

Dominion Temperance Alliance. Rev. Dr. Mockridge in the chair. The Rev. Canon is at present enjoying a tour through the United States and Canada. He has consented to deliver three addresses in Canada—one in Hamilton, one in Toronto and one in Montreal. He refuses to accept any remuneration for these lectures; but the Alliance has decided to take a silver collection at each of these public meetings, and to present the proceeds to Canon Wilberforce, as a contribution towards the removal of the debt on his church in England. The canon is recognized as one of the greatest pulpit and platform orators in England. He is a prominent temperance worker, being vice-president of the United Kingdom Alliance. Canon Wilberforce comes of illustrious stock. His father was the late famous Samuel Wilberforce, bishop of Lincoln, and his grandfather was the still more famous William Wilberforce, the great philanthropist.

The death is announced, May 13, of Mrs. Sarah McBean Wright, widow of the late David Wright, who passed quietly away in the 91st year of her age. The deceased lady was an old resident of the city of Hamilton, but for years past had been confined to the house through ill health and the weakness of extreme old age. Her husband was a prominent and well-known citizen of Hamilton. A faithful member of the church of England, her place there and her liberality in all christian work, and especially in Christ church cathedral, will be sorely missed. The funeral took place from the cathedral on Monday afternoon, May 16.

St. Matthew's New Church.—It is very gratifying to observe the manifest and increasing interest in church attendance and in preparations for church building at an early date.

HURON.

Interesting letters from Fort McLeod have been received by Rev. Evans Davis and Mrs. Boomer, acknowledging the gifts of clothing, work bags, toys, &c., from the kind people of the city and London South. Owing to a snow blockade of two months' duration the worst of the winter was over before the clothes they needed so sorely reached the poor Indians of the mission. Mrs. Trivett says, "you would be repaid could you see the pleasure those little work bags and toys give, the dolls especially. The poor children are charmed with them. It is a new experience to them to have dolls, and the little girls look at them with such affection, and put them on their backs in their little blankets, like their mothers do their papoose. You would like to have seen the delight of the squaws as they pulled one thing after another out of the bags, with fresh exclamations of pleasure at each fresh wonder." The moral of this certainly is, "Let us do it again, only do it sooner, and send off our gifts by October or November at the latest."

ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma has removed, with his family, to Bishophurst, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., and requests that letters and other communications be addressed accordingly.

FOREIGN.

At the parish church, Leeds, more than 1,100 communicated on Easter day, 1,000 at the early celebrations.

The Parish Church and St. Matthias, Richmond, Surrey, were attended by larger congregations than ever before on Good Friday and Easter day. At the two churches 1,522 communicated on the latter.

The vicar of St. Stephen's, Lewisham, preached in the streets of the parish from 4.30 to 6.30 on Good Friday. On Easter day there were five celebrations of the Holy Communion, and two at the Mission church. The number of communicants was 1,804.

The Queen takes great interest in the Ragged School Jubilee Celebrations. Fifty thousand children will sign an address of congratulation.

On Good Friday the clergy and choir of All Souls', Clapton Park, went round the parish in procession, the Rev. F. Calcutt giving an address, and a hymn being sung at seven points on the way. The result was encouraging, and the church crowded on their return for evening service. Similar processions took place in many other London parishes.

The diocese of Leighlin is a cheerful oasis in the desert of present depression. During 1886 half of the churches have been restored and decorated, there has been an advance in church life on every side, and the income from parochial assessments has been £244 more than the sum at which the diocese was assessed.

Among the recent confirmees at Ilford was a man who for 25 years has been a Christadelphian preacher.

Obituary.—The death is announced of the Chancellor of the diocese of Carlisle, the Rev. J. C. Burton who had attained the great age of 96 years; also of the Right Hon. C. N. Newdegate, late member of Parliament for North Warwickshire, who for half a century has been the champion of Protestantism in the House of Commons.

Bishop Wilkinson, during a recent visit to Dresden, received a letter requesting him to extend his episcopal ministrations to the Old Catholics of Austria. He seems to have obtained the consent of the Austrian Government, and the concurrence of the Bishop of London to his doing so; but states it as his opinion that an Old Catholic Bishop should be appointed for Austria, for whose support he asks for contributions, as the Old Catholic body in that country has enough to do in maintaining its priests.

Six years ago, on Good Friday, the fine old tower of St. John's, the old abbey church of Chester, well known to tourists as towering above the banks of the Dee, near the Bishop's palace, fell with a terrific crash, carrying one half the stonework and masonry with it, and smashing in the handsome porch of the sacred edifice. In Easter week a new belfry and clock tower were opened with appropriate ceremony, the sermon being preached by Dr. Stubbs, Bishop of the diocese. The porch was recently restored.

PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE WORK IN THE OLD LAND.—C. E. T. S. (England) twenty fifth anniversary, April 22 to May 4.—April 22, Conference of workers; April 23, meeting of Juvenile union and meeting of diocesan secretaries; April 24, sermons at 422 churches in diocese of London; April 25, meeting of Secretaries; April 26, Celebration of Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Westminster; April 27, meeting of total abstinence section, Exeter Hall, Bishop of London in the chair; April 28, annual meeting at Lambeth Palace, Bishop of Gloucester in the chair; May 2, Thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury; May 3, public breakfast in St. James' Hall, Sir R. Webster, Q. O. M. P. in the chair.

