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The Mansion-house collection in aid of the sufferers from the famine in Iceland already exceeds £1,100.

An anonymous donor has given a donation of £1,000 to the funds of the St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Railway-place, Fenchurch street, to enable the committee to extend the work of the Mission amongst sailors and emigrants at Liverpool.

The Right Rev. Alfred Ollivant, D.D., Bishop of Llandaff, who was born at Manchester on August 16, 1798, has thus celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday. The venerable prelate was consecrated Bishop of Llandaff in 1849, in succession to Dr. Edward Copleston, and is the oldest Bishop on the Episcopal bench.

According to the Novoya Vremya, the Rev. H. Landsell, an English clergyman, who started several weeks ago from St Petersburg on a missionary tour in Siberia, was arrested and brought back, the police having taken the Bibles he distributed for Nihilist literature. After some considerable difficulty, however, the reverend gentleman got himself set free.

A meeting was held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster, under the presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury, to promote the establishment of a Hospice and Ophthalmic Dispensary at Jerusalem, under the auspices of the English branch of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The Sultan has graciously given a site in the city of Jerusalem to the Order for this purpose.

A committee has been formed for erecting a memorial to the poet Longfellow in Westminster Abbey. Mr. Francis Bennoch is the treasurer of the fund. The Dean of Wells, Sir John Lubbock, M.P., Mr. Henry Irving, Mr. W. M. Rossetti, Mr. George Augustus Sala, Mr. Frederick Locker, Mr. William Sawyer, and Mr. Moncure D. Conway have added their names to the committee.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., the corner stone of the new church for St. Thomas' mission, Chicago (colored), was formally laid. The land was paid for mainly by contributions from Chicago Church people. It cost \$4,000. The church, when finished, will have cost \$10,000, and will be the gift of Dr. Tolman Wheeler, well known for previous liberal donations to the Church in Chicago.

Mr. John F. Slater, of Norwich, Conn., has given \$100,000 for a fund to provide for the education of the Indians, in which the instruction of the mind in secular learning "shall be associated with training in just notions of morality toward God and man in the light of the Holy Scriptures." Chief Justice Waite, Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., and ex-President Hayes are members of the corporation to execute the trust.

Mr. Baring Gould represents the religious condition of Germany as not very encouraging. He says that of the 150,000 inhabitants of Hamburg only 3,000 attend worship, and there are only five parish churches. In Berlin there are 600,000 Protestants, but only 11,000 attend church on Sundays. The church attendance in Darmstadt is only three per cent. Throughout Germany only 14 out of 100 persons attend any kind of religious service.

Dr. Scrivener has in the press a new edition of his "Introduction to the New Testament," which will contain an account of all fresh additions to the materials for textual criticism down to the present date, including the recent researches of the Dean of Chichester. New information concerning the Egyptian versions will be contributed by the Bishop of Durham; and the chief alterations introduced into the received Greek text by the Revisers of the English New Testament will also be examined in their relation to the critical principles of Drs. Hort and Westcott.

At the Winchester Diocesan Conference, Canon Lee offered the following resolution:

"That the existence of party societies in the church is detrimental to her peace and usefulness."

Rev. W. H. Lucas moved to amend by inserting "That the existence of party societies in the church, which seek to limit by process of law the comprehensiveness of the National Church, is detrimental to her peace and usefulness."

The following is the height above the level of the sea of the ground on which the English cathedrals are built: Lichfield, 287 feet; Lincoln, 217 feet; Durham, 215 feet; Salisbury, 153 feet; Exeter, 129 feet; Winchester, 125 feet; St. Asaph's, 124 feet; Ripon, 114 feet; Chester, 88 feet; Worcester, 87 feet; Carlisle, 82 feet; Bangor, 68 feet; Bristol, 63 feet; London, 61 feet; Gloucester, and York, 57 feet; Chichester, 47 feet; Canterbury, 38 feet; Rochester, 33 feet; and Peterborough, 31 feet.

