

cathedral recently. The confessional records form a part in the service numbered over 1,000 voices.

On last Trinity Sunday the Lord Bishop of New castle on Tyne held an ordination service in Hexham Abbey. The last ordination held on the spot was in the year 820 A.D., which is just 1,077 years ago.

A new Fishermen's Institute in connection with the Missions to Seamen Society, is to be opened early in August next by the Archbishop of York at Scarborough, as a local memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

A mission on the lines of the Oxford House, is to be established in the poor district adjacent to St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It is to be known as the Inn of Court Mission, and its first warden is to be the Rev. H. G. D. Latham.

The infant daughter of T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of York, was baptized on June 7th in Sandringham Parish church. The Archbishop of York officiated and the infant Princess was named Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary.

The death is announced of the Rev. Claude Bousanquet, who for many years past was vicar of Christ church, Folkestone. The late Mr. Bousanquet was one of the very few blind clergymen holding cures in the Church of England.

A Thanksgiving service was held in Salisbury cathedral recently in commemoration of the 1,300th anniversary of the baptism of King Ethelbert. The choir numbered 1,440 voices and a congregation of nearly 7,000 attended the service. The Bishop of Minnesota preached the sermon.

Mgr. Antoine, the Archbishop of Finland, attended the great Jubilee services held this week in London on behalf of the Orthodox Church of Russia. He was especially deputed to do so by the Czar. He will be present also at the services held in connection with the forthcoming Lambeth Conference.

The first annual conference of the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in England took place in the Church House, Westminster, on the 24th inst. (St. John Baptist's day). The Bishops of New York and Albany, and Mr. Eugene Stock were the principal speakers. A corporate communion service was held in the Abbey at 8 a.m.

The Bishop of Gloucester enjoys the unique distinction of being the only one of all the bishops attending the Lambeth Conference this year who has been present at all the gatherings. The bishops attending the conference in 1867 numbered 76; in 1878, they numbered 100, and in 1888, 145. This year it is expected that over 200 bishops will be present.

Archaeologists will be glad to hear that some interesting discoveries have just been made at the ancient parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham. To facilitate the work of restoration it was found necessary to remove the porch on the south side, and this revealed portions of the original Norman structure. It is found that the present west wall is in reality part of the chancel of the old Norman church, and in the porch taken down were the remains of an ancient structure, showing that an altar once stood near the spot. Two old Norman windows, one in the porch, and one in the staircase close by, have been laid bare, whilst a Greek slab, adorned with the figure of the Goddess Euphrosyne, has been discovered, built in the masonry. It is conjectured that the latter was an importation, and was originally inserted in that position in order to preserve it. Sir Arthur Blomfield, the architect for the restoration, has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it will not be possible to save the old Norman work found in the porch, owing to the extensive cracks and fissures existing; but the fine doorway, which manifestly

belongs to a date anterior to the erection of the present church, will be carefully preserved.

THE HIGHLANDS OF ONTARIO.

Sir, Now that the hot season is approaching many of the clergy and their families will be thinking of a holiday outing. What most people desire at this time is a calm and quiet retreat where they could rest and recuperate. Such a desirable resort is to be found in the village of Bancroft, North Hastings. The village is reached from the west by the L.B. and O. railway, from the south by the C.O. railway, and daily stage line. There is a daily mail and telephone communication with Toronto. A church weekly Eucharist and Sunday service. The scenery of North Hastings is very much like that of Muskoka, and looks as if fresh from the Creator's hand. A network of little lakes with beautifully clear limpid waters, abounding in trout, stretch over the country. If any of our clergy desire to visit the "Highlands of Ontario," further information would be gladly furnished by Mr. Geo. Jarman or myself.

THOMAS LEECH,

Missionary Priest.

Mission of Dungannon, North Hastings.

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To the Editor of Toronto World.

Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Toronto Anglican Synod in to-day's issue, certain criticisms on the Mission Board by speakers yesterday are calculated, considering the wide circulation of your paper, to do much injury to the cause of missions, that is the support of a number of our clergy. Though I am a lay delegate of a parish which has paid its Synod assessment, I am unable to attend, and cannot therefore speak to the question, but I shall feel obliged if you can find space for this my humble protest.