There are said to be about 60 Protestant communities in Spain, with 14,000 openly professed Protestants, and hardly a large town without a regularly organised church. It is just 18 years since the first Protestant chapel was opened in Madrid.

One of the earliest collections for foreign missions to the heathen was made at Nottingham, England, when £18, or \$65 was contributed. Last year the Protestant churches of America and Europe gave for this object no less than \$11,000,000.

The splendid new church at Raheny, which is being built by Lord Ardilaun, is fast approaching completion. The church is expected to be one of the most beautiful of its kind in Ireland—or, indeed, in the three kingdoms.

During the last week of March five names of eminent men and women were added to this year's death role, viz., Archdeacon Harrison, Dr. Lightfoot, Archer Gurney, Lady Strangford, and the widow of Principal Tulloch.

The Salte family, of Saltaire, have offered to transfer to the public 45 almshouses, accommodating sixty people, an infirmary built at a cost of £40,000, and a sum of £80,000, left by Sir Titus Salte for the benefit of the poor of the district as an endowment fund, as a Jubilee memorial.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A quantity of Correspondence and Diocesan News unavoidably left over for want of space.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES.

SIR,—I see that a layman from northern latitudes has been asking in your columns, some questions relative to house-marriages and certain journals, and that a clergyman has authoritatively replied. Without wishing to combat the decisions, one may naturally speculate on the cause which has led to the affirmed wide divergence between the rule and practice of the Church, and it would appear to be an unconscious wish to lessen the sanctity of marriage in the public mind, entailing a more frequent change of wives. As to baptisms it would seem to me, writing as a cleric, that our people should be instructed in those cases where a clergyman cannot be had, that the parent or guardian should himself baptize, rather than call in a Roman Catholic priest, or a dissenting minister (or otherwise). And then in the small residuum of cases where the child of church people dies unbaptized, if a clergyman cannot "officiate in an unofficial capacity" (nor semi-official), that the parent or guardian should himself say prayers at the burial (or not), remembering that where the administration of a sacrament is an impossibility, we may believe that God then accepts the will for the deed. But leaving these matters I come to the point, on which I wished to write, an apparent corollary. We seem to require to study the value of the first rubric before the burial office, which may be done in connection with the Rev. Dr. Mockridge's valuable pamphlet on funerals.

SUGGESTER.

SIR,—I have seen the enquiry from Algoma Diocese on these subjects, and read the reply thereto. I am afraid if the clergymen follows that reply in every case, he will not add many to the Church of England in Canada. The rubric touching the former is plain. If persons "die unbaptized" the office "for the burial of the dead" is not to be used, but it does not, therefore, necessarily follow, that the body is to be cast into the earth, as though it were that of a dog. It can be met reverently and discretely by the clergyman and conducted to the last resting place, a selection of prayers (at the discretion of the clergyman) being taken from the Prayer-book. This was the *modus operandi* followed by my "Divinity" instructor, and he was seen and is, as successful in parish work, as in the "Halls" of Cambridge, or the "Theological" chair of a not altogether unknown college. As to marriages in "houses" they are in every instance to be discouraged, but if people won't come into the church, I hardly think it a wise plan to hand them over body and bones to dissenters. My plan is this: I use all and every means possible to make a man or woman a Christian first and a "churchman" or "churchwoman" afterwards, but if they won't come to me, go to them; even if it be into a bar-room. If I cannot get the former, I try to get the latter, leaving to God the way to use the influences of the sanctuary towards a bringing into a godly state. In my travels I have met many a "foe" to the Church of England, because through the perversity of some one of her ministers, a poor innocent babe was cast into the ground like a dead cat, while the rector or curate hid behind the ditch using this much abused rubric as an excuse. When are we going to learn to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Yours, X.

P. S. Let clergyman study Xavier, he was not all bad.

ALGOMA.

SIR,—I have been requested by the donors, to make the following acknowledgments in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, and with your permission, most gratefully do so, viz: \$4 from the S. S. children of St. Albans, Acton, Ont., per Geo. Hynds, Esq., the Supt.; and \$2 from a "well wisher" of Mornington, Ont., both sums to be spent on something in connection with St. George's Church, Lancelot. As I have another Font of Caen stone similar to the one I gave to All Saint's Church, Burks Falls, I have decided that the most suitable way of spending the money so generously given by these young people, would be to have a stand of like kind made for it, and give the Font to Lancelot. I have also to state that a box of clothing, &c., has been sent me from the "Orphanage of Mercy," Kilburn, Eng., and a quantity of Gospels and Banner of Faith almanacs from a lady, Dover, Eng. These latter I have divided between myself and my clerical brethren of Huntsville and Burks Falls. Every household in my mission, and many of those in my friend's missions, belonging to the Church, has now a copy of a church almanac with which to adorn their walls; and, speaking for my own people, I can say they are proud to have them there.—WILLIAM CROMPTON.

ASPEN, MUSKOKA, CANADA.