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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

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THE Bishop of Lichfield preached the three hours' service at his Cathedral on Good Friday.

The appointment of Canon Ryle to the Deanery of Salisbury has been formally announced. The value of the Deanery is £1000 stg. a year. The elevation is expected to make a sounder Churchman of him, as was in some respects the case with Dean Close and one or two others.

The sum of £2,270 has been subscribed towards the Southwell Bishopric in the Archdeaconry of Salop alone. The total amount now standing to the credit of the Fund is about twenty-three thousand pounds.

The money subscribed for presenting a public testimonial to the Bishop of Manchester on the occasion of his marriage is to be devoted to the foundation of a Scholarship at Owens College, and will be called "The Bishop Fraser Scholarship."

At a meeting of the Christian Knowledge Society, the sum of £1,200 was voted for educational purposes to the Assyrian Christian Church, at the suggestion of the two Archbishops. A grant was voted for £1000 towards Sunday Schools, for building and rent. Notice was also given of a grant of £1000 towards the new Bishopric to be founded in North China, for which £10,000 has been given by an anonymous donor.

A letter was read at a late meeting of Burslem Town Council from the Bishop of Lichfield, in which his Lordship said that the Chapel intended to be built in the cemetery for common use would only be available for Nonconformists, as, of course, he could not allow clergymen to officiate in it.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his inclination to allow an unconsecrated building in the cemetery at Herne, to be used by all "denominations," as well as Churchmen. The sound Churchmen there, however, propose to have two buildings erected, one to be consecrated for the Church, and the other to be for Nonconformists.

The late Miss Mary Woodward of Sproughton, Ipswich, has bequeathed a legacy of two thousand pounds to the National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the principles of the Church.

The Bishop of Ossory held an ordination on the 24th at Christ Church, Gorey, and this being the first ever held there was attended by a large number of the clergy and laity of the vicinity.

The Bishop presided at a meeting held in Kilkenny for the purpose of furthering the claims of some of the clergy to further compensation out of the Church Fund.

It appears that out of 7,557 voters for the University of Oxford, 2,894 are in Holy Orders. Of 6,221 who are on the register at Cambridge, 3,287 are in Holy Orders.

Bishop Maclagan, although his life has been spent as a working clergyman, has, in his primary charge, fallen into the error of fancying himself called upon to decide dogmatically upon the great questions which agitate the Church in the present day. In doing so he has misstated the belief held by our party, if not the "views" of the other. The charge is, however, upon the whole, a good one, and has a number of valuable directions.

The elections in Great Britain appear to be going most adversely to the Beaconsfield administration. This was to a great extent expected. The way in which the Turkish question was bungled up has pleased no one. The two expensive wars in Afghanistan and Zululand were unprovoked and wanton in the extreme; and what is worse than that, neither of them can be said to have been very satisfactory in its results. The Church party too, even moderate members of it, have gone very much against the Government, in consequence of the way in which it has coquetted with the Persecution Company. But who is the coming man to take the reins of Government seems doubtful. Lord Hartington is nobody, and has no opinion of his own. With all the great powers of Mr. Gladstone, no one, unless it be the *Guardian*, seems inclined to trust him. Should he take the helm, there is not a soul on earth that could even conjecture the nature of the shore on which he would land the nation. Lord Granville also is spoken of.

In what is termed the Colombo award, delivered by the five prelates of the highest rank, on the dispute between the Bishop of Colombo and the Church Missionary Society, the opinion of the prelates has been, as might be expected, considerably adverse to the exorbitant claims of the Society to govern the Bishop's Diocese from their Committee Rooms in Salisbury Square. This is especially the case in the main question, that of licenses; and a strong rebuke is administered to those missionaries who refused to join in Communion with the Bishop on the most frivolous pretexts. The Bishop's right of control over lay missionaries in certain cases is plainly affirmed. The Society will doubtless see that it cannot claim to be a Church Missionary Society if it repudiates the principles of government which regulate the Home Church. The matters in which the Society might seem to have an advantage over the Bishop are in reference to things the Bishop had neither done nor intended to do, but which the Society and its agents had conjured up from the depths of their "inner consciousness."

An ecclesiastical Art Exhibition is to be held in London in a building made of iron and glass with enrichments of mosaic. The Exhibition is to be opened on the first of June. It will consist of pictures for Churches, cartoons for wall paintings, mosaics, sculptures, illuminations, stained glass, architectural drawings, wood and ivory carving, bells, embroidery, tapestry, missals, heraldry, sacred symbolism, music, musical instruments, sacred books and vessels, tiles, frescoes, mural decorations, models of churches, &c., &c. The building will cost £10,000. The exhibition is expected to be kept open for eighteen months.

A large meeting has been held in the town hall of St. Alban's to consider an offer made by Sir Edmund Beckett to continue the restoration of the Cathedral. Some opposition was made to the proposal, but application has been made for a faculty to carry it into execution.

The Diocese of Chichester has sustained a great loss in the death of a parish priest of unusual excellence, the Rev. Burrell Hayley, rector of Catsfield, and elder brother of the late revered rector of Brightling.

The Parish of Trinity, New York, contains seven churches. Besides the rector there are ten "assistant ministers," three more clergymen, in charge of Mission Chapels, and two others, one designated "Assistant Priest of St. Chrysostom's," and the other without any specified field of work. The first Trinity Church was built in 1696, and was burnt down eighty years afterwards. The present building dates from 1839. The corporation of Trinity Church contribute by annual donation and otherwise to the support of eighteen other churches in New York. St. Luke's, for instance, receives an annual allowance of ten thousand dollars.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

THE Church's Teaching in the Gospel to-day is the Presence of Christ with His Church. And that Presence must be a real one; for an unreal Presence is nothing but an absurdity. It may be a Mystical Presence, but it must be Real or no benefit could result from it. And then, as a consequence of this Presence of Christ with His Church, comes the Power whereby those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, are enabled to avoid "those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same."

In that portion of time we are now considering the Saviour was seen again by His Disciples, and although His appearance would impart a large amount of consolation, yet they must have felt assured that He would soon be taken from them in body. At such a time, and as their faith grew with the Resurrection Life of their Lord, the words He had formerly spoken to them must have recurred to their minds as words which had in part been fulfilled, and of which a still more glorious fulfilment was in prospect. Because He was going to the Father to present His Natural Body as an ever-living intercession, He could not be seen by the bodily eyes of His Disciples; but because He was going to the Father to be a continual Mediator and Intercessor, the benefits of His Presence would