

## OUR ENGLISH BUDGET.

THE estimated cost of the work of restoration at Peterborough Cathedral is upwards of £60,000.

THE Jews of London have three-weekly newspapers, fifteen synagogues and a Rabbinical college, with the finest Jewish Library in the world.

AN anonymous benefactor has offered to present to St. Edmund's, Northampton, a peal of eight bells on condition that the parishioners prepare the tower for their reception.

THE Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Bickersteth) has appointed Dr. Tristram, Q. C., to be Chancellor of the Diocese of Ripon, vacant by the death of Dr. Swabey.

THE Lord Mayor of London has written to his chaplain, Prebendary Whittington, his views on the subject of state attendance at church. His Lordship says he cannot reconcile it to his conscience, to take out four horses and to put his servants into state liveries for the sake of going a very short distance to church.

PROFESSOR WACE has been elected Principal of King's College, in succession to Dr. Barry. Mr. Wace has been connected with King's College as Professor of Ecclesiastical History since 1875, and his works on the Evidences of Christianity have marked him out as a fit head to an important school for divinity.

THE *Pall-Mall Gazette* says that a clergyman near Coventry, on visiting a woman who got her living by mangling clothes, found her ill in bed, and in sore distress through her inability to execute some orders she had in hand. The rev. gentleman quickly commenced operations at the mangle and after completing his self-imposed task, apprised the old lady of the fact and left.

THE committee of the new clergy club have secured the commodious house No. 17, St. James' place, S. W., for the purposes of the club. It is proposed to change the name of the club to that of "The Church Club," the other title being considered too exclusively clerical.

'OUR WORK,' issued by the Sisters of the Church at Kilburn, mentions that the Rev. F. H. Law, rector of Lee, has offered them £3000 to be applied to building a Home for Destitute Boys.

Sir Stafford Northcote has been elected to the Lord Rectorship of Edinburgh University, in succession to the Earl of Rosebury, by a majority of fifty-two votes over Mr. Trevelyan, the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The local candidate, Prof. Blackie, only polled 236.

DURING the last thirty years the Church of England has raised \$250,000,000 for the building and repairing of churches and cathedrals, and \$8,000,000 for endowments.

IN East London, when the number of Confirmation candidates in 1882 is compared with the number who were presented nine years previously, there appears an increase of 176 per cent. although the estimated increase of population during the same period is only 42 per cent.

THE Bishop of Lichfield has instituted an order in his diocese to be called "The Parochial Order of the Holy Ghost, for the higher fulfillment of the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God."

## CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

MR. RAINSFORD thinks that if we want to do real missionary work in cities we must have the Gospel for rich and poor alike. The people who drink old wines and buy fat things, who like old books and old china, are the ones to be dealt with first.

THE *Episcopal Register* thinks that the Anglican airs of the junior Americans who go abroad and return with a hesitating voice and an altered pronounciation, ought to be made to pay a heavy duty at the Custom House.

THE Rector of Whitechapel, Pastor of a very populous and poor parish in London says:—"I totally repudiate the idea that people will not go to Church. I believe they will if we only treat them well and are not too stiff."

A correspondent writes to a contemporary:—"In the preface to a devotional book for children, written by a lady well known for her talents and pious zeal, it is asserted that there are to be found in the Bible *thirty-one thousand* 'stars of promise' for the people of God. Is this a fact? Can any of your readers say that they have counted so many thousand promises of grace, mercy, and peace, in the written Word of God?" Can any of our readers answer the question?

THE *American Churchman* in an article on "Advent" says:—"The Church of Christ is the great instrumentality which he has ordained for the preparation of the world for the bringing in of His kingdom, and yet the greatest triumphs of that Church are not always those that are most patent to human sight. The Holy Spirit prepared the way for the first Advent of the Saviour in a manner that the devout student of history can easily recognize now, but of which the nations of the earth, seeking only their own material advancement, were absolutely unconscious."

