

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Nebraska, has deposed William D. Morrow from the ministry.

REV. Henry William Burrows, Canon of Rochester, died on Tuesday 26th January.

THE Bishop of Madras, at his Advent Ordination, ordained four Telugu deacons and one Tamil deacon.

BISHOP KNIGHT-BRUCE of Mashonaland, who only lately arrived in England from South Africa, has been seriously ill from an attack of influenza.

THE alarming proportion to which the epidemic of influenza has spread has induced many of the Bishops in England, including those of Winchester, Rochester, Chichester and St. Asaph, to direct the special collect "in the time of any common plague or sickness" to be said in the churches of their dioceses.

THE English Prelates who possess Mitres are the Bishops of Lincoln, Southwell, Peterborough, Ely, Chester, Reading, and Gloucester and Bristol. The two Archbishops each possess a Primatial Cross, and the following Bishops use the Crozier—viz., Lincoln, Southwell, Peterborough, Ely, Oxford, Reading, London, Truro, Gloucester and Bristol, and Chester.

AT THE anniversary service, Canon Sills presented to the Bishop of Maine, in behalf of the Cathedral congregation, several subscription books in which under the following form subscriptions had been made amounting to over \$2,500.00:—

We the undersigned, being persuaded that no personal testimonial to our beloved Bishop and Rector on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his services among us, would be so gratifying to him as a united effort on the part of the parishioners to raise a considerable sum towards the erection of a Parish House, hereby agree to pay the sum set opposite our names at the date specified.

THE 25th anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Neely as Bishop of Maine was celebrated with much *eclat* and thanksgiving on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul at the Cathedral Church, Portland. The Canadian Episcopate was represented by the Right Rev. Dr. Kingston, co-adjutor of Fredericton, who is very popular in the Diocese of Maine.

BISHOP NEELY was consecrated in Trinity Chapel, N.Y., on St. Paul's day 1867. The episcopal fund then amounted to only some \$3,000; it is now \$50,000. There was then no Cathedral, but in 1868, the diocese possessed one, the first in the Eastern States, and perhaps in the whole United States. A handsome and commodious *See* house has also been erected.

THE Rev. W. D. Dalrymple, a Presbyterian missionary, has recently died at Rampur Beaulesh, in Bengal, from leprosy contracted about two years ago while attending lepers. He had devoted himself to relieving the sufferings of the wretched victims of that loathsome disease, and within six months of his first coming into contact with them he perceived the signs of the malady in himself.

It is said, that the late Bishop Philpott, practically gave away the whole of his Episcopal income, and it is a fact that many a clergyman whom he has presented to a living has been provided with the means to meet the inevitable expense of preferment out of his Bishop's purse, a cheque for fifty or a hundred pounds, according to the circumstances of the nominee, not unfrequently accompanying the presentation.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Venerable Archdeacon K. Koshi, of the Travancore C.M.S. Mission, for his distinguished services in connection with the revision of the Malayalam Bible. Dr. Koshi is a scholar of high attainments, and has rendered signal service to the cause of Christianity in Travancore.

ACCORDING to the *Record*, Church services in the Italian language have been started in the church of the Holy Trinity, Gray's-Inn-road, in the interest of the Italians inhabiting that quarter, and who are attending in large number. They are conducted by the Rev. Signor Constantius Stander, an Italian by birth, who is in holy orders and a clergyman of the Church of England.

THE prayers recommended by the Bishop of London were made use of by Dr. Parker, at the City Temple on a Sunday morning, lately saying: "Let us now as a Nonconformist assembly make some approach towards further Christian union by joining in heartily repeating the very earnest and tender prayer composed for the occasion by the Lord Bishop of London."

HOLY Trinity church, Philadelphia, took the banner collection for Foreign Missions on the second Sunday after the Epiphany, January, 17th. The collections amounted to nearly \$9,000, and is the largest sum, we believe, ever taken at one time for Foreign Missions in any of our churches. During the Advent season the collections for Domestic Missions in Holy Trinity was over \$7,000.—*Spirit of Missions*.

