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ENTERPRISE AND PROGRESS.

OUR subscribers may observe some delay in the arrival of their papers this week; but they will be pleased to hear that it is due to an advantageous change in our method of printing. We have purchased type, and fitted up an office of our own—as the better plan in the long run. The expense at starting, however, makes it necessary for us to urge those who are in arrears to PAY UP THEIR DUES.

THE Chaplain-General of the forces, (Bishop Piers Claughton), is expected to pay an official visit to Malta and Gibraltar before the end of the year.

Mr. Willis Probyn Nevins, of Cheltenham, has requested the *Guardian* to announce that he has left the Church of Rome.

The first Diocesan Conference has just been held in Gloucester. Bishop Ellicott recommended that the clergy should not recede from their position as guardians and trustees of churchyards; but that they should be thoroughly conciliatory in the exercise of their rights. The use of the church should be limited to church people.

A site has been secured for a new church at Bournemouth, in which the victims of persecution may have the worship and teaching they have enjoyed for the last thirty years.

Thirteen new students have been admitted by the Bishop of Lincoln as members of the Chancellor's Theological Schools. The members are now forty-two in number.

On the 24th ult., at the invitation of Bishop Piers Claughton in Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade attended Divine service at St. Paul's. The volunteers were admitted first. Meanwhile an immense number of persons waited at the west end for admission. Bishop Claughton preached on the occasion.

The usual anniversary services in connection with the parish of Oswestry have just been held. The special feature this year was a new reredos, for which an anonymous donor sent the vicar, Canon Howell Evans, the sum of £600 stg. The special preachers were the Rev. C. Lowe, the Archdeacons of Stafford and Ely, the Rev. J. St. John Blunt and the Bishop of Bedford. The collections during the Octave amounted to £127 stg.

The first peal of bells ever hung in England was put up at Croyland Abbey, A.D. 960. Many years ago, it was estimated that there were 2,262 peals

of bells in England. The Cathedral of Antwerp, celebrated for its magnificent spire, has a peal of ninety bells, on which the most elaborate music is played every half hour. It is a curious fact that the peal of bells in the tower of the old Royal Exchange was chiming, "There's nae gude luck about the house," when the building was on fire.

In the island of Delos, as a result of the excavations undertaken by the French School of Archaeology at Athens, an entire house, built, arranged, and decorated almost exactly in the same way as those at Pompeii, has been discovered. Further excavations are expected in this classic island.

Says *The Antiquary*:—"Painting the walls was part of the design of every mediæval church, quite as much as painting the windows. Modern architects have generally restored the latter, but have almost universally neglected the former. These paintings were generally of Scriptural subjects, and were almost universally whitewashed over by the ignorant and bigoted Puritans of the seventeenth century. The church where John Wesley was curate still has the walls nearly covered with pictures. To see his pulpit has been an annually increasing object of pilgrimage to the Wesleyans by thousands; and it is doubted whether more do not come to see the pictures than the pulpit.

The Rev. Thomas Pelham Dale, Rector of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, near the General Post Office, was committed to Holloway Gaol, by order of Lord Penzance, on Thursday, October 28th. Mr. Dale is on the sick list, is more than sixty years of age, and is under the care of a physician. All communication with him till Monday morning was denied, without a special order from the Governor. Messrs. Moore and Currey having refused to proceed with the case if it entailed the incarceration of a clergyman, another solicitor had applied for the writ. It is expected that the English Church Union will move for a writ of Habeas Corpus, and adduce evidence to show that the advertisements upon which the Ridsdale judgment was based, and in pursuance of which Mr. Dale is condemned, have no legal existence, never having received Parliamentary sanction.

Even if they had received Parliamentary sanction, the re-enactments of the Ornaments Rubric in 1662 would over-ride them.

ADVENT SUNDAY.

AS Advent Sunday is the first day of the Christian year, it should receive that attention from all Christians which so solemn a season demands. The Church introduces it with the greatest solemnity in the impressive services of the day, and Churchmen should remember that far more attention ought to be paid to it than is usually the case. We hear of watch-night services on the eve of the festival of the Circumcision; but surely it would be far more becoming to watch for the approach of the day which is intended to prepare us for the due remembrance of the rising of the Sun of Righteousness, which begins another year of the Church's course of teaching, and which is specially intended to lead the mind onward to the second and more glorious advent of Messiah when He shall come

with all the Heavenly Host to accomplish His final purposes with regard to this world. The reflections which so important an event as the beginning of another year should awaken in the minds of all Christians are those of a most important nature; they are reflections, too, which the most attentive observance of the first of January—in its original observance a heathen festival—must fail to suggest. We have gone the round of the Church teaching for the year, we have first glanced at the final triumph of the Church in the person, of Messiah, then we have followed the course of His eventful life on earth. His incarnation has been specially brought before us, His manifestation to the Gentiles, His temptation, His miracles, parables, and His other teaching, His institution of the sacraments, His agony and death, His resurrection, and His ascension to the Father's right hand, the descent of the Holy Ghost on the Church, the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, and the various practical duties of the Christian life; and to-day we begin the same course again.

Who can avoid reflecting on the many gracious gracious privileges which have been vouchsafed to Churchmen during the past year? These privileges, if we are spared, are again to be repeated; and it is for us carefully to consider what use we have made of them during the past year, and also, by God's grace, to resolve on the use we intend to make of them should our lives be spared another year.

As we have said, the season is an extremely solemn one, and the Church brings us the most solemn subjects which can be contemplated by the human mind—the coming of our Saviour Christ from Heaven in pomp and glory, attended by all the magnificence of the celestial court, to destroy the Man of Sin, to reign with all His saints gloriously, to judge the world in righteousness, to give to good and to bad their final reward. The order in which these events shall take place has not been revealed to us; but they will certainly come to pass. And He which which testifieth these things, saith, "Surely, I come quickly!"

EXTREMES ARE VERY APT TO MEET.

MILTON: CHILLINGWORTH: NEWMAN:

THE seventh report of the Royal Commissioners on Historical MSS., recently presented to the House of Commons in England, contains the result of a careful search into the records of the House of Lords and a number of private collections. The labors of these Commissioners have thrown much light upon the History of England and one or two neighboring countries; and indeed Baronde Schickler has found sufficient matter in the reports to justify the production of a work on the History of France as elucidated by the English collections. In the report noticed there is a paragraph found in the collection of Lord Egmont, which is particularly worthy of attention. It will probably astonish some people who choose to shut their eyes to the fact that extremes very often meet, to be informed that the famous writer against Episcopacy—Puritan—and noblest of the poets—John Milton—died a Roman Catholic. In the letters and other writings of Lord Percival, in the collection named, we find the following:—"Dr. Charlette, Master of University College, Oxford, told me lately at Bath, that he remembers to have heard from Dr. Binks

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