

OUR ENGLISH BUDGET.

THE first volume of the authorized Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts has been sold out as soon as issued, and will not, we hear, be reprinted.

A HANDSOME marble font, sculptured by the convicts at the convict prison, Chatham, and intended for the chapel at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, is ready to be sent to its destination.

THE central tower of Peterborough Cathedral has been successfully taken down, and every stone marked so that it can be replaced in position. The cost of restoring it and under-pinning the walls of the transept is estimated at £55,000.

ON St. Michael's Day the Rev. A. W. Poole will be consecrated at Lambeth Palace Chapel as Bishop of Japan; the sermon will be preached by the Rev. E. H. Bickersteth, vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead.

Acting upon the suggestion of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Freemantle, the Rev. Carr J. Clyn, and others, steps have been taken for the erection of a memorial statue on the Thames Embankment to William Tyndale.

The Lord Advocate has refused to institute criminal proceedings against the Highland Railway Company for "breach of the old Scottish law regarding Sabbath observance by running trains on Sunday." The application for his lordship's intervention arose out of the Stomeferry riot case.

MISS LEIGH'S Home for English girls employed in theatres at Paris was opened, by Bishop Hellmuth, late of Huron. This is the sixth of the institutions that this energetic lady has set on foot, and it is the first home of the kind.

THE town of Bangor, a favourite summer resort will now have an additional attraction. It has been selected as the future University City of the Principality of Wales. It has been so adopted over twelve other towns which competed with it for the distinction.

In the course of a few weeks part of the interior surface of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral will be covered with a painted design by Mr. E. J. Poynter, R.A., and Mr. Hugh Stannus, and if they give satisfaction mosaic work will be substituted.

The late Dean of Exeter, Dr. Boyd, has left on record a noble example of Churchly generosity. By his will, he bequeathes about \$200,000 to purposes connected with the Cathedral over which he presided. He has returned much more to the Cathedral and Diocese than he received from it during his occupation of the Deanery.

A NEW mission smack, the Cholmondeley, which has been built for the purpose of mission work amongst the fishermen of the North Sea, in connection with the Thames Church Mission, though she is owned by private gentlemen was dedicated recently at Bideford, North Devon. The vessel is fitted for holding of Divine service, and for the general purposes of the Mission; she also carries a medicine chest, and circulating library, and is fitted with the usual fishing tackle.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes:—On Sunday last the Bishop of Liverpool, preached in the Presbyterian Church of Monlin, Perthshire. The church was filled some time before the commencement of the service, and many persons were unable to obtain admission. Dr. Ryle wore no gown, but entered the pulpit in the ordinary walking dress of a Bishop. He conducted the whole service in the usual Presbyterian mode, and made no reference in his sermon to the exceptional position which he occupied.

THE Salvation Army is about to celebrate its eighteenth anniversary, and it is authoritatively stated that whereas at the last anniversary there were only 320 corps and 766 officers, the Army now possesses at home and abroad 591 corps and 1,439 officers. The Army has 180 officers abroad. In India a sufficient number of natives has joined the Army to provide interpreters in the most prevalent languages of the principal cities; and the work has been, with the exception of £100 or £200, entirely supported by funds raised in India.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

LORD CARNARVON writes to the *National Review*, on the "Art of Preaching," and sums up the article with the proposition that any modification, which would infuse more life and reality into the too conventional and formal character of our sermons is desirable.

THE *Methodist*, we see, makes a rather important admission—namely, that Mr. Wesley "exhorted the members of his societies to cleave to the Established Church. So he continued to do during the time of his 'responsibility.'" Just so. That fact we wish to see hung as a methodist text on the room-walls of every Wesleyan.

THE *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* thinks that every clergyman should be "able to hold his own" in his parish. He should never allow himself to be managed by any individual or any clique. Some women are very anxious to monopolise the clergyman and manage him. This is a degrading position for him to occupy, and he should be on his guard against such action of the "Muslin Episcopate."

In the *Contemporary Review* for this month, the Rev. Edwin Hatch writes on "The Origin of 'Tithes,'" and comes to the conclusion that they were not of purely ecclesiastical origin. He also advises less dependence on the part of the Church upon "that which, however innocent in its origin is now only a system of compulsory taxation; and more upon the memory and practice of that earlier time, when, with no other material aid than the free offerings of its members, it humanized and Christianized a heathen world.

RECENTLY, in Spain, 1,300 copies of the Gospels were committed to the flames in the Custom House of Barcelona. In vain did the English Consul offer to pay the costs if the books were returned to England. A Barcelona paper, the *Publicidad*, says in reference to the affair:—We are such barbarians here that we burn the Holy Gospels merely because they might be read by Protestants. As Spaniards we blush with shame, as Liberals we are enraged, as freemen of this nineteenth century we turn for consolation to an approaching future.

