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THE new Lord Mayor of London is an earnest Churchman. He was specially licensed by the late Bishop of Oxford as a lay reader. For the last seven years he has conducted a Sunday evening service in the mission church of his own parish, and for twenty-five years has been a constant Sunday-school teacher.

THE Very Rev. Richard William Church, M.A., D.C.L., dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, died in London last week. He was a distinguished graduate of Oxford, and was noted as a brilliant preacher and writer. Two of his best known volumes are, "Sermons Preached before the University of Oxford," and "Life of St. Anselm."

It is stated that not one in ten thousand of the Chinese have yet heard of the Saviour of mankind. The province of Shen-si, which possesses eighty-eight walled cities, has eighty-six without a missionary. Another province has fifty-six such cities, and fifty-four utterly unreached by the true

Light. Nine other provinces of the empire are equally destitute.

DRINK ADULTERATION.—The English *Guardian* furnishes proof by the statements of publicans themselves that the poor men's beer is fearfully adulterated by the use of tobacco, salt, copperas or cocculus indicus, an ingredient which is not applied to any useful purpose in medicine or the arts, and yet more than twenty tons of it are annually imported into England for the fraudulent purpose of beer adulteration.

THE will of the late Dr. Liddon, which is dated November, 1885, has just been proved, and is sworn at £47,000. The document begins thus: "First, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, trusting to obtain His mercy through the merits of Jesus Christ, and firmly believing the Christian Faith as held by the whole Catholic Church before the division of East and West, and by the Church of England. Next, I desire, in case I should die in England, to be buried in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, if it may conveniently be arranged."

THE largest Christian College in Japan, the Doshisha, at Kioto, which has 900 students, and has lately been made into a university, was founded by a native Christian, the Rev. Joseph Neesima, a man of far greater influence among the Japanese than any foreign missionary. He was the president of the college until his death, and another scholarly native clergyman has been chosen to succeed him. In this university there are a number of American professors, though the greater part of the instructors are native Christian gentlemen.

THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD ON REUNION.—In a recent article the Bishop says in reference to this subject: "It has seemed to me that for a long time we had been discussing our differences in a more or less friendly spirit, but with very little advantage, and that we ought now to betake ourselves definitely to prayer; and I venture to think that if the great body of Nonconformists should agree with the Anglican Church to make this matter the subject of stated prayer, it might be that what we had failed to attain by argument or conciliation, and what we dared not back by compromise, would be brought to pass by the infinite love and wisdom of our Father in Heaven."

THE Bishop of Capetown, writing concerning a recent visit to the interior stations, dwells upon the readiness with which the natives of south Africa receive the Gospel. One of his missionaries states that where fourteen years ago there were not 400 baptized members of the coloured race, there are now 1,800 and the number is increasing. Three hundred and eighteen persons have been baptized at Banza Manteke, on the Congo river, since November, 1886. Of these no less than sixty-six have died, the "sleeping disease," which prevails in that region, being the chief cause of this large number of deaths. Two converts have gone to London to see if they can be cured of this disease.

THE NEW DEAN OF PETERSBOROUGH.—A step seldom taken and almost as unusual as the appointment of a minor canon to a canonry in the same

cathedral—the promotion of Mr. (now Archdeacon) Emery from the lesser to the higher office at Ely being one of the exceptions in that direction which prove the rule—has been adopted at Peterborough, where the senior canon, Mr. Argles, has been made dean of his cathedral in succession to Dr. Perowne. As a matter of fact he will gain nothing but dignity by the transaction, as he holds a benefice worth £1,000 a year, while the canonry was worth £520. The new dean has held his canonry and his benefice for forty years, and is but little known outside the diocese.

A DISTINGUISHED NONCONFORMIST writes: "Religious convictions, strong and sacred, were the basis of the old Nonconformity; now there are hardly any such convictions; theology is held in solution, and is no longer precipitated in solid and concrete forms. It must also be borne in mind that whereas in former times we had to complain of substantial grievances and had to fight for our rights, these have now been redressed, and so we have lost a good deal of the *esprit de corps* which a struggle against odds evolves. Too many, nowadays, look upon the differences between Nonconformity and the Church as merely matters of theory, and the average Englishman will not interest himself in matters of theory only."

THE Dean of Worcester, in distributing the prizes at the Leamington high school for girls last week, spoke at length upon the advantages of light reading. Boys and girls who got heavy reading needed something lighter, and he believed that in England we had the purest and brightest of light reading that had ever been given to any age or any country. He contended that light literature would in a material sense change the world in which we live, and it opened up a new and better world for us. Some of the truest visions of the world of sin had been revealed to him through light literature. He would never have been a clergyman but for the works of Ruskin.

CANON SCOTT ROBERTSON has just completed his annual summary of the funds voluntarily contributed and bequeathed, in the British Isles, to the work of foreign missions for the financial year 1889. It shows that the total so given was £1,301,306. Of this sum Canon Scott Robertson estimates that £670,000 came from members of the Church of England. Although the total for 1889, £1,301,306, is rather less than that for 1888, it is greater than any total previous to the year 1888. The channels of contribution were:

Church of England Societies.....	£523,226
Joint Societies of Churchmen and Nonconformists .....	217,963
English and Welsh Nonconformist Societies..	364,652
Scotch and Irish Presbyterian Societies.....	185,646
Roman Catholic Societies.....	9,819
Total for 1889.....	£1,301,306

THE RITUAL QUESTION.—At the Wakefield Diocesan Conference, the Bishop (Dr. Walsham How), in his opening address, referred to the ritual questions, which, he said, met us in various ways and in all directions. "I listened carefully," he proceeded, "and with deep interest to the papers and speeches upon this subject at the Hull Church Congress, but do not feel I gathered much from the discussion, except, indeed, the one happy sense that men are learning to temper their earnest con-