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HER Royal Highness the Princess Louise and the Governor-General, had a narrow escape from a fearful death a few days ago, on the North Shore Railway, between Ottawa and Quebec. The train in which they were, very nearly came to a collision with another train, in consequence of the difficulty of closing a switch. The train was proceeding at the rate of about forty miles an hour.

The General Synod of the Church in Ireland had a sitting, on the 24th of April. Discussions took place on the Synod Hall, on the salaries of officials, the claims of some minor incumbents and curates, the dedication of Churches, a Church Training College, and scholarships connected with the Dublin Divinity School, after which the Synod closed.

A great deal of controversy has been going on in England, as to the appropriateness and convenience of the choice of Rogation Tuesday, as the day of general intercession for Missions. The Epiphany is doubtless the most appropriate season; convenience depends very much on climate. Next to Epiphany, Whitsun-Tuesday has been suggested.

Bishop Tozer, of Jamaica, has been peremptorily ordered to give up all work. His constitution was impaired by previous residence in Africa.

On the Feast of S. S. Philip and James, at St. Paul's, Dr. Pearson was consecrated Bishop of Newcastle, in place of the late Bishop Tyrrell. The Archbishop of Canterbury was assisted by the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Hereford, and Bishop Perry.

The rural Deanery of Liverpool has sent an address to the Bishop of Chester, in which they express deep regret that the separation of the newly-constituted Diocese of Liverpool, from the See of Chester, involves, as a consequence, their removal from his kind and fatherly jurisdiction.

At the anniversary of St. Mark's Training College, the Dean of York said that next to good music he considered good reading most essential in the service of the Church. He knew of but few capable readers, but among them he would mention first an old pupil of that College, Canon Daymond, of Peterborough, next a member of Parliament, and next a young lady. He objected to day schools, for he thought the greatest hindrances to the teacher's work, was from the influences brought to bear upon the scholar out of school hours, at home and in the streets.

The Bishop-designate of Liverpool intends to appoint the Rev. Chancellor Espin and Mr. John

Gamon, to be respectively Chancellor and Registrar of the Diocese of Liverpool.

The sermons at the opening services at the Church Congress, to be held in Leicester, September 28th to October 1st, are to be preached by the Archbishop of York and the Dean of Llandaff.

The Bishop of New Westminster, who passed through Toronto last week, on his way to his new Diocese, has appointed the Rev. A. B. Thynne, Seends Vicarage, Wilts, as his commissary for the South of England.

The Speaker of the British House of Commons has appointed as his chaplain, the Hon. and Rev. E. C. Byng, Vicar of St. Peter's, South Kensington, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen.

The restoration of Bangor Cathedral, from the late Gilbert Scott's designs, has been carried out so expeditiously that arrangements were perfected for the opening services to take place at once. The cost of the present work will be £7,000 stg.; towards which the Lord-Lieutenant of Caernarvonshire, and Mr. Assheton Smith, have given £2,000 each. The preachers at the opening services were arranged to be the Bishop of Derry, Canon Wilberforce, Archdeacon Griffith, the Revs. Dr. Forrest, G. Body, and D. Howell.

It is stated that the Council of the Persecution Company, having spent the whole of their £50,000 guarantee fund, in doing nothing but worrying two or three earnest-minded, but somewhat crotchety clergymen, intend to appeal to their brethren for £50,000 more, to be used in the same charitable, Christian, and patriotic manner.

On the 27th ult., the new Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Mold, was consecrated by the Bishop of St. Asaph. The Church is intended for the Welsh speaking inhabitants. The Vicar, the Rev. Rowland Ellis, believes that his commission extends to the whole population within the limits of his cure, and that it is his duty to supply the administrations of the Church to his people in their own language. Had this principle actuated the Church in Ireland, that Church would probably not have been disestablished and disendowed.

Curiosity is strong as to the course the present Government intends to pursue with regard to Afghanistan. An able article on the subject in the *Guardian*, concludes in this way:—"We do not affect to judge what is the best exit from existing embarrassments. But, judging from the best accessible evidence, we do express the opinion that these embarrassments are due to a most exaggerated estimate of Russian duplicity, and an unworthy distrust of our own power to repel, at the proper time, any hostile force, which Russian power or ingenuity might at the worst bring to bear on us; and also the hope that no unmanly tenor of this kind will deter us from abandoning an enterprise in which we have lost, and are likely to lose, so much. Such a course is happily facilitated by our recent victories in the field.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society, a thoroughly partizan organization, has fallen off to the extent of £10,776 in its annual income. The Additional Curates' Society, constructed on the broad principles of the Church, has increased this year by £9,721; its receipts being £84,054. The Church Missionary Society has expended £200,000 which is rather more than its income is able to meet.

The Bishop of Grahamstown, Dr. Macrorie, replying to a memorial from Dean Green's congregation, protesting against alleged ritualistic practices, deprecates their introduction, but counsels the petitioners to adopt a policy of conciliation and concession.

The expenses of the Afghan war will exceed the estimates by more than four million pounds sterling.

The Pope has required his Bishops to instruct their clergy that it is not permitted to them to institute or patronize any new forms or practices of religious observance towards the Madonna.

Bankruptcy is almost universal at Constantinople. In its embarrassment, the Porte has seized the pension fund of the employes of the Foreign Post and Telegraph Office.

The Kuldja Treaty has been rejected by the Chinese Government, which claims from Russia the unconditional retrocession of Ili. War is expected.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

THE chief feature of Christianity in its ethical aspect is a boundless charity, which works by love and purifies the heart. The fact that the subject is several times brought before us by the Church in immediate connection with the sublimest mysteries of our religion—the Resurrection, the Ascension, the descent of the Holy Ghost, the Trinity in Unity is sufficient of itself to suggest that the Love which is the end of the commandment is that Love to which St. John refers in the Epistle of the Communion Office and of which he emphatically speaks in his Second Epistle. The Love which this Apostle inculcates is not that charity which many people of the present day appear to consider the sum and substance of Christianity, and which consists in an extension of our religious sympathies to every form of Christianity, however degraded, and in acknowledging as brethren all self-constituted "sects" and all self-made "denominations," who undermine the foundations of the Christian faith and set at naught the Church Christ Himself established as the pillar and ground of the truth. When we see men zealously pursuing a course which we believe leads to destruction, to tell them they are all right, that they are good Christians and we have no doubt we shall meet them hereafter in the Kingdom of our Father, is the reverse of charity, although the world would stigmatise as bigotry a more honest and conscientious course. The Apostle John had none of this false liberalism: he loved the souls of men far too much for that. His love was not a soft sentiment, unregulated by principle. It was a love of all men,