

Monday evening, 11th inst. The subject, "Pope Sixtus Vth," was handled in a scholarly and masterly way by the venerable lecturer, and greatly enjoyed by the very appreciative and intellectual audience. The archdeacon was also delighted with his visit to Galt, and has promised, in response to a pressing invitation, to return at an early date. Two other lectures are yet to be delivered, which will complete the course, the next being by Sergt.-Major Keefer, of Galt, rector's warden, on the "Egyptian Campaign."

The committee of the "London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews," has appointed the Rev. J. W. Beaumont, D.D., M.D., Park Hill, Ont., their agent and secretary for Canada, to whom contributions in aid of the work of the society may be sent.

BRIEF MENTION.

The directors of the Bank of Ottawa subscribed \$500 to the Indian Famine Fund.

The religious and philanthropic societies of New York have arranged to hold monthly conferences on charitable work.

The General Synod of the Church of England voted down a proposal to have the Revised Version of the Scriptures read in the churches.

A new ocean going yacht is to be built for Queen Victoria in place of the "Victoria and Albert," the present royal yacht.

To keep himself busy, Verdi is at work on an oratorio. He denies that he has any intention of writing an opera.

Lord Mount-Stephen has given \$2,000 to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

Bishop Creighton, of London, shocks conventionality by wearing ordinary unepiscopal clothes when he travels on the Continent on his vacations.

The Prince and Princess of Wales subscribed £250 to the Mansion House Fund for the Indian famine sufferers.

The oldest weekly religious paper in Great Britain is, with one exception, the *Christian News*, which has just celebrated its jubilee.

It is illegal in Montpelier, France, to wrap food in any but white paper, or paper made of straw.

The largest estate in England's Probate Court last year was that of Sir Charles Booth, whose fortune had its source in breweries. His estate was valued at \$9,650,000.

Dr. Gilles de la Tourette, the great authority on neuropathy, has been appointed head doctor to the Paris Exhibition of 1900.

Archduchess Stephanie, widow of the late Crown Prince Rudolf, of Austria, sang for the first time in public lately in the Laxenburg Church, near Vienna.

James Payn, the well-known novelist and magazine contributor of England, is a great devotee of whist, and while owing to physical infirmities he is unable to deal the cards, he plays regularly and is a skillful opponent to meet.

The house in which Faust is supposed to have been born, in Roda, near Weimar, was recently sold for old building material for \$22. It is nearly five centuries old, and narrowly escaped being taken to the Chicago exhibition a few years ago.

A service in memory of Prince Henry, of Battenberg, husband of the Princess Beatrice, was celebrated last week in Whippingham Church. The Queen, Princess Beatrice, her children, and other members of the Royal family were present.

The chief proofreader of the *London Times* is a Cambridge graduate, who has a salary of £1,000, or \$5,000; but, then, he is a great scholar, not only in the English language, but in all ancient and other tongues, not excepting Asiatic ones. He is permitted to query and suggest excisions or additions to the work of writers and editors.

Archbishop MacLagan, of York, wishes to have his large diocese divided up into three. Sheffield, Leeds and Hull are spoken of as likely to have bishops of their own, the tendency in England now being to make the large towns cathedral cities.

An extraordinary exhibition of bad manners was shown at the confirmation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Bow church the other day. The formal objection to Dr. Temple, reported by cable, was made with the most careful decorum, but no sooner was the ceremony over than men and women made a scramble for the seats near the altar just vacated by distinguished guests, in order to get the cards which had designated the seats, while one old gentleman rushed off with the blotter used to dry the signatures.

It is announced in London that in her capacity as Governor of the Isle of Wight, Princess Beatrice will next summer publicly unveil the memorial of

the late Lord Tennyson, to be erected on the cliffs at Farringford. It gives the inhabitants of the island great delight and satisfaction for the Princess to appear in her official role, and furthermore she is, like the Queen, a passionate admirer of Tennyson's poetry, so that her unveiling of this memorial to the late Laureate will be something much more than a perfunctory duty. Princess Beatrice herself frequently reads Tennyson aloud to the Queen.

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of London's Fund has just received two New Year's gifts, one of £1,200 and one of £1,000.

The Bishop of St. David's has been confined to his house for some days with a bronchial attack, but is slightly better.

Mr. A. F. Buxton has transferred to the trustees of the Clergy Sustentation Fund Railway Debenture Stock of the value of upwards of £500.

Canon J. Taylor-Smith, of St. George's Cathedral, Sierra Leone, is likely to succeed Dr. Ingham as Bishop of Sierra Leone when his resignation takes effect.

At the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury recently the mace was carried before the archbishop by his elder son, and his train was borne by his younger son.

The Rev. R. Wilkes Gosse, B.A., curate of St. John's, Reading, has been appointed association secretary of the Colonial and Continental Church Society for Ireland.

A stained glass window has just been inserted in the side chapel of Wantage Church as a tribute to the memory of the late Dean of Lincoln, who was for many years vicar of Wantage.

At the feast of the Epiphany, her Majesty's gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were presented at the offertory at the Celebration in the Chapel Royal, St. James', by two officers of the household, humbly kneeling.

