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A Christmas Benevolence.—A concert was held last week at the Church of the Redeemer, at which the attendants presented each one pound or more of provisions for the poor. The contributions reached about half a ton and have since been increased. This practical display of the Christmas spirit is worth many tons of controversy.

HURON.

NEWBURY.—His lordship the bishop of the diocese preached the re-opening service in Christ Church on Sunday, the second in Advent. His lordship also preached in St. John's Church, Glenoe, and in St. James' Church, Wardsville. The rector of this large mission has for some time had the whole duty in the three united churches.

LONDON.—*Chapter House.*—The annual contribution to the Mission Aid Society of the diocese was presented to the children of Chapter House on Advent Sunday, and it was a very pleasant sight to see the little ones depositing their presents. They were as usual numerous and varied, and will gladden the hearts of children in Sunday Schools less favorably situated. The offerings have been handed over to Mrs. Baldwin, as president of the Ladies' Mission Aid Society to dispose of, as that association may deem most advisable.

LONDON SOUTH.—Rev. Cooper Robinson preached in St. James' Church, London South, at evensong, on the second Sunday in Advent. Mr. Robinson, a young minister of the Church, is shortly to proceed to Japan as a Missionary of the Old Church.

STRATFORD.—The thirty-sixth year of the incumbency of St. James' Church, deanery of Perth, by its rector, Rev. E. Patterson, was celebrated on the 18th inst., when the Lord Bishop of the diocese officiated and preached on the memorable anniversary.

LONDON WEST.—The Guild of St. George's Church have, in addition to the very useful labors of the Guild, added a Literary Society. At their last weekly meeting (Monday evening), the business of the Guild was important and occupied more time than was usual, leaving less time for the programme of the literary meeting. It was, however, very interesting and pleasing. An instrumental duet by Mrs. Newman and Miss Ada Gower was followed by a reading by Mr. Gahans. Miss Valentine and Mr. Snow sang "Bonnie Doon." Mrs. Lethbridge recited "The Captive King." Several new members joined during the evening.

The Insane Asylum.—His lordship the bishop visited the asylum for the insane on the third Sunday of Advent and held service and addressed the inmates. There are in it 452 males and 452 females, and there are on the list of applicants for admission 14 males and seven females. It is well to find that the Church has at all times assiduous inter-religious ministrations to the afflicted.

LONDON.—*Memorial Church.*—The fourteenth anniversary of the Memorial Church was celebrated on the third Sunday in Advent. Special services were held at matins and evensong by Rev. J. W. Ashman, rector of Emmanuel Church, Detroit, diocese of Michigan. A festival was held in the lecture room of the church on the following evening.

DUART.—*Deanery of Kent.*—Rev. Martin Short, of St. Paul's Church, Duart, having been appointed to the incumbency of Trinity Church, Ailsa Craig, by his lordship the bishop, was presented by the members of St. Paul's Church with a purse and an address, regretting his removal and expressing their desire for his equally great success in the church to which he has been appointed.

O. E. Women's Auxiliary Association.—The last monthly meeting of this association was more than

usually interesting. The Rev. Mr. Robinson, now on his way to his appointed mission field, Japan, was at the meeting, and pointed out on a diagram the work accomplished by Christian missions and the great work to be done. The bishop also delivered a brief address. The missionary association held their meetings monthly in the bishop's drawing room. Miss Baldwin is president, and takes a very active part in the working of Church missions. All our city and suburban churches are well represented. The Domestic missions, Algoma and the North-West, especially are cared for. One instance of their useful work may be mentioned. The last box of clothing from the Chapter House, one of the smallest of our congregations, was valued at \$80. This was from the Sunday School. All the S. S. scholars are thoroughly interested in missionary work.

FOREIGN.

The Episcopal Church in Scotland is increasing at a faster rate than the population. Since 1801 the population has increased two and a half times, but the Church sixfold. Since 1881 her clergy have increased by sixty-seven.

At a recent parish meeting in All Saints' Church Pasadena, Cal., the Rev. J. D. H. Browne, rector some \$16,000 were subscribed toward the erection of a new parish church. It is expected to secure \$60,000 for this purpose.

The *Month and Tablet*, Roman Catholic organs in England, complain that they are losing more yearly by secessions than they gain from all sources.

The Bishop of London has consecrated the new church of St. Cuthbert, Kensington, a handsome edifice of large proportions, capable of seating 1,200 people, which has been erected after the Lancet style. It is an offshoot of St. Matthias' Earl's Court, and partakes largely of the character of that imposing edifice.

The *Indian Churchman* gives an obituary notice of the late Rev. H. H. Sandel, for thirty years cathedral missionary at Calcutta. Himself a Bengali convert, as also his wife, his career won the respect of Hindus, Parsees, Mahomedans, and Brahmins. He commenced an endowment fund for his successors, and also collected 21,000 rupees towards a distinct church, of which his Bengali congregation itself gave 8,000 rupees.

