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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE HISTORIC EPISCOPATE.—The Right Rev. James C. Campbell, D.D., Lord Bishop of Bangor, has completed his 74th year, he was born at Stonefield, in Argyleshire, in December, 1818. He is the *seventieth* bishop of Bangor, which See was founded before the year 516, and he was consecrated in 1859.

DIOCESE OF CHESTER.—The diocese contains 260 incumbents and 140 curates, chaplains, &c. Since his accession Bishop Stubbs has ordained 120 candidates—44 deacons and 76 priests. The population of the diocese is given as 644,000.

BISHOP PADDOCK OF MASSACHUSETTS ON DIVISIONS.—What the mind and will of our Lord and Master are with regard to the *unity* of His followers have been expressed so clearly as to seem beyond dispute. Only in these latter days have new interpretations of His words been proposed with a view to justify the perpetuating of schisms and sects which have marred His body, and thwarted His gracious purpose. The evils of division are evident. If our Lord directly, or through His Church, has appointed the form and mission of His ministry, then the setting up of a ministry and order other than in accordance with His will must be a grave error at best.

Among the grievous results of the present state of things are the multiplication of sects, warring bitterly with each other, the waste of efforts and means, innumerable controversies and jealousies, the ignoring or actual abandonment by many calling themselves Christians of parts of the truth taught by Christ and His Apostles, and the consequent neglect and disuse of some of the richest privileges of the Gospel. A vast portion of the world still lies in heathenism and baleful ignorance and error. Manifold forms of vice and wickedness abound even in Christian countries. The faith is assailed and the foundation of morals attacked with a vehemence and strength which undoubtedly gain in every way from the quarrels and divisions of those who should be one household, one family of brethren.

THE BISHOP OF ADELAIDE.—A testimonial of seven hundred sovereigns was offered to Bishop Kennion on the occasion of his projected visit to England, to attend the Pan-Anglican Synod at Lambeth. The Bishop refused to accept the money personally, but would devote it to reducing the bank overdraft of the Home Mission Fund.

A NEW BISHOP OF SHREWSBURY.—The Ven. Sir Lovelace Stamer, Bart, Archdeacon of Stoke, has just been selected says *The English Churchman, London, Evangelical* for the appointment of Suffragan Bishop of Lichfield, with the title of Bishop of Shrewsbury. He was born in York in 1829, and is the son of an Irish baronet. Having received his education at Rugby, and also at Trinity College, Cambridge, he graduated in 1853 as B.A. (second class classics), and was ordained in the same year, graduating as M.A. in 1856. He was two years after appointed rector of Stoke-upon-

ent, becoming Prebendary of Lichfield in 1875, and Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent in 1877. The new Bishop is a High Churchman.

ECCLESIASTICAL SYMPATHIES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.—The Queen is, if anything outside the Church of England, a staunch Presbyterian. She likes a service without display, and a sermon without length. Canons Rowse and Duckworth are amongst her favourite pulpit orators, as are many of the well-known Scotch divines. As for the other members of the Royal Family, the Prince of Wales likes any liturgy that has *go* in it. The Princess is strongly addicted to the school of the late Dr. Pusey. She attends All Saint's, Margaret-street, when in London, and may often be seen there at the half-past ten o'clock service. Prince Albert Victor, who shares his mother's views, goes with her when in town.—*York Herald*.

Every Vestry meeting, whether presided over by a clergyman or not, should be opened by prayer. The warden can surely ask his associates in the vestry to kneel and say with him the Lord's Prayer, and he can add a collect for divine direction. Indeed every meeting where God's kingdom is concerned should have this recognition of our entire dependence upon Him for wisdom and strength to do His Holy will. We have known Christian men who would kneel in "a lodge," or even pray under such circumstances, who seemed ashamed to do so when placed in just those positions where it was a serious neglect not to pray and a just irreverence not to assume the attitude of prayer.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL.—Wonderful is the change in the old Cathedral Church of St. Patrick Armagh. The ugly, ill-advised "screen" has been removed and instead of the cramped, dwarfed appearance of the past, on entering, one is now confronted with a glorious central arch, so long hidden away by the "screen;" and on leaving, impressed with the stately line of pillars. It was only the other day that the size of the old church dawned upon one, while looking at the architect's plan and working out the measurements. The full 200 feet will now take the place of the former wretched subdivisions.

The act of Bishop French, the retiring Bishop of Lahore, in remaining at his post to work under his successor, is rightly said to be only paralleled by that of the gallant Outram at Lucknow. Dr. French is one of the most scholarly as well as one of the most saintly Bishops of the Anglican Communion. Dr. French took a first-class in classics at Oxford, as well as the gold medal for Latin, and he was Fellow and Tutor of his college (University) before he engaged in missionary work. In India he is known as the "many-tongued man of Lahore," for he is able to preach in at least eight or nine languages. Dr. French remains in his old diocese to engage in missionary work at his own expense.

By an act of grateful deference to the interests of the diocese, Lord Salisbury has waived the right of the Crown to nominate to

the valuable stall at Exeter vacated by London's new Bishop. The Bishop of Exeter, in whom the presentation ordinarily rests, has therefore conferred the appointment of Archdeacon of Totnes, in succession to the Ven. Archdeacon Earle, recently appointed as Suffragan Bishop of London, on the Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and Prebendary of Exeter. Dr. Wilkinson is a brother of Canon Wilkinson, of Birmingham, and will be a useful successor to the popular Archdeacon, who comes to join his old chief in London.

A young Parsee lady named Sorabji has succeeded in rivalling Miss Ramsay's brilliant "first" in the Cambridge Classical Tripos of last year. Miss Sorabji has had a very distinguished University career, having won the Havelock prize, the Hughlings exhibition, and ultimately graduated in the first class with only five persons similarly honoured, who are all of the sterner sex. She is a daughter of Mr. Sorabji, a native honorary missionary of the Church Missionary Society, and her mother conducts a successful high school for girls at Poonah, in which Europeans, Eurasians, Parsees, and Hindoos, are all received, and find a first-rate education.

John Wesley's Chapel, London, England, has been secured as a mission-room for the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

The past year was remarkable for the number of large legacies and donations to charities in England. It is computed that over £700,000 was given in large sums, and amounts of less than £1,000 makes the total at least £1,000,000. Nevertheless, it is doubtful whether a very large general increase of income will be the result.

The Bishop of Salisbury having been appealed to by the rector of Swanage, Dorset, to say whether the latter had acted within his right in dismissing a member of his choir, has replied very emphatically in the affirmative. The Bishop writes:—I am of opinion that it is quite within your power to do so, since it is a general rule of Church law that the ordering of the services, including the music, is entirely under the control of the minister." It is observable that while the Bishop adds that it is left to his correspondent's "discretion" to determine "what are or are not sufficient reasons for such dismissal," he offers no opinion as to whether the Rector's discretion had in the present instance been wisely exercised. The motive for excluding the objectionable chorister appears to have arisen from some differences between him and the rector in regard to a theatrical entertainment given in aid of the funds of the local school.

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