THE lay-helpers of the diocese of Western New York have recently been largely reinforced by a spontaneous movement among themselves, offering their services to the Bishop for work in destitute places. Under his licence they go forth as lay-readers and catechists into "the next towns" [St. Mark i. 38]—i.e., the towns and villages destitute of the Church's services, and their zeal is largely rewarded by willing souls, who prefer their visits to those of the Salvation Army. They read the services under licence of the Bishop and also sermons allowed by him, or supplied by their reverend pastors. Eminent professional men have been conspicuous in this important movement of missionary effort.

WHEN Bishop Newly entered on his work there were but seven self-supporting parishes and twelve missions [several of these without churches] and but 12 resident clergy; now there are 11 self-supporting parishes, 11 missionary parishes and 24 missions, 37 consecrated churches, four not yet consecrated and 17 rectories. The church families have increased 75 per cent, the Communicants doubled in number. The per-

centage of increase is largely in excess of the increase of the population of the State and the latter being only 1/4 fold that of the Church, and, remembering how many leave the State year by year, must be taken as indicative of a substantial growth scarcely approached in the annals of other religious bodies.

THE London Diocesan Reading Union has just issued the class list of the first examination of the members of the Union, which recently took place. The following is the scheme of subjects for study and (optional) examination for the year ending November, 1892:—(1.) Holy Scripture: the First Book of the Psalms and St. Mark's Gospel. (2.) The Book of Common Prayer: the Baptismal and Confirmation Services and the Catechism [or, the Prefaces, and Morning and Evening Prayer]. (3.) Church History: The First Three Centuries. (4.) Christian Evidence: the Authenticity of the Four Gospels. *Books recommended*:—(1.) Holy Scripture, *The First Book of Psalms* (Canon Kirkpatrick, 3s. 6d.); and *The Gospel of St. Mark* (Canon Maclear, 2s. 6d.); *The Cambridge Bible for Schools* (Messrs. Clay, Pater-noster Row); Bishop Ellicott's *Commentary on St. Mark* (Cassells, 3s. 6d.) (2.) The Book of Common Prayer: Bishop Barry's *Teachers Prayer-book* (Spottiswoode, 3s. 6d.); Canon Maclear's *Class-book of the Catechism* (Macmillan, 1s. 6d.); Canon Daniel's *Prayer-book* (Wells Gardner, 6s.); *Prayer-book Commentary for Teachers and Students* (S.P.C.K., 1s. 1/2d.) (3.) Church History: Plummer's *Church of the Early Fathers* (Longmans, 2s. 6d.); Perry's *Christian Fathers* (S.P.C.K., 3s.); *Students' Ecclesiastical History* (Murray, 7s. 6d.); Archdeacon Farrar's *Early Days of Christianity* (Cassells, 6s.); Blunts *History of the First Three Centuries* (Murray, 6s.) (4.) Christian Evidence: Dr. Wace, *Authenticity of the Four Gospels* (Religious Tract Society, 4d.); Bishop Crosswaite's *Gospels of the New Testament* (S.P.C.K., 4d.); Litton's *Paley* (S.P.C.K., 4s.); Dr. Wace's *The Gospels and its Witnesses* (Murray, 6s.) Communications to be addressed to the Rev. Blomfield Jackson, 29 Mecklenburg Square, Hon. Sec.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

The following are excellent rules for the devout communicant:

(a) Kneel reverently and *straight up* at the communion rail; not bent over the face buried in the hands. So doing you will enable the minister to deliver the elements more conveniently. "Let all things be done decently and in order."

(b) Draw your *gloves* at your pew. You would not meet a mere earthly friend gloved.

(c) Do not *crowd* up to the rail. Let only as many go up as can kneel comfortably. If more than can be accommodated at one time *should* go forward let them find places in the front pews, so as to be out of the way of those returning.

(d) Receive the bread in the *palm* of the right hand. Raise the bread to the lips without touching it with the fingers. Never receive the bread by *pinching* it from the fingers of the Priest; it scatters the crumbs and is slovenly. Take the cup with both hands, and with care and reverence.

(e) Always, if able, make an offering on oc-