

## Paragraphic.

Selwyn College, Cambridge, is to be dedicated and opened on October 10th. The Archbishop of Canterbury is to take part in the ceremony.

It was announced that the foundation stone of the Lowder memorial would be laid by Earl Nelson on Sept. 9, the anniversary of Father Lowder's death.

The Bishop of Llandaff attained his eighty-fourth birthday on Wednesday week. Dr. Olliphant, who is the oldest bishop on the episcopal bench, was appointed to the see in 1849.

The English Church has established a Christian mission at Gaza, a town which reaches farther back than the call of Abraham. It was on the way to Gaza that Philip baptized the eunuch of Ethiopia.

The new Diocese formed out of that of Goulbourn is to bear the name of Hay. It is reported in Australia that the first Bishop will be the Rev. C. S. Isaacson, Rector of Hardingham, Norfolk, late Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge.

Rev. C. W. Whitmore states in the London *Christian* that of the twenty infidel lecturers and writers who have been prominent in the last thirty years, sixteen have abandoned their infidelity and openly professed their faith in Christ.

The Rev. P. A. Séguin, the well-known convert from the Roman Catholic Priesthood, has just opened a Mission for the benefit of the French Canadians in Harlem. Five thousand French speaking people, mostly Canadians, live in Harlem.

The Lord Bishop of Kilmore has completed his course of Confirmations for the present year. Eleven Confirmations have been held for 46 parishes in the united dioceses. 1,011 young persons have been confirmed, viz., 450 males and 552 females.

It will surprise some persons to know that there are more Episcopal churches in Philadelphia than in New York city, and the one church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia gave more in contributions last year than all the seven churches in Trinity parish.

**PRESBYTERIAN ADVANCES.**—A successful flower service has just been held in the mission hall connected with Dr. MacEwan's Church. In the Rev. Henry Miller's Church, at Hammersmith, the "Amen" to the prayer is given by the organ and congregation.

The Methodists are soon to hold an ecumenical conference in London. On account of the differences between the various kinds of Methodists it has been decided to exclude all doctrinal subjects from consideration, else it is feared the pan-conference would become a pan-demonium.

"Some man in England," says the *Churchman*, "is said to carry twenty shillings in his pocket whenever a charity sermon is to be preached. After the sermon has continued twenty minutes, he deducts a shilling for every additional five minutes, and often makes a good deal of money by the operation."

The bell of the Episcopal Church in East Haddam, Conn., is supposed from the inscription upon it to be the oldest bell in the country—in use several centuries at least. During the war of the Revolution it was taken from a Spanish convent and sent to

America to be cast into cannon, but was saved, and by some means came to its present use.

From Rurki, in the North-West Provinces of India, the Rev. F. H. T. Hoppner reports the baptism of a Maulvi, one of the highest order of Mohammedans. Seyid Ahmed Hassan Shah is profoundly versed in the theology and literature of Islam, and first took up the Bible in order to expose its spuriousness. He is now energetically preaching the Gospel to his former co-religionists.

Harvard University, including agnostics and atheists, claims to have twenty different kinds of religion, and two of the students are yet to be heard from. It is a world in miniature. The Episcopalians are a majority of the whole number, and that again is true of the world at large; the Episcopalians, in fact or principle, comprising about nine-tenths of all who profess and call themselves Christians.

A well-informed writer in the *New York Churchman* says: "The Sultan of Turkey, at the intercession of the United States Minister, had promised to allow the refugee Jews from Russia to settle in Mesopotamia. The Egyptian trouble, however, has interfered, and hundreds who had begun their pilgrimage are left to wander and starve, while those still at home are compelled to stay there and still suffer."

The Hon. Erastus Corning recently gave the site for the Cathedral in Albany, at a cost of \$70,000. We have this week to notice an act of still greater munificence toward the same Cathedral. A late member of St. Thomas' Church, New York, has given to it a fund, which will yield \$5,000 annually toward the maintenance of the Dean. By means of this endowment Bishop Doane will be able to offer the future Dean a salary of \$7,000 and a house.

