

that within a radius of one hundred miles from Fort McLeod there are 70,000 American and Canadian Indians, of whom 27,000 are warriors. These Indians are becoming more impudent daily, and their camps are full of stolen horses which cannot be re-taken. There is clearly an understanding among all the Indian tribes, who are uniting for a final struggle with the whites. It appears to Mr. Pentreath that the Government is being lulled into a false security, and that it would take 10,000 men to suppress a rebellion once started, while a few thousand might prevent it. If our rulers are again caught napping, it will not be for want of being forewarned.

INDICATIONS multiply that Lord Salisbury's ministry will not be immediately disturbed in its tenure of office. The Liberal party, though strong in numbers, lacks cohesion, and the recent publication of the project of Irish Home Rule, attributed to Mr. Gladstone, has intensified the differences of opinion already existing among its members. We cannot but regret the prospect that that venerable statesman's political career will end in clouds and disappointments. There have been many things in his later policy which we could not admire or approve, but we regard him, with all his faults, as truly deserving of an epithet which party hatred has converted into a sneer. He is truly a Grand Old Man—a man of whom any country might well be proud. The weak point in his character is that he is too apt to take his cue from those about him, and hence, though he was a most brilliant lieutenant, he has not proved a good general. His happiest and most glorious days were when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Lord Palmerston—when there was an astute and experienced head to determine what line he should take, and when he had nothing to do but to "go in and win."

THE news of the serious illness of the Princess of Wales will be received with profound sorrow by her Majesty's subjects in all parts of her wide dominions. From the day when the youthful Princess landed in England, as the affianced bride of the heir to the throne, she has held a unique place in the hearts of the people of her adopted country, and to-day the name of Alexandra stands for all that is most graceful and loveable in the female character. We join in the earnest prayers that will rise from millions of hearts the wide world over, that a life so beautiful and so precious may be spared to England and the world.

[We call the attention of our readers to the Paper on "The Band of Hope in the Sunday-school" in Temperance Column, page 14.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The name of Correspondent must in all cases be enclosed with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—A "P.U.C." in your issue of Dec. 23rd has hit upon a very necessary and useful hint. There are questions of law which need ventilating for the good of clergymen, especially newly ordained men, and men coming from the other side of the Atlantic from the Established Church. I know there are many priests, like myself, who would be happy

to avail themselves of the superior wisdom and the experience of the application of so many of the laws which govern our Church; not only as regards those duties which are often talked of as being or not being "the business of the parson," I know of no parish law book which suits the Church in Canada, nor do the "Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical" of our Church supply us with a good deal of the information we need. To seek the definitions of the law, and the many points in the work of a parish, in which the priest is often perplexed, from the Bishop, would mean to keep him at his desk a great deal too much, to the hindrance of other Episcopal work.

Kindly state, in reply, if such a column as desired will be opened, and oblige,
Yours truly,

J. S. P. R.

[It will give us pleasure to receive and publish such enquiries as are referred to by our correspondents, and we will endeavor to secure answers thereto; but owing to the differing local laws affecting the Church in this Ecclesiastical Province, this is not easy, and there may be considerable delay in communicating with qualified persons in other dioceses than our own.—Ed.]

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly insert in the next issue of your paper the following extract from a letter I have received from Manitoba in reply to my "Red Hot Shot."

"Dear Sir,—Kindly let me know what are your plans for establishing an Indian Home for boys in Manitoba. I am willing to give \$1,000 to assist in the good cause. A few days prior to my receiving your 'Red Hot Shot,' the subject came to my mind, and I talked it over in my family. Strange to say, the amount you ask for came forcibly to my mind, and I mentioned to my wife the desire to give \$1,000 towards an Indian Home or Industrial School. I trust it was the dictates of the Holy Spirit asking for a mite towards God's cause."

"Probably I could assist you in choosing a site, if you so desire."

"Awaiting reports and particulars,

"I am, yours sincerely, —"

The above will, I am sure, give great satisfaction to many kind friends who are interested in my work.

Yours truly,

E. F. WILSON.

Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie,
December 30th, 1885.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—Last year there was a great fuss about this College. Some went so far as to apply "*Delenda est Carthago*" to the first of all our Universities. I have lately received from a resident in the town a letter, from which I send you some extracts that show that "old King's is saved," and not only so, but is renewing her youth:—

"The College is flourishing. You would be perfectly astonished if you could see the change under the present regime. The Acting President is beloved and admired by both professors and students. He is most hospitable to them all. Although with his invalid wife, who is only able to be carried up and down stairs and to see scarcely anybody, he had a fair excuse to abstain, he takes the greatest personal interest in the young men; asks two of them each Sunday evening to tea, and to go to church with his family, and has them in the week; also treats them like gentlemen, and they see that he is one also. and in his and every department the students feel that they will have perfect justice, and so have heart to

work. Professors Roberts and Hammond identify themselves with all the outdoor games, and are no less esteemed in consequence. Professor Kennedy was always liked, and Professor Butler is gaining popularity. The professors all pull together, and they seem all to strive for the good of the College and the welfare of the young men, and the number of resident governors, and the holding of most of the meetings here, has had and will have a most beneficial effect. The new windows add very much to the comfort of all."

Yours sincerely,

ALUMNUS.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

ST. MICHAEL'S RECTORY,
QUEBEC, Jan 4th, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—Under the head of Quebec intelligence, will you kindly publish the following letter and resolutions. They evince so good a spirit that it is hoped the example may not be lost on other Missions, not only in this Diocese, but elsewhere.

I wish to premise that the Mission of Hatley had been asked to increase its assessment to \$500 per annum. Having, however, made a strenuous effort to increase their endowment fund, they resolved to become self-supporting. Several other Missions have within the last two years brought themselves up to a position of self-support, notably Conticooke, Bury, Cookshire, Durham and Stanstead, and there are others fairly progressing towards the same goal; so that, in spite of all the material drawbacks the Church has to contend with, Missionary work is bearing its fruit among us.

Yours sincerely,

A. A. VONIFFLAND,
Sec. Dio. Bd. Missions.

HATLEY, Jan. 2nd, 1886.

Dear Mr. Voniffland,—I enclose you herewith copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of the vestries and churches in this parish, and which I hope may be found satisfactory. The wardens will be ready to sign agreement when you send them. This indicates an important step in the history of Church work here. For sixty-eight years the clergymen who have ministered in Hatley have been paid wholly or in part by the Missionary Board. But now that we have decided to walk alone, I hope the increased effort may give us more strength, so that we may show our gratitude for past favors by larger contributions to Missionary objects.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT STEVENS.

Moved by P. J. Bayley, seconded by Dr. C. K. Jones, and carried, "That this congregation of St. James' Church, Hatley, become from this time forth a self-sustaining parish in connection with the congregation of St. John's Church, Waterville, and that the parish still continue in connection with the Diocesan Board."

Moved by Mr. William Lavers, seconded by Mr. Spriggins, "That this congregation of St. John's Church, Waterville, join with the congregation of Hatley in becoming a self-supporting parish, and that we continue in connection with the Diocesan Board."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Spriggins, seconded by Mr. Wilson, "That the hearty thanks of this congregation be tendered to the Diocesan Board for their many favors in the past."—Carried.

Resolved, "That the Secretary be instructed to convey thanks of the Diocesan Board to the Rev. A. Stevens, and to the parishioners of Hatley and Waterville, for the readiness to set free the funds of the Board for Missionary work which their communication evinces, and for their courteous appreciation of the Board's labor in the past."