

most eloquent preachers and profound theologians. We feel sure that the mysterious chain of events which led up to this separation between the sheep and the chief pastor of the flock has been moulded and welded by that "Divinity which shapes our ends," and that your Lordship in taking this step is following the guidance of that Hand that "Doeth all things well" and causeth "All things to work together for good to those who love Him." It is not necessary to say that your Lordship at this moment stands in an atmosphere fragrant with every good wish that pen can write or tongue express, and we earnestly pray that the years of your future ministrations may be many and blessed, and when all the toils and cares and separations of earth are past, we may all meet in the great Church Triumphant above, in the presence of the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls." In replying, the bishop, who was deeply touched, assured his people once more that through no act of his had the severance been brought about between the diocese and its spiritual head, but that the separation was the result of the inscrutable rulings of an omniscient Providence, to whose guidance he had ever submitted the ordering of his life. In order to show that this was no idle boast his Lordship sketched the chief events of his career, which went to prove that the finger of God had clearly pointed the way along the path of honour and usefulness which had led to his present high and responsible position. The bishop then expressed his regret at the approaching separation, which he hoped would not be lasting or final. Mr. Way, on behalf of the churchwardens, then presented Dr. Sullivan with a very handsome gold-mounted cane, accompanied by an address. Dean Renison, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese, presented the bishop with a handsome pair of candle-sticks on a salver. The Ladies' Auxiliary presented Mrs. Sullivan with an address, thanking her for all that she had done to help along the women's work of the church, and Miss Towers presented Miss Kathleen Sullivan with a pretty souvenir from the members of her Sunday-school class. The guests then adjourned to the dining-room for supper, after which Dean Renison closed the proceedings with an admirable speech. The reception was in every sense a success, and will linger long as a pleasant memory in the hearts of both bishop and people.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., BISHOP, ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

RUSSELL.—The N. W. Mission of this Province, which includes a very wide expanse of country, have just held their harvest festivals. They began in the northern part, with the church at Assensippi and the school house at Shellmouth, both having been beautifully decorated. Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the morning at the former with a celebration, and in the afternoon at the latter with a celebration; both places were well filled, the incumbent, Rev. George Gill, preaching the sermons. Next came the one for the western part of the mission, Millwood. The new mission-room lately erected was very prettily decorated, and a very large number met for the service, the incumbent preaching and celebrating the Holy Communion. Then came the southern part, Balmerino; here the mission-room was tastefully decorated, and a very large congregation met. The service was taken by the incumbent, and the sermon preached by Rev. C. Wood, of Birtle; then came Sidford, the south-east portion, with its little church looking pretty, and large congregation, and Boulton, north-east portion, where the school-house was well filled, the incumbent taking these services. Binscarth came next; the new little mission-room was very pretty in its festival garb and crowded; the incumbent read the service, and Canon Matheson preached the sermon. Last of all were the Barnardo Home and parish church of Russell; at the former they began on Friday evening; the church was beautifully decorated by the staff and boys, and the sermon preached by Rev. T. A. Teitlebaum, of Saltcoats, and on Sunday by Rev. Canon Matheson, of Winnipeg, the chaplain, Rev. George Gill, conducting the services. Russell closed the list on the Thursday, the church looking its very best with its new pews and vestry lately put in by the Ladies' Guild, and decorated with the grain and fruits of the earth. The service was full choral, and sermon preached by Rev. T. A. Teitlebaum, the incumbent taking the service, and on Sunday morning service and sermon by the incumbent, and a celebration, and in the evening the church was crowded, and a splendid sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Matheson. The whole of these services were most hearty and well attended, showing that Church life is fully awake here.

English clergymen in poor parishes have to turn their hands to all kinds of work. A Sunderland vicar who acted also as dentist for his parishioners hauled out 25,000 teeth during a long ministry.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

JOHN DART, D.D., D.C.L., BISHOP, NEW WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER.—The Bishop, referring to religious teaching in public schools, said "that the Bishop of Columbia and the Synod of the Diocese, as well as himself, were desirous of amending the system of godless education." He continued: "An effort will be made to secure the co-operation of other religious communities in introducing some amount of religious instruction into our common schools." Arrangements might be made in large towns, with ministers who were so disposed, to have them instruct their own children at stated times during the school hours of the week. The Bishop continues: "We cannot allow it to be inferred from our silence that we approve of a system which tends to close God's revelation to the hearts of our children, and leave them in ignorance of the greatest characters and the most momentous events in the history of humanity."

British and Foreign.

The Dean of Llandaff has had a serious relapse. There is great anxiety.

The great bell of York Minster was tolled out of respect to the memory of the late Primate.

Dean Stubbs, of Ely, has been appointed Lady Margaret's preacher at Cambridge University.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol recently dedicated the Jubilee Memorial Chapel of Cheltenham College.

The Archdeacon of Maidstone and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding at Canterbury recently, and were the recipients of many congratulations and gifts.

Bishop Montgomery is to be Dean of his cathedral, St. David's, Hobart, until the end of 1897. His lordship will select a Dean during his visit to England next year.

Lady Burton, of Rangemore Hall, Burton-on-Trent, has undertaken to lay the foundation-stone of a new church, to be called St. Augustine's, in the New Normanton district of Derby.

