

NIAGARA.

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HAMILTON.—*That Industrial School.*—In a strong and convincing letter which appeared in the *Herald*, the Rev. Thomas Geoghegan endorses the proposal to establish an industrial school for boys as the Hamilton memorial of the Victorian jubilee year. That eminently practical philanthropist has for many years recognized the need of an institution of this kind in or near Hamilton, and has from time to time tried to interest our citizens in his efforts to establish one. "Father" Geoghegan is a master of the subject, having studied it from more than one standpoint. He is therefore competent to speak with authority, and his letter will hardly fail to convince the reader that the reverend gentleman has practical and specific reasons for advocating the project in addition to his general philanthropy. The *Herald* gladly makes room for the letter, and hopes it will bear fruit.

CALEDONIA.

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PORT ESSINGTON.—(ON THE SKEENA RIVER).—This station is under the care of Rev. Benjamin Appleyard and his excellent wife, who is a trained nurse and able to render him very valuable help owing to the many calls from the Indians for medical advice and help. It doesn't take much, says the missionary in a letter to Rev. T. G. A. Wright, Millbrook, Ont., to make an Indian sick; and when sick, they have implicit faith in the white man's medicine, and under Mrs. Appleyard's advice most of their sicknesses are successfully treated. One of the obstacles in the way of Christian work here is the loose morality of the place, men and women living together not married, and perhaps, to make matters worse, the man or woman may have a wife or husband elsewhere living in sin. The missionaries are succeeding in inducing husbands and wives to come together again, and in inducing those living together, without marriage, to be married. But great sorrow and distress often ensues when the Indian woman begins, as they say, to "make her life clean." If she gives up a paramour and goes to seek her lawful husband, he may be found living with another woman, whom he is unwilling to leave; and his lawful wife must go back to a life of sin, or otherwise of cold loneliness. Cheering signs of progress, in the midst of very much discouragement, are not wanting. The missionary writes: "I see several men in church on Sundays that until lately never entered a church door. My communicants are increasing also," and very interesting reports are given of the Indians renouncing drink and signing the pledge. The missionary's work is of a very varied character. He says: "I have nine small villages under my care besides Port Essington. The population is in no case over 12 in the winter, but in the summer it must be between 300 and 400. The Indians come from the interior for the great fishing season; Chinamen also from Victoria, and Japanese. I have the help of three C.M.S. missionaries for this extra work. They come with their Indian congregations and depart with them. I travel a great deal in winter, going by boat, which is the sole means of travelling in this country." In this connection, it is interesting to note that Mrs. Miller, wife of Rev. H. G. Miller, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, and formerly Principal of Huron College, London, during Mr. Appleyard's college days, has most kindly sent Mr. Appleyard money to buy a new boat for his work.

BRIEF MENTION.

It is announced that two million persons are now employed upon the relief works in the famine-stricken districts of India.

Very Rev. John Owen, M.A., principal of Hampton College, London, has been appointed Bishop of St. David.

The present season's crop of cotton in Egypt promises to surpass all previous years in quality.

There are 600 women journalists, editors and authors in England and Wales, according to the last census reports.

Rev. J. D. Morrison, late of Ogdensburg, was recently consecrated a bishop at Albany Cathedral. Henceforth he will be known as Bishop of Duluth.

The Sultan has forbidden the pilgrimage to Mecca because of the prevalence of the pest.

The growth of nails on the left hand requires eight or ten days longer than those on the right.

In the public schools of Germany the bright pupils are separated from the stupid ones. Medical men do the sorting.

Maine farmers take butter, eggs and other products to market on their bicycles.

The citizens of Belfast, Ireland, are to erect a

statue of Queen Victoria, to cost \$25,000, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of her reign.

The difference between a planet and a star is this: A star shines by its own light; a planet by light reflected from another body.

There is a law in France compelling physicians to write their prescriptions in the language of the country, and forbidding the use of Latin.

Policemen in Vienna must be able to swim, row a boat and understand telegraphy.

In the British Isles during the present century seven instances have been recorded in which the bride has married the best man by mistake.

The official estimate is that 50,000 Armenian children under 12 years of age have been made orphans by the Turkish massacres.

It is reported that Heath Charnock, Lancashire, England, with 1,100 inhabitants, possesses neither church, chapel or school, the only public erection being a pillar letter box.

It is said the Queen's daughters are to be made Duchesses in their own right, to mark the diamond jubilee year.

The lightest known wood is that of the *Anona palustris*, of Brazil, which is much lighter than cork. The heaviest is the iron bark of Australia, which weighs nearly 100 pounds to the cubic foot.

The itch-wood tree grows in Fiji. It is said that to touch the leaves or stem of the tree "is like letting the hand come in contact with a red-hot poker."

Queen Victoria's book will be published in the United States by the Century company. There will be 100 copies on Japanese paper at \$50, and 600 on fine paper at \$15. Both editions are strictly limited and no more will be printed.

The walls of Babylon were made of sun-dried brick. They are said to have been 300 feet high, and wide enough at the top for from three to five chariots to drive abreast. The material, however, was so friable that of these gigantic structures not a trace now remains.

In the British Museum, London, there may be seen specimens of birds' eggs which are almost as large as a two-gallon jar. These eggs were laid by the *epiornis*, an extinct and gigantic bird of Madagascar.

