

In Memoriam.

The death is announced of the Rev John William Stubbs, D. D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, treasurer of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and one of the commissioners of National Education in Ireland. By his death the Irish Church has lost one of its most accomplished and learned scholars and most popular preachers.

The Bishop of St. David's, the Rt Rev Wm. Basil Jones, D. D., who had been seriously ill for weeks past, succumbed to an affection of the heart, at his residence, Abergwilli Palace, Carmarthen. He was the 119th Bishop of St. David's, was born at Cheltenham in 1822, and was thus in his 75th year. He was educated at Shrewsbury school under Dr. Butler and Dr. Kennedy, and was thence elected, 1840, to a scholarship at Trinity College, Oxford. Dr. Jones was Prebendary of St. David's from 1859 to 1865, and Archdeacon of York from 1867 to 1874. He was nominated to the bishopric of St. David's when the see was vacated by the resignation of Dr. Thirlwall, and he was consecrated in Westminster Abbey, August 24th, 1874. Among his writings may be mentioned "The History and Antiquities of St. David's," "The New Testament Illustrated and Annotated, with a Plain Commentary for Private and Family Reading," and conjointly with Prof. E. A. Freeman, "Notes on the Oedipus Tyrannus of Sophocles." He also published several papers and reviews in literary and antiquarian periodicals.

Consecration of an Irish Bishop.

The consecration of Dr. Archdall as Bishop of Killaloe in St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, was one of the most imposing functions as yet witnessed in that beautiful building. Additional interest was lent to the event by the fact that his worship Mr. Meade, the Mayor of Cork, was present in state, accompanied by the civic officers and magistrates. An unavailing effort was made by the Roman Catholic Dean of Cork and Vicar General, in the absence of his Bishop, to induce the Mayor to withhold his presence on the score of "the grave sinfulness and scandal of such an action, strictly forbidden, as it is, under special penalties, by the divine and ecclesiastical laws." Mr. Roche, a Roman Catholic ex-Mayor, who had joined in inviting the Mayor to be present, was also associated in this censure. When the Mayor and civic procession entered the Cathedral the entire congregation stood up. The sermon, which was preached by Dr. Jellett, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin, and who was for many years benefited in

the diocese, was a powerful vindication of the three-fold orders of the Christian ministry. The whole service was reverently and effectively carried out. The consecrating prelate was the Archbishop of Dublin, who was assisted by the Bishops of Meath and Cork. No other Bishop of the Southern Province was available, Cashel and Limerick being enfeebled by advance of years, and the Bishop of Ossory invalided.

On Sunday, in the Roman Catholic churches, the Mayor of Cork was denounced from the altars. Dean McSwiney said the culmination of a scandal had been reached when the person who holds the highest position in the city sat in the midst of the enemies of the Catholic religion to listen to the preaching of false doctrines, and to the imposition of hands on a man who for years was sowing the cackle among the hearts of the Catholic nation. Monsignor Maguire said the Mayor had insulted a Catholic God, a Catholic community, and the Catholic religion.

The age for confirmation is, according to the Prayer Book, when they are "come to years of discretion." The age of discernment of good and evil is thus the age at which children should be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed. The age varies, of course, with children, but the tendency is rather to put off confirmation until bad habits have had a chance of being confirmed in the child. Common sense would teach us that it is a truer wisdom that brings children to God to receive the strengthening gifts of the Holy Ghost, that they may be confirmed in good habits and strengthened against the evil to come; the young soldier should go forth fully armed against the foe.

The Church Students' Missionary Association has decided to meet next year at the University of Trinity College, Toronto, Canada. The following officers were elected at the annual meeting, recorded in our last issue, for the coming year: President, J. H. Warren, of Trinity College, Toronto; first vice-president, Mr. Taylor, of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.; second vice-president, F. A. Wright, of the Philadelphia Divinity School; third vice-president, F. M. Ambler, of the University of the South; secretary, J. N. Boyd, of Trinity College, Toronto; treasurer, W. J. Lockton, of Seabury Divinity School, Fairbault, Minn.

"Peter Lombard" often enlivens the columns of The Church Times, and the other week he gave the following: "Are there any Puseyites in this parish?" said the

new strongly Protestant incumbent on taking possession. "Naw, sir," responded the clerk, probably confusing the objectionable persons with peewits, "there used to be some, but for the last two years the boys have took all their eggs." This is on a par with the answer (familiar enough) which the lady received who asked if they had Matins in the church. "No, mum, we have linoleum."

At last accounts the famine fund, which is being collected in England for the sufferers in India, amounted to \$1,375,000, and was increasing at the rate of \$50,000 daily. Even this is hardly adequate to meet the awful emergency.

The Rev. R. C. Johnstone, F. E. I. S., editor of The Western Churchman, is prepared to accept engagements for his Popular Lectures.

SUBJECTS.

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