Sir Edward Clark, Q.C., who recently presented the funds for the building of St. Peter's Church, at Staines, has just given the order for a new organ to be erected in the church at a cost of £1,000.

All the Bishops of New Zealand Church, with the exception of the Bishops of Wellington and Nelson, will be present at the Pan-Anglican Conference. The Australian Episcopal contingent will not be so proportionately large.

The Bishop of Stepney has arranged to bless the new mission in All Saint's, Buxton street, E. This clerical and medical mission is to be under the auspices of the Parochial Mission to the Jews, and is the first of the kind in the Church of England.

After being under repair for more than thirty years, the unique and historical Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, is now at last restored to somewhat of its original condition, and the Lady Chapel, crypt and triforia have been opened to the public.

The living of Tamworth, though associated with a fine old church, and a large and growing population, is comparatively one of the poorest in the diocese of Lichfield. The Endowment Fund will benefit to the extent of £5,000, under the will of Miss Catharine Buckerfield, who died recently.

The Duchess of Albany visited Stratford in order to open a work show, and to found a women's settlement in connection with the Trinity College Mission, and the same day Princess Christian opened a boys' club connected with the Haileybury Guild at Stepney.

Speaking at a Diocesan Synod at Armagh, the Right Rev. Dr. Alexander, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, said during his recent visit the lamented Archbishop of Canterbury expressed several times his astonishment at the progress of the Church of Ireland.

Many of the readers working in connection with the Church of England Scripture Readers' Association have—says the *Scripture Readers' Journal* for October—employ their holiday in ministering to the hop-pickers of Kent, and much excellent work has been done among these poor people.

The Bishop of Ripon baptized lately the daughter of the Hon. Curzon Howe, R.N. (who is with his ship in the Mediterranean), and Mrs. Curzon Howe. The names given were Victoria Alexandrine Alice, and the godparents were the Queen (represented by the Hon. Mrs. Eliot), Lady Cowell and Mr. Cowell.

There has just died at Corley, near Coventry, in his 80th year, the Rev. R. Potter, who was for the past nineteen years the rector of that place. He made a hobby of wood-carving, and some excellent specimens of his work may be seen in Hereford Cathedral and at Corley, besides several other places.

The beautiful old parish church of Charminster, which has been so thoroughly and effectively renovated, was re-opened and dedicated for Divine worship by the bishop of the diocese in the presence of an overflowing congregation. The church is one of great interest, and possesses many architectural beauties.

A fine lych gate and porch have just been erected at the entrance of the churchyard of St. Mary's, in Herefordshire, Cusop, and were dedicated at the recent harvest thanksgiving service. The lych gate, which has been erected by the subscriptions of parishioners and friends, is a most pleasing addition to the churchyard.

The Archbishop of York consecrated the new Church of St. John at Bilsdale, Midgale. The church is to be the centre of a new parish to be formed out of parts of Helmsley, Bilsdale and Hornby parishes, and has been erected at the sole cost of the Earl of Feversham, who is also building a vicarage close by.

Dean Vaughan, (whose illness was recently announced, is, I believe, says a London correspondent, the only living Churchman who has refused the Primacy. When Archbishop Tate died it was offered to him, and he refused. Dean Church, of St. Paul's, also had the Archbishopric of Canterbury offered to him and refused it.

In the course of his charge, delivered at his triennial visitation recently, the Bishop of Liverpool touched upon the wants of the diocese. He said they wanted a cathedral worthy of the great city of Liverpool. In this respect they were far worse off than the new dioceses of Wakefield and Newcastle, each of which had a fine church to begin with.

The Bishop of St. Albans recently dedicated a handsome new tower added to the parish church of Walton-on-Naze by the munificence of Colonel R. P. Davis, of the Homestead, at a cost of £1,250. The bishop preached, and stated that a lady (Mrs. Barron) had promised a peal of bells. The *Te Deum* was sung after the service, and then the bishop started the new clock.

The Rev. Arthur Tooth preached recently to a crowded congregation at St. Catherine's, Hatcham, the occasion of the dedication festival. It seems strange to reflect that two short decades since the rev. gentleman could not obtain a hearing at his own Church of St. James' (situated within gunshot of St. Catherine's), where he made such a heroic stand in the interests of the Catholic revival.

Lord Kensington was buried on the 15th ult., at St. Brides in Wales, and the bishop will subsequently consecrate the ground. The body lay in the church for several days, and was watched by relatives and friends day and night, lighted tapers being on either side of the coffin, which was covered with a violet pall. Lord Kensington was an excellent Churchman, and a constant worshipper at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.

At a meeting of the Armagh Diocesan Synod, held under the presidency of Archbishop Alexander, Primate of all Ireland, the Archbishop of Armagh moved a resolution expressing their grief at the removal from the Church on earth of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, a grief which is rendered more poignant by his recent presence amongst us. The resolution was seconded by the Earl of Belmore, and carried unanimously.

Bishop Alford, late Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, has just issued an address or open letter regarding the approaching Lambeth Conference. He declares that while the Lambeth Conference suggests a general council, there is in reality a great difference, for in the case of a general council it is the Sovereign, and not the Archbishop, who summons thereto. The Sovereign presides in person or by deputy, and the representative of the general council has the ear of the Sovereign.