WHAT we want are deeds, not words, says the *Canadian Missionary*. Our contemporary thinks that the poor minimum of \$800 should be reached for every clergyman. The stipends of the clergy, especially of the missionary clergy, is a subject which demands the serious attention of the Church. Year after year the stipends have remained the same, while year after year clergy and laity, in Synod assembled, have made eloquent speeches and passed promising but most delusive resolutions.

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THE *Churchman* says that it is well known to the friends of the Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Fraser) that he is exceedingly weary of his present position, and almost worn out with work and worry. This suggests whether a bishop's position which is never a bed of roses, might not be made something less than a bed of thorns if people were more considerate.

Writing of the "Basis of Christian Unity," our contemporary remarks that there is great difficulty in bringing up the discussion of Christian unity to the head of the principle upon which it absolutely depends. It is not seen that the Church idea, the principle that the religious life is maintained in and through an institution, is of any importance. The Church, system gives a breadth of view to the question having precedent law, principle and authority, thereby recognizing man as the member of human society as well as a single soul before God.

THE *Church Times* says that it is only the busy people who have ever time to help others, and on whose shoulders the hard work of the world, outside their own fair share of it, habitually is thrown. The idle people never have time for anything, and it will be found that all the really effective lay help given in parish work comes

from persons who are fully occupied during several hours of the day, and who devote time which they might fairly spend in well-earned rest. Our contemporary also remarks that it is hard to understand the Anglo-Israel craze. Rev. J. Gough, the curate of Gunnedah, in the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, a clergymen who was of twenty years standing, and who therefore ought to have known better, worked himself up to such a pitch of fanaticism that he refused to prepare candidates for Confirmation because his Bishop had laughed at Mr. Hine and his "Identifications;" that he has lately resigned his cure; and that he has originated a schism of sufficient importance to induce Dr. Turner to issue a pastoral of some five and thirty pages on the subject. This is truly deplorable, but, as we have said, not wonderful, for as Mr. Carlyle once observed, the world is so full of people, and so large a number of them are persons of defective intelligence, that no monomania could be started which might not provide inmates for many lunatic asylums.

Book Notices, Reviews, &c.

THE SIDEREAL MESSENGER.—The September number has been received, and is filled with learned articles on matters of interest to all observers of natural phenomena. Subscription \$2.00 a year. Address, Editor, Northfield, Minnesota.

AMERICAN CHURCH REVIEW.—This valuable Church magazine is fully up to the standard of its predecessors. Its contents for September are:—I. Bishop Pinkney (with Portrait), by the Rev. Charles D. Andrews; II. The Legal Enforcement of Conformity to Doctrine and to Ritual, by Christopher Stuart Patterson, Esq.; III. Assistant Bishops, by the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D.; IV. Education in China, by the Rev. D. A. Bates, M. A.; V. Medical Missions, by the Rev. A. C. Bunn, M. D.; VI. Recent Literature; VII. Current Church History. The article on the "Legal Enforcement of Conformity to Ritual and Doctrine" draws attention to the Bishop of Pennsylvania's words at the Lambeth Conference, that "The real remedy for the troubles in the Church is not by repressive or by restrictive or by punitive legislation; it is not by courts of law, civil or ecclesiastical; it is not by bandying criminous and contemptuous words, and organizing parties in battle array under standards and principles foreign to the Gospel, but it is a more faithful setting forth of Christ."

SCIENTIFIC SOPHISMS.—A Review of current theories concerning atoms, apes, and men. This work, by Dr. Wainwright, strives to shew, in clear and forcible language, the fallacies involved in the general deductions of scientific men. Spontaneous generation, evolution, and kindred subjects, are handled in a masterly manner. The work will be useful to those who muddle their heads over the dreamy deductions from such subjects. The work is printed on good paper, and is remarkably cheap, its price being only twenty-five cents. Funk & Wagnalls are the publishers, and S. F. Huestis, 141 Granville St., Halifax, is their general agent for the Maritime Provinces.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES.—This work is a compend of funeral addresses, edited by Dr. Sander-son. Some of the addresses are very suggestive and consolatory; for instance one chance sentence we come across tells us that "We ought not to think so much of the grave in which the body is laid, as of the glory into which the soul has gone." Few things are more difficult to the young minister than the offering of comfort to bereaved and sorrowing homes. To these this book will be useful, for the work contains the thoughts of many tried men who have often been called upon to fulfil one of the most tender, touching, and sacred offices of their calling. As the addresses are drawn from all quarters, so the theology in some is likewise broad and loose. Publisher, E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway, New York. Price \$1.75.