

ply his avocations. Again, the parallel sought to be established between Ignatius Loyola, his followers and the modern lay reader, is utterly inappropriate. The famous founder of the order of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, was not a layman engaged during the week in business or pleasure. He was under solemn vows to devote his whole time and his whole life to his special office as the founder of an order of preachers. Whether, had he been a member of the "Established Church" he would have been frozen out, is problematic, and merely "begging the question." Again, John Wesley was no layman, but an ordained and consecrated priest of the Church. His actions prove conclusively the evil of combining ministerial duties and secular occupations, in that the end of his order of lay preachers has brought about the severance of vast multitudes from the Church. It is a popular saying that the Church drove the Methodists out of her fold—but like many other popular dicta, it is false. The real truth is that human pride and impatience of discipline, obedience and submission to constituted authority, led the professed followers of John Wesley to set up an independent standard and to separate themselves from the Body. Listen to St. Jude when he says, "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." The laity have as golden opportunities as the clergy to do the will of God. Let the layman remain a layman until such time as the Spirit of God calls him to offer himself for the holy ministry—then let him leave the secular pursuits of the world that he may entirely devote himself and all his time to the functions of the clergy. If our laity will give "as God hath prospered them" in their business pursuits, there would be ample funds in the hands of the Church to send regularly ordained ministers to those scattered congregations of the faithful that it is proposed to serve by the ministry of lay-readers. Lastly, where, in all the economy of the Church of God, as revealed in the pages of Holy Scriptures, Old or New Testament, is the parallel to or the precedent for the modern lay-reader? I am not writing against the propriety or expediency of employing laymen licensed to read the Holy Scriptures or even to preach the Word under exceptional circumstances—but I combat the opinion so widely expressed now-a-days, that we ought to encourage lay-reading as a recognized order in the Church; but under the most exceptional circumstances—or as a distinct work—unless safeguarded by solemn vows, and by entire removal from the ordinary avocations of the business world.

CHAS. E. WHITCOMBE.

### British and Foreign.

The new mission church of St. Mark, Jarrow-on-Tyne, was opened lately by the Rev. Canon Body.

Archdeacon Cooper, of Brisbane, is to be consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Ballarat at an early date.

The Bishop of Durham recently entertained two well-known Methodist ministers at Auckland Castle.

The Rev. V. F. Hammoud, vicar of Drighlington, Yorkshire, has been appointed rector of St. John's, Greenock.

Dr. Randall Davidson was confirmed in his new See recently in the Church of St. Mary-le Bow, Cheapside.

The musical festival at Cardiff was a brilliant success, thanks to Sir Joseph Barnby, who trained the choirs on the spot.

The Rev. Canon Ilderton, rector of Ingram, Alnwick, died lately, aged 84. He was educated at Cambridge and was ordained in 1834.

The parish church of St. Modwen, Burton-on-Trent, has been reopened by the Bishop of Lichfield after an extensive restoration.

The vacant rectory of Bath has been offered to the Rev. Canon Quirk, now vicar of St. Paul's, Walworth, and recently vicar of St. Mary's, Beverly.

The Rev. W. Minniken, who did much good work in years gone by for the Church in Scotland, died lately at Perth, aged 84. He was ordained in 1842.

Archdeacon Archdale, of the Diocese of Ferns, is one of the oldest clergy in the Church of Ireland. He was ordained in 1828 and is now in his 92nd year.

The Bishop of Peterborough dedicated the new chancel of the parish church of Coalville, Leicestershire, a short time ago. On the same day His Lordship dedicated a new organ, new choir stalls, a large painted memorial window, a new pulpit and other things.

The memorial chapel in Wantage Parish Church, erected to the memory of the late Dean Butler, was opened and dedicated lately by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The Hon and Rev. J. S. Northcote will, in all probability, be appointed chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons in the place of the Dean of Canterbury.

The bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, are to be replaced in the tower of the church very shortly. The bells will not be rung, but chimed. The peal contains ten bells in all.

The Bishop of Chester recently preached at the re-opening of Holy Trinity Church, Leeds, which has been fitted throughout with electric light. Prebendary Bullock is the vicar of that church.

The Rev. John Trew, who has been for the past fourteen years rector of St. John's, Greenock, recently bade farewell to his late congregation, prior to his departure to an important charge in Bradford, Yorkshire.

The Duke of Cambridge—who was accompanied by his former subaltern, the Archbishop of York, both being mounted—was received with deafening cheers at York on his last appearance there as Commander-in-Chief, a short time since.

Mrs. Alexander, the wife of the Lord Bishop of Derry, is still very ill, but hopes are now entertained of her ultimate recovery. Prayers have been offered throughout the united dioceses of Derry and Raphoe for her complete restoration to health.

It is proposed to erect a memorial to the late Miss Stewart, recently murdered in China. The memorial will take the shape of a stained-glass window to be erected in the Church of Little Stukeley, Hampshire, of which parish her father is the rector.

The Rev. J. H. Fry, chaplain of St. John's Church, Boulogne, has been appointed to the chaplaincy of St. George's Church, Berlin, by the Bishop of London. The church was built by the Empress Frederick. Mr. Fry was at Boulogne for eleven years.