I have been a member of the Mission Board every year but two or three for a great many years, and I can bear willing testimony to the diligent and patient work that has been done there. Though the speeches have occasionally, but not often been unnecessarily long, but little time has been wasted at the meetings. An honest effort has always been made to do justice to the claims of the missions and the clergy, and if this has not always been meted out, it has not been from lack of goodwill, care and diligence, but from want of funds. Party feeling, which some years ago ran high in the Synod, never manifested itself at any meeting of the Mission Board at which I have been present, and I have not missed many. Mr. Jones makes a very general, and I cannot but think a very unjust attack on his clerical brethren. The rest of his charge amounts to this, that the Mission Board has been too liberal—making grants when they had not any funds in hand. In this, from a business point of view, he is undoubtedly correct, but if the board erred in such cases it was from a business zeal in a good cause, not sufficiently counting the cost.

Let the laymen in the diocese do their part in increased liberality to the Mission fund, particularly to that of this diocese, and the Mission Board will be enabled to do its work well and efficiently with the funds properly at its disposal.

The laity, I can assure them, may be certain that every dollar that they contribute to the mission, or any other Church trust, will go to that fund. I cannot see what ground there is for supposing otherwise. The secretary of the Synod acknowledges receipt of every dollar sent, and enters it under the proper heading. These sums duly appear in the Church returns published every year. If at any time in the case of any parish there may appear to be a slight discrepancy, our secretary will, I am sure, be able to explain it to the entire satisfaction of any enquirer.

I do not suppose that any one will imagine that I have any personal end to serve in sending these few lines to the public, but I may as well mention that I wrote last week requesting that my name

should be taken off the list of the members of the Mission Board, as I am set down as representing Haliburton, in which rural deanery I have ceased for some time to be a resident.

CHAS. JAS. BLOMFIELD,

Lakefield, June 9, 1897.

OUR LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

From Our Own Correspondent.

We are in the throes of the keenest expectation of keeping the great commemoration day. It has been long since an event in England—in Britain I ought to say—has bent all people's thoughts in one direction and made the whole nation's heart beat as that of one man. And thinking of the nation, we of course take in the Empire from every part of which come significant signs and foreshadowings of great rejoicings. Indeed one very direct result of the Diamond Jubilee is the very obvious object lesson to the world of the enormous extent as well as the striking variety of the Empire. Kipling's lines in the song of the English find a responsive chord in every true Imperialist's heart.

Fair is our lot, oh goodly is our heritage,
(Humble ye my people, be fearful in your mirth),
For the Lord Our God on high
He has made the sea as dry;
He hath smote for us a pathway to the ends of all the earth.

And the producing cause of our Imperial greatness and glory, the gentle and gracious religion of Jesus Christ, is being duly honoured in our midst in two ways. The coming of Augustine and the consequent conversion and baptism of Ethelbert received becoming commemoration at a striking service at St. Paul's in the morning of Whitsunday, and a massive sermon was preached by the Primate on the same theme in the evening at Canterbury cathedral; the Primate saying they that day were celebrating the anniversary of the baptism of King Ethelbert because it was the beginning of the conversion of all the race to which we belong settled in these islands. Looking back, we saw that from that time until this there had never been a break in the succession of the English Church. It had had its fluctuations, there had been changes for good and for evil such as we always saw in the history of human nations and of all human institutions, but the light of the Christian life had never gone out. It was a wonderful blessing to look back upon all this and to see the hand of God in all the work which He has done in this Church of ours. He bade them do their part to let all future generations know that they valued what the past had given them.

Then every preparation is made to mark the commemoration day itself as well as the previous Sunday, by special hymns and services. Care has been taken to explain that the Thanksgiving service on the steps of St. Paul's is to be only an incident in the day's proceedings; the Sunday before is to be the general Thanksgiving day; the Prince and Princess of Wales, if not the Queen-Empress herself, will take part in the nation's act of gratitude in St. Paul's cathedral. Should we all be spared the day will prove for motherland and daughterlands one of unparalleled occurrence and one of unmatched importance.

The Fall of a Star is a new book just appearing in Macmillan's Colonial library, and it has been long since I read such a fascinating story. Sir William Magnay throws his magic spell over you, and you are egged on with continual wonder as to how the story will end. Another book, the Philanderers, should have a special interest for South Africans, as it deals with raid, etc. A soberer work, but invaluable in its way, is the new scholarly book by Rev. F. Rendall on the Acts of the Apostles. The Greek text is given, and though the notes are very short, they are very much to the point. The map is a model of clearness, and in the introduction nothing is omitted which has an important bearing on the style, drift and matter of this inspired sequence to the life of the Head of the Church as recorded in the four Gospels.

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