

the students, the students laid down certain rules and regulations which the different professors were obliged to observe under certain dire penalties. Mr. Rigby went on to show how the University of Oxford had its inception in great part through the exodus of a large number of English students from the University of Paris, and how that 82 years later Cambridge University practically came into existence through the migration of a large body of students from the banks of the Iris to those of the Cam, although, undoubtedly, for some years previous to that migration there had been a school of learning in existence at the latter place. The Dean was careful to point out that, although Oxford as a university was 82 years older than Cambridge, yet the latter place was far older as a town than its dark blue rival, for both in Saxon and Roman times Cambridge was a place of some considerable importance. In bringing his lecture to a close, Mr. Rigby pointed out that St. John's College was the oldest foundation at Cambridge, although it is generally stated that Peterhouse possesses that distinction. The lecturer finished with a glowing panegyric on the glories of Trinity College, which is, as everyone knows, the largest college corporation in the world, having on its books some 500 undergraduates, in addition to a large number of Bachelors, Masters and Fellows. The lecture, which was a most interesting one, was listened to throughout with the closest attention and with evident pleasure by those present.

#### NIAGARA

JOHN PHILIP DUMOUTLIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

**THOROLD.**—The congregation of St. John's Church have formed a society called St. John's Parish Guild, with the text, "Being ready to every good work," as their motto. The object of the society is to do work in their own town. Committees have been formed for different duties, such as visiting the sick, welcoming strangers, taking care of the chancel, etc.

On the 18th ult., an entertainment, "Thorold Illustrated," was held under the auspices of the Guild, and was largely attended. Mr. Spencer has lately given several interesting lectures on the "Holy Land," illustrated with the magic lantern.

#### HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

**St. Mary's.**—St. James' Church has contributed about \$75 to the diocesan debt. For the Indian famine its offerings were \$57.15. A very pleasant social gathering was held a few days ago in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richardson, when the amount realized was a little over \$21. The following are the preachers in this church during the season of Lent: Rev. A. Murphy, Ingersoll; Rev. Carl Smith, Berlin; Rev. W. I. Cuff, Thorndale; His Lordship Rev. Maurice Baldwin; Rev. A. Brown, Paris; Canon Dann, London. During Holy Week services will be held each evening. On Good Friday the rector will conduct a three hours' service with addresses upon the Seven Utterances of our Lord upon the Cross.

**STRATFORD.**—Home Memorial Church.—Monday, March 1st, a social in connection with this church was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bloxam. A good programme was gone through, consisting of vocal solos, duets, choruses, recitations and instrumental music. Then followed refreshments served by the ladies of the church, then games and amusements. Mr. Jacobs was chairman, and the rector, Rev. Rural Dean Deacon, may congratulate himself on the enjoyable character of the social which his congregation furnished.

**India Famine Fund.**—Up to February 23rd the secretary-treas. of Huron Diocese was able to report \$1,141.97 received from the diocese for the famine field. Many churches, however, remitted direct to the Montreal Star Fund.

#### ALGOMA.

**ILFRACOMBE, ONT.**—A meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. De la Fosse, on Thursday, Feb. 25th, for the purpose of organizing a "Women's Church Aid Society," in connection with Christ Church, Ilfracombe. Owing to a severe snow storm the previous night, it seemed doubtful, on account of the bad state of the roads, as to whether anyone would be present or not. However, at the time appointed a goodly number came and a very successful gathering was held. The Rev. J. Pardoe opened the meeting with the reading and exposition of a portion of Holy Scripture suitable to the occasion, and prayer. He then explained the object of such a society and some of its advantages viewed from spiritual, intellectual, social and financial stand-

points. Eight persons joined the society at once. Mrs. De la Fosse was appointed president, Miss Standly, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Smith, treasurer. It was decided to hold the first general meeting at 2 p.m. on the first Thursday in Lent. At the close of the meeting Mrs. De la Fosse kindly had tea/served, and those present expressed themselves as being hopeful for the bright future the society has before it. The incumbent wishes to thank Mrs. De la Fosse for so kindly placing her house at the disposal of the society for the meetings, until the much needed church room is erected; also for her generous gift of a roll of material for making up.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

Rev. E. Costigan, Queensboro', is about to leave Ontario diocese.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism is nearly 250 years old.

Morocco's Sultan has engaged an Aberdeen man to play the bagpipes at his court.

Rev. J. C. Davidson, Peterborough, has been appointed honorary chaplain of the 57th battalion.

Carlotta, Maximilian of Mexico's widow, whose physical health during her long insanity had been good, is now said to be rapidly declining.

The present population of Canada is estimated by the department of agriculture at 5,125,436.

An "automatic singer" has been exhibited in Paris. The voice can be heard 220 yards off. The apparatus is said to be simple.

It is announced that the Island of Trinidad will celebrate the centenary of its subjection to British rule by six days' festivities.

George Frederick Watts, R.A., is building a church near Gunford, England, in which he will paint frescoes himself, while his wife will design the terra-cotta decorations.

Horseflesh is now sold in London for beef, and goat's flesh for mutton, according to the report of a Government meat inspector.