The clerical obituary for 1896 contained the names of a large number of very aged clergymen. Amongst them was that of Canon Hawkins, who died last October, aged ninety-five, after a long and very useful career.

Canon Stone-Wigg, of St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, who is returning to Australia this week, is to be the first Bishop of the newly constituted Diocese of New Guinea, which is the special mission field of the Church in Australia.

At a recent chapter meeting, it was decided to hold a missionary festival at Southwell Cathedral on July 15th, when it is hoped that it might be possible to secure the presence of some of the colonial and missionary bishops of the Lambeth Conference.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Henry of Battenberg has sent a donation of five pounds to the fund being raised by the British chaplain at Memel, Germany, for the purpose of making better provision for the needs of British sailors visiting that port.

During Advent the dean and chapter arranged to have a daily celebration in Lichfield Cathedral. It was so well attended that the chapter decided to continue it throughout the year. Lichfield thus follows the example of St. Paul's, Worcester and Truro.

Including the munificent gift of £1,000 to be contributed by Kentish Freemasons, the fund for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral now amounts to about £15,000. Another £5,000 is still required to enable the dean and chapter to complete the work.

Risley parish church, in Nottinghamshire, received a gift of a gold Communion service (chalice and paten) at Christmas from Mr. Hooley. This is probably the only village church in England which has gold Communion plate, and is one of few churches illuminated by the electric light.

Considerable improvements have been carried out during the last twelve months in connection with the ancient cathedral of Clonfert, founded in 558. The chancel, which is more than 1,000 years old, has received special attention, and the sacristy has been repaired, without any alteration being made in the ancient character of the building.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed Mr. F. W. Pennefather, LL.D., honorary lay secretary of the approaching Lambeth Conference. Mr. Pennefather, who is a member of the English Bar, has a large colonial experience, having been private secretary to the governors of South Australia and of New Zealand.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a New Year's message to the diocese, says: "I beg of you my people, both clergy and laity, to pray earnestly for me. Pray for a blessing on my labours for the whole Church of England. Pray that I may do my duty to the Diocese of Canterbury; for I shall need your prayers more than I shall need anything else that you can give."

The Archbishop of Canterbury this month will receive the freedom of the city of Exeter, which the council have resolved to confer upon him. The presentation will be accompanied by a public luncheon. The freedom is to be presented in a silver gilt casket, which will bear an inscription, together with the arms of Canterbury and Exeter, and those of the Temple family.

The Princess of Wales, who was received by the Bishop of Lichfield, the vicar, and a number of clergy, opened a bazaar at Fenton, to clear off a debt on the parish church, and to provide a new tower and bells. The Prince of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Wales, the Duchess of Sutherland, and most of the house party at Trentham were present.

From Ireland is announced the death of the Rev. T. Vereker and the Rev. W. Smith. The first was Chancellor of Killaloe Cathedral. He was rector of Killaloe for many years, and had but lately resigned his living owing to failing health. The Rev. W. Smith was curate of Booterstown, and his death was due to heart failure occasioned by over exertion while playing a game of hockey with a school club. Deep sympathy is felt for his young wife and family.

The Bishop of Truro gave a New Year's address to men in St. Mary's aisle of the cathedral recently. He referred to the preponderance of women in the Sunday school, at Holy Communion, and the ordinary services of the Church, and to the fact that the great majority of persons in gaol are men. As a worshipper, man was meant to be supreme. His supremacy consisted in bowing before God, growing like God, and adorning God with an intensity and a practical reality that even women were incapable of.

The feast of the Epiphany this year will be memorable for the missionary associations connected with it. The annual celebration in connection with the Church Missionary Society was at St. Bride's, Fleet street, and was largely attended by men. At Holy Trinity, Sloane street, the Bishop of Rockhampton preached on behalf of his diocese; at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, Canon Crowfoot pleaded the cause of the Cambridge Mission at Delhi; and at St. John the Divine, Kennington, Canon Gore that of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

The Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway says, "On June 9th, 1897, we shall keep, it is said, the 1,300th anniversary of the death of St. Columba. We can scarcely fail on such an occasion to thank God for the work which St. Columba began, and which has been growing ever since, and we think there can be no fitter memorial to commemorate the work of the great missionary than a church bearing his name in the east end of Glasgow. We believe that there will be many from one end of Scotland to the other who will be willing to take part in such an undertaking."

Rapprochement between Churches of England and Presbyterian Church of Scotland.—The subject of a closer rapprochement between the Church of England and the Church of Scotland is receiving much greater consideration in Episcopal circles in England, says a London correspondent, than one could gather merely from an observation of the surface of events. The leading spirits in the Scottish Episcopal Church are enthusiastic in favour of something being done to meet the remarkable movement of which the Scottish Church Society, Presbyterian, is the exponent; and the Bishop of Salisbury's scheme has had the cordial support of some of the most advanced of his Anglican colleagues. It is frankly recognized that no overture could be made to the Free or United Presbyterian bodies, which have almost entirely lost the idea of a visible Church. But in the Church of Scotland, Presbyterian, the views both of an ecclesiastical hierarchy, and of the doctrinal teaching which constitutes the basis of the Church in England, have, in the opinion of influential Anglican circles, quite a wide enough following to render the cultivation of intimate relation between the two