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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

ENTERPRISING SOCIETY.—The Church of England Zenana Society is the most enterprising society of its kind, probably in the world. It has 88 missionaries, with 445 Bible women and other agents locally engaged; four Normal schools with 123 pupils, and 133 other schools with 5,411 scholars. Last year 2,364 Zenanas were regularly visited. Financially it received 19,497 rupees in Government grants, 7,916 rupees in fees, and 18,953 rupees locally subscribed. Its home receipts during the year amounted to \$118,185.

GOOD NEWS.—The *Japanese Gazette* regrets "to say that Buddhism cannot long hold its ground, and that Christianity must finally prevail throughout all Japan. Japanese Buddhism and Western sciences cannot stand together. They are inconsistent the one with the other."

CONVOCAION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY meets on Tuesday, February 28. The York Convocation holds no session until April 17.

AMERICAN GENEROSITY.—Archdeacon Farrar has received a cheque for £500, for the Milton window in St. Margaret's from Mr. Childs, of Philadelphia. The window will be unveiled next month.

ANOTHER JUBILEE GIFT.—The parishioners of St. Margaret's, Westminster, have presented a window to the church in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, in addition to the four children's cots which they have permanently founded in Westminster Hospital in commemoration of the same event. The window contains a full length figure of the Queen, bearing the orb and sceptre, with scenes from the coronation and the Jubilee service, the arms of the Colonies, and other details.

ANONYMOUS.—The good work of the S.P.C.K. in assisting emigrants is well spoken of in Canada, as at home. The committee has just received a handsome donation of £1,000 in aid of this work from an anonymous donor in Liverpool.

MARRIAGE BY DEACONS.—The Bishop of Lichfield in a letter to his clergy, after referring to the rules of the Church as to the duties of the deacon, says he feels bound to forbid definitely for the deacons to celebrate the marriage service, which is a priestly office, and he should feel obliged to decline to ordain a deacon to any parish where that duty would be laid upon him.

LACK OF MEN.—In the same letter the Bishop says as to this: There were constant complaints of the lack of men for the ministry of the Church both at home and abroad. Appeals to the Universities were frequently made too late, when the bent of the life of young men had already been determined. He therefore suggests to the clergy to keep a record of the names of families among whom may be found young men who desire to enter the

ministry, and he longs to know of those youthful postulants for the ministry.

LIMITING THE CHOICE.—The Bishop of Lichfield has determined to limit the selection of candidates for ordination in his diocese with very rare exceptions, to *Graduates of the Universities* and students of Lichfield Theological College. It had happened of late that there were more candidates than vacant curacies, and several of their own theological students had, to his great regret, to seek ordination elsewhere.

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.—On the Feast of the Epiphany, the customary offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh was made on behalf of the Queen, in the Chapel Royal, St. James' Palace. Mr. Alpin MacGregor and the Hon. Aubrey FitzClarence, the Gentlemen Ushers in Waiting, attended and presented Her Majesty's gift. The Bishop of London, the Dean, officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. Sheppard, M.A., the Sub-Dean, and the Rev. H. A. Colton, M.A., the Priest in Waiting, and the Holy Communion was celebrated.

CHURCH EXTENSION IN LANCASHIRE.—Bishop Ryle, at the consecration of Woolton Parish Church, gave a few interesting statistics of Church extension in Lancashire. That was the twenty-second church which had been opened during the seven years in which he had been Bishop of Liverpool; the forty-second opened within the last fourteen years in that part of Lancashire; and the 122nd opened in the same part of Lancashire within the fifty years of the Queen's reign. When the Queen ascended the throne there were in the area forming the diocese of Liverpool but seventy-eight churches; but to these there have been added 122; and the Bishop believes there is no diocese in the whole of England and Wales in which the growth of population and the increase in the number of the houses of God has been so much in proportion.

CHURCH PROGRESS IN NORTH DAKOTA.—The progress in church work in this jurisdiction, has been most gratifying; although many obstacles have been encountered, still since Bishop Walker entered upon his official duties the friends of the Church have come to his assistance, and rallied to his support with willing minds, and lovingly seconded all his efforts to establish church services where none were held before, and in organizing for church extension in this great and growing northwest. Several very beautiful church edifices have been erected and others soon will be; while this part of the territory is almost destitute of stone suitable for building purposes, yet it has been found that the boulders lying in many places upon these broad prairies, can be utilized for that purpose; these new buildings are all made of that material, and by the skill of the mason make a very unique and pretty building; this is done by splitting them in two, dressing them and placing the flat side to the weather and backing up with other material.

At Casselton, Lisbon, Jamestown, Mayville, Sanborn, Buffalo, Devils Lake, Lakota and Pembina, these little stone churches have been

built and some of them have been consecrated; and though small, they accommodate the people; they are remarkably tasty and truly churchly edifices, not often excelled in this respect in the east. The first church building of this description in North Dakota, is at Valley City; it was erected seven or eight years ago. At Turtle Mountain Reservation, a frame building is in process of erection for the Indian congregation. The greatest need now, in this large field, is laborers; who will join in this noble work?

WAKEFIELD BISHOPRIC.—The endowment fund of the Wakefield Bishopric is at last completed, and a memorial has been extensively signed requesting the Bishop of Ripon to become the first Bishop. This is a tribute of honour to Dr. Boyd Carpenter.

GENEROUS OFFER.—The Bristol Bishopric Committee have received a generous offer of £10,000, so that now only £16,000 is required to complete the necessary amount for the separation of the sees of Gloucester and Bristol. This handsome donation of £10,000 is, however, offered on condition that the full amount is subscribed by Midsummer. The see of Gloucester, under the Bristol Bishopric Act, contributes £500 per annum towards the proposed £3,000.

GOOD RECOMMENDATION.—The Queen's Committee on the Women's Jubilee Offering strongly recommends that the money should be applied exclusively to founding an institution for the education and maintenance of nurses for the sick poor in their own homes; that it should have central depots in Edinburgh and Dublin, as well as in the metropolis; and that its official work should be connected with St. Katherine's Hospital, as the oldest benevolent institution of the kind in the kingdom. St. Katherine's it appears, has always been under the direct patronage of the Queens of England; and the Charter granted to it in 1351, by Queen Philippa, expressly assigns to it the office of caring for the sick poor. No worthier object could be conceived as a woman's memorial of the Queen's reign. The nurses are to be of excellent personal character and good education, with a special training in district nursing and in maternity hospitals. They are to wear an appropriate badge, and to be classed in two or more ranks, the higher of which shall indicate length of service, remarkable skill, or devotion to duty.

It should be borne in mind that the word "Catholic" is not properly applied to persons at all, but to the doctrines or truths which make up the Catholic Faith, the *quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus* of St. Vincent of Lerins. It is only by a natural process of metonymy that the word is applied to persons. A Catholic is one who holds the Catholic Faith; and even the Church is Catholic, not because it embraces all sorts of men who place themselves under the label "Christians," but because it holds in its integrity the one Faith once delivered to the Saints. It is needful to insist upon this in these days when the attempt is so persistently made to wrest the word "Catholic"