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THE King of Siam, appreciating his English education, is giving its advantages to his own children. Princess Civilli, his ten-year-old daughter, receives from an English lady regular instruction in French, English, German, music, dancing, and drawing. The queen, her mother, takes great interest in the lessons, and is so pleased with foreign ways that she talks of adopting the European dress.

By another year it is expected that the famous Cologne Cathedral will be completed strictly according to the original plan. The first stone of this edifice was laid August 15, 1248, and now the two towers have only to be fitted with their massive caps of solid stone-work. To accomplish this, it is necessary to erect two great scaffoldings to a dizzy height, and one of these is already nearly finished. After the caps are completed, gigantic foliated crosses nearly thirty feet high are to be erected upon the top of them to crown the towers. The name of the designer of this wonderful cathedral is lost in the obscurity of the "Dark Ages."

The new Episcopal cathedral in Edinburgh was consecrated Oct. 30, with imposing ceremonies. A goodly array of bishops and leading clergy from the three Kingdoms were present.

Ninety-thousand bouquets and young plants have been distributed this year by the Rivington Street Flower Mission, N. Y. in hospitals, industrial schools, and among the sick poor everywhere.

It is regarded as one of the signs of the times that here and there, among the English Methodists Wesley's abridged liturgy is being replaced by the prayer-book. The conference has taken up the subject and has directed the preparation of a short book of services which shall contain the Psalms, the Apostles' Creed, the Te Deum, the ten Commandments, and portions of Scripture. They already have a litany.

The Bishop of Limerick (Dr. Graves) held his Visitation of the clergy of that diocese last month

—his survey of the position being less marked by a hopeful spirit than that of some of his Episcopal brethren. He spoke of the vast extent of many of the parishes, and of the impossibility of attending to them perfectly with such small stipends as are now allowed to the clergy. Several years ago the average extent of an Irish parish was four times as great as that of an English one, the disproportion having of late been much increased. On the other hand, he was satisfied with the condition of the fabrics, which was such as to show that their Church was disestablished at a time when she was making active efforts to fulfil her duties; and that these efforts had not been relaxed but redoubled since the Church had become self-dependent.

Mr. Henry Keet, formerly of Owston Ferry, who acquired some celebrity as the antagonist of the Bishop of Lincoln in the question of the right of a Wesleyan minister to assume the title of reverend, died a few days ago, after two days illness. He was in the fifty-eighth year of his age, and the thirty-second of his preaching.

The Mayor of Banbury, Mr. Wm. Edmonds, a brewer, has resolved to distribute 100*l.* amongst the various charitable institutions of the town instead of giving the usual dinner to the corporation.

The death is announced of the Rev. Nicholas Armstrong, the last survivor but one of the Irvingite "Apostles." He was a remarkably popular man when in the prime of life—very eloquent, with plenty of ready, Irish wit. It is said that on one occasion having lectured in Scotland on the errors of the Papacy, a Roman priest, professing to be impressed with the force of his arguments, asked him which of the thousand and one Protestant sects he would recommend him to join. He replied:—"Take the worst of them, and you will be infinitely the gainer!" His colleague, Mr. John Bates Cardale, the only member of the body that had of late actively concerned himself in the affairs of the sect, died in July, 1877. Mr. Armstrong died at Albury Heath on the 9th ult.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., the congregation of St. Paul's Free Church of England, at Wheelton, near Chorley, rejoined the Established Church. They seceded about eleven years ago, owing to the vicar refusing to appoint a curate they preferred, and afterwards built for themselves a handsome church, dedicated to St. Paul. The incumbent having received a missionary appointment at Bermuda, the congregation considered the time opportune to make their peace with the mother Church, and have arranged for the transfer of their church and schools to the vicar of the parish, who has accepted the charge.

The annual meeting of the Representative Council of the Scottish Church was held in Inverness, on the 8th and 9th inst. The Primus, Bishops of Moray, Ross, and Caithness presided, the Bishops of Edinburgh, Brechin, and Argyll were also present. At the Council it was unanimously agreed that the following resolution, moved by Mr. Speir should be adopted:—"That the Representative Church Council, in consideration of the legeness of the sum, over and above that indicated in the Will expended by the Walker Trustees in the building of St. Mary's cathedral, Edinburgh, respectfully urges upon the Bishop and Cathedral Board the propriety of making all

the seats in the cathedral free." It appears that £120,000 stg. has already been expended in the construction of the cathedral.

"Our Diocese" (Detroit) says:—One after another of our Bishops speak, and with a unanimity, not unexpected, agree that the present relations of clergy and people are vicious, generally misleading and destructive. The clergy need greater liberty in their work, and both clergy and parishes release from overmuch legislation. The thoughtful laity also are gradually reaching the same conclusion. When the clergy can, under the divinely appointed direction of the bishops, go out untrammelled to save men, *this* Church will fill every part of our land with saving and hallowed influences, and not before.

It is nearly sixty years since the Duke of Kent, having caught cold while visiting Salisbury Cathedral, died, leaving the young Princess Victoria and her mother face to face with poverty, when Prince Leopold took them under his protection. He had known something of the straitened circumstances himself, having had only an annual income of £400 to live on before he married the Princess Charlotte and £50,000 a year. He lost no time, therefore, in bringing the aunt and cousin of his late wife, first to Kensington, and then to Claremont, providing for the maintenance of their household until, in 1825, Parliament granted the young princess an annuity of £6,000. These kindnesses have never been forgotten by Queen Victoria, and it is by the light of this early passage in her life that the inscription which accompanies the white marble statue of King Leopold which Her Majesty has just placed in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, should be read:—"Erected by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in loving memory of Leopold, the first King of the Belgians, her maternal uncle, who was as a father to her, as she was to him as a daughter."

At the recent Diocesan Conference at Lincoln there were present about three hundred and fifty representatives, both lay and clerical, from about a thousand parishes. After some discussion they came to the decided conclusion that no sanction can be given to the attempts of Convocation to alter the Prayer Book, and that before it can be entrusted with so hazardous a task as liturgical reform, it should first of all be reformed itself. On the west side and north end rubric question, one speaker remarked that "before the altar" was King Solomon's *use*, and that "by the altar," presumably at one end of it, was the *use* of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

There are two instances in the Diocese of Lichfield where Dissenters allow Church Sunday Schools and services to be held in their buildings. The oldest Nonconformist chapel in Wolverhampton has just passed into the hands of the Church.

Mr. M'Iver, of the Cunard Steamship Company has recently presented a magnificent two-light Munich window to the Sailors' Orphanage Chapel, Liverpool. The subjects represented are "Elijah" and the "Raising of Jairus's Daughter." This splendid chapel contains some of the finest specimens of stained glass work anywhere; but this last is equal to any of them.

The Dean of Worcester, better known as the Honorable and Reverend Grantham Munton

Nov. 6, 1879.

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