Mr. Jay and John Newton were one day conversing about the conversion of the heathen, when the latter pointedly observed, in answer to some remark, "My dear brother, I never doubted the possibility of the conversion of the heathen since God converted me." Another striking answer was made by a pious clergyman in reply to a question about the heathen: "If ever you get to heaven," said he, "I am sure you will see many there, or you will find a good reason why they are not there. 'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?'"

We understand that the incumbency of St. John, Miles Platting, Manchester, is not vacant, as stated in the House of Commons last week, for the 13th section of the Public Worship Regulation Act provides that a living shall become void three years "from the date of the issuing of the monition, or from the final determination of an appeal therefrom." It is three years since the monition was issued, but it will be some time before the three years from the determination of the appeal will have terminated; and even then the Bishop may, if he thinks fit, delay the voidance for three months.—Morning Post.

Among several interesting paintings lately uncovered during the excavations in a garden of Region VIII. at Pompeii, there was one the subject of which seems identical with the Judgment of Solomon. In this mural painting the figures are all pigmies. In the centre is a bench with three judges; kneeling at their feet, in an attitude of prayer, is a woman; farther towards the foreground is a butcher's table, and upon it a naked baby, which a man is preparing to kill with a large knife, while beside him stands a second woman with an indifferent air. Soldiers and people close the scene.

St. Johnland, a part of the noble work of the late Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, is an estate of 565 acres, about forty-two miles from Brooklyn, on Long Island Sound. The buildings for its benevolent work are the Church of the Testimony of Jesus, centrally located; St. John's Inn; the Old Men's Home—three large houses connected by covered passages; the Boys' House; the Spencer-Wolfe Home for crippled, feeble and destitute girls; the Village Hall and Library; a printing office and stereotype foundry; the Fabbie home for apprentices, to which Mr. Vanderbilt had just added one for orphan girls at a cost of \$12,000. The main thought of this beneficent establishment is to help the worthy poor to help themselves.

Mr. W. H. Webb, late churchwarden of Hawarden Parish Church, at a recent meeting at Bournemouth, gave an interesting account of the way in which the people of Hawarden had recovered the freedom of their Church. After a parochial mission, the parishioners, at a largely attended meeting, had resolved that the Church ought to be free, and their rector, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, and himself determined to have it so. Certainly, some few "swells" laid claim to seats, and were backed by letters from the Bishop of St. Asaph; but he strenuously refused to keep seats for anyone, and he carried a copy of the "Brawling Act" in his pocket for many Sundays, and let it be known that, if necessary, he should not hesitate to put it in force.

The erection of the monument of the late Prince Imperial is rapidly approaching completion on the green in front of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich-common. The larger of the two blocks of polished granite which will form the pedestal, and on which the statue of the Prince will stand, will bear the following inscription:—

Napoleon, Prince Imperial. Born in Paris March 16, 1856. Killed fighting in South Africa June 1, 1879. Gentleman cadet Royal Military Academy from November 18, 1872, to February 16, 1875. Erected by upwards of 25,000 officers and men from all branches of her Majesty's forces.

The statue will be of bronze, and rather larger than life-size. The granite blocks will also bear four bronze eagles, four wreaths enclosing the letter "N," and surmounted by a crown and the motto of the Royal Artillery.

Mr. Colquhoun was lately entertained at a public dinner in Rangoon to celebrate the success of his journey through China, from Canton to British Burmah. He divided his journey into two parts—the first the Canton River, and the second the Yunnan River. The latter river is navigable by light draught steamers and forty miles of its upper portion are gorges and rapids. The evidences of former affluence are due to its important carrying trade, which is now fast decaying owing to the Mahomedan rebellion, which is driving the traffic to the Yangtse River, on account of the unfriendly attitude of the inhabitants. The mountainous plateau of Yunnan is about 6,000ft., and the ranges are 15,000ft. in the north, falling to 9,000ft. on the south. Opium, minerals, and tea are the main exports, and the imports are cotton from Laos and Bhamo, also English salt and piece goods from the latter. From Shumoo to Talifoo there are easy roads, fertile valleys, fine towns and villages.

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