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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Right Reverend Alfred Lee, presiding Bishop of the Church, died at Wilmington, Del., on Tuesday afternoon, 12th inst., in the eightieth year of his age.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.—The late Miss Catherine L. Wolfe, of New York, bequeathed \$350,000 to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Grace Church, New York, in their corporate capacity, to be had and held by them and their successors upon trust to keep the same safely invested and receive the income thereof and apply the same to the maintenance, improvement and decoration of Grace Church, "Grace Church Chantry," and Grace House, and to promote, continue and perpetuate the observance of religious worship and instruction according to the rites in their purity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, at or in said buildings or any that may be erected there and in place thereof, expressing her expectation that Grace Church will ultimately, and perhaps very soon, become a FREE Church.

She also bequeathed her superb art collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, N.Y., together with a sum of \$200,000 in order to provide for the preservation and proper exhibition of the same. The collection is said to be unrivalled in the United States, and its value is estimated at from \$350,000 to \$500,000. There are nearly two hundred pictures, the majority being of the very highest rank in art, and a large proportion genuine masterpieces.

ONE OF THE REVISERS GONE.—The Ven. Benjamin Harrison, Canon of Canterbury and Archdeacon of Maidstone, died on the 25th March at his London residence in Bedford Square at the age of seventy-nine years. He was educated at Christ Church College, Oxford, and was ordained Deacon in 1832 by the Bishop of Oxford, and admitted to Priest's orders in the following year. He was Select Preacher at Oxford in 1835-36. In 1838 he became Chaplain to Archbishop Howley, a position which he retained for some years. In 1845 he was appointed Archdeacon of Maidstone, with a Canonry of Canterbury, of the nominal value of 1000*l.* a year, but really worth far less, owing to the agricultural depression, and retained these appointments until the time of his death. He lived to witness the enthronement of no fewer than four successors of Archbishop Howley. Eminent as a Hebrew scholar, Archdeacon Harrison was appointed by Convocation to be one of the Revisers of the

Old Testament. He was not a voluminous writer. His chief work is "Historical Inquiry into the Interpretation of the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer respecting the Psalms and Communion Service."

THE proof of the Resurrection has been strongly stated by writers accustomed to the testing of testimony and the weighing of evidence. Whilst the proof cannot be overthrown, it is yet stated with such minuteness and fullness that the minds of many persons cannot take it in at one comprehensive view. The best proof to this class of persons is not such a carefully stated argument as that of Judge Greenleaf, but rather the deep conviction and strong assurance of the disciples of Jesus. They were cowards in the judgment hall, and they were despondent after the crucifixion of their Lord, but when He had risen from the dead they became men of faith, devotion and power, no longer under the dominion of fear, but caring naught for the bitterest of their adversaries. They had seen the risen Lord, not once, but again and again. He talked with them face to face, and He charged them with a new commission as His ambassadors to the ends of the earth. As men who have been exalted by the vision of God, they went forth with unshrinking courage to testify to the truth and blessedness of that which they had seen and heard. The very men who had been slow of heart to believe did not, after the resurrection, waiver for an instant. There was no room for misapprehension. St. Paul voiced the general feeling when he said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God." Either the resurrection of Christ is true or the band of the Apostles—men of integrity, high moral purpose, and of the noblest religious consecration—were falsifiers. The intensity of conviction on the part of these true-hearted men is the strongest practical proof that Jesus "rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," when indeed He was "declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness."—*The Church.*

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.—In Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., U.S., the Episcopalians have a society, which they have named the St. Paul's Society. It has been in existence for a good many years, and is quite a strong organization. They hire a pleasant room in one of the College buildings (Gray's), of which they offered the use on Sunday afternoons to Prof. Lawrence, of the Episcopal Theological School, who volunteered to open a Bible-class for the students, which has been very well attended.

MISSIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.—The Board of Missions, in a late report says, that in Africa, under the Right Rev. Samuel David Ferguson, D.D., there are twelve clergymen, one missionary physician, one foreign lady, eight lay readers, two business agents, and twenty-six catechists and teachers.

In China, under the Right Rev. William Jones Boone, D.D., there are twenty-five clergymen, three foreign missionary physi-

cians, ten foreign lay workers, and sixty-four catechists, teachers, and Bible readers.

In Japan, under the Right Rev. Channing Moore Williams, D.D., there are nine clergymen, two missionary physicians, thirteen foreign lay workers, and twenty-five catechists, teachers, lay readers and Bible readers.

In the Haitian Church, under the Right Rev. James Theodore Holly, D.D., there are twelve clergymen, one of whom is absent, thirty-nine lay readers, catechists and teachers.

JUBILEE GIFT.—Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, Bart., M.P., has determined, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, to complete the restoration of the Parish Church of St. Martin, Ashton-on-Mersey.

THE Right Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, the new Vicar of Blackburn, is expected to enter upon his duties as Vicar of St. Mary's Parish Church, Blackburn, about Easter.

AUTHORITY IN FREE CHURCHES.—A lad was convicted in England lately for violent behavior in insisting upon taking a seat in a part of Ancaster Parish Church, in which the seats are free, from which the Churchwardens desired to exclude him, with a view to prevent disturbance during service. Arguments against the conviction were heard by Justices Smith and Grantham, who held that the Churchwardens of a church in which the seats were free had authority to direct a person to sit in the south aisle, notwithstanding that he wished to sit in the north.

WESTERN ADVANCE.—Bishop Hare said in a sermon, lately, that not long ago he camped by a little stream in Dakota, and his half-breed driver and a prowling wolf were the only living things he saw. Six months later he was at the same spot, but he was in an elegant Pullman car that had stopped at a thriving town of one thousand inhabitants, with paved streets and stores with oranges and bananas displayed in front!

ANNUAL GIFT.—The Duke of Westminster has announced that he will give £1000 a year for the building of churches during the remainder of his natural life.

REV. A. GURNEY.—The death is announced of the Rev. Archer Gurney, at Bath, Eng., on March 21st. He began life as a barrister, but was ordained in 1844. He held many positions of trust, and is well known as a writer of great ability.

RECTOR OF EXETER COLLEGE DEAD.—The Rev. Dr. Lightfoot, Rector Exeter College, Oxford, died on March 23, at the age of 84 years. He had been Rector of the College for thirty-three years. He was elected Fellow in 1824, after taking a first-class in classics; was tutor of his College until the year 1834, when he became Rector of Wotton. In 1833 he was Junior Proctor; and the same year was made Honorary Canon of Peterborough. In 1854 he was elected Rector of Exeter College.

FORMS OF PRAYER GOOD.—A Presbyterian