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MR. J. A. BROWN, formerly a Presbyterian clergyman, was ordained last week in the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia.

THE Bishop of Iowa, the Rt. Rev. Wm. Stevens Perry, D. D., lately ordained to the diaconate Mr. Thomas F. Bowen, formerly a Congregational minister.

THE Empress of Germany is having great influence in promoting religious work in Germany. She attended the laying of foundation-stones of five new churches recently.

THE new Church of All Angels, New York, is one of the finest buildings in the city. It was consecrated last month. The church is a memorial gift from the rector of the parish, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman.

ARCHDEACON GIBSON, of Kokstad, has accepted the Bishopric of Zululand in succession to the late Bishop Douglass McKenzie. He was ordained in

1879, and, always interested in missionary work, went out to Africa in 1882.

BISHOP POTTER, who lately returned from a brief visit to Europe, says he was impressed while in England with the activity of the English Church, and with the way in which it was making use of the lay element. He also observed that English Church people were much interested in the methods of American Church people.

THE Rev. Mr. Guinness, of the East London Missionary Institute, is maturing plans for a grand advance of three columns of missionaries up the three branches of the Congo—the northern, central and southern. The central one may be considered as started by the recent departure of eight missionaries from London.

"OUR chief work latterly," says the Rev. Dr. R. J. Nevin, rector of the American church in Rome, "has been to establish in commodious quarters on the Via Palestro, at an outlay of \$40,000, a house for trained nurses in connection with the church, to which travellers can go when sick, or from which they may summon nurses to any point in Italy. We have fourteen nurses, one-half from America."

CANON CURTEIS, of Lichfield, is to be the successor of the late Rev. Henry White at the Savoy chapel. He is best known for his masterly Bampton lectures of 1871, dealing with the question of Church and Dissent. He is a solid rather than an attractive preacher.

THE Church mourns the death of the Rt. Rev. John Watrus Beckwith, Bishop of Georgia. He was stricken with paralysis on Saturday and passed to his rest on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. He became Bishop of Georgia, April 2, 1868. He was a very brilliant preacher, and a wise administrator of his diocese.

VULGARITY IN POLITICS.—In the political world, in which the graver interests of the State, the moral and material well-being of the citizens, should be the prime object of pursuit, the same tendency to low ideals, the same decay of dignity and courtesy are visible. Desire for place and public prominence, not the advancement of the common weal, has produced a breed of politicians in whom refinement of thought and word is conspicuous by its absence.

VULGARITY ON THE STREETS.—In a civilized state it should be impossible for the eye to be offended and the moral feeling shocked by the foul and vulgar posters that disgrace every bare wall and boarding in our towns. The only living art, we are told, is the art of advertisement. Its latest development is to flaunt before our eyes, to the utter degradation of our youth, pictures of vulgar women, in which no trace of virtue is depicted, and which are becoming more indecent every day, as familiarity with such sights begets indifference in us.

THE venerable Bishop of Chichester, who has just completed his eighty-eighth year, held his Diocesan Conference last week, in the course of which he referred to the Lincoln judgment, expressing his great regret that the Primate had seen fit to sit alone as judge over a Bishop of his province, and thus deprive Bishops, of all British

citizens, of the right of being tried by their peers. Dr. Durnford stated that 290 clergymen of his Diocese had presented to him an address embodying the same sentiment.

DEACONESSES seem to be the order of the day among the principal Christian Communions. The Lutherans have more than five thousand of these generous women consecrated to charity and education. The Methodists in the United States, among whom this movement is of recent date, have already twelve houses for deaconesses, the chief being that of Elizabeth Gamble, in Cincinnati. The Anglicans have already several houses of this character, and are projecting others in New York, in Philadelphia, and in Cleveland.—*L'Avenir*.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER resumed his ministry, after two months' holiday, and favoured the Church of England with a preliminary one-minute sermon. The Church, he said, was never doing more work, or securing for itself more golden opinions as a spiritual agency, than it was doing at this moment. It was supreme in all kinds of ability, and was making the life of Nonconformity more and more difficult. He was glad of it, for it was leading his own communion to study the age more deeply and more practically.

"OUR CHURCH IN WALES."—The *News* enters into a detailed comparison of the religious and educational work of the Church of England, and of Nonconformity especially, within the last few years. In its opinion the facts and figures adduced prove beyond the possibility of doubt that, under the existing regime of Welsh Bishops for Welsh sees, the Church is advancing by leaps and bounds. Looking, on the other hand, at the position of Nonconformists, there is certainly no evidence of similar progress. The Calvinistic Methodists, the most numerous dissenting body in Wales, are, by their public admission, declining in numbers, and also in the amount of their contributions to religious objects, and the *News* believes the Congregationalists and Baptists to be in similar plight. The Church under these circumstances has little to fear.

THE *Christian Statesman* says: "The 'converts' are not always from Protestantism to Rome. A constant movement is also going on out of the Romish communion into the fellowship of the Protestant churches. The *Converted Catholic* for November states that the Rev. S. McGerard, the able and very successful editor of the *Buffalo Christian Advocate*, is a converted Roman Catholic, and therefore takes a lively and especially intelligent interest in the conflict with Romanism in this land. The Rev. Thomas Hanlon, of Pennington (Methodist) Seminary, New Jersey, is also mentioned as a converted Roman Catholic, and the Rev. J. Lanahan, D.D., of Baltimore, manager of the *Methodist Book Concern* of that city. The same journal gives the names of twenty-one English priests who have left the Church of Rome and have been admitted into the ministry of the Church of England.

THE Rev. J. J. Stewart Perowne, the Bishop designate of Worcester, was born at Burdwan, in Bengal, in the year 1823. He was a member of a family of French extraction which took refuge in England at the time of the revocation of the edict