

present time. Some interesting statistics on this subject were read, showing that in parts of the diocese there was some reasonable ground for complaint. The chairman, for the information of the chapter, read a copy of the proposed canon on the "Clergy maintenance and Mission Fund." After discussing the matter at some length, from various stand points, it was considered that the canon was a compromise of widely divergent views on the subject; and under the circumstances it was the best that could be looked for. The chapter accordingly expressed the hope that the canon, as a whole, would receive the approval of the synod and become law at its next session in June.

HORNING'S MILLS.—On Tuesday, 24th May, the corner stone of the new church of St. John the Evangelist was laid by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. As this was the first Episcopal visit to the pretty little village, it created quite a stir among the people, and a large crowd was gathered to see and take part in the proceedings of the day. The following clergy were present: Revs. J. C. Farthing, of Durham; J. Ward, of Markdale; O. Edgelow, of Dundalk; W. H. Blachford, Colbeck, and Mr. Wright, of Wycliffe College. The service used was that drawn up by the provincial synod for this special occasion. After refreshments all adjourned to the Presbyterian church, kindly lent for the occasion, where stirring addresses were delivered by the bishop and clergy. The total proceeds of the day amounted to \$80. The church, when completed, will be of brick, 40 by 26 feet wide with stone basement, porch and belfry. The whole cost of the church will be about \$1350, towards which about \$1100 have been promised or paid. Subscriptions are earnestly invited from friends to help to pay off this sum of \$250. They might be sent to Rev. H. G. Moore, Shelburne, or T. F. Matthews, Esq., Horning's Mills.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, May 26, the Right Rev. Bishop Hellmuth, late bishop of Huron, arrived here from England by the express train. He was met at the station by a large number of his friends who gave him and his good lady, who accompanied him, a right hearty welcome. At matins on Whitsunday he preached in St. Paul's cathedral to a large congregation, taking as his text the words of St. Paul: " whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. x. 31. At evensong the Lord Bishop of the diocese preached an appropriate sermon from the inspired narrative of the descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. The services were read by the Rev. Canon Innes, rector.

Helmut Ladies College.—The May day festival was celebrated on Saturday afternoon and eclipsed any similar one during several years past.

ALGOMA.

Rev. C. A. French, Garden River, acknowledges with very much pleasure the receipt, by him, of a valuable box of clothing from C. W. M. A. S. (per Mrs. O'Reilly, Toronto,) for his mission. He wishes us to say that were it not for churchwomen such as Mrs. O'Reilly and her co-workers, very many of our missionaries would have to give up in despair. Until our Indian women feel a personal contact with the paleface of their own sex, they must ever remain the "hewers of wood and drawers of water" they are today, while their Lord and Master sports in the sun. Mr. French presents his compliments to the ladies and begs to thank them for remembering his work.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge the following amounts: For Mission Fund—Miss Cowie, Montreal, \$5; George Wilgress, Esq., Cobourg, \$25; Hy. T. Walker, Esq., Cobourg, \$20; Collection, missionary meeting, do., \$55; Twenty Minutes' Society, Ottawa, per Mrs. Patterson, \$11. For Nepigon Mission—St. George's Guild, St. Catharines, per Miss Ellis, \$20. For Parry Sound Mission—Rev. Street Macklem, \$25. For Widows and Orphans' Fund—Mrs. Neville, Toronto, \$50; Collection, St. Phillip's Church, Toronto, \$51.33; do. Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, \$111.12; Mrs. Johnson, Toronto, \$1; Card collections, per Mrs. Gibson, \$97.25 and \$7.50.

FOREIGN.

After 18 years' labor the revision of the Kaffir Bible for the natives of South Africa is completed, and it is soon to be put to press.

The number of communicants at St. Mary's, Glasgow, on Easter Day was 1,120; the whole church accommodation does not exceed 1,350. The offertory amounted to £210.

A beautiful church has been built at Alltwen, Wales, through the munificence of Mr. Howel Gwyn, of Dyffryn.

Nearly one fourth of the inhabitants of the Samoan Islands are church members, and have 200 native pastors.

Mr. Edelston having resigned the office of Congregational minister at Bottisham, Cambridgeshire, is about to be ordained to a curacy in the diocese of Manchester.

The balance required for the completion of the western towers of Bristol Cathedral has now been promised.

The total number of churches in the erection of which the Bishop of London's Fund has assisted is 145. £80,000 has also been spent on parsonages and schools.

The bandmaster of the Barrack Chapel at Mary Hill has formed a fine choir of soldiers, who sometimes sing in place of the regular choir at Christ Church, Glasgow. Their singing is said to be perfect in intonation and style.

At the last meeting of the York Diocesan Church Building Society, the Archbishop of York stated that Sir Tatton Sykes, whose munificence has never been blazed abroad, had given £150,000 to its funds.

There are now twenty-seven vessels engaged in missionary work in different parts of the world under the auspices of sixteen societies; of these missionary vessels sixteen are running on the coasts or rivers of Africa, and six among the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

There are now in the mission-field 2 400 unmarried ladies, besides probably an equal number of the married. In the early days of missions it was not thought a lady could enter the ranks of mission workers except as the wife of a missionary.

