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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE LATE ORDINATIONS IN ENGLAND.—On Sunday ordinations were held by the two Archbishops and thirty Bishops, when 302 Deacons were admitted, and 359 advanced to the priesthood. Of these no less than 514 were graduates, 210 of Cambridge, 198 of Oxford, 55 of Durham, 27 of Dublin, 11 of London, 9 of Lampeter, 2 of Edinburgh, 1 of the Royal University of Ireland, and 1 of Sydney. The remainder were educated as follows: 25 of the London College of Divinity, 19 at King's College, 17 at St. Bees; 16 at St. Aidan's, Birkenhead, 14 at Lichfield, 12 at Lincoln, 10 St. John's, Highbury, 7 at Truro; 6 at Chichester, 4 at Salisbury, 2 at Wells, 2 at Queen's, Birmingham, 2 at Gloucester, 2 at Southwark; and one each at Lancing College, St. Augustine's, Canterbury, Hackney Theological College, and the Isle of Man Wesleyan School.

There were only ten literates, and the Primate and the Bishops of Bangor, Ely, Hereford, Llandaff, Newcastle, and St. Asaph ordained none but graduates, as with very few exceptions did the Bishops of Durham, Bath and Wells, Carlisle, Exeter, Gloucester, Oxford, Norwich, Peterborough, Ripon and Worcester. In the Liverpool Diocese, out of FORTY-SIX ordained TWENTY-SEVEN had no University education, and in Lichfield and Southwell Dioceses a

large proportion of those ordained were educated at theological colleges. The London ordination was the largest and Rochester (where the Bishop entertained all the sixty candidates at the old Palace) the next. The Bishop of Oxford ordained a medical man, and the Bishop of London two permanent deacons. Several Nonconformist ministers received holy orders.

SURPLICED LADIES.—The "surpliced ladies" are now an accomplished fact at the pro-Cathedral, Melbourne. Replying to the *Church of England Messenger*, which does not approve of the innovation, Dr. Bromby (who may be described as the pro-Dean of Melbourne), says:—"It cannot be denied that, considering the extraordinary caprices of fashion in the matter of female attire, it would offend the taste to see the simple uniformity of surpliced men and boys disturbed by the intrusion of the grotesque and daily-changing inventions of the Paris milliner. What better solution, then, of the difficulty could there be than to clothe the female members of the choir in an ecclesiastical vestment of such a suitable type as should harmonise well with the surroundings of their position, and at the same time not destroy that distinctive gracefulness of attire to which their sex entitles them?" Three young ladies in surplices, edged black, and caps of college style, have been photographed, and form a very pretty group—reminding those who have seen it of the likeness of the Princess of Wales in her diploma costume.

IN consequence of ill-health, and in accordance with the advice of his physician, the Dean of St. Paul's, who has left England for the South of France, will spend the winter months on the Continent.

THE Convocation of the Province of Canterbury is summoned for Tuesday, February 8th, and will sit through the week.

POOR IRELAND!—The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh has presented the Pope with the sum of £588 as Peter's Pence from his diocese; the Romish "Bishop of Down and Connor" has sent the Pope £355 as Peter's Pence; while for the same purpose £388 has been forwarded by the Popish "Bishop of Derry"—making the respectable total of £1,331. There is always money in Ireland to pay the Pope and his Bishops and Priests their "dues"—though it is sometimes necessary to rob Protestant landlords of their rents for the purpose.

HAWAIS SURPASSED.—At the Albion Congregational Chapel, Southampton, on Sunday evening, the 26th December, Canon Wilberforce preached in connection with the monthly special service. No previous announcement was made except among Nonconformists for fear of a similar occurrence as was experienced in the case of the Rev. Mr. Haweis. The Canon was introduced by the pastor, the Rev. S. G. Matthews, who said he was glad to see him there for other reasons than the exhibition of Christian fellowship between churches (1) of different denominations.

VICAR OF ISLINGTON.—We announce