

when 4 candidates—3 males and 1 female—were presented by the incumbent, when His Grace gave two most thoughtful and helpful addresses, which ought to leave food for long reflection to the thoughtful hearer. Again, in the evening, His Grace very kindly preached a very powerful and learned sermon on "The Bible," bringing out very strongly the great importance of its teaching to the young. The organ from the parsonage was borrowed for these two services, which helped to make them bright and hearty. It is a pity that some kind friends could not help the struggling people of Somerset to finish their little church inside, and thus make it warm.

#### QU'APPELLE.

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QU'APPELLE STATION.—On the Festival of St. Thomas an ordination service was held in St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral, when the Rev. W. Watson, incumbent of Moose Jaw, was advanced to the priesthood. The Lord Bishop of the diocese officiated, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. J. P. Sargent, who, with the Rev. G. Nelson Dobie, assisted in the laying-on-of-hands. Mr. Dobie preached the sermon, pointing out the dignity and responsibility of the holy office, and the peculiar dangers of the priest's life in the North-West.

INDIAN HEAD.—On the fourth Sunday in Advent the Lord Bishop held a confirmation service in the Church of St. John the Divine, when fourteen candidates were presented for the sacred rite of the laying-on-of-hands—eleven adults and three children. The service was most impressive, and the helpful addresses of the bishop were listened to with much attention by the crowded congregation. On Christmas Day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., when the bishop was the celebrant. Although a very cold and stormy morning, there were fifteen communicants. The second service was held at 11 a.m., when the Rev. G. Nelson Dobie was the celebrant, and the bishop preached a very helpful sermon on "God Manifest in the Flesh." The service was choral, Marbeck's Creed being well rendered by the choir. There were 12 communicants at this service. On St. Stephen's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Dobie entertained the choir at the vicarage. A very happy evening was spent in games, music, etc. The Sunday-school had their treat on New Year's eve, when the prizes were distributed. The diocesan library, which has been kept at St. John's College since its formation, has now been moved to Indian Head and placed in the parish room. The library contains some hundreds of useful and valuable books, theological, historical, biographical, and some novels.

### British and Foreign.

The Peace Society is this year sending out nearly 25,000 invitations to preach peace sermons.

Archdeacon Browne (Archdeacon of Bath and Canon Residentiary of Wells) died lately at the age of 86.

The Dean of Westminster has arranged for a collection to be made in the Abbey, on behalf of the Armenian Relief Fund.

There are two Chinese girls who are studying medicine at the University of Michigan. They will return to China as Christian medical missionaries.

Mrs. Warde-Aldam, who recently restored Hooten Pagnell Church at a cost of £6,000, has presented to the same church a set of chimes and clock costing £600.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has refused Father Black's petition to cite the Bishop of London and his Chancellor for the "re-marriage" of a divorced person.

It is generally regretted that Canon Burbidge, vicar of St. Michael-in-the-Hamlet, Liverpool, has resigned the office of Rural Dean of Toxteth, a position which he has held since 1886.

The clergy at Bridgetown, Barbados, are holding open-air meetings in the lanes and alleys connected with their districts. Large numbers are attending their services and listening with attention.

The office of Chaplain to the House of Commons, hitherto held by the Dean of Canterbury, will have to be filled before the meeting of Parliament. The appointment is in the hands of the Speaker. Among those regarded as possible nominees are the Rev. R. H. Hadden, vicar of Aldgate, and the Hon. the Rev. J. S. Northcote, vicar of St. Andrew's, Westminster.

The Bishop of Central Japan (Dr. Bickersteth) reached England last week for a brief visit. We understand that the object of his visit is the proposed extension of the English episcopate in Japan.

The great "Louis Quatorze" bazar, which the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children held last week in St. James' Hall, Manchester, proved an enormous financial success. The receipts amounted to £10,300.

The Duke of Westminster desires to warn the clergy against several persons who are touring in the provinces collecting money for the "poor Armenians in Anatolia," and falsely representing themselves to be agents for the Grosvenor House Committee.

The Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Boyd Carpenter) will contribute to the January number of the *Quiver* a paper upon the pulpit as a "Modern Witness to the Truth." The article is the first of a short series to be written by experts in their respective subjects.

Following close upon Westminster Abbey, Canterbury must now be added to the number of those cathedrals where an early celebration of Holy Communion is afforded weekly on Thursdays, 8 o'clock being the hour, and St. Anselm's Chapel the place.

Dean Clarke, of Barbados, attained his 85th anniversary on the 25th ult. He is very feeble just now, and unable to take any part in the services of the Church he so much loves, but he may be seen in his stall almost every Sunday morning, singing and praising his Maker.

The election to the Lady Margaret Professorship of Divinity took place at Cambridge on a recent Tuesday, the electors being the Doctors and Bachelors of Divinity who are members of the Senate. The Rev. Arthur James Mason, D.D., Canon of Canterbury, was elected.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. J. Cave-Browne, vicar of Detling, in Kent, and author of "Lambeth Palace and its Associations," to the office of Honorary Curator of the Library, Lambeth Palace, in succession to the late Bishop Durnford, of Chichester.

A very impressive service took place in Dalkeith Parish Church, Dumbarton, when Miss S. Lamond, of the Deaconess' Institution, Edinburgh, was ordained and set apart for work in that parish. This is the first ordination of a deaconess for parish work in the West of Scotland.

