

The Deanery and Chancellorship of St. Asaph Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of the Very Rev. Charles Scott Luxmore, M. A., has been conferred by the Bishop on the Venerable Charles B. Clough, M. A., Archdeacon and Canon of St. Asaph, Rector of Llanferres, and Vicar of Mold, Flintshire.

The effect of the choral service under the dome of St. Paul's was so good on Wednesday last, that the Dean caused the usual afternoon service to be held there on Sunday afternoon. A correspondent of the *Times* says that 4,000 to 5,000 people attended, and behaved with great decorum, with the exception of a slight noise occasioned for five or eight minutes by a portion leaving after the anthem, being at too great a distance from the preacher to hear the sermon. If there is any idea of a permanent service under the dome, we hope it will only be carried out by the removal of the organ, leaving the choir, which must of course be greatly augmented, in their proper position. On Wednesday they sat in front of the organ, with their backs to the altar.

At the last monthly meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, a conditional grant of £2,000 made some time since, in aid of King's College, Nova Scotia, a similar amount having been subscribed in the colony, was ordered to be paid. It was reported that 4,000 Prayerbooks, besides other books and tracts, had been despatched for the use of soldiers ordered to the East. The following were elected the tract committee for the year ensuing:—Rev. T. A. Ainger, Hampstead; Rev. R. W. Browne, Chaplain to the Forces; Rev. C. W. Edmondstone, St. John's Holloway; Rev. R. Harvey, Rector of Hornsey; Rev. W. G. Humphry, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of London; Rev. Dr. Jelf, Principal of King's College; Rev. J. Thomas, B.C.L., Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In 1836, the Bishop of London called upon the public to assist him with subscriptions for the building of fifty churches in the Metropolis. The sum he asked for was £150,000. Although he met with discouragement, he persevered; and instead of the sum asked, £280,000 was raised. This was called the Metropolitan Churches Fund. Yesterday week the Bishop presided over a meeting of the subscribers; it was then announced that instead of fifty churches, seventy-eight had been built since 1836; and that of these, thirteen were entirely built at the cost of the fund, while in the case of the remainder, sums had been granted in aid only. Altogether, £530,000 had been thus expended in church-building; accommodation thereby afforded to 110,000 persons, and the services of 120 additional clergymen put in requisition. With a view to a renewed effort for church extension in the metropolis, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the following noblemen and gentlemen be requested to form a general committee, with power to complete their number to 36:—Lord Haddo, Lord Radstock, Lord Robert Grosvenor, Sir R. H. Inglis, Justice Coleridge, P. Casanova, W. Cotton, H. Gibbs, Sir Thomas Phillips, R. Hanbury, J. G. Hubbard (Governor of the Bank of England), W. Rivington; the Reverend F. G. Blomfield, A. M. Campbell, W. W. Champneys, W. Cureton, T. Dale, J. E. Kempe, H. Mackenzie, Dr. Spry, Hon. and Rev. H. E. Villiers."

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society was held on Tuesday at Exeter Hall, the Earl of Chichester in the chair. From the report it appeared that the receipts for the year amounted

in all to £123,915 18s. 11d., and the expenditure to £131,783 13s. 11d. The following statistical account was given of the Society's missions:—Stations, 118; English Clergy, 103; foreign Clergy, 49; Native and East Indian Clergy, 24; European lay agents, 30; European female teachers, 14; Native catechists and teachers, 1,661; attendants on worship, 107,000; communicants, 17,121. It was further stated that in China the insurgent leader kept 400 men constantly employed in printing portions of Gutzlaff's version of the Scriptures, of which he made his soldiers *colporteurs*, and his officers expounders.

FRIEND OF THE CLERGY.—The fourth anniversary of the Friend of the Clergy was celebrated on Wednesday.

In the morning a sermon was preached at St. Peter's, Cornhill, by the lord Bishop of Chester; in the evening the friends of the charity dined together at the Hanover-square rooms, when it was stated that the society had 19 permanent pensioners, receiving between £30 and £45 a year, and had up to the present time paid away, in pensions, a sum of £2,572, besides temporary assistance to 172 clergymen to the extent of £2,072. They had also administered permanent relief to 90 widows, at an expenditure of £1,099; and to 101 daughters they had distributed £961; and to cases of temporary difficulty an amount of £930. Their expenditure altogether had been, during the four years of their existence, between £7,000 and £8,000. The subscriptions of the evening amounted to £5,746 14s 3d, including several donations of 20 guineas, and one splendid anonymous subscription of £500.

