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## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

In round numbers the income required to be raised annually for the clerical staff of the Church of Ireland, even at the modest stipends provided, amounts to the sum of £389,273. The contingent expenses reach a sum that brings the entire up to £438,848 annually—a sum approaching half a million. The total income of the Church from all available sources is £464,229, so that it will be seen that the present margin of receipts over expenditure is very small.

THE *National Church* says that while the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is reported to have received a donation of £25,000 from a clergyman, it is "more than rumoured" that the London Diocesan Home Mission will receive a legacy of nearly, if not quite, £100,000. We congratulate both societies.

BISHOP MITCHINSON recently held a Confirmation at the parish church of St. Luke, Old-street, London. There was a large number of candidates, and the service was not over until nearly ten o'clock. On returning to the rectory his lordship learned that a poor lad who had been prepared was unable to get away from his work in time to take his place. The bishop at once went back, and in the great quiet building where literally only "two or three were gathered together," repeated the service.

THE QUEEN has repaired a very serious omission from the Jubilee celebrations, by placing in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, a very handsome silver-gilt altar-cross in commemoration of her fifty years reign. The Royal gift, which has cost about £300, was displayed upon the re-table close to the reredos for the first time on Easter Day, and was much admired by the numerous visitors on Easter Monday.—*Family Churchman*.

DEAN HOLE has signalled his advent in Rochester, by an important alteration in the cathedral services. Six years ago the Holy Communion was celebrated every Sunday, and on the greater festivals, but only in the middle of the day. In the summer of 1882, early Eucharists on Sundays were begun. It is now announced that there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Holy day and Thursday at 8 a.m.

PRINCESS LOUISE OF SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN, second daughter of their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian, was confirmed on Friday, April 6th, in the Royal Chapel, Windsor Park, by the Bishop (Designate) of Wakefield (Dr. Walsham How, late Suffragan Bishop of Bedford), acting for the Bishop of Oxford, who was ill.

THE number of communicants on Easter Day at Mr. Bell-Cox's church, St. Margaret's, Prince's-road, Liverpool, was 430, although it is a non-parochial church. Only in one instance were these figures exceeded, viz., St. Paul's, Prince's-park (Rev. E. H. McNeill), where the communicants numbered 449. The

parish church (pro-cathedral) mustered 86; others had as many as 11, 16, 20, 31, 33, and so on. Even Canon Lester's parish, with its 21,500 inhabitants, could only give 125; and St. Mary's, Edgill, with a larger population, sent 61.

AN extra effort has been made in one of the poorest parts in London to encourage parents to have their offspring christened. The result has proved most successful, as the Rev. A. Styleman Herring, on Easter Thursday, baptized the large number of 257 children and adults. The eight extra efforts (with an interval of two years between each) have added 1,757 to the Church of England in connection with St. Paul's, Clerkenwell. Mr. Herring will now do his best to bring these persons to confirmation and Holy Communion.

THE Primate will receive the Bishops attending the Pan-Anglican Conference at Canterbury Cathedral on June 30, and will deliver an address of welcome.

A COURSE of lectures was begun in Christ Church, New York, on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Church Club which bids fair to be a most important and valuable contribution both to Church literature and the cause of the "Reunion of Christendom." The lectures are on the works of the ante-Nicene Fathers and are designed to show what was the apostolic constitution of the Church, and therefore what is the only proper basis of Church union. The first lecture was by the Bishop of Western New York, on the subject, "The Pentecostal Age and the Growth of the Church to the Age of St. John," and contained a clear statement of the origin of the apostolic office and the reason for its establishment and perpetuation. Four other lectures, by Dr. Richey, Dr. Egar, and the Bishop of Springfield, will follow. The series will doubtless attract wide attention and have no little influence in the discussions of the problem of Christian Unity.

ACCORDING to the best information attainable by the Local Secretary of the Free and Open Church Association for the diocese of California, there are now in the diocese forty-three free seat churches out of sixty—over two-thirds. And among these churches with free sitting are several of her largest and most prosperous parishes, as well as nearly if not quite all of the mission churches and the most of the smaller country parish churches.

ANOTHER NEW PARISH was organized in Los Angeles, Cal., on Easter Monday, under the name of the Church of the Epiphany. It was formed from the former mission of the same name of which the Rev. Henry Scott Jeffreys has had charge for some time as missionary.

AN ASSISTANT BISHOP is proposed for the diocese of Alabama, by Bishop Wilmer, on account of his advanced age, being now in his seventy-third year.

THE REV. DR. BENEDICT writes in *The Reminder*, the Parish organ of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, as follows: "We note an unworthy

practice on the part of some, which needs reproof. At the close of the Holy Communion, very often the number of those who receive the Benediction is much less than of those present at the administration. Dear brethren, what would you think of such behaviour at your own table on the part of your invited guests? Special permission, deep regret, and a humble apology, become one who must leave your table before the proper time. Is less scrupulousness required and expected at the Lord's table, that some presume to go without waiting for the Master of the Feast to dismiss them with His parting blessing? Necessity sometimes knows no law. But is necessity the plea of all? Dear brethren, let the other table wait. Let other guests at other tables wait, till the Master's table has been duly honored, even to the end."

THERE are 8,000 colored children in the Sunday-schools of the P. E. Church in the diocese of Florida, and Bishop Weed has missionaries at work among the colored people on stipends ranging from \$100 to \$400.

A GOOD RESOLUTION.—We shall persist until a goodly number of Church papers are taken in our parish. We want the help and life that a weekly Church paper will put into our parish. We will not accept the pleas of 'Can't afford it,' 'Too poor,' as long as we see that daily papers, illustrated weeklies, 'Companions,' juvenile papers, magazines, and chromos can be afforded. It is simply shameful that Christian people will spend money for literature that tells them all about the world, the flesh, and the devil, but will begrudge an insignificant sum for a good weekly Church paper.—*Parish Helper*.

A FAREWELL BANQUET was given to Rev. Dr. Courtney at the Hotel Thorndike, Boston, Monday, 16th April, at which 78 clergymen were present, including Bishop Paddock, who presided. At the conclusion of the lunch, Bishop Paddock called the company to order and made a pleasant address, the substance of which was as follows:—

"It was not, he said, an occasion of a funeral character that had called the clergy together. The calls to the episcopate come too frequently for that. It was to bid farewell and God-speed to a brother whom all would miss, but whom all were glad to have thus honorably called to a higher kind of service. It was a great trial to the bishop to lose such a man as Dr. Courtney. He had been one on whom he could lean. He had been unwearied in doing good. He could never forget his loyalty to himself. His generous sympathies had been extended to all good work, among all schools of thought, and he had fellowshiped with all sorts and conditions of men. His services at St. Paul's had been a stimulant both to the bishop and to the clergy throughout the diocese."

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Dr. Brooks, Dean Gray and others. Dr. Courtney responded in a very touching and fervent manner. At the close of the addresses, a committee, composed of Dr. Brooks, Dr. Shinn, Dean Gray, Rev. Geo. S. Converse and Rev. R. S.