

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

"LUX MUNDI" is now in its eighteenth thousand.

THE Irish Reformed Presbyterian body has issued a manifesto against Home Rule.

MR. JAMES BRUCE, of Belfast, has given £10,000 as a donation to the Hospital for Incurables, Lisburn.

THE Rev. Geo. Hodges, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., has declined election as Assistant Bishop of Oregon.

THE Bishop of Ely has reopened the church of Standridge, Bedfordshire, after a complete restoration at a cost of £2400.

THE happy suggestion has been made that a cathedral church be erected in San Francisco as a memorial of the late Bishop Kip.

THE new mission church, in the parish of St. Peter's, Fleetwood, is to cost about £2000, and to provide 250 sittings, all free and open.

THE Bishop of Pennsylvania, in company with Mrs. Whitaker, expects to make a prolonged tour through the Northwest and British Columbia.

AT the second Confirmation for the year, for the parish of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, a few short of two hundred young people were confirmed.

THE sum of £3400 has been subscribed towards erecting the proposed new Church schools at Ravenhead, in the parish of St. Helen's, Eng.

THE Bishop of North Dakota (Dr. Walker) has received a legacy of \$5,000 to be used for school purposes in his diocese. He also received \$2500 from the Astor family, N.Y., for the same object.

IN 1904 the *Millenary* of the foundation of the Bishop's seat at Wells, Eng., will be reached. The charter of incorporation of the Dean and Chapter is dated more than seven hundred and fifty years ago.

THE Queen and H. R.H. the Prince of Wales have been graciously pleased to accept copies of Mr. C. F. Pascoe's *Classified Digest of the Records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel from 1701 to 1892*.

MR. ATHERSTAN RILEY is said to be organising an educational league, to assist Churchmen to secure definite religious teaching for their children, and a meeting will shortly be held at Lady Shaftesbury's to inaugurate it.

THE Rev. George W. Wodehouse, Vicar of Albrighton, Shifnal, Salop, entered on his ninety-fourth year last week. He graduated and was ordained in 1824, and has been Vicar of Albrighton fifty-seven years.

THE Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Alabama,—known to many in Canada as having been one of a deputation to the Provincial Synod,—intely celebrated the 26th anniversary of his Rectorship of St. John's church, Montgomery.

THE proceedings in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Winchester College began

on the 25th July with a service in the morning in Winchester Cathedral, when the sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE Bishop of Durham laid last month the memorial-stone of a new parish hall in connection with the parish of Ryton-on-Tyne, Durham, which is to be devoted to instruction and recreation. The rector (Canon Bailey) has given the site.

BISHOP HADFIELD is resigning the see of Wellington, New Zealand, to which he was consecrated in 1870. He has spent the whole of his clerical life in the mission field. He joined the staff of the C.M.S. in 1838. He was also Primate of the Province.

A Bishop's seat is to be placed on the north side of the sacarium in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng. There has been unforeseen delay in the execution of the work owing to the cathedral architect's alteration of the plans, but it is expected that the chair will be completed this month.

A PRESENTATION was recently made to the Rev. Canon Churton, senior fellow of King's College, Cambridge, by the parishioners of St. Luke's, Chesterton, as a mark of appreciation of his work during the past six years, during which time he has greatly assisted the clergy of the parish.

THE annual report of the Carlisle Diocesan Church Extension Society states that the whole amount expended by the Society out of its own funds during the thirty-one years of its existence is £64,401. During the same time the amount arising from private and public sources and devoted to the objects of the Society amounted to £383,238. The results of the "Diocesan Sunday" collections are reported to be more satisfactory than ever.

AN English Church dignitary writes: "The apathy of the country on Home Rule is perfectly appalling; but I believe when the question comes again before the constituencies there will be a very different result. If this disastrous measure should ever become law, I am as certain that there would be civil war as I am that I am sitting here; but you may be sure of this—there are hundreds of leading men in England who would make it impossible for any troops of the Queen to fire on the loyalists of Ulster."

AN International gathering of Church workers amongst deaf mutes was held in St. Clement's church, Chicago, on July 13 and 14, when a number of important papers on Church topics were read and discussed in the sign language. A large number of deaf mutes were present, and at the celebration on Sunday deaf mutes from widely-separated places in the United States and Great Britain received. Two hundred attended the afternoon service and one was received into the Church by Holy Baptism.

THE Rev. Dr. C. Miel, of the French church of St. Sauveur, Philadelphia, is taking charge of St. James' church, Woonsocket, R.I., during the summer, officiating at the Early Celebration and the morning service in English, and in the French language at Evensong. There is an opening in that locality for the establishing of a French mission church, there being quite a large resident French (Canadian) population, operatives in the silk and other factories, who have abandoned the Roman Communion. Dr.

Miel has gone thither at this time to develop it, and hopes to be able to furnish it with a devoted French mission priest in the near future.

THE opening meeting in connection with a scheme which has been drawn up by the members of the theological faculty in the University of Oxford, for the purpose of providing a series of long vacation lectures on theology and kindred subjects for clergy of the Church of England, was held on Monday evening, July 17, in the examination schools, Oxford, when the opening address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Ince, Regius Professor of Divinity. Dr. Ince said that the conception of the scheme was due to the zeal and enterprise of some of the younger members of the faculty of theology, who were dissatisfied with the limitation of the official duties of the faculty to its present routine work, and who thought that, without any neglect of their proper duties, they might do service to theological science and to the Church of England, considered as a teaching Church, if they organized a simple plan of offering to the clergy an opportunity of receiving instruction in various departments of sacred science from known and experienced teachers who had specially studied the subjects which it was the business of their lives to teach.

TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNEEL.

Some people are prevented from kneeling by bodily infirmity; if you are not, will you consider these five points?

- [1] Our Lord Jesus Christ *kneelt* to pray.
- [2] Christians from the earliest times *kneelt* or stood to pray; they never sat.
- [3] The Book of Common Prayer expressly enjoins *kneeling* to pray.
- [4] By *not kneeling* you hurt the feelings of reverent follow-worshippers.
- [5] If kneeling is an act of reverence to God, it is worth some sacrifice of convenience or of clothing.

INFLUENCE OF THE GOSPEL.

Bishop Selwyn, during his episcopate in New Zealand, had opened a school for the young Maori natives, called St. John's College, at Auckland. But a war broke out which cost hundreds of lives, and lasted, with intermissions, for ten years. Many natives who had embraced Christianity of course sided with their own people against the English settlers, and the Bishop experienced the bitter pain of seeing numbers of his Maori flock, for whom he had toiled so long, and whom he regarded as his most dear and familiar children, fall away from Christianity altogether and relapse into savagery. But the seed sown was not without fruit, as some very striking instances demonstrated.

"After a defeat on the Waihatu, 1863, in each of the dead men's haversacks was found one of the Gospels of a Church of England Prayer-book, showing that they had come under the influence of Bishop Selwyn." Again, "One day some large canoes were seen coming down the Waihatu with a white flag flying. They were found to contain a large quantity of potatoes and several milch goats as a present to Gen. Cameron and his soldiers. The chiefs at Merimeri had heard that the troops were short of provisions, and they had obeyed the spiritual injunction. 'If thine enemy hunger, feed him.'"

During the bloody conflicts near Tamanga, 1865, when the English Troops stormed the formidable Gate Pa and had been repulsed, several wounded officers were left inside. One of them was tenderly cared for all through that dreary night by the very Maori who defended