The picturesque church at Cockington, near Torquay, is about to be completely restored. The Bishop of Bangor on Thursday week consecrated a new church at Llithfaen, near Pwllheli, and the Bishop of St. Asaph has opened one by license at Ffynongrow, in the parish of Llansen, near Rhyl. The foundation stone of a new church at East Loe, Cornwall, has been laid by Sir Alfred Gooch. A feature of the proceedings was a speech by a Nonconformist, who said that there was a growing feeling among Dissenters of the incalculable value of the labours of the English clergy.

To reach a class of persons who are wanderers in the city, street preaching, an old practice in New York, is being again employed. A crowd of two hundred, nearly all of the working class, respectably dressed and well behaved, with a few seedy tramps, a dozen or so women, and the usual noisy accompaniment of children, gathered at the sound of "Rock of Ages," with organ accompaniment. There was a brief but forcible sermon by Mr. Cleveland, a member of Dr. Morgan's church, Fifth Avenue, and after another hymn, Rev. Dr. Remington, in clerical robe, made a brief address, adapted to those to whom he spoke. There were other hymns and other addresses.

By the will of Mrs. Cornelia A. Dikeman, a communicant of Trinity Church, Washington, D. C., the following bequests are made: To the Children's Hospital, \$1,000; to the

rector and vestry of Trinity Church, \$5,000, for the benefit of destitute and aged white and colored persons of good moral character in that city; to the Evangelical Educational Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$5,000, for the support of persons (students) intending to become clergymen of the Church; to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$10,000, for the use of the domestic and foreign missionary branches, one half to go to each branch, for missionary work.

On Monday, Aug. 14, with much pomp and enthusiasm, a statue was unveiled at Brescia of Friar Arnold, the great precursor of the Reformation, who was burned in Rome in 1154. The Ministry was represented by Signora Zanardelli, Baccarini, Bacelli, and Magliani; and deputations were there from the Senate, the Roman Municipality, many public bodies, and 300 workmen's associations. At eleven the Syndic unveiled the statue, which represents Arnold in the act of preaching, and delivered a speech thanking Signor Zanardelli for having come to do homage to the great thinker and agitator, who dealt the first blow to the power of the Popes and ushered in the Reformation. Signor Zanardelli, himself a native of Brescia, said this was an Italian festival, a day of rejoicing for all Italy redeemed from the power of the Vatican.

Bishop Quintard says of the colored work in his diocese: "The work in Tennessee is thriving in a wonderful way. That devoted and laborious missionary, the Rev. Charles F. Collins, of Brownsville, Tennessee, could tell a story of faithful work done and of great results achieved. In one of his missions, where the black people undertook to build a house of prayer, one devoted communicant of the church, who all his life long had been a slave, and, as a slave, had learned to love the holy ways of the church, laid \$1,200 upon the Lord's table. The house was built; and the old black deacon has gathered an immense congregation, and rarely presents a class of less than thirty candidates for confirmation. And he keeps his people quiet during preaching because, as he told them on the last occasion of my visit to the parish, "My brethren, you must not shout, you must listen to the preaching and drink it all in, you know that when you shout it *hinder* puts the Bishop on a strain."

There is a deeply ingrained reverence in the popular English mind for the Bible. People who have no strong sense of religion are easily moved to indignation by any outward show of disrespect to the sacred volume. This came out strikingly enough at Burnley, in Lancashire, some evenings ago. A Secularist lecturer was declaiming against revelation in the open air, and his audience listened to him patiently enough till he was indiscreet enough (as a local paper puts it) to destroy a Bible by way of emphasizing his arguments. The temper of the people immediately changed on seeing this shocking act of irreverence. They set upon the lecturer, and it was with difficulty that he escaped serious injury. This regard for the Scriptures is, we may depend upon it, one element in the strength of the English character, and long may it be before it shall be educated out of being by secular school teaching.

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