The *Church Missionary Gleaner*, compares the position of the Church Missionary Society in 1837, the year Queen Victoria came to the throne, and in the year 1887. During this period the society has begun twelve missions, and sent out nearly 800 men to evangelize the world. The annual income is now three times what it was fifty years ago. In 1837 Samuel Marsden, the Apostle of the Maoris, paid his last visit to New Zealand. Now heathenism has all but disappeared there, so that Carl Ritter, the great geographer, speaks of this as "the standing miracle of the age." In 1837 Kraf sailed, the pioneer of missions on the eastern coast of Africa. That was the year in which the first Brahman convert was baptized. In the same year John Thomas went to Tinnevely, and that desolate plain has been turned into a garden of the Lord. In place of devil-temples destroyed, there are now houses of prayer, and in place of the priests of Satan, there are 100 native clergymen shepherding 100,000 Christian adherents. In 1837 when Dr. Morrison had just died in China, an expedition was sent out to see whether it was possible to locate a missionary there. A new edict against Christianity, and bidding defiance to the Christians' God had been issued by the emperor; but to-day there are not less than 30,000 Christian communicants connected with Protestant missions within the empire. The present position of Chinese officials toward Christianity would have seemed incredible to the missionaries of half a century ago. These are some of the features which mark the fifty years during which Queen Victoria has been upon the throne of England.

Dates of Romish Dogmas.—The Church of Rome claims to be apostolical, immutable, and infallible. The following table will show how far this is from being true:

Prayer for the dead began.....	A.D. 200
Worship of saints, martyrs and angels.....	850
Worship of the Virgin Mary was developed about.....	481
Priests began to wear a different dress from the laity.....	500
Worship in an unknown tongue.....	600

Papal supremacy.....	606
Worship of images and relics imposed.....	788
Baptism of bells.....	965
Obligatory celibacy of the priests.....	1000
Infallibility of the Church.....	1076
Sale of indulgences.....	1190
Dogma of transubstantiation officially decreed.....	1215
Auricular confession officially imposed.....	1215
The cup kept back from the laity officially sanctioned.....	1415
Purgatory officially recognized.....	1439
Romish tradition put on a level with the Scriptures.....	1540
The immaculate conception proclaimed.....	1854
The Pope's temporal power proclaimed.....	1864
Papal infallibility proclaimed.....	1870

The reformers are accused of being innovators. What can be said to this continued accession of ecclesiastical superstition, to which much more might be added?—*Temoins de la Verite.*

WALES.—The Executive Committee of the Church Defence Institution are circulating the following memorandum on the present attack on the Church in Wales, which has already received the signatures of many prominent and influential persons:

After the recent declaration of Mr. Gladstone, that the question of the disestablishment of the Scotch and Welsh Churches is ripe for decision, and of Sir W. Harcourt, "that the Church Establishment in Wales is an institution which it is no longer possible to defend consistently with the principles of the Liberal Party," it appears to us that the time has come for Churchmen, independently of political or religious parties, to speak out with no ambiguous voice on this subject, and to meet this fresh and insidious attack on the Church of England by a firm attitude and a temperate statement of the facts of the case.

1. We are prepared to hold to the opinion formerly expressed by Mr. Gladstone, that "there is a complete ecclesiastical, constitutional, legal, and, for every practical purpose, historical identity between the Church in Wales and the rest of the Church in England."

2. We must regard an attack upon the Church in Wales, or upon any portion of the Church of England, as an attack upon the principle of the recognition of Christianity by the nation, and as such to be strenuously and uncompromisingly resisted.

3. We altogether reject the allegation that the Church in Wales is an alien Church as historically false, and regard it as the representative of the ancient British Church, and a link connecting us with the early introduction of Christianity into the country.

4. We cannot accept as true statements which have from time to time been made as to the great numerical inferiority of Churchmen in the Principality, basing our convictions upon a variety of evidence, which includes that of a religious census taken in January last at the instance of the Calvinistic Methodists.

5. On the contrary, we see abundant proof that the number of Churchmen is steadily increasing, and that there is a growing attachment to the ministrations of the Church.

6. Whatever may have been the shortcomings of the Church in the past, we are convinced that each year she is realizing more clearly her opportunities and acting up to her responsibilities, doing ever nobler work for the cause of true religion.

7. We therefore call upon all thoughtful and religious men to give their support to the Church Defence Institution in withstanding any attempts which may be made to injure the position or cripple the usefulness of the Church in Wales.

Correspondence.

All letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

A SAD SIGHT.

SIR.—One of the saddest sights of this season was to see a missionary go down over the lakes, having had to abandon his post because of a lack of support. Unless our "missionary committees" and "missionary Bishops" do more than throw a man a few hundred dollars and let him go at that, the sooner the Church of England in Canada takes a few dioceses off her list the better. Like the "wild-geese" the "men of the snows" must go to some fairer clime, and take their little ones with them, or else cause such a "row" to be made that the echo thereof will disturb some of those who make "big speeches," and then think they have served the Lord. There is a tremendous lot of