The left wing of the monastery of St. Bernard has been destroyed by an avalanche, and the monks had to tunnel through the snow to make their exit.

The most valuable fur is that of the sea otter. One thousand dollars has been paid for a single skin of this animal not more than two yards long by three quarters of a yard wide.

A bronze figure just discovered in the Amsterdam Museum is believed by the director to be by Michael Angelo. It represents King David dancing naked before the ark.

The Scilly group consists of forty islands; five only are inhabited, and they contain about 1,800 people.

Prince George, of Greece, is regarded as an expert in torpedo work. He is a very large man, fully six feet tall and strongly built.

A guard on the Great Western road in England, who has travelled over four million miles in forty years, recently received a purse of one hundred guineas for being the greatest traveller in the world.

The Paris Figaro asserts that King George of Greece intends to abdicate his throne in favour of his eldest son, Crown Prince Constantine.

If the armies of Europe should march at an eight-mile gait, five abreast, fifteen inches apart, it would require nine and one half days for them to pass a given point.

The Queen's coronation ring is never out of her sight, and is worn by her every evening. It is a band of gold containing a cross in rubies, surrounded by white brilliants. A coronation ring is supposed to symbolize the wedding of the sovereign with the nation.

The celebrated Hertford Wallace collection of pictures bequeathed to the British nation by Lady Wallace, is estimated to be worth \$7,500,000. Her magnanimity is all the more noteworthy because she was struck off the Queen's visiting list many years ago.

A canny Sunderland woman recently lost her ring in some cake she had baked. Instead of cutting up all the cake to find it, or running the risk of endangering her family's lives by "leaving it to be swallowed," she put the cake under the "X" rays, and marked the place where the ring was hidden.

Animals can endure hunger better than man. Thus dogs deprived of food will sometimes live for as long as four weeks. Birds, on the other hand, die after having been deprived of food for a few days.

Church cars are a recent Russian improvement. They are intended for the Siberian railroad. The cars look like ordinary first-class carriages, but the windows are shaped like those of Byzantine churches. One third of the space, shut off by the holy gates, is devoted to the priests; the rest is for the congregation.

Nearly three minutes are required to bring a big steamer, like the Etruria, to a full stop; and in that time she will have advanced almost half a mile from the place she was when the first movements were made to stop her.

#### British and Foreign.

The Bristol Bishopric re-endowment fund has been completed by a gift of £500 from Mr. E. P. Wills.

The Rev. Canon Boly has taken the Bishop of Dover's place at Cambridge as teacher in pastoral theology.

The death is announced of the Rev. Canon Hodgson, Master of Greatham hospital in the county of Durham.

The restoration of the roof of Winchester cathedral, which has been in hand since last April, is now completed.

The National Welsh Festival was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th ult. There were 250 voices in the choir.

The death is announced of the Ven. G. G. Perry, Archdeacon of Stow, in the diocese of Lincoln. He was 77 years of age.

A pastoral staff was recently presented to the Bishop of Graton and Armidale (Dr. Green) by Miss Turner, sister of the late bishop.

The Rev. C. S. Bruce, M.A., rector of St. Luke's, Cork, has been appointed the dean of Cork, and rector of St. Finbar's Cathedral.

The Rev. J. E. C. Weldon, M.A., head master of Harrow school, has been appointed Hulsean Lecturer at Cambridge for this year.

The Rev. Canon Owen, M.A., principal of Lampeter College, Wales, has been appointed to the vacant bishopric of St. David's.

The Rev. Canon Brameld, vicar of Wortley, Leeds, has accepted the living of St. Stephen's, Lewisham, which was offered to him a short while ago.

The tower of St. John's church, Cardiff, is about to be restored at a cost of £2,000. It is over 400 years old and its foundation was laid in 1473. It is 130 feet high.

Donations of £500 have recently been received by the secretary of the East London Church Fund from the Duke of Westminster and Mr. Charles Morrison respectively.

A mission to men is to be held shortly in St. James', Piccadilly, in which the Bishops of London, Rochester, and Bishop Barry, the rector of the church, will give the addresses.

The great north transept window in Doncaster parish church, which was destroyed by a gas explosion some time ago, has been filled with new stained glass illustrative of the Te Deum.

A course of Sunday afternoon lectures is being given to the prisoners in the gaol at Carlisle. The first of the series was given recently by Dr. Ware, the bishop-suffragan of Barrow-in-Furness.

The bishop-suffragan of Thetford (Dr. Lloyd) will be, in all probability, the new Bishop of Bristol. Dr. Lloyd was for some years prior to his consecration bishop, the vicar of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Harmar Bass, M.P., has offered to give £15,000 for the purpose of providing a church and vicarage for the proposed new district of All Saints', Burton-on-Trent, on condition that an endowment of £800 is raised.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside over a great Queen's reign temperance demonstration to be held in the Queen's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 21st of May next, under the auspices of the National Temperance League.

A new chancel and east window were recently dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff in Chepstow parish church. This old priory church, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, is undergoing a general restoration. During the work, which is still being carried on, the Norman foundations of the north aisle with a nearly perfect plinth, were discovered.