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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

DIMINISHING.—The *Congregationalist* is the authority for the following about Vermont:—That during the last fifty years, the membership of the Congregational churches has diminished by about three thousand, and that sixty-nine churches have died out or been united with others.

PENNY FUND.—The Bishop of Maryland, shortly after his consecration, recommended the plan of inviting every scholar in the Sunday-schools of the diocese to contribute *one cent every month* to a fund to be called "The Bishop's Penny Fund," and subject to his control. In his address to the late Convention he gives interesting statement of what has been done by this simple plan, and of the prospective good it may accomplish if faithfully and systematically executed. It is a plan worthy of consideration and of imitation in other dioceses in our country, and will interest the children in the noble work of evangelizing the masses.

"The Bishop's Penny Fund, begun two years since, has been held for accumulation, with the exception of some few small expenditures. The whole amount received in the two years is a little more than \$2,000. The balance with the treasurer is \$1,891.61.

HYMNS A. & M.—It is stated that a committee has been appointed consisting of two Bishops, editors of other hymnals, and the surviving members of the original committee of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," of which nearly fifty millions have been sold, to issue a supplement to contain carols, processional hymns, a more complete set of the ancient office hymns, and a fuller series of litanies.

BISHOP ROWLEY HILL MEMORIAL.—The Archbishop of York has written to the Archdeacon of Man, suggesting that the splendid Church at Peel, which the late Bishop of Sodor and Man was anxious to make the Cathedral of the diocese, should be completed as a memorial to Bishop Rowley Hill. The cost will be about £1,000.

THE INQUISITION.—From the nature of the case, there must always be some difficulty in getting at the precise facts in relation to the doings of the Inquisition, and as it is in such bad odour here and in Germany, it is the policy of Roman Catholic writers there and here to minimise its persecutions, and to bring down the total of the victims as low as possible.

This is done, for instance, in the *Catholic Dictionary* of Messrs. Addis and Arnold. But a clerical newspaper in Spain, *La Bandera Catolica*, which thinks the Inquisition an Institution to be proud of, and desires its re-establishment, gave the following statistics in its number of July 29, 1883, in the course of an article expressing a hope that the restoration of the Inquisition might be speedy, and that it might do far more active and drastic work amongst Freemasons, Spiritualists, and anti-clericals, than it had ever done in the old times between 1481 and 1808, when it was abolished. Total number of men and women burnt alive in Spain under forty-five Inquisitors-General, 35,534; total number burnt in effigy (i.e., those who contrived to escape, and would have been burnt alive if taken), 18,637; total condemned to other punishments, 293,533. Gross total, 347,704.—*Church Times*.

UNOSTENTATIOUS LIBERALITY.—The Vicar of Newcastle has received £2000, part of an anonymous gift of £3,500, towards the completion of the chancel of the Cathedral.

A HINT TO OUR READERS.—The numerous notices of 'change of address,' which our publisher tells us that he has received from subscribers, show (says *Church Bells*), that not a few of our readers are seeking 'fresh fields and pastures new for the summer months, and it has been suggested to us by one of the fortunate travellers that the circulation of *Church Bells* might be very largely increased and promoted if all those who have the paper forwarded to them in the country or abroad would bring the paper under the notice of their fellow-travellers.

[A like result would probably follow like action regarding the CHURCH GUARDIAN.]

NEWS INDEED!—We have seen it stated says the *Family Churchman* in a provincial paper that a certain clergyman is a candidate for the Bishopric of Nova Scotia! We trust this is incorrect, and hope the day is far distant when clergy will be asked to become, or consent to become, candidates for vacant Sees. Candidature seems to imply copies of testimonials, canvassing, and keen competition. It might not begin with these, but it will assuredly end with them. (We fancy any such CANDIDATE would have small chance in the staunch old diocese of Nova Scotia.)

STILL THEY COME.—At a Confirmation lately held in the diocese of Llandaff, it is stated that out of 114 candidates, 70 were recent converts from Dissent.

MAZARIN BIBLE.—At the sale of Lord Crawford's library on Thursday, the Mazarin Bible—more properly called the Gutenberg Bible—the earliest book printed with movable metal types, in original oak boards, was put up at £695 (at which price this particular copy was bought at Sotheby's thirty years ago). After a spirited competition it was knocked down to Mr. Quaritch for £2,950. The last Mazarin Bible, Sir John Thorold's copy, fetched £3,900.

GENEROUS GIFT.—The *Gloucester Chronicle* says that Mrs. Strangways, late of the Green-

way, Shurdington, near Cheltenham, has given £10,000 towards increasing the endowment of Badgworth, for building a chapel at Bentham, and for providing a parsonage at Shurdington. The Rev. C. H. Wilson, of Coberley, has supplemented the gift to Shurdington, by presenting nine and a-half acres of freehold land, as a site and glebe for the intended parsonage.

ANOTHER VIEW.—A general complaint was made at the meeting of the National Society on Wednesday, that schools in connection with the Church of England were not fairly treated. Since 1811, £30,000,000 have been spent by churchmen on Schools. Accommodation is provided for 2,535,671 children, and 1,626,231, or 47 per cent. of the whole number of children at elementary schools are in average attendance. There are also 30 training colleges in connection with the Church, established at a cost of £270,000.

GREGORIAN CELEBRATION.—The annual festival of the Gregorian Choral Association, was held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday evening, and comprised the service for evensong, a sermon by Canon Hole, and processions at the beginning and end. Several hundred men and boys united in the hymns and psalms, and those among the congregation who had provided themselves with the music were able to take an active part throughout the service. The accompaniment of the organ, played by Mr. Warwick Jordon, was supplemented by flutes, clarionets, trumpets, and a drum, which resulted in the enormous body of voices keeping up to the pitch. The general effect of the music was very good, and there is no doubt that there are many fine Gregorian melodies, written in one or other of the authentic modes, which are eminently adapted for religious purposes. Canon Hole, in his eloquent sermon, laid stress upon the beauties of the Gregorian chants, without in any way depreciating the development of modern music as connected with the Church. He alluded to Ratisbon and the beautiful services there, but there are churches nearer home, notably that of the Dominicans on Haverstock-hill, which might have been cited as examples of excellent work done in the same direction.

C. E. S. S. INSTITUTE.—The Church of England Sunday-School Institute arranged for a demonstration of Church Sunday-schools, under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, to celebrate the Jubilee. The affair was a great success.

FREE SEATS.—It is stated that more than forty churches in England, have abolished the appropriation of seats during the past year, and are now free and open, and that in every case the result has been an increase in the Church funds.

THE DRIFT.—Bishop Huntington in his address to his Diocesan Council, congratulated the Diocese, on the coming of the Rev. Dr. William D. Wilson, formerly of Hobart and late of Cornell, to Syracuse as Dean of St. Andrew's Divinity School, for the special work of training those who seek the ministry of the