

large square pieces of coarse paper folded over the letter and fastened with sealing wax.

In Hawaii, one of the Sandwich Islands, there is a spot called the Rock of Refuge. If a criminal reaches this rock before capture he is safe, so long as he remains there. Usually his family supply him with food until he is able to make his escape, but he is never allowed to return to his own tribe.

The Rev. Professor Andras, of Huron College, is taking duty in St. James' Church, St. Marys, during the absence of the Rev. W. J. Taylor, who has gone for a short vacation through the Thousand Islands and down below Quebec to Cacouna.

So great are the acoustic properties of the Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City, that it is averred that the sound made by a pin dropped in a plug hat at one end of the building is distinctly audible at the other.

James R. H. Warren, son of Joseph Warren, Pembroke, has been appointed lay reader at St. Barnabas' Church, Ottawa (Rev. Mr. Hannington, rector,) and enters upon his duties Sept. 1st. Mr. Warren will remain out of college for one year, and then proceed with his studies for the English Church ministry.

It is announced that the successful experiments with falcons as carriers of dispatches by the Russian Government has led to their employment in preference to the ordinary homing pigeons. The falcons carry a heavier weight than the pigeons and are not so liable to fall a prey to other birds, as they are good fighters.

The Bank of Venice was opened in 1157; of Geneva, 1345; of Genoa, 1407; of Amsterdam, 1607; of Hamburg, 1619; of Rotterdam, 1635; of Stockholm, 1688; of Scotland, 1695; of Copenhagen, 1736; of Berlin, 1795; Caisse d'Escompte, of France, 1776; of Ireland, 1783; of St. Petersburg, 1786; of France, 1803; the Imperial Bank of Germany, 1876.

One of the rare and beautiful skins seen occasionally in this country is that of the vicuna, a small Indian deer found in Peru and other regions of Western South America. The skins reach this country made up into robes, evidently of carefully selected small pieces sewed together. The fur is soft, thick and tawny in color, with rich sunny glints that give it almost the lustre of velvet.

The Gulf Stream is well described as a river in the bosom of the ocean. Its banks and its bottom are of cold water, while its current is of warm; it takes its rise in the Gulf of Mexico, and empties itself into the Arctic Sea. The Gulf Stream is more rapid than the Amazon, more impetuous than the Mississippi, and its volume more than 1,000 times greater. Its waters are of an indigo blue, and the line of junction can be easily marked by the eye.

Surpliced women choir singers have just been introduced into the Epiphany Church choir in Washington. They wear plain gowns of white, with flowing sleeves and deep edges of black. On their heads they wear simple toques with tassel and cord. The custom of having surpliced women choir singers in the Episcopal Church originated in Melbourne, Australia, and is rapidly gaining ground. St. George's and All Souls' are among the New York churches where a mixed choir is employed.

Archdeacon Vincent, of Moosonee, has arrived to attend the meeting of the Synod. He has laboured in that field since 1855, when he left Winnipeg to join Bishop Horden. He was ordained deacon in 1860 at Moose Factory, by Bishop Anderson, and walked 1,300 miles in midwinter in 1863 to Winnipeg, to be raised to the priesthood. He is a man of commanding presence, and despite his arduous labours, looks still hale and vigorous.

British and Foreign.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has become a Vice-president of the Church Lads' Brigade, the President of which is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The Marchioness of Queensbury is one of the latest Salvation Army recruits. She is said to be an earnest and enthusiastic "soldier."

There are 40 counties in the State of Indiana in which no services of the Church are held.

A very handsome memorial pulpit, presented by Sir George and Lady Colthurst to Blarney Church, has just been dedicated. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Dean of St. Patrick's.

A large consignment of books, clothing, &c., contributed by friends, has been sent by the Colonial and Continental Church Society for free distribution in the Diocese of Algoma, and for the Indian homes at Elkhorn in the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton announce that they will publish on September 20th (for October) the first number of a new illustrated magazine for women. The first edition will consist of 100,000 copies.

An effort is being made to resuscitate the only Church weekly printed in Welsh, *Y Llan*, Prebendary W. Williams, Diocesan Missioner of St. David's, undertaking temporarily the honorary editorship.

A lodging "house" is about to be commenced in Lisson Grove under the social wing of the Church Army, for the purpose of keeping touch with some of the men who have failed to succeed in the various labour homes. This is an effort, we are told, to deal with "the bottom of the bottom of society." It is called a lodging "home" in contradistinction to a lodging "house," as every effort will be made to obtain in it the spirit of English home-life.

The Bishop of Texas (Dr. Gregg) died at Galveston on the 11th ult. Born in 1819, he studied law, and practised for some time, but having resolved to devote himself to the ministry, was baptized and confirmed in 1843, and admitted as a candidate for holy orders. He was ordained deacon in 1846, and began to officiate in St. David's, Cheraw, of which he was rector when elected Bishop of Texas in 1859. He is succeeded by the Right Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, elected Assistant-Bishop last year.

While the majority of the English Bishops are taking a holiday, the Welsh Bishops are hard at work. The Bishop of Llandaff declares that still the cry is that Nonconformists are returning to the "old mother." The Bishop of Bangor at his diocesan conference spoke out boldly (as did Lord Penrhyn) with regard to the misrepresentations made by Nonconformist ministers as to the Church, and declared that, "when freed from the tyranny of the caucus and chapel," the working classes would discover that the Church is their best friend. Whether he is not too sanguine as to the immediate political future is, however, a question.—*Church Review*.