CHURCH PENITENTIARY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Church Penitentiary Association was held on Thursday week, and commenced with Divine service, and the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Bishop of London:—

The report stated that during the past year five penitentiary associations had been established in the country, and an additional house of refuge in London. To the House of Mercy at Clowes, £200 had been granted towards the maintenance of its inmates, and a further sum of £500 towards the improvement of the premises, which were to be enlarged to accommodate 50 penitents. To the House at Wantage, a grant of £200 had been made; £200 had been granted to the House of Mercy at Bussage, which had been enlarged to receive 25 penitents. The institution at Salisbury being incumbered by a mortgage debt of £750, the council had agreed to pay £350, provided the remaining £400 were raised by a given period. At Ship Medow, Suffolk, a farm-house had been rented capable of accommodating about 25 penitents; and a sum of £75 had been granted towards furnishing the place and adapting it to the purposes intended. To the additional House of Refuge in Tenter-street, Whitechapel, a grant of £50 had been made; and further grants to the houses of refuge in London, and £100 to that in Albert-street, and £50 to that in Commercial-rd, Finsbury. The whole sum voted in grants amounted to £1,725. The council hoped that at the next anniversary there would be additional penitentiaries in London. There was already a considerable increase in the number of associations, there being in all 327, of which 100 had been received during the past year. In addition to these the ladies' honorary secretary had added 25 to the number on her list. With respect to the emigration of well-trying penitents, no definite plan had yet been agreed upon; but a sum of £5 had been voted in one instance, and a much larger sum had been supplied by individual associations for the same object.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Duchess of Bedford laid the foundation-stone of a new church at Ridgmount, Beds, on St. Mark's Day. The foundation-stone of a new church has been laid at Lovenshulme, diocese of Manchester. The *Western Flying Post* announces that Mrs. Jenkins, the widow of the late Dean of Wells, has signified her intention of building a chapel of ease in East Wells, a district very destitute of church accommodation.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ST. ASAPH.—We regret to announce the death of the Very Rev. Charles Scott Luxmore, M. A., Dean of St. Asaph, at his residence at Cradley. The late Dean was the son of the Right Rev. Dr. Luxmore, Bishop successively of Hereford and St. Asaph, from whom he received a large amount of ecclesiastical patronage. In addition to the Deanery, worth about £1,200 a year, the rev. gentleman was Rector of Cradley, worth £1,000 a year, to which he was presented in 1816; sinecure Rector of Bromyard, to which he was presented in the same year; sinecure Rector of Darowen, worth £200 a year, to which he was presented in 1810; Chancellor of St. Asaph Cathedral, and Prebendary of Hereford. The late Dean's death renders vacant a seat in the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury. The deanery is in the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph.

IRELAND.

IRISH CHURCH MISSIONS.—The fifth anniversary of the Society for Irish Church Missions was held last week at Exeter Hall, Sir R. H. Inglis, Bart., in the chair.

From the report it appeared that the total number of persons confirmed during the last three years had been 2,685. Six new churches had been consecrated, five others were in progress, and the first stone of a twelfth church had been laid. One new school-house had been opened, and four were in progress. The receipts for the year 1853 had been £37,172 13s 8d., the expenditure £34,501 11s 11d. The number of teachers connected with the mission during the past year had been 446, the total number of agents employed 1,028.

UNITED STATES.

There was an ordination of the graduates of the Theological Seminary, New York, in Trinity Church in that city, on the 2nd instant. Eighteen were admitted to the Order of Deacon, and three to that of Priest—"the largest ordination ever held in the American Church," as the *N. Y. Churchman* informs us. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Quebec.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED TO JULY 14.

Dr. O'R. Hamilton; Rev. R. E. I. Quebec; Rev. R. G. Cannington; Rev. J. F. Mono; Rev. V. P. M., Perry's Corners.

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