The late Bishop of Winchester willed the whole of his theological library in trust to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the new Church House at Wolvesey, or else for the use of a Clergy School, whenever such a school shall be founded in the diocese.

The new organ in Doncaster Parish Church was dedicated lately by the Archbishop of York. Both that prelate and the Bishop of Bath and Wells preached at Doncaster on the occasion of the harvest festival. Dr. Hopkins, organist of the Temple Church, presided at the organ on the occasion of the opening ceremonies.

The Rev. H. E. Maddock has been appointed a canon residentiary of York. He was Fellow and Librarian of Clare College, Cambridge, and is now vicar of Patrington in the North Riding of Yorkshire. From 1875 to 1878 Mr. Maddock was Professor of Classics at Trinity College, Toronto. He was presented by his college to his present living in 1884.

On St. Matthew's Day, in accordance with the will of Mr. John Bancks, assistant treasurer of Christ's Hospital in the year 1619, the Blue Coat boys and the Corporation attended Divine service at Christ Church, Newgate Street. The new vicar, the Rev. E. H. Pearce, said the prayers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Arthur Chilton, a former Grecian.

The Bishop of Winchester bade farewell to the clergy of his late diocese lately in the Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark. Every available inch of room was occupied. There was a special celebration of the Holy Communion at which the bishop himself was the celebrant. In place of a sermon the bishop gave an address of some length, dealing with his five years' work in the Diocese of Rochester.

On a recent Sunday in Napier, New Zealand, the dean (Dr. Horell), in the course of his sermon in the cathedral, appealed for the sum of £1,000 towards defraying the debt on the building. During the week immediately following he received over £1,200, made up in great part of small sums of money. The whole of this money was contributed by members of the cathedral congregation.

Mrs. Henry Brent, formerly of the rectory, New-castle, has gone with her three daughters to reside permanently in Denver for the benefit of the health of her eldest daughter.

### BRIEF MENTION.

Cold weather is stamping out cholera in Japan, and it only exists in Kobe.

Buffalo has a furniture firm, "Irish & English"; Mr. Irish is English and Mr. English is Irish.

The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael is in Minneapolis, Minn., attending the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Wilkie's famous picture of the Abbotsford family has been bought for \$4,000 for the Scottish National Gallery.

The Rev. A. Stewart, M.A., of Orillia, entered upon his ninety-second year last Thursday.

It is calculated that in ninety years, at the present rate of increase, Australia will contain 40,000,000 citizens.

The most enthusiastic woman horticulturist in Europe is Miss Alice Rothschild, whose collection of roses alone is said to be worth \$50,000.

Sour stomachs sweetened by the use of K.D.C.

In the Persian Gulf there are springs of fresh water that furnish supplies to passing vessels.

Rev. Charles H. Yatman, the well known Evangelist, is about to make an evangelistic tour to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

The amount paid in the form of interest to shareholders in public companies in England annually is something like £220,000,000.

Two illustrious women who celebrate this year the seventy-fifth anniversary of their birth are Florence Nightingale and Jean Ingelow.

The old rectory at Grasmere, in which Wordsworth lived from 1811 to 1813 while engaged on "The Excursion," has been torn down. It was built in 1687.

K.D.C. Pills tone and regulate the bowels.

Krupp, the Canon King, has set aside 1,000,000 marks as a fund for the benefit of his employees. In addition to this he gave on Sedan day 100 marks to each of the 1,620 veterans of the war of 1870 working for him.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, of Sharbot Lake, is busy building a new rectory. He deserves great praise for the way in which he has pushed business and secured a subscription list that would be a credit to a much larger place.

Use K.D.C. for all stomach troubles.

Gen. Count Waldersee, who has just received the rank of field marshal, is the eighth living German who has received the baton.

The Duke of Sutherland's two sons, the Marquis of Stafford, who is 7, and Lord Alistair Gower, who is 5, attend the village public school at Golspie, with the children of his tenants and workmen.

The Marquis of Lorne, who has just entered the House of Commons for the first time, adds—as a son-in-law of the sovereign—a new and unparalleled feature to its personnel from his near relationship-in-law to the sovereign.

The people of Woodstock, through the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Hospital Committee, have furnished a ward in memory of the late secretary-treasurer of their committee, Mrs. Andrew Pattullo. The ward will be named the "Isabel Pattullo Ward."

### Disagreeable Duties.

We naturally incline to shirk them. We elect to perform nothing but the agreeable ones. But God will not humour our inclination. He will not encourage our weakness. He knows that the performance of nothing but agreeable duties would leave excellent elements of our character uncultivated, uneducated, undeveloped. Hence He calls us to perform disagreeable duties, even very repulsive ones. And how many times we have thanked Him for the results! Even in the very act of doing them we have come upon choice revelations. We have discovered in ourselves possibilities and powers of which we had not dreamed. We have gathered lessons of inestimable value. We have taken on richer strength, added treasures to our wisdom, and gained an experience which will continue to serve us through life.