

WATERDOWN.—The Rev. Mr. Francis having resigned the charge of the Waterdown church, the services therein will (D.V.) be conducted for a few Sundays by Mr. C. Edwin Belt, B.A., as lay reader. This is by request of the Lord Bishop, until permanent arrangements can be made.

BURLINGTON.—The long cherished wish of members of this parish for a Sunday school building centrally situated, has at last been realized, by the purchase of the M. E. chapel, at a cost of \$1,000. This amount was paid in cash, of which only \$300 had to be borrowed. Thus, besides paying off a debt of \$500 on the parsonage, building an addition thereto costing \$300, improving the church at a cost of \$200, and purchasing a new organ, etc., they have now secured a substantial brick Sunday School, all being done within the space of seven and a half years.

HURON.

SIMCOE.—The sale and promenade concert last week under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Trinity Church, was most successful, and realized, we have been informed, over \$300. The ladies of the congregation had provided the luncheon table with an abundance of all that was good, and its floral decorations were in excellent taste. The other tables had a large display of useful and fancy articles. The ornamentation of the hall was tastefully arranged. The music of the band added to the pleasure of the evening.

WATFORD AND BROOKE.—This is one of the new parishes created by the Bishop's Commissioner, and supposed to be self-supporting since Easter, 1886, when the Rev. G. W. Wye was appointed incumbent. The people kindly welcomed the new pastor by moving his goods from the station to the house rented for a parsonage, and bringing in supplies of feed for his horse. Since then the incumbent has organized the three stations, and by a thorough visitation has found no less than 140 families who belong to the Church. Two new Sunday schools have been organized, one in St. James', Brooke, and the other at Grace Church, 4th Line of Warwick. There is also a large Sunday school at Trinity Church, Watford. Service is held in each church every Sunday and a Bible class in Watford every Wednesday evening. On Sunday, Oct. 10th, the harvest thanksgiving services were held in the principal station, Trinity Church, Watford. All were delighted at the churchly transformation. The choir has been moved into the chancel. The prayer desk placed in its proper position. A lectern added to read the lessons from, and the pulpit moved into a suitable position. The ladies of the parish had tastefully and dextrously manipulated the fruits of the earth, into wreaths, festoons and arches, from designs furnished by the Rev. A. F. B. Burt, of Alvinston, who kindly came, accompanied by Mrs. Burt, and personally assisted in the decorations, thus enabling the workers to successfully carry out the artistic skill of the designer. The chancel was a masterpiece of churchly taste, as numbers of lovely flowering plants had been lent for the occasion. On the altar was a beautiful crop of dahlias. Above and behind the same across the end of the chancel, one could imagine a reared of floral decorations mingled with the text "Christ the first fruits," in white letters on a scarlet background. At the morning service, the rector said the prayers, and Mr. Burt read the lessons and preached an able, sweet gospel sermon, that was earnestly listened to and highly appreciated, as Mr. Burt is an easy and fluent extemporary speaker. In the evening Rural Dean Hyland gave an introductory address, and Mr. Wye preached the sermon. The music by the choir was exceptionally good. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, (over 400), numbers not being able to get standing room had to go away. On Monday evening a musical service was held after thanksgiving prayers and Psalms, consisting of anthems, and also addresses by Revs. Burt, Hyland and P. B. De Lom. The rector laid a great stress on his conviction that God's people should give straight from the pocket, and he believed that a special blessing would attend this departure from the tea-meeting, etc., resorted to in the past. The collections from the services amounted to over thirty-five dollars, much to the astonishment of those who had never seen so much money, as they expressed it, given in that way before.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The Rev. Charles Quinney, wife and family, are on their way to England, Mr. Quinney having severed his connection with the missionary work at Fort Pitt. It will be remembered that during the late troubles in the North-West, this missionary and his family suffered many hardships and were with the McLeans, prisoners in Big Bear's camp for some time. Why he has resigned his post is not stated.

FOREIGN.

The vestry of Trinity Church, New York, has sent \$5,000 to Charleston to be divided between St. Phillip's and St. Michael's, as the bishop may direct.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has addressed to Canon Hole, of Nottingham, a letter in terms of strong commendation of the Church of England Working Men's Society.

Kaffir missions and linguistic learning have sustained a great loss in the death, through a fall from his horse, of Archdeacon Button, of Clydesdale.

The Rev. T. C. Lewis, author of the "Story of the Cross," many hymns and litanies, has resigned the living of Sidcup, Kent, which he has held since 1882.

The parish church of Henley-on-Thames has received from Colonel Makins, M.P., a memorial window to the late Bishop of Ely. The bishop is represented as kneeling at a prie dieu, vested in a cope, and in the central panel there is a figure of St. James the Apostle, whose name he bore.

Canon Morse, vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham, died on September 18th. Canon Morse had held the living since 1864, but, in consequence of failing health, had announced his intention to resign in October next. The Canon was sixty-seven years of age. The living, which is of the value of £900 per annum, is in the gift of the Bishop of Southwell.

