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TO OUR READERS.—We want a reliable person in every parish in the Dominion, to get subscribers for the Canadian Churchman. Write at once for particulars, giving references.

"THE NOBLE REVIVAL of the Oxford divines" are startling words to find in an article by Canon Jenkins in the *Churchman* (Magazine). "Many of us remember with grief and shame what our own Church was before its resurrection in the closing years of the last century, when Wesley and Whitfield led the way to a higher spiritual life, and were followed by the leaders of the evangelical schools, and they again by the noble revival of the Oxford divines, who re-introduced that higher learning which the earlier movement needed." This is a brave confession—but we have waited long to see it!

JOINING THE CHURCH.—The Hamilton presbytery has unanimously decided to furnish the Rev. R. MacKnight, B.A., of Dunnville, with a dismissary testimonial of ministerial standing up to date. This decision was the result of the Rev. Mr. MacKnight's announcing that he had resolved on retiring from the Presbyterian ministry with a view to connecting himself with the Church of England. He has stated that his action is dictated by convictions of long standing, which have grown more pronounced during the past year.

WORKINGMEN TO THE RESCUE.—We lately chronicled the remarkable work going on among the people of St. Cuthbert's, Earl's Court, who have formed themselves into a series of classes to study and practice various kinds of art for the use and decoration of the parish church. Now we hear of a parallel movement among workingmen at Booth, who have formed "bees" to remove 2,000 tons of soil in the church grounds, paint the fences, decorate the interior of the church, etc. Night after night they work hard, free of cost and unpaid. A good example. How many Canadians are so employed?

"GREAT IN THE ART OF SELF-ADVERTISEMENT," says the *Church Times*, "is the Roman Church—*apropos* of Cardinal Vaughan's pompous and pretentious "re-dedication" of England to the patronage of St. Mary and St. Peter. Our contemporary notes the passing away of the generation of Oxford seceders, who helped the Church of Rome so much for awhile by their learning and wisdom. The new *regime* is not nearly so formidable. We can afford to smile at such displays as their re-dedication—and so can St. George!

DRIVER DRIVEN!—Dr. Stanley Leathes, writing in the *Churchman* (Magazine), very cleverly corners the learned Oxford professor by showing that the tests which he applies to reject the inspiration usually attributed to the Book of Deuteronomy, classing it with other forms of "revelation," would be destructive of any degree of "revelation" or of "inspiration" to which he himself aspires. He cannot show that *his* revelation has any claim to superiority! The critical machine itself breaks down!

WHOLESALE HEROISM was exhibited by the crew of the ill-fated "Victoria"—such heroism as is seldom seen on such a scale anywhere—a reproduction of the glorious instance of the "Birkenhead." That hundreds of sailors should deliberately—when set free to "save themselves"—set to work to save their fellows in that fearful scene, was a wonderful instance of a noble principle deeply and thoroughly imbibed through the phenomