

present. An interesting programme was rendered, including addresses by the rector, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rev. C. C. Owen, Messrs. O'Loughlin, Taylor and others. During the evening refreshments were served. A feature of the entertainment was the presentation on behalf of the congregation of a gold watch, and a well-filled purse, to the popular rector, and a choice assortment of useful household furniture to Mrs. Fortin. As an evidence of Church extension, this parish is starting two additional Sunday-schools, one in the west end and another east of Main street.

### British and Foreign.

Earl Cowper has given a site on which a new church is to be built at Westwood, Derbyshire.

The Merchant Taylors' Company has sent a donation of fifty guineas to the funds of the Additional Curates' Society.

A reredos, retable and new altar are about to be placed in Swettenham parish church, near Congleton, Cheshire.

A bazaar held recently in aid of the building of the new parish church of Swansea realized nearly £1,500. The Countess of Jersey, who opened it, gave £100.

At a recent meeting in New York, Bishop Satterlee presiding, it was resolved to organize a Church Army, similar to that which exists in this country, in connection with the Church of the United States.

The Bishop of Gibraltar has sanctioned the appointment of the Rev. M. F. Orlando Bridgman, late northern secretary of the Church Army, as temporary assistant-chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, Nice.

The Bishop of Llandaff has appointed the Rev. Henry Robert Johnson, warden of St. Michael's Theological College, Aberdare, to the canonry of Llandaff, vacant by the death of the Rev. Edward Hawkins.

The promotion of the Bishop of London to the Archbishopric of Canterbury, places the Deanery of the Chapel Royal at the disposal of the Queen. The stipend is £200 a year, which is paid out of the Civil List.

A processional cross given by Miss Helen Cubitt, daughter of Lord Ashcombe, to the Rev. G. H. Statham, rector of St. Mark's, Torquay, in memory of the late Archbishop, was dedicated in the church on All Saints' Day.

The bell frame and fittings in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, are to be replaced at a cost of about £250, and two bells are to be added to the peal of eight in commemoration of the Queen's long reign.

The vicarage of Stowmarket, Suffolk, has been presented to the Rev. Macdonald Monro, M.A. Mr. Monro was formerly a Methodist minister, but was ordained in 1893, when he was licensed to the curacy of Everton.

Recently in the presence of a large gathering, the Bishop of London formally opened the Pepy's Mission House and Club, which has been erected as a centre for the social work of the Church in the parish of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

The Bishop of London has instituted the Rev. H. Bury to the new vicarage of St. Paul, Hampstead; the Rev. W. H. Davies to the rectory of Christ Church, Spitalfields; and the Rev. W. H. Stone to the new vicarage of St. Mary, Kilburn.

The Duke of Westminster has promised a donation of £500 towards the special fund for building the west front of the Church House, which will contain the permanent room for the House of Laymen to be built as a memorial of the late Mr. Henry Hoare.

The work which has for seven years been carried on under the name of St. Salvador's, Edinburgh, has at last found a fixed habitation at the house No. 7 Grosvenor street in that city. The house has undergone extensive alterations to adapt it to its present purpose.

The new Home, Cullercoats, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for destitute girls, will be opened this month. There will be a dedication service followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, when the bishop will give

an address. The service will be held in the chapel of the new Home.

The Merchant Taylors' Company have granted fifty guineas and the Skinners' Company twenty guineas, to St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, Jubilee Memorial Fund, for the building of a swimming bath and a gymnasium for the physical training of missionaries.

The vicar of Brompton (Prebendary Covrington) is to be congratulated on having established an Advance Science School for girls beyond school age at a cost of £800, the first instance of a separate school with complete apparatus having been established by the Church.

Canon Rogers, who served in the Crimea and during the Chinese war as naval chaplain, and who has held the Greenwich Hospital living of Simonburn since 1878, has been unanimously elected Proctor in Convocation for the clergy of the Archdeaconry of Northumberland.

The episcopal translations which are now taking place will give the Bishop of Lichfield a seat in the House of Lords. Dr. Legge was appointed to his See in 1891 in succession to the present Archbishop of York. The next vacancy on the episcopal bench will be filled by the Bishop of Carlisle.

Canon Wilson, rector of St. George's, Edinburgh, and Synod clerk of the diocese, has been appointed Sub-Dean and Chancellor of Edinburgh Cathedral. Canon Wilson is in the prime of life and his appointment will doubtless infuse fresh life and vigour into the cathedral of the metropolis.

A meeting is to be held at the Church House, Westminster, in connection with the movement for the erection of a national memorial to the late Archbishop Benson. Among those who have identified themselves with the movement are Lords Cranbrook, Stanhope, and Ashcombe, and the Bishop of Winchester.

The Queen has placed a handsome ornamental cross over the grave in Whippingham churchyard where lie the remains of Mr. George Warren, who for 34 years was telegraphist to Her Majesty at Osborne. The inscription on the cross states that it is erected by Queen Victoria as a mark of regard for faithful and zealous service.

Dr. Tristram attended recently at the Church House, Westminster, as Surrogate for the Vicar-General, and under a special commission from the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, in pursuance of the Queen's Writ, prorogued the Canterbury Convocation until Friday, December 11th. Sir John Hassard, the Registrar, was present.

At St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, on a recent Sunday night, during the singing of the last hymn, the electric light suddenly went out, leaving the church in complete darkness. There was a movement of the congregation towards the doors, but some gas jets which had been left were lighted by the officers of the church, and the congregation quietly dispersed.

The fees payable by a new Primate amount to upwards of £885. Homage fees go to the Board of Green Cloth, and amount to £80 0s. 4d.—the odd pence being somewhat amusing—and the auditor of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury receives £20 10s. as an election fee, "in lieu of twenty wethers for an entertainment." Security has to be given in a very large sum for the Lambeth Library and other property attached to the Archbishopric.

The seventh dedication festival of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Clumber-park, Worksop, was held recently. The church was built at a cost of £50,000 by the Duke of Newcastle for his private worship, and for the convenience of the residents on his Clumber estate. Amongst the congregation were the Duke and Duchess of Newcastle. The Rev. A. E. Briggs, rector of East Markham, was the celebrant, and the preacher was the Rev. Father Black.

The Bishop of Chester has often expressed the wish to be the landlord of a public house, so that he might show how it could be conducted to the advantage of the working-man, without encouraging drinking habits. His lordship's wish has, it appears, been gratified. He has received a license for the newly-built hotel called the "Mitre" from the Chester magistrates, to whom he expressed the opinion that a man who could successfully conduct a bishopric could properly "run" a beer-shop.

The city of London is soon to lose another of Wren's churches, too many of which have already

disappeared. The latest victim is the Church of St. Michael, Wood street, which, after being burned down in the great fire of 1666, was rebuilt by Wren in 1675 at a cost of £1,675. It was in the old Church of St. Michael that the head of James IV. of Scotland, who was killed on Flodden Field in 1513, was said by old English historians to have been buried, although the Scottish historians stoutly disputed the statement.

### Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

#### The Preacher's Duty.

SIR,—Mr. William Roberts, who is evidently a clergyman, is apparently very angry, so angry as to have forgotten to be polite. My letter has found so little favour in his eyes that he condescends to peck at a piece of questionable grammar. But Mr. Roberts is so full of zeal that he allows himself even to misrepresent some of my words. He quotes me as saying simply that "we do not want to be told that we ought to do certain things, and that we should refrain from doing certain other things." What I did say was that if we tried our best to obey and keep the Commandments, we did not require, etc., and that, if we ignored the Commandments, most of the sermons preached would not do much to make us alter our ways. He also wants to make it appear that I sneered at women for going to church. I really do not think that there is anything in my language which justifies such an interpretation. So far from sneering at women for doing what they think is right and fitting, I will go so far as to say that women, either as mothers or wives, have probably as much to do with making a man run straight as most of the sermons he hears, and to which he probably lends but an indifferent attention. I am putting my point very mildly. With regard to the special views I propounded, I stick to them, because I know that I am only voicing the general sentiments of the great majority of laymen. Does Mr. Roberts really mean to assert that every sermon is so good, so full of doctrine, of edification, of comfort, of help, of instruction, that it is to be accepted not only without criticism, but even with gratitude and bated breath? If Mr. Roberts, or any ordinary clergyman, thinks that most sermons are remembered, or even listened to, with much attention, he will soon discover his mistake by cross-examining, on Monday morning, the first six members of his congregation he meets on the street. Mr. Gladstone's regularity of Church attendance does not disprove the suggestion, which was all I contended for, that having the Scriptures expounded to them would prove more interesting and instructive to the great majority of the congregation, than having to sit under what, I repeat, are too often "mere platitudes." If Mr. Roberts had attempted to prove that I was wrong in my proposition, and that he knew more about the wants of laymen than I did, I would not have replied, though I would not have been convinced, but I am entitled to set myself right when my words are misrepresented.

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#### Will Mr. Lofthouse Please Explain.

SIR,—The deeply interesting account given by Rev. J. Lofthouse in your columns, descriptive of his trip from Churchill, Hudson's Bay, across an almost unknown country to Split Lake, Nelson River, from thence to York Factory, in all a journey of 11,000 miles on snow shoes, has been perused by myself, and am sure by others with a vast amount of pleasure and profit. Mr. Lofthouse speaks more than once of the wonderful endurance of the dogs in drawing his sled. Will Mr. Lofthouse do us a further kindness by telling us through your columns whether those faithful creatures take their name of "Husky dogs" from a tribe of Indians? It would seem so, Mr. Lofthouse alluding to an Indian who wore a "Husky coat" in another place speaking of Huskies as of a tribe of Indians. How invaluable those good dogs must be. The fact of their literally dying in harness, and working for days without food, is deeply touching. Perhaps Mr. Lofthouse will be good enough to give breed of dog? I am quite sure Mr. Lofthouse is capable of giving a beautiful description of auroral displays, which