Details from East Africa have been received of the drowning of Bishop Maples, and Mr. Williams (senior lay member of the University Mission). Mr. Williams was asleep when the boat filled, and sank without a cry; and the bishop, while exhorting the crew to escape, also perished.

A Reuter's telegram from Antananarivo, recently, states that an anti-European mob had wrecked the S.P.G. station at Raminandro; the missionary, the Rev. E. O. Macmahon, and his family, escaped, owing to a previous warning; 600 French troops were sent to quell the disturbance.

The Bishop-designate of Newcastle (Canon Jacob) has promised as a parting gift to the Royal Sailors' Home, at Portsea, a cabin, to be named the "Barham," in memory of his great-great-grandfather, Lord Barham, who was first Lord of the Admiralty at the time of the battle of Trafalgar.

The chorister boys of St. Paul's, numbering about forty, are boarded, lodged and educated by the Dean and Chapter. A lad enters at the age of nine, and remains until his voice breaks. It says much for the care taken of the lads that not one has been lost through death for over twenty years.

The origin of hoods is obscure. But they may be seen in old pictures of the "Inquisitors," and identical in shape with modern Cambridge hoods, i.e., they have the tippet to cover the shoulders, the bag or "wallet" hanging below, the hood or head-piece to protect the head or serve as disguise.

In reference to the marriage of a divorced person, which took place at St. George's, Hanover Square, recently, under a license from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the *Guardian* is asked to state that, had not the ceremony been hastened, a protest would have been made in the church at the time.

A report of the collections made on Hospital Sunday in June last, has just been issued. The Church of England contributed the sum of £30,329 and over. The largest collection is that of St. Michael's, Chester Square, with £1,180 10s., while Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, follows close with £1,170 18s.

The Bishop of Japan and Mrs. Bickersteth are shortly expected in England. The bishop has been unexpectedly summoned to consult with the ecclesiastical authorities on the proposed extension of the English episcopate in Japan, and he hopes to return to the East in the early spring of this year.

It is expected that Canon Jacob will be consecrated Bishop of Newcastle, in York Minster, on Saturday, January 25th (the conversion of St. Paul), there being no Dean and Chapter of Newcastle. There is no foundation whatever for the statement being circulated that the Bishop-designate is engaged to be married.

The Rev. Edward Clayton died at Chester last month. He was formerly incumbent of Stratton, in the Diocese of Oxford, and later—after an interval of missionary work among the Kafirs—vicar of Ilfley (1878 to 1885). He was Rural Dean of Middlewich from 1858 to 1878, and was appointed to an Hon. Canonry of Chester in 1870.

An early celebration of the Holy Communion has been started this Advent in St. Anselm's Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral, on Thursdays, in connection with St. Augustine's College. At this service the eastward position is adopted. This is due to Canon Holland's influence, who has done so much to beautify and furnish St. Anselm's Chapel.

Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Argyll to eighty-two lads on board H.M.S. "Northampton." The candidates were to have come ashore to the church, at which a number of people had assembled to witness the event. But a storm was raging at the time, and the boys could not be landed, consequently the confirmation took place on board ship.

A life of Christ is about to be published, with coloured photographs after James Tissot's pictures, by MM. Mame, the Catholic publishers of Tours, the first twenty impressions of which will be sold for \$1,000 a copy and the rest of the 1,000 copies at \$300 apiece. The advertisement, with one specimen picture and some sketches in black and white, costs \$12.

A statue of St. Ladislav has been disinterred at Grosswardein, Austria, from beneath the fortress, which is built upon the site of the old cathedral. It is believed that it formerly stood, not inside the sacred building, but on the square in front of it. The face and the crown on the head are well preserved. The figure is draped in a cloak. The feet are broken.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has the right to confer any degree granted by any British university on distinguished men. It is a right very sparingly exercised. It confers the right to wear the hood of the degree, and it is generally understood that the person so distinguished adopts the hood of the degree in the university of which the Archbishop is himself a member.

Lord Northbourne, laying the foundation-stone of a new church at Gateshead, stated that he recently had a conversation with Mr. Gladstone on the subject of the enormous wealth amassed by various individuals in the country. Mr. Gladstone said these persons could have no surer means of earning fame and title to immortality than by devoting some large portion of their accumulations to building English cathedrals.

The Bishop of Durham has appointed Canon W. Scott Moncrieff to the important rectory of Easington, in the Diocese of Durham, vacant by the death of the late Canon T. H. Chester. Canon Scott Moncrieff was at one time incumbent of St. Thomas' "English" Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. Since the year 1875 he has been vicar of Christ Church, Sunderland, where he took an active part in Church matters, and was much esteemed.

At the second ordinary meeting of the English Church Union, Canon Knox Little moved: "That a petition be presented to the Bishops of the Provinces of Canterbury and York, praying them to take immediate steps to put a stop to the scandal resulting from the blessings of the Church being given by individual clergymen to the marriage of divorced persons, contrary to the law of the Church, and to the injury of Christian morality."

A correspondent of the *Church Review* writes:—"The Rev. Hanmer William Webb Peplow, vicar of St. Paul's, Onslow Square, claims the honour of having refused the largest number of livings in one year. In explaining to his congregation the reasons which had actuated him in declining the vicarship of Sheffield, which had then just been offered to him, he stated that it was the fifth living that had been offered to him during the preceding twelve months, all of which he had declined."

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