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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

HAVE you made your will? asks the *Iowa Churchman*. If so, is God remembered therein? The silver and the gold are His. Have you given Him His tithes? He it is who giveth power to get wealth. Have you rendered in acknowledgment of His goodness, a thank-offering to His Church and cause? All you have is His. Have you given unto Him that which is His due—that which He has given you to use for Him? The Church's missions demand remembrance; the work of the diocese should not be forgotten; there are Church charities to be started and sustained; there are parochial activities to be supplied with means; the older and still feeble congregations of our communion require help. There is much to be done. The "unrighteous mammon" may be made a friend by a wise and Christian use of it. Think of these things in arranging for the disposition of your estate. Give God His dues. Remember Him and His holy Church in your last will and testament; and if you are Christ's and have given yourself to Him, "keep not back part of the price."

THE C. M. S.—From the report read by the Secretary at the annual meeting, it appeared that during the last fifty years the Society has sent out more than 900 missionaries, that 355 native clergymen had been ordained, and that its missionaries had baptised more than 80,000 native adult converts. Referring to finance, the report stated that this year the income of the Society had been £6,555 higher even than that, namely, £207,793. In addition, £8,260 had been given to the extension fund, £3,000 being an anonymous donation for work among Mahomedans. The grand total receipts on all accounts, including special funds, interest, etc., was £234,639. There had been an undoubted advance in missionary interest at home, from which the Society looked for a larger supply of well-qualified missionaries.

THE CHURCH ARMY (Eng.) is under the patronage of the Archbishops of Canterbury

and York and most, if not all, of the Bishops. The annual report states that during the year 1886, 30,000 out-door meetings had been held, and 40,000 in-door meetings. These have been attended by five million persons, and 3,500 adult converts had been confirmed. There are six thousand regular communicant members, all humble speakers in the cause of Christ, many of whom were formerly drunkards, wife-beaters, gamblers, etc. Subscriptions and donations received centrally during the year, amounted to £4,000, while locally there had been received for mission purposes, mostly in working people's pence, over eight thousand pounds sterling.

CHURCH PAROCHIAL MISSION SOCIETY.—The annual report states that during the year nearly 200 missions have been held either by the clergymen employed by the Society or by those who kindly associate with its work. In several places a series of addresses had been given by missionaries day by day throughout Holy Week. The large and devout congregations at these had been most encouraging. The Church in Wales had of late excited deep interest. It was felt by the Archbishop of Canterbury that spiritual revival within the Church is of more avail than heated political discussion, and a mission was projected in the four Welsh Dioceses.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.—There are over a quarter of a million of British merchant seamen, besides many thousand foreign sailors, in British ports, for whose spiritual sustenance when afloat the parochial system makes no provision. Another quarter of a million of fishermen, boatmen, lightship keepers, &c., are inadequately cared for, and two-thirds of the ships of war are without chaplains. For these the Missions to Seamen has seventy-two honorary chaplains, two clerical superintendents, twenty-four chaplains, forty-three Scripture readers, and five lay helpers working afloat in fifty seaports at home and abroad, who are furnished with thirty-five mission vessels and boats in open roadsteads, rivers and harbours, with forty-two churches, institutes and mission-rooms, in docks and seaports. The gross income in 1886 was £24,867 14s., being an increase of net income of £2,742 over that of the previous year. Many more devout officers and seamen of the merchant navy came forward in 1886 than in any previous year to take an active part in promoting Godly living amongst their comrades when at sea, by conducting Divine worship on board, holding Bible classes of seamen, and praying with sick shipmates. In that year 9,578 seamen, fishermen, and bargemen, were induced to take the pledge of total abstinence, making 61,259 total abstaining pledges taken by sailors in the last eight years. Thanks to those ladies who had made "crash" bags to hang up in the fore-castles, as well as to 2,244 donors of books and magazines, 9,443 outward bound ships and fishing vessels carried with them to sea libraries or bags of useful reading for their crews. There was a steady increase of seamen receiving the Lord's Supper. The offertories of the seamen and their families at the Missions to Seamen churches were well maintained, and 5,498 seamen, speaking twenty-three languages, bought

Bibles and prayer-books last year, making 40,270 sailors who had done so in the last seven years.

THAMES CHURCH MISSION.—The May meeting was the forty-second annual meeting of this mission. Like the Mission to Seamen it cares for a practically normal population for whom no regular provision is made. Last year's work included 35,268 visits to individuals, 13,594 visits to ships and steamers, 15,193 visits to fishing vessels, barges, &c., 1,729 visits to foreign shipping, 142,242 attendances at 5,446 services, 4,249 English Bibles and Testaments sold, 429 foreign Bibles and Testaments sold, 15,221 Testaments given to emigrants, 804 to troops, 566 to sailors, 12,293 English portions given away, 36,614 foreign portions given away, 557 Prayer-books distributed, 390,000 English tracts distributed, 47,321 foreign tracts distributed, 256,979 magazines distributed, 11,115 "Emigrant Packets" of the R.T.S. placed on emigrant vessels, 495 gospel compass cards sold, 151 sailors' rolls suspended on board various vessels, 1,226 sailors' library bags, in which were 16,000 books, 1,446 temperance pledges signed, 488 persons received surgical aid, 244 hospital letters were given, 167 men went to the Sailors' Home through the distribution of its cards among the crews of homeward bound ships, 721 mufflers were given away, 1,362 almanacks were placed on board various vessels, and 529 cuffs were gratuitously distributed. The Secretary, Rev. H. Bloomer, M.A., was deservedly much cheered by a crowded audience on making his annual statement as he modestly omitted to mention his own unsparing efforts during the year to interest, by lectures, &c., all classes of Church-people in the work of the mission. After an eloquent address by the Bishop of London, who presided, the Rev. R. H. Prenney, Rev. C. Hurlston, and others spoke to a resolution supporting the Mission, which was carried unanimously.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ZENANA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Society in the seven years of its existence, has increased the number of its missionaries from thirty to ninety. The number of missions stations, according to the statement given at the annual May meeting, had grown from thirteen to forty-one, the number of associations from 287 to 700; while the £11,000, with which they commenced, had grown to an income of £23,000, and was steadily increasing. During the year the missionary staff had been increased by twelve ladies. Their band of missionaries, assistants, native Bible-women and teachers now numbered 492, not included some thirteen accepted candidates. New work had been undertaken in three different directions, Bangalore, Mysore, and the Hazara district, at the east of Peshawur. The receipts for the past year showed an increase of £1,190. and the expenditure left a balance of £3,378.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The issues for the year had been as follows:—From the depot at home, 2,075,887; from the depots abroad, 1,856,791, making a total of 3,932,678 copies in Bibles, Testaments, and portions. The total issues from the commencement now amounted to 112,253,547 copies of Scripture