There is a population, literally a floating one, yearly brought under the influence of the Thames Church Mission, of three hundred thousand souls, to whom the gospel is faithfully preached, and thousands of copies of the Word distributed.

The Rev. W. J. Monk, vicar of Doddington, near Sittingbourne, has returned to the farmers in his parish the whole of the extraordinary tithe collected by him during the time he has held the living—about fourteen years. The total amount is £500, and one farmer receives as much as £120.

The Irish Church Mission Society reports its finances in a healthy condition, and is doing valuable work in places where without its aid children could get no secular instruction without being brought under Romish influence.

The Bishop of Newcastle has delivered his first visitation charge in the Cathedral of the see-town. His lordship gave an encouraging retrospect of the work of the Church in the diocese, and referred to the sum of £242,795 which had been raised for Church work since his consecration.

The death is announced of the Mother Superior of the Sisterhood of the Holy Rood, who have been eminent for many years in Cottage Hospital work in the "Black Country." Sister Dora, of Wallsall, was greatly under Mrs. Newcomen's influence in training for her great work.

Baltimore, Md, June 1.—At a convention of the Episcopal diocese of Easton, held at Chestertown, Md., to-day, Rev. John S. Lindsay, of St. John's church, Georgetown, D.C., was elected bishop to succeed the late Bishop Lay. He makes the sixth Bishop elected since the death of Bishop Lay in 1888. He was once chaplain of the House of Representatives, and is 45 years old.

The Rev. Dr. Lewis P. Clover has accepted a unanimous call of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. John's Church, Clifton Springs, N.Y., to become their rector.

NEW YORK CITY.—The surpliced choir to be introduced into Calvary church will include between 80 and 40 men and boys, and is to be in charge of Mr. A. E. Crook, of Cambridge, England. A great organ is to be introduced and so arranged on either side of the choir as to secure the best musical effects. The change is made in the interest of congregational music and by the way of doing a more effective work among the masses.

Within three years a new parish has been formed (Blyth) at Earsdon, Northumberland, with a population of 3,300 and a handsome church built. In the mother parish three fine mission churches have been built, two extra assistant clergy appointed, and two deaconesses employed. There are also four lay readers. This sound Church-work is all going on in a parish which for years had been under thorough Puritan influence.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, speaking in New York last Sunday before the Annex Hall Branch of the Church Temperance Society, on the subject of "Wealth and Poverty," said: "I have taken great interest in the new association called the Anti-Poverty society, and have attended its meetings and listened intently, hoping to hear how poverty can be remedied. Emotion, however, even in earnest men, has never solved a problem, nor furnished a formula for the correction of a social evil. Poverty is not a thing, but a want, a vacuum, which can only be filled by putting wealth in its place. The three T's—thrift and temperance—will cure this evil.

The Bishop of Bedford, on April 27, solemnly admitted two ladies to the office of deaconesses in the Hackney parish church. Two associates were also admitted the same morning in the chapel of the Deaconesses' Home in Sutton Place. This makes a total of fifteen fully admitted deaconesses and thirty associates, which have joined the work through the East London Home. The deaconesses are now seeking to provide a permanent and more suitable home. The work done by this large band of devoted ladies in various poor parishes in East London is simply invaluable.

The parish church at Farlington, a village near York, has, after undergoing thorough restoration, been re-opened by the Archbishop of York. The church is a very ancient building of the time of Henry I. or Stephen, and is not unlikely to have been built on the site of an older one by Bertram de Bulmer, who erected the Castle of Sheriff Hutton, of which parish Farlington was once a part. Its architecture is Norman. Another illustration of the immense antiquity of the Church of England is a proposal to build a church at Chilcomb, a suburb of Winchester, where the dean stated that there was land which was held by the cathedral since the year 644.

The first synod of the Japanese church has been held, and the C.M.S. missionaries unite in expressing very great thankfulness at the result of its proceedings. Its members were the native Christians and missionaries in connection with the C.M.S., the S.P.G., and the American Episcopal Church. The effect of its proceedings is to establish an organization which seems compact, stable, and, while in full communion with the Church of England, is at the same time accessible to Christians of other denominations. One incident is noticed in the Record. Bishop Williams had received instructions from an American synod to encourage the mention of the Prayer Book alone in its constitution. But to this Bishop Bickersteth declined to assent, and, in conjunction with the Rev. A. B. Hutchison of the C.M.S., drew up a declaration accepting the Articles as well as the Prayer Book, which was attached as a postscript to the constitution.

Correspondence.

All letters containing personal allusions will appear on the signature of the writer.

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

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

SIR,—As I take a certain interest in Indian work in Canada and U.S.A., I am pleased to see the correspondence between Rev. E. S. Wilson and his friends. I do think the time has come to discuss this subject calmly. The Church of England has evangelized a good many of the Indians in Ontario and the N.W.T., and has spent thousands upon thousands of dollars in this work. So far so good. No man can object, no man dare object to this; but that the Church of England is going to make Doctors and Lawyers out of these people, I think is without her province. If they want these things they must rise to the occasion. A good deal has been said about the Indians' ownership of Canada. This is all very good, but the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and that the white races and black races of men are to stand still because of a people who have become voluntarily in their ancestors idolaters is beside the mark altogether; according to what I know, the Indians are possessed with lands and money sufficient, with forethought and energy,