THE Editor of the *Standard of the Cross* has been caught napping. He makes the following statement:—"A striking instance of seeing things not as they are, but as one wishes to see them, is in what the *Halifax Church Guardian* says about the vote on changing the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church: 'The resolution to abandon this strange name was not carried, but received a very large vote. The proposal to adopt some such title as 'The Catholic Church of America,' was almost universally approved by the Convention, and but for certain financial and other difficulties would have been carried by acclamation.' What a pleasure it must be to edit a paper for readers who don't mind a little such liberty as this in the treatment of facts. Tell your simple subscribers, brother Journalist, that sectarianism is dead in the States, and that the Holy Catholic Anglo-American Church is working miracles over the border." We gladly publish, as the paper would have us do, the fact or sentiment "that sectarianism is dead in the States," but we think that our brother has been a little bit muddled over the surfeit of Convention news and opinions. The scissors have clipped from the wrong paper, and the proverbial microscope of Sam Weller has been applied to the clipping, when, lo! the Editor sees, through that strained medium, THE CHURCH GUARDIAN. It is needless to say that we made no such statement and the *Standard* stands as an example of one who "sees things not as they are, but as it wishes to see them."

## Book Notices, Reviews, &amp;c.

"Future Punishment," comprising four parochial sermons, with an introduction on the Scriptural doctrines of Retribution, and an Essay on Prayers for the Dead, by Randolph H. McKim, D. D. Thos. Whittaker, 2 & 3 Bible House, New York. McGregor & Knight, Halifax. Price 75 cents.

These sermons were preached five years ago, and are now published as a vindication of Dr. McKim's orthodoxy. The author was mentioned in connection with the office of assistant Bishop of Virginia, and it was thought his chances for election were good, when somebody charged him with teaching false doctrine, and his name was withdrawn. So far as the doctrine of Universalism is concerned, the vindication is complete; but the doctrine known as Conditional Immortality is taught and defended by the Doctor, who brings forward much of what has been written on the subject in recent years, as well as quoting from the Fathers and other early writers. The author takes the ground that sin will not go unpunished in the next world. That natural religion and man's conscience without the Bible reveal this, but that while the pains of hell shall be visited on the finally impenitent, there will be a time when the soul as well as the body of those whom God has rejected shall be destroyed forever. Both the introduction and the sermons are well worth reading. If the book is not satisfactory, it certainly proves that the author has the courage of his convictions, and that he has made a close and deep study of the questions involved.

Christmas Number of "Wide Awake." D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. 25 cts.; \$2.50 a year.

"Wide Awake" must always be welcome in homes where there are young readers, but the Christmas number of this most popular magazine is so attractive in its festal dress, so rich in charming stories and choice illustrations, that no home should be without it at Christmas-tide.

"The Pansy." D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. Weekly. 75 cts. a year; 7 cts. a number.

This beautiful children's magazine is edited by the well-known and popular writer of juvenile literature, Mrs. G. R. Alden, whose *nom de plume* "Pansy" has been happily chosen as the title of this periodical. The "Pansy" has reached the first number of its second volume, and stands in the first rank among periodicals for the young. We are also indebted to D. Lothrop & Co. for a very beautifully executed and most pleasing lithograph of the editor.

"The Gift of Gifts," a text book compiled and arranged by Grace Potter. This is one of the most charming little gift-books we have ever seen, and its wonderful cheapness will help to give it an immense sale. Anson D. F. Randolph & Co., 900 Broadway, New York. Price 40c. Sent by the publishers, post-paid, on receipt of the price.

A "Pansy Text Book for the Month," also from Anson D. F. Randolph & Co., is richly and beautifully illustrated. Each page has a pansy design printed in silver, and a verse of Scripture or extract from a well-known writer. The two coloured pages in front are very attractive. Sent by the publishers, post-paid, on receipt of the price, 75 cts.

JUST PUBLISHED, "Plain and Family Prayers," prepared by a committee of clergymen in the Diocese of Quebec, and published with the sanction of the Bishop, by whom they are recommended for use in his Diocese. Price—In Paper Covers, 5 cents; Cloth, 10 cents. The clergy may obtain copies—if not fewer than 25 are ordered at one time—at the rate of \$3 per 100 (paper). Sold at St. Matthew's Depository, Quebec, and by the Publishers, John Lovell & Son, St. Nicholas Street, Montreal. We warmly recommend these Prayers, and the clergy have now an opportunity of providing their people with an excellent collection at a remarkable low price.