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WE beg the clergy and laity to permit us again to importune them with reference to the circulation of our Paper. We are aware that they have many reasons for disinclination to ask money in their parishes, the collections for local expenditure—generally sufficiently burdensome—and the numerous diocesan collections, seem to be as much as human patience can stand; and yet in the face of all this we would repeat our representation in behalf of our Paper. We have to vindicate our persistent advocacy of the Church Paper's circulation on the old reiterated assertion that the interest, progress, and even the maintenance of the present comparative standing of our Church depend upon the upholding, and the wide and general diffusion of the Church Paper amongst Church members. The Church Paper should be an indispensable weekly visitor in every Church house. Its cost, \$1, (if paid strictly in advance; otherwise \$2,) is the merest trifle. Frequently many times that sum is expended by a household upon Secular Papers, Daily Newspapers, Pictorials, Magazines, &c., with which we have no fault to find; we only ask that the Church shall not be the only teaching and interest unrepresented; we ask but a fair hearing in the houses of our friends.

Some persons are unfair enough to make depreciatory allegations against us. We say unfair, for every pains has been taken to convey to our readers the best statement in our power of all subjects of interest which have engaged the attention of the Church.

Tried by the same illiberal and reckless spirit of fault-finding as that which is sometimes indulged in in speaking of Church Papers, the best Daily Papers of the Secular Press would in many instances be cast aside as totally uninteresting.

We assert without fear of contradiction that none of our readers of fair intelligence, and having the interest in Church work and progress which they should have, have ever perused two consecutive numbers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN without finding in the one or the other or in both communications which it concerned them to see and to be reminded of. Assuming this to be so we must regard the fault-finding where it exists, to be of that unfair and chronic kind of human grumbling which incessantly ascends from all places and means nothing.

In opposition to such "views" we have not in frequent instances of persons unsolicited becoming subscribers from having seen in the house of a friend a few numbers of the Paper which they thought exceedingly good.

We beg then the clergy and laity to interest themselves in the circulation of our Paper in their

several parishes where the Paper has not yet been represented.

The reasons are these:—

First, the Paper is an essential agency in Church teaching in our time; without it we shall be behind the age.

Secondly, if we stand still in this matter the world will not; if we are not filling the minds of our Church people with the teachings of the Church, they will not therefore remain vacant; the agents and emissaries of all shades of religion, and no religion, pervade and fill the land as numerous and ubiquitously as the frogs of Egypt in the days of Pharaoh. Already we find Church people reading unfriendly or bitterly hostile sheets, and spending that money on them which might have been employed by us in the implantation and fostering of the teachings and principles of our Church.

Lastly, the Paper works among the laity and assists the labors of the clergy; it offers them friendly aid; if they decline it we cannot see what other alternative there is than this that, in this universally reading age, in which the clergy and the pulpit are not the sole power in forming the minds and religious faith of men—the soil which should have been sown to good seed by the proper guardians of it, will be sown to bad seed by the enemies of truth, and the Church will have to take the consequences, the clergy not less than the laity.

It may be said we are advocating our own interest; we say in reply that it is no discredit to prosecute vigorously an honest interest which interferes with no other man's, but helps all.

Will the clergy and laity, not forgetting the ladies, consider this matter and determine vigorously to push the circulation of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN in their respective parishes?

A DIOCESAN Missionary Festival is to be held at Salisbury, June 14th. The Bishop of Carlisle will preach at the occasion.

The Lord Chancellor has given the Rectory of Yoxall, near Burton-on-Trent, to the Rev. Joseph B. Lowe, D.D., incumbent of St. Michael's in the Hamlet, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.

The Very Rev. Dr. Pusey-Cust, late Archdeacon of Buckingham has been installed Dean of York, in succession to the late Dr. Duncombe.

On Sunday, April 18th, nearly two hundred sermons were preached in the London area, in behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society.

The London Gazette of March 24th contains an order in Council declaring the Bishopric of Liverpool to be founded.

At a recent meeting in Shrewsbury it was stated that £4,000 out of £6,000 to be subscribed by the Archdeaconry to the Southwell Bishopric Fund had already been contributed. The Bishop of Lichfield said that the population of the country at the time of the Norman conquest was under one million, and that there were then eight Bishops. Two hundred years ago the people had increased six millions with twenty-seven Bishops; now it was twenty-four millions and there were only three more Bishops.

The Vicarage of Market Rasen, Diocese of Lincoln, has been offered by the Lord Chancellor to the Rev. Hely H. Smith, which is satisfactory to the *Record*.

The Ruridecanal Conferences of the Diocese of Durham are to comprise all clergymen licensed in the Rural Deanery, one lay member for each parish containing less than four thousand inhabitants, and two for each parish of four thousand inhabitants and upwards.

The Chester Diocesan Open Church Association having offered five guineas for the two best tracts on the question, "Why do you want me to come to Church?" the amount has been awarded by the Rev. Chancellor Leake (Lincoln) to the Rev. H. Greene, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Banks, Southport, and the Rev. F. Partridge, St. Colomb, Cornwall.

On the 80th, the Bishop of St. Albans visited the Diocesan House of Mercy, Great Maplestead, near Halstead, Essex, for the purpose holding a service for the benediction of the new Superior, Miss Dorothy Walker. At the same time the Bishop confirmed nine of the penitents.

An important paper on the Universities Mission to Central Africa was read before the Royal Geographical Society a few days ago by the Rev. Chauncey Maples. The paper particularly referred to the people and the country around the village of Masais, which was founded by the Mission three or four years ago, for released slaves.

Mrs. Fraser, wife of the Bishop of Manchester, laid the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Clement, Broughton Lane, Manchester, on the 7th ult. The site had been given by Mr. Clowes, who has also contributed £8,500 towards the cost of the building.

The re-opening services at Ashby de la Zouch were continued on Sunday, the 4th. The Bishop of Hereford was the celebrant in the morning. In the evening, eleven hundred persons were present, while many others were unable to obtain admission. The choir (forty in number), eight clergy, and the Bishop entered the north door of the church singing, "Onward, Christian soldiers." The Bishop preached from Pa. 87: 9.

Marsh Gibbon Church, which has lately undergone a complete restoration at a cost of £2000, has been re-opened by the Bishop of Oxford.

Huntsville Church, which had been re-opened after restoration on the 23rd of April, 1870, and was burnt on the 9th of December following, was reopened again on the 8th ult. The Bishop of Bath and Wells, attended by thirty of the clergy, entered the church in procession, singing the hymn, "Forward be our watchword." The Bishop preached from St. Luke 6: 12.

Dean Ryle, the Bishop-elect of Liverpool, has announced his intention to withdraw from the Church Association. It is thought that his consecration will take place in Chester Cathedral, probably in July.