends from Glencoe and Newburg gave cheerful aid. The foundation was laid and the church roofed in during the Incumbency of Rev. G. W. Wye, now of Trinity Church, Port Burwell; and now in the Incumbency of his successor, Rev. W. Wye, it is opened for divine service.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING.—A very successful bazaar, in connection with the Mission of Thunder Bay, was held in the dining room of the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday, the 18th December, 1878. The refreshment table loaded with the good things of this life was liberally patronized. Articles useful and ornamental were offered for sale at another part of the room, and most of the items contributed were disposed of. Net proceeds, \$200. The neat little church was profusely decorated preparatory to the Festival of the Nativity. In this land of fir, material is not wanting to beautify the place of God's Sanctuary, and it was supplied with taste and abundance. A cross of dried flowers and leaves hung in front of the Holy Table, and another wrought into the sacred monogram (I.H.S.) was equally conspicuous at the lower end of the building. This little congregation, with unexampled self-denial and liberality, has raised over \$1000 during the past fifteen months, and it is hoped that in another year, the debt upon the parsonage will be wholly liquidated.

British and Foreign.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Daily Chronicle is authorised to contradict a report which had been circulated that the Archbishop of Canterbury contemplated resigning his office.

The year 1880 will be the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Sunday-schools, and the Committee of the Church of England Sunday-school Institute propose commemorating the event by a series of services, conferences, and meetings of an unusually important character. The proceedings will extend from June 28th to July 4th, of that year. It is also proposed to mark the occasion by founding a 'Centenary Fund;' the contributions to which will be applied to the erection of a building more adapted to the special purposes of the Society, whose constantly-increasing operations in the extension and improvement of Church of England Sunday-Schools make the need of larger and more suitable premises very pressing.

The Scottish Guardian states: The nave of Edinburgh cathedral is now, we believe, quite ready for the performance of divine service. The nave has been separated from the transepts and chancel, in which building operations are still actively proceeding, by a large screen, in front of which a temporary sacarium and altar, with choir stalls, have been erected. An organ is also in place—not the organ that is to be, but one that in future may be utilized for choir practice. The lighting and heating arrangements in the nave are also complete.

The Very Rev. James Francis Montgomery, D. D., was, as we are informed, on the 1st of January transferred from the Incumbency of St. Paul's, York Place, Edinburgh, to that of St. Paul's, Carrubber's Close. We believe, however, that the arrangement is only of a temporary character. The very rev. gentleman thus retains his Deanship, and his position on the Walker Trust. The Rev. E. Hamilton Blyth will now enter upon his duties as Senior Incumbent of St. Paul's, York Place, the Rev. J. B. Fletcher having been some weeks since instituted to the Junior Incumbency. The Rev. W. M. Meredith, formerly Incumbent of St. Paul's, C.C., will now officiate at St. Mary's Cathedral precincts.—Scottish Guardian.

UNITED STATES.

In Connecticut, Mr. Henry R. Jefferson, formerly a Presbyterian Licentiate, has been ordained deacon, and Mr. Johannes Rochstroch, formerly a German Evangelical Lutheran minister, has been confirmed.

Trinity church, Cleveland, of which the Rev. Dr. Brown is rector, commemorated its fiftieth anniversary the Sunday after Christmas in a very interesting manner.

The steps being taken to endow a scholarship in the theological department of the university of the

south in memory of the late Rev. C. C. Parsons, are likely to prove successful.

Mr. J. G. Haigh, late a Methodist minister in Wisconsin, has applied to become a candidate for holy orders, and is studying at Nashotah.

Bishop Coxe was snow bound in the late storms, and compelled to spend Christmas day in the cars. He is much worn by the exposure and fatigue, but insists on continuing his visitations.

Mr. Homer J. Broadwell, late a Congregational minister, and Mr. J. J. McNulty, late a Presbyterian minister, have been accepted as candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Connecticut.

Churchmen in Galveston, Texas, are building a parochial school, which is to cost \$14,000, and will be dedicated free of debt. They are raising money, also, for a mission building in the east end of the town.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Managers, New York, it was decided to discharge the present Committee for Indian missions, so that the administration of these missions may be confided to the Domestic Committee.

The eleventh annual convention of the Church in Albany was held on Tuesday, January 14th, the bishop presiding, and adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. The convention was opened with divine service and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The bishop reported in his address the following statistics: Confirmed, 856; celebrations of the Holy Communion, 37; sermons, 70; addresses, 13; clergy dismissed, 9; clergy received, 13; clergy added by ordination, 1; present number of clergy (bishop, 1; priests, 106; deacons, 10), 117; ordinations, 5; postulants admitted, 2; admitted as candidates for Deacons' Orders, 4; for Priests' Orders, 4; total number of candidates for Holy Orders, 18; licensed lay readers, 8; missions organized, 4; baptisms, 2; marriages, 3; burials, 3; clergymen deposed, 1, (by the Bishop of Connecticut), at the request of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese; notices of deposition received, 10. The convention was organized for business, eighty-one clergymen and representatives of thirty-two parishes being present. The secretary, treasurer, and registrar of the last convention were re-elected. The report of the board of missions was presented by the Rev. Dr. S. H. Coxe, and interesting addresses on the mission work of the diocese were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Olin, the Rev. Dr. Dean, the Rev. Mr. Norton, and Mr. Henry R. Pierson, after which, and some further discussion as to the amount to be appropriated to mission work for the coming year, a resolution was adopted that \$12,500 be appropriated to the mission work of the Church in this diocese; that the clergy and laity use every effort and means to reach the above sum; suggesting to the board of missions that the appropriation be made this year upon the same basis as last year, and that, if there is an increase from quarter to quarter in the receipts, the board govern its future work accordingly.

MISSION WORK.

CHINA.—A serious outrage has been perpetrated on the C. M. S. Mission at Fuh-Chow. Only a few weeks ago the new chapel at Kiong-Ning-Fu was pulled down and the catechist driven away.

PALESTINE.—The C. M. S. has taken up a mission at Gaza, carried on for the last three years by Mr. W. D. Pritchett; and the Rev. A. Schapira, late of West Africa, a Christian Jew, has been appointed to the new station.

TURKEY.—The Bishop of Gibraltar, in a recent pastoral letter, states that a Nonconformist congregation has offered him 1,000 Greek Testaments for circulation in Cyprus. From the cordial relations which have always existed between him and the Greek bishops, he sees no reason to believe that any difficulty will be raised as to their distribution.

A correspondent of a contemporary writing from Zanzibar, Nov. 12th, says: "My heart goes out to these poor people more and more when I see them wholly given to their false religion, so dry and cold as it is, so entirely wanting in all that can touch the heart. They have no comfort in this life from their religion. There is no rejoicing in the salvation so freely given—no happy love for, and trust in, a risen living Saviour. I long so to bring them to the knowledge of our Lord. But though they often listen with interest when I read the Gospels to them, and say it is very beautiful, yet it rarely seems to touch their hearts. Poor Sheik Hamis, who died two years ago, was a singular exception. His whole heart seemed to go out to Jesus in a way that was quite affecting. I wish you could have witnessed a scene in a house where I am on most friendly and intimate terms. I took with me one of the large Arabic Bibles given us by the Bible Society. The master of the house took