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to draw out sympathy." Dr. Rainsford spoke of the fertility of the African soil, which he declared to be richer than that of the Canadian North-West. "Two or three crops a year can be raised," he said, "and corn grows from 12 to 15 feet high in four months. No fertilizer is needed, as the soil is too rich. I have seen a gum tree grow 98 feet high in nine months. Still not one acre in 5,000 is properly tilled. This land will raise the best cotton in the world and the best coffee." The speaker gave some interesting details concerning his

journey through Africa, and said that his guide was a son of the man who piloted Stanley through the Dark Continent in search of David Livingstone.

One of Toronto's oldest Churchmen was honoured last Thursday by the "Old Boys' Association of Upper Canada College." Their president, Mr. W. G. Gooderham, Sir Henry Pellatt, Major Musson, Messrs. Boyd, Harman, Nicol, Arnoldi and Scott, went to his home to present their old master, William Wedd, M.A., LL.D., with

a purse of gold on the occasion of his 89th birthday. Hundreds of old boys now scattered far and wide received their classical instruction from Mr. Wedd. Grey-haired judges and lawyers and many others who have themselves passed the allotted span, are among the veteran master's pupils who have selected this occasion to honour their preceptor of the long ago. The old master's association with Upper Canada College started in the thirties when he was a college boy himself. Head boy in 1843 he left the institution just long enough to get his University degree, after which he went on the staff as a teacher. William Wedd soon became known as the most brilliant classical scholar in Canada. In the memories of the younger men William Wedd remains as a kindly patriarch with a snowy beard and a gentle manner. Old age at last forced the veteran to doff the gown and mortar board and forsake a life of teaching for well-earned repose among his books at home. Mrs. Wedd was also the recipient of a magnificent basket of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Wedd were married in Holy Trinity Church

British and Foreign

The two Western towers of the Cathedral of Lahore, long left incomplete, have recently been completed by a strong effort on the part of the Diocese—a fitting conclusion to the episcopate of one of its most distinguished Bishops, Dr. Lefroy, who has been translated to the Metropolitical See of Calcutta.

The money collected for the hospitals in London on a recent Hospital Sunday, amounted to the sum of £28,410 os. 4d. More than three-quarters of this amount was contributed by the Church of England. Of individual churches in London, Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, sent a collection of £839, and St. Michael's, Chester Square, £571.

Bishopthorpe, the residence of the Bishop of Goulburn, Australia, has been reduced to absolute ruin by a fire. It is thought that a spark from the kitchen chimney lighted on the roof, which was of shingle. There was a severe gale blowing, and in a very short time the whole building was gutted. The Bishop has not been in residence during the past six months. The total loss is reported to amount to some £10,000, of which only £2,500 is covered by insurance.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is mering the twelfth year of his Primacy, which exceeds in length those of St. Augustine, St. Alphege, Thomas Becket, and Edmund of Abingdon, while the time he has spent in England at his post exceeds that of the exiled St. Anselm, whose Primacy lasted a little over fifteen years. He has, therefore, acted longer as Primate of All England than five of his canonized predecessors. He has also exceeded the working years of Archbishop Laud, and will soon exceed his reign of eleven years and four months.

The Lord Bishop of London has appointed the Rev. H. P. Cronshaw, the Vicar of St. Mark's, North Audley Street, to the prebendal stall in St. Paul's Cathedral, vacant by the death of the late Rev. Prebendary Barff. Mr. Cronshaw was ordained by the late Bishop of Liverpool in 1886. Subsequently he worked in the dioceses of Exeter and Hereford. In 1899 he was appointed General Secretary of the Church of England's Men's Society, and two years later became Domestic Chaplain to the present Bishop of London, and in 1903 he accepted the vicarage of St. Stephen's, Paddington. He went to St. Mark's in 1909.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BABY BIRD?

By Mary Galloway Woodall.

Two little birds had built their nest inside of a porch, high up under the roof. Here they were safe from wind and rain, from prowling cats or any unfriendly birds, and it was so lovely and quiet, for no one seemed to be living in the house. They often twittered and chirped with delight about the snug place they had found, for they had a wonderful secret; would you like to hear it? In the nest there were three little eggs, which by and by would be baby birds. But one morning they were much frightened to hear a great banging of shutters. People had come to live in the house. A man was cutting grass in the yard. and there on the porch in a big rocking-chair sat a girl in a red coat. She was only a little girl, but she looked very big to them. She would find out about the nest. Oh, they were so sorry. The little father was afraid to go to get breakfast, but after peeping and starting several times he at last darted out with a whirr of wings, keeping high above her head. He did this many times during the day, but as the girl never seemed to notice him or come near the nest they soon forgot to be afraid and were as happy as ever. From the first she knew there must be a nest near, but she wouldn't have frightened those little birds for the world. So that was why she always sat so still when they flew through the porch and stayed in the far end. And then came the great day, when tiny voices said, "peep, peep." There in the nest were three babies, with eyes shut very tight and not even a feather for a dress. When they were hungry, which was very

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