In the public schools of Japan the English language is by law required to be taught. The brightest and most ambitious of the young men in the open ports and commercial cities of Japan are all eager to learn English as a passport to wealth, position and employment.

The name of Big Ben is familiar enough to every Londoner, yet very few people know from whom the great Westminster bell derived its title. Big Ben was so christened after Sir Benjamin Hall, who was in 1857 the Chief Commissioner of Works.

Rev. Dr. Raingford, of St. George's Church, New York, with which Rev. Dr. Wilson was so long connected, has created a sensation by protesting against a waste of money upon the proposed Bradley-Martin masquerade ball, which he rightly interprets as an occasion for the ostentatious display of wealth by those who have it.

The Rev. A. Corbett, late rector of St. James' Church, Wallaceburg, has been appointed to the charge of the Protestant Episcopal Church at St. Clair, Mich., the beautiful and popular summer resort on the St. Clair river.

Dr. Temple, says the *St. James' Gazette*, has started an official campaign on Church Reform. The new Archbishop of Canterbury declares that there are four subjects ripe, or almost ripe, for legislation. In the first place, the Benefices Bill of last session is to be passed, "is certain to be passed," next year. In the second, a bill for power to remove incompetent clergymen, and to put them on a retiring fund, is to be "dealt with next session." And the two questions of giving the congregations a voice in the selection of a pastor and the sort of service to be used, "will probably come before Parliament a couple of years later."

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Gibraltar has just consecrated an annex to the Protestant cemetery at Malta.

The Bishop of Ely has contributed £500 towards the erection of a new church for the parish of St. Saviour's, Luton.

By the death of the Bishop of St. David's the Bishop of Carlisle will be entitled to take his seat in the House of Lords.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, Principal of Bishop Hatfield Hall, Durham, has been appointed Principal of King's College, London, in succession to Dr. Wace.

The Marquis of Salisbury has most generously sent a cheque for £50 to the incumbent of St. Peter's, Everton, Liverpool, for the carrying on of the work in that parish.

Canon Punchard, vicar of Christ Church, Luton, Bedfordshire, has been offered, but has declined, the Bishopric of Antigua, West Indies, and this is the third bishopric which he has refused.

Canon Warneford, who has just completed the fiftieth year of his ministry as incumbent of All Saints', Salterhebble, Halifax, has been presented with a silver waiter and a purse of 100 sovereigns.

Snareston, near Burton-on-Trent, possesses an aged chorister in the person of John Siddons, who has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He joined the parish church choir in 1814, and has continued to chirp his sacred lay to the present time.

To the list of those English cathedrals having a daily Eucharist, published in a recent issue, should have been added the Cathedral Church of Newcastle. The service was begun last Lent, and, in consequence of the satisfactory attendance, has been continued since that time.

Some handsome stained glass has been inserted in the east window of the chancel of Leasingham Church, near Sleaford. It is in memory of the late Mr. William Sleaford Daubney, solicitor, of Great Grimsby, sometime patron of the benefice, and has been presented by his son, the present rector.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Aidan's, Kirkdale, Liverpool, has just been held to consider the advisability of having a surpliced choir. The majority present voted for the change, but, owing to the strong feeling manifested both at the meeting and in the congregation generally, the matter stands in abeyance.

The work of demolition of the north gable of the west front of Peterborough Cathedral is proceeding rapidly, and despite the fact that only one week has elapsed since it commenced, it has progressed so far that the rose window and the surrounding masonry has been removed. About sixteen skilled workmen are employed on the demolition.

The body of the late Bishop of St. David's was removed on Tuesday week from Aberystwyth Palace, near Carmarthen, to Gwynfryn, Cardiganshire, the ancestral home of the deceased Prelate. There was a public procession from the palace to Carmarthen station, and almost every section of the community was represented, whilst 120 clergymen attended in robes.

In view of the hostility of prominent local Churchmen to the proposal of the Archbishop of York to establish a South Yorkshire bishopric, with Sheffield as the centre of the See, it is possible that his grace may so far amend his scheme as to make Doncaster the centre of the new diocese. The offer of his grace to give up £1,000 of his income would remain good.

A curious probate suit, involving some £100,000, will shortly come on in the law courts. The above sum has been left by an old gentleman to found and endow a church on condition that every Sunday before service the whole of the Thirty-nine Articles are to be read by the clergyman outside the church door. Disinherited relations are contesting the validity of the will.

An effort is being made to raise the cost of an English Church at Kobe, a flourishing town at the head of the beautiful Inland Sea of Japan, where there is an English settlement at present without a church. The total cost in that country of cheap labour will not be more than £1,500, of which the British Colony engage to raise £500, and they appeal to those at home to raise the remainder.

Recently at St. Michael's, Edinburgh, a large audience listened with great attention to the Bishop of Lebombo, who graphically sketched the character of the country, and the nature of the work he was engaged in in his South African diocese. He explained that the purpose of his visit to this country just now was to obtain both men and means to help carry on the work. The bishop preached twice in St. Michael's.

The resignation by Bishop Ingham, of the See of Sierra Leone, is now completed. The delay was caused by the death of Archbishop Benson. In a