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"CLERICAL SCANDALS" are such luscious morsels for the irreligious public that there is a great temptation to press agents to manufacture them deliberately. The *Church Times* draws attention to the way in which any imposter, who chooses to say he is a "clergyman," gets handed round the sensational newspapers to the annoyance of *bona fide* members of the ministerial profession.

HOT CROSS BUNS seem to be a modern version (or "perversion"?) of the religious custom in mediæval times of having an unpalatable unleavened cake, marked with a cross, as the only food to be taken before 3 p.m. on Good Friday. So far as the custom is retained, the "bun" should be as plain and unenticing as possible. In that way it may still serve a useful purpose.

"LANTERN SERVICES" and outdoor processions have been more in vogue than ever in connection with the observance of Holy Week this year.

Many mission and parish halls have been utilized for such informal and unique presentations of important or religious facts. Some such unusual methods seem necessary to attract the masses.

A CHURCH "PRESS AGENCY" has been initiated in London to rival similar agencies among Romanists and dissenters, who are very industrious and systematic in keeping the public informed of all their important movements and proceedings. This "move" is on a business footing, and "means business." Every night Church news is to be telegraphed to the newspapers all over Great Britain. America should act as well.

"OTHELLO'S OCCUPATION'S GONE!" exclaims *Living Church*, commenting on the fact that the efforts of the Church Association in England to neutralize, if not nullify, the effect of the Lincoln judgment in favour of ritual, have induced only about a dozen out of 25,000 parish churches to move their altars from the east wall to the body of the church, so as to vulgarize and desecrate them as far as possible. The C. A. may as well put up its shutters!

"LAY REPRESENTATION, like democracy, is all very well where the laity are well instructed. Otherwise it is a peril." This remark is drawn from an American contemporary by the extraordinary anti-ritual canons of the Church of Ireland, due "to the influence of narrow-minded laymen clothed with a little brief authority." It is often the case that zeal is not proportionate to knowledge: but the reverse.

"A WAVE OF EPISCOPACY IS UPON US!" exclaims a writer in the *Andover Congregational Review*, and proceeds to comment upon the strength of the Episcopal organization, moulding and controlling "individualism" within bounds. The *Michigan Church* says: "The large number of eminent ministers of various denominations, who have lately applied for Holy Orders, forms an epoch in the history of the Episcopal Church." Among the confirmed in 30 N. Y. parishes lately were 400 who had been educated as dissenters.

"THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS" is one of the latest devices of the Roman Catholic authorities to make a demonstration of "unity" in Jerusalem next May. The ancient historic Churches of the East will probably take no notice of the demonstration, but leave it to the enjoyment of the schismatic or "Uniat" Roman sects, split from the Syriac, Armenian, Greek and Coptic Churches at various times. The Maronites and others have secular married priesthoods, communion in both kinds, &c.—are in fact only "Roman" by acknowledgment of papal jurisdiction.

"CALVINISM OR RUM" seems a dreadful alternative, and yet that is the way the Ingersollian logic (?)—in a lecture on Burns lately delivered in Toronto—describes the dilemma of Scotland, representing that the national home of Burns was only saved from Calvinism so far as it indulged in rum! Should it not be "whuskey"? Such language only indicates how much such men as Ingersoll are repelled from Christianity by Calvinism.

INGERSOLLIAN LOGIC.—In commenting on Col. Ingersoll's recent attempt to prove Burns to be

the poet of agnosticism, the *Toronto Mail* well says, *apropos* of his suppression of such religious poems as "The Cotter's Saturday Night" and "Holy Willie's Prayer": "If Ingersoll treat the Bible as he does Burns, it must be quite easy for him to make out a case." That is exactly what he does, and how he does it!

"THE GRAND ELECTOR OF IRELAND is Archbishop Walsh, and the Roman Catholic hierarchy is a permanent political caucus." Words could not better describe the situation of affairs than these of the London Press correspondent. The Irish Pope puts his thumb on the electric screw, and, *presto*, all the priests drive all the lay electors ("lay figures" they might well be called) to the polls to vote just as the prime mover or "grand elector" has dictated.

"A NUMERICAL MAJORITY, it is probable, would vote for Home Rule in Ireland, and it is certain that a vast majority of the Irish people, to whom belong intelligence, education, property, industry, energy, political capacity, all that makes Ireland Ireland in the best and most hopeful sense—that this vast majority of the *real majority* is undoubtedly opposed to Home Rule." So concludes the wise Geo. W. Smalley, watching the case on the spot. The same is true of the Welsh Church. The vast majority of the "real majority" are *against* disestablishment.

TWO LADIES.—Mrs. Lewis, and her sister, Mrs. Gibson, have distinguished themselves by a most important and (femininely) characteristic discovery at a Greek convent on Mount Sinai—a discovery of a Syrian MS. of the Four Gospels, the earliest and most complete yet discovered. The ladies, both expert Arabian and Greek scholars, penetrated the disguise of a dirty and sticky bundle of palimpsest to find this treasure—aided by the steam from a tea-kettle! They called Professor Harris to their aid, and spent a memorable 40 days with him on Mount Sinai, deciphering the text. Tischendorf and Harris themselves had overlooked what these ladies found!

SMALL OFFERTORIES, due to lack of wealthy residents in certain poor districts, is a crux which the Bishop of Wakefield (Walsham How) finds in his efforts to relieve the condition of the poorer clergy by means of Easter offerings, &c. He recommends an organized effort on the part of the richer parishes to help these poorer localities. Personally, he announces that he gives up a tenth of his Episcopal income for three years to aid these poorer brethren.

"THE GLADSTONE SHIP HAS NO LOAD-LINE" are the first words of a *Rock* editorial on the present situation of Church politics in England. The article represents the ship of the Gladstonians as having been loaded up with all kinds of rubbish, and hints that the master will have to "jettison the best part of the stuff he has under hatches"—some of the goods smuggled in without paying duty to public judgment, much more carried for the sake of adventitious advantages in the shape of—votes! The ship is likely to founder.

"THE PROTESTANT DISTURBANCE SOCIETY" is a nickname found by no less a personage than the present Primate of Ireland for the so-called "Protestant Defence Association"—a society which

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