The *Methodist Times* says: "The Methodists of England could raise an extra half-million sterling within the next twelve months—if they thought fit—without sacrificing one single piece of bread and butter. When we remember that domestic servants and working men in the Salvation Army raise £50,000 a year by their self-denial week, what could not we do if we were equally devoted to Christ? Half a million sterling would give a gigantic impetus to Foreign and Home Missions at a time when the field is white unto harvest, and our opportunities are unprecedentedly glorious." This reflection may not be lost on Church-folk. In kill-time sports of one kind and another, in luxurious amusements, and extravagant social expenditure, the millions of money wasted would speed the Kingdom of the world over. It is easy to stifle concern now.—*Rock*.

The Bishop of Salisbury reopened the ancient church of Holy Cross at Ramsbury, near Hungerford, once the site of a Bishop's See. The contributors to the cost of the work, which was very considerable, include the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who gave £1,000, and who was present at the reopening service. The church stands on the site of the old mother church of the Diocese, on a spot consecrated not later than the year 909, and probably much earlier. At that date the Diocese of Winchester was divided into two bishoprics, one being at Winchester and the other at Ramsbury. There were ten Bishops of Ramsbury, of whom three became Archbishops of Canterbury, namely, Odo, Siric and Elfric, and the last Bishop, Herman, was Chaplain of Edward the Confessor. The church just restored was built probably in the thirteenth century.

EGYPT.—The dervishes who appeared in the vicinity of Ghirgeh are retreating southward with eleven prisoners. Egyptian troops are being sent to the Khargeh and Beris oases. The *Times* correspondent says the Sultan is understood to have told the Khedive that the relations between Egypt and England concerned himself, and not the Khedive, and that he disapproved of any disturbance of the existing regime on Egyptian initiative: "The Khedive has shown a desire to prevent a popular display of anti-Christian feeling by ordering an inquiry into the recent slight religious disturbances which occurred between Copts and Mahomedans in Upper Egypt, with the result that the Mahomedan ringleaders have been punished."

ITALY.—The Rome correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* says it is not the case that the Congregation of Rites has enforced the use of the Ratisbon Vespers and Gradual:—"Leo XIII. is personally anxious to restore the Gregorian and higher schools of Church music by Palestrina, Vittoria, Soriano, and other sacred composers. This in no way excludes the modern masters, including Gounod, and even the English Catholic composers, Crookall, Webbe, and

others. The Mechlin, French, or Venetian antiphonaries may therefore be used. The Vatican is anxious that a decree of the late Cardinal Bartolini, Prefect of the Congregation of Rites, should not be otherwise interpreted." The Minister of Public Worship has refused to officially recognise the nomination of Cardinal Sarto as Patriarch of Venice, which took place at the last Consistory, on the ground of the Pope's determination not to re-establish the old *modus vivendi* with the Quirinal. The Pope is much irritated at this decision.

Commenting on the small community which now occupies Radley Vicarage, the *Manchester Guardian* says in its London letter:—"It is perhaps of interest, in view of the very prominent and advanced position which the Pusey House people have taken up with regard to labour social questions, to point out that four out of five who are now joining Mr. Gore have been East End curates, while the intellectual capacity of the brotherhood may be judged by the fact that, excluding Mr. Gore, they can count at least five first-classes amongst them. Under the guidance of such a leader as Mr. Gore, such a band of able and enthusiastic young scholars, who have already come into close contact with the hard realities of everyday life in East London, should count for something in the solution of the difficult social and other problems which are coming forward."

Correspondence.

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N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Thanks.

SIR,—May I thank Mr. Beaven for his admirable letter on Bishop Lightfoot and episcopacy, and make the following quotation from the Bishop's address at the Sunderland Mission meeting of S. P. G. on August 2nd, 1888. After speaking of the creation of some fifty four col. and mission sees in all parts of the world as the glorious work of the S. P. G., the Bishop asks the question, What does the creation of a see mean? "It means," says the Bishop, "the completion of the frame-work of a settled Church government, it means the establishment of an apostolic ministry which we believe was especially ordained by God to be the means by which the ministrations and the gifts of the Church of Christ should flow to men. It is the enrolment as a corporate unity of one other member of the great Anglican communion."

E. J. FESSENDEN.

Ancaster, St. Bartholomew's Day.

Substitutes not Wanted.

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word against the system of substitutes provisionally acted upon by the "General Synod" about to meet in Toronto,—these substitutes to represent distant dioceses which may fail to send delegates?

Will not this defeat one of the chief objects hoped to be gained by the General Synod, viz., to bring together men from all parts of Canada and to produce a different kind of legislative body from any that has previously existed in the Dominion? Do we not want to see men like Bishop Bompas, Archdeacon Vincent and other such veteran missionaries from the Northwest? Do we not want to hear their voices in the Church? And if this is to come down to some of our own synodical debaters whose voices are heard among us time and again, it seems to me that the usefulness of the Synod will vanish and that it will soon die a natural death. It is even proposed to allow priests to represent bishops in the Upper House!

May we not hope that the General Synod itself will not confirm any such unusual, absurd and suicidal proposition as this?

CHAS. H. MOCKRIDGE.

Toronto, August 26th, 1893.

Diocese Ontario Mission Debt.

SIR,—The scheme proposed for liquidating the mission fund debt of this diocese, and which has received the sanction of Bishop and Synod, is doubtless being put in operation widely by the clergy in response to the earnest appeal put forth by the committees having the matter in charge, backed up as it is by the Bishop's circular, placed in our hands a few days ago. The scheme is, in brief, that every communicant in the diocese shall be furnished with