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It is understood that the Rev. Geo. E. Moule, son of the late Vicar of Fordington will be consecrated to the Bishopric of Northern China.

A memorial tomb has just been erected to Dean Hook in Chichester Cathedral, from a design by the late Sir Gilbert Scott. The slab is incised with a figure of the late Dean. The five panels represent St. Augustine, Archbishop Lanfranc, Anselm, Cranmer, and Laud.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided on the 25th, at a meeting at Lambeth Palace, for the furtherance of the Reformation movement in the Armenian Church. Archbishop Mighenditch, of Aintab, in Asia Minor, was present, and gave an interesting account of the Armenian Church and its present working. He had been approached by Congregationalist Missionaries from Armenia, but did not like their system. Meeting with a translation of the English Prayer Book, he found he could heartily subscribe to the Anglican system; and he is now in Communion with the Church of England, with permission from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other English Bishops to officiate in the Churches of England.

Bishop Ollivant, of Llandaff, aged eighty-two, is the oldest Bishop of the Church in Great Britain; the youngest is Bishop Hill, of Sodor and Man, aged forty-four. The oldest prelate of the Irish Church is Dr. Darley, Bishop of Kilman, aged eighty; the youngest is Dr. Gregg, Bishop of Cork, aged forty-six. The oldest Bishop of the Church in Scotland is Bishop Eden, of Moray and Ross (Primate) aged seventy-six; the youngest is Dr. Mackarness, of Argyll and the Isles, aged fifty-seven.

Urfah, believed to be situated on the site of "Urfah of the Chaldees," has been partially destroyed by fire. Being on the route between Aleppo and Kurdistan, it has long been a place of much commercial importance. The town was large and well built, with a wall about seven miles in circumference. It had forty of fifty thousand inhabitants, a magnificent mosque, and several schools for instructing young men in law and theology.

Sir Moses Montefiore, the celebrated Israelite, now in his ninety-sixth year, was recently presented by the parish of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, with a handsomely bound volume of the New Testament, in Hebrew and English, as a recognition of his extensive charity to the poor of Ramsgate and its neighbourhood.

According to the report of the Bishop of Tuam, that Diocese has been increased by the addition of 2411 converts, mainly from the Romanists, during the last three years. In one district where there were only two clergymen some time ago, there are now eighteen, and eight new Churches have been built.

The Dean and Chapel of St. Paul's have been most successful in their endeavour to get the Cathedral reorganized as a regular place for mid-day service during Lent. The services are simple. After a collect, the Officiant for the day gives an address, which is immediately followed by the Litany. The entire service is confined within thirty minutes. Each preacher takes a series of consecutive days, in order to work out his subject. The Bishop of Bedford preached on Ash Wednesday, and the two days following, on Faith, Hope, and Charity, in their relations with true penitence.

Mr. H. J. Van Dyke, Presbyterian Minister of Brooklyn, writing to the New York *Evangelist* says he is thankful for the temporary barrier which the return of Lent sets up against the tide of worldliness, for the opportunity it presents to bring our Churches for a time under the steady influence of the Gospel, and to press home the claims of Christ's kingdom upon the careless and impenitent. The editor agrees also that the season of Lent, as observed by the Church, is a breakwater against the tide of worldliness that is coming in like a flood.

Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Lincoln, when Canon of Westminster, with Lord Hatherly, raised £60,000 for a Westminster spiritual aid fund, the interest of which pays for Westminster curates and other agencies.

The Government has appointed Mr. James Mackonochie to the Recordership of the city of Winchester, vacant by the decease of the late Dr. A. J. Stephens.

The Bishops of Exeter and Worcester were re-elected Vice-Presidents of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at the recent annual meeting, after some discussion, without a division.

Much delight is experienced in Bucharest in consequence of the recognition of Roumania as independent by England, France, Germany, and Belgium.

The capture of an English officer near Salonica by brigands, has caused a great sensation in Europe.

The attempt to blow up the palace in St. Petersburg, with the Czar and the entire household has created as much detestation in France as in the

other parts of Europe. Men of all ranks and positions have been active in leaving at the Russian Embassy expressions of their sympathy with the Government, and their abhorrence at such atrocities.

The telegraphic wires have been of enormous service to Ireland in making known her districts, not only in making known the condition of the country in India, Australia, Canada, and other distant places; but also in bringing messages of good will, and effective and negotiable promises of money to a large amount.

A small crater has appeared near Palermo, on the west side of Etna. Numerous shocks of earthquake have been felt in the neighbourhood. The coincidence has been pointed out of a shock of earthquake in Lombardy and Piedmont on the 9th ultimo, with the great activity of Etna on the same day, and an eruption of a volcano in San Domingo.

In Germany there are 3,778 newspapers and other periodicals; in Austria, 1,200; in England, 2,509; in France, 2,000; in Italy, 1,226; in Russia, 500. Altogether there are in Europe, 18,600; in Asia, 388; in Africa, 50; in America, 9,129; and in Australia, 100. In the whole world there are 23,290.

It is stated on authority that neither the Vatican nor the congregation of Propaganda, nor any other authority or organization at Rome has been engaged in any negotiations whatever with the Ritualists or anybody representing them. The whole story is a pure fiction, and is merely one of those canards which the Roman correspondents of the *Standard* and the *Daily Chronicle* are in the habit of serving up, to tempt the appetites of a public, which must by this time have become shy of such provender.

EASTER DAY.

Oh, Day of days! Shall hearts set free
No "minstrel rapture" find in Thee?
Thou art the Sun of other days—
They shine by giving back Thy rays.

Enthroned in Thy sovereign sphere
Thou sheddest the light on all the year.
Sundays by Thee more glorious break,
An Easter Day in every week:

And week days following in their train
The fulness of Thy blessing gain,
Till all, both resting and employ,
Be one Lord's Day of holy joy.

Thus sang the sweet singer of England's Church, whose silvery tones shall enchant the souls of men as long as a word shall be known of the English tongue. And this Day of all days in the Christian Year and in the Christian's life should be hallowed and prized with all the faculties of the soul, and with every observance that is calculated to give it impressiveness among us. From the Apostolic age itself it has always been kept as the great Festival of the Christian. Nothing less could have been expected from those who went about preaching "Jesus and the Resurrection," and who observed the first Day of the Week as a continual memorial of that Resurrection, than that they