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## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

**GOOD NEWS.**—The S.P.G. will be able to report a considerable increase in its funds for the past year. In 1887 its total income was £92,003, which is exclusive of £17,761 devoted to special objects. The total receipts for the general fund are £5,034 in advance of the preceding year, and of this increase nearly £2,000 is from annual subscriptions and donations.

**RESTORATION.**—The picturesque Church at Rostherne, is undergoing a complete restoration at the cost of Lord Egerton, of Tatton. It is expected that the nave will be completed by Easter, after which the restoration of the chancel, north transept, and the Agden and Mere chapels, on the south side of the church, will be commenced.

**AN IMPERIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**—The late Emperor of Germany was an annual subscriber to the funds of the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews.

**ELABORATE.**—The *Yorkshire Post* says that the white frontal for the new altar at Lincoln Minster, the design for which has been adapted from one of the fourteenth century, is in process of execution at St. Mary's Home, Wantage. The material is satin damask. In the centre is the figure of our Lord in Glory, supported by adoring angels. On either side are seraphim standing on wheels (as is often seen in old English work), and bearing scrolls on which are the words *Benedictio, Honor, Gloria, Potestas*. Beyond the figures are stars, *fleurs-de-lis*, and conventional flowers, forming a rich powdering over the whole remaining surface. The superfrontal of red silk velvet has *Alleluias* alternate with *fleurs-de-lis*. The probable cost will be £150.

**A NOVELTY.**—St. Chrysostom's, Victoria Park, Manchester, will presently be embellished by a novel and beautiful reredos of needle-work on wood panels. The design includes representations of our Lord, Angels, and Holy Men of the Old and New Testaments. It has been executed by the late Mrs. Hetherington, and the Misses Hetherington of Blagden, Victoria Park, and cost about £500, which has been entirely defrayed by Mr. T. R. Hetherington.

**LENT ORDINATIONS.**—The candidates at the Lent Ordinations in England, numbered 133, of whom 62 were ordained deacons, and 70 priests. The number of those who graduated at either Oxford or Cambridge was 73, or 54 per cent.

**C.M.S. GIFTS.**—The *Record* understands that the Church Missionary Society has recently received an anonymous gift of £3,000, and other considerable benefactions, including one sum of £500 and another of £420.

**INTERCESSION.**—In a mission recently held in Bexley, one special feature was continual intercession in the two churches. Members of the congregation put down their names on a special time-table, and from eight o'clock in

the morning till after the close of the day, or of the after-meeting, there was a continuous stream of intercessory prayer rising to God. The Rev. J. Cullin (Tait Missioner), who conducted the mission, expressed a very strong desire that this practice might be adopted elsewhere.

**DUTCH EPISCOPALS.**—The *Anglican Church Magazine* says:—It is not generally known that there exists in Amsterdam a congregation of *Dutch Episcopals*, whose services, though held in the Dutch language, are strictly those of the Church of England. This congregation, although not limited to, is composed chiefly of converted Jews, and is ministered to by the Rev. A. C. Adler, the excellent agent of the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews. On November 22, Bishop Wilkinson held a confirmation service for this congregation, which was of more than usual interest. The whole service was read in Dutch, the Bishop using that language in the laying on of hands.

**LONDON.**—A memorial window to the late Bishop Jackson, has just been placed in the Church of St. James, Piccadilly.

**CHESTER.**—The Second annual report of the Bishop of Chester's Fund for supplying the spiritual needs of the rural deanery of Stockport, issued recently, states that £18,522 3s 1½d has been promised by fifty-seven subscribers.

**TEST CASE.**—An arrest has been made, and a case will presently come before the criminal courts in England, which will raise the question whether a priest of the Roman Communion is entitled to claim legal validity for his orders in the Anglican Church. If the allegations in this case be true, it should serve to advise us, as a measure of precaution, to insist upon some safeguard against the intrusion of impostors professing to be Roman Catholic priests.

**NEBRASKA.**—The Church in this Diocese is (says the *Church Guardian*, of Omaha), displaying such an amount of activity, and realizing such progress, both in material and spiritual growth, (and more especially in the latter) as to call for joyful and grateful acknowledgment. Up to this writing the Bishop has confirmed 214 persons, with nearly all the larger parishes yet to visit, as against 223 reported to the last Annual Council. The indications are that he will be able to report to the next Council between three and four hundred confirmations, and nearer the latter than the former. Three Missionary Bishops besides the present Diocesan, are needed for this State alone.

**GOOD ADVICE FROM BISHOP OF NEBRASKA.**—In the army no matter how thoroughly the officer has pursued his course of study, he must be familiar with the manual, and the drill. No violation of orders can be permitted. It is the duty of every clergyman to know and understand the duties of the Prayer-Book, and more than that, to obey them. They are the directions of the Church in regard to the manner of worship. Every service should be pr

viously arranged, and then rendered with the greatest care and reverence. Nothing which pertains to God and His Church should be left to any contingency. Teach the people these things, explain the reasons for the rule of the Church and they will be happy to obey.

**NEW DIOCESE WANTED.**—The Churchmen of Southern California are making a vigorous effort to erect a new diocese in that part of the State. It is believed that \$50,000 can be secured as an endowment. In regard to the proposed division of the diocese, a committee was appointed at a convocation meeting at Riverside to draw up and present to the diocesan convention a memorial praying for the consent of the convention for the erection of the seven counties commonly called Southern California, into a new diocese—not a missionary jurisdiction. This memorial will be presented at the next meeting in May.

**LUXURIOUS.**—The Club rooms at the See house, New York, were opened April 2nd. They are designed for the Clergy Club as distinct from the Church Club, which is composed of laymen. The rooms consist of two large parlors about 60 x 18. They are furnished with carpets or rugs, with handsome tables, together with smaller tables, or desks, with chairs, and also with racks or shelves on which to place periodicals, &c. In addition to reading and reception rooms on this first floor, the club will have a refreshment room. On the same floor in the rear is the Bishop's office, the Presiding Bishop's room and a room for the secretary of the House of Bishops, also, one for the Standing Committee. On the second floor is a handsome room occupied by Archdeacon Mackay-Smith and also an adjoining room occupied by the Bishop's secretary, the Rev. Mr. Nelson. In addition to these and one or two other apartments there is in the rear a spacious room about 40 x 37, named "Hobart Hall." The wood-work in this really splendid room is of solid oak and includes a raised platform with chairs, desk, &c., on the north side; a richly carved mantel-piece on the north side above the tiling over the fire-place and reaching nearly to the ceiling, the ceiling done in square and oblong panels and supported by massive beams. Of solid oak, too, are the high-backed seats to be ranged about as in the House of Commons, and the shelves on two or three sides of the room in which to place books as this among other things is to be a reference room, with diocesan library. On the walls, are to be placed the portraits of several Bishops. In this room the Church Club is to hold its meetings once a month, read papers, &c.

**WISCONSIN.**—Bishop Welles is again in a critical condition, and has been obliged to cancel many of his spring engagements. He was still able to make four visitations on Palm Sunday, admitting six servers at the early celebration at the Cathedral, and at later services confirming large classes at St. Paul's, St. John's, and St. James'. He also visited Beaver Dam on Tuesday in Holy Week, but returned to Milwaukee, and remained in his bed the rest of the week. He was able to confirm at the Cathedral on Easter Day, and to remain for the whole