On September 20th, the Bishop of Manchester consecrated a new church dedicated to St. Peter's, at Farnworth. On St. Matthew's Day his lordship consecrated another new church dedicated to St. Matthew's at Higher Audley, Blackburn. On September 23rd, Mrs. Moorehouse laid the foundation-stone of a new church at Longton, near Preston.

The Bishop of Llandaff preached to seamen a harvest thanksgiving on board the mission ship at Cardiff. The mission has three chaplains and three readers in the Llandaff Diocese, furnished with a mission ship, a mission yacht, and three institutes, and is building a handsome church and institute for sea-going men at Newport. The Missions to Seamen took its rise in Penarth Roadstead, in the Llandaff Diocese, fifty-one years ago.

It has been resolved to either sell or let the Deanery of Armagh, provided a sufficient sum can be obtained for it. The deanery, to which about forty acres of land is attached, originally cost £3,600. It was thought, some time ago, that the deanery would be the palace of the present Primate, but his grace having decided to remain in the palace of the late Primate, there is no further necessity for it.

The Bishop of Barbados and the Windward Islands gives a pitiful account of the extensive damage caused by the cyclone which swept over the island of St. Vincent on August 16th. No less than twelve churches have been destroyed, besides schools and other buildings, not to mention small houses belonging to the labouring class, over a thousand of whom, their homes blown from over their heads, had to look for daily relief and shelter to the Government.

There has been, it is stated, a great awakening among the Boers (Dutch settlers) of Natal. They have been so busy with prayer-meetings that the worldly have complained that they have spoiled the annual races. The leader among the converts is a Mr. Nel, who says he can count over two hundred in his sparsely settled district who have experienced a change of heart. The work was a very quiet one, beginning without the agency of evangelistic meetings. The awakened showed great anxiety for the heathen Kaffirs, and many natives have been converted.

Preaching, the other day, on the occasion of a harvest festival, the Bishop of Manchester reminded us that the teaching of science was that all the several stages in the world's development were nothing more than the agglomerations of the smallest atoms of matter, kept together, controlled, and fixed in their order, obeying the law by the attractions and repulsions which we could see; and if God had nothing to do with the cause, He had nothing to do with the consequence. He either energized every force or He had no control over those cosmical energies which, with their conflicts, filled all the spaces around us. Either His providence was over the minutest circumstance of our lives, or there was no providence at all.

A great political economist told an important and far-reaching truth when he said that all that man could do was to move things from one place to another. And we did nothing more through all our lives. The rest was done by what some people called nature.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

SIR:—In your issue of 14th inst., under the heading of Huron news, I was sorry to see an account of an "Union Evangelical meeting" held in a skating rink at London. What kind of a Union do you think it was? Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and bawling revivalists! The names of the Reverends mentioned by your correspondent are not clergymen of the Church of England, and it seems a pity that a report of the kind should find a place in a good Church paper such as yours. I notice that the Bishop of Huron attended the "first of the series" but his presence at meetings is often misleading to outsiders. Yours, &c.,
London, Oct. 16th, 1886 R. W. CROMPTON.

DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SIR:—It is small encouragement to Sunday School superintendents and teachers when they find that the day appointed by so useful and representative an institution as the Church of England S. S. Institute in the hope of engaging the prayers and sympathy of Church people on behalf of Sunday Schools, has been entirely ignored by the clergy of the parish.

If Sunday Schools are worth anything to the Church, they are surely worth at least a passing notice in prayer or hymn or sermon on such a day as this. Who can tell what a lift might be given to the cause, if, at all events once a year, Sunday School work in some of its various aspects formed the subject of sermons and of prayer by the Church throughout the world?

In a matter of this kind one would think the intervention of neither Bishop nor Synod was needed, but, if the clergy of their own accord do not respond to the call of the Institute—sanctioned as it is by the two English Archbishops—a resolution or canon of Synod, or a direction from the Bishop for the annual observance of the day would seem to be desirable. Will any one make a proposal towards this object at the next meeting of Synod, so as to start the idea in this diocese? Yours,

A SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER.

Toronto, Oct. 17th 1886.

LAY READERS WANTED.

SIR:—May I call attention of young men among others of your correspondents in Huron, to my advt. for two lay readers of catholic principles; they will be expected to take three days a week each in the country, and conduct services at schools or halls on Sunday. I will help them in their preparation for Holy orders. I want one man especially who may be able to manage boys in a Sunday School. I require references and not testimonials. Yours faithfully,
Madoc. W. Y. DAYKIN.

We hold a mission in the district next January, so it will be advisable they should if possible be here by Christmas.

Notes on the Bible Lessons

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BIBLE LESSON.

"The Unjust Judge."—St. Luke xviii. 1, 8.

The object with which our Lord spoke this parable is told in the first verse. It is designed to teach us constancy and perseverance in times of trial. It supposes that Christian people are praying people. It illustrates how a poor widow, by continual asking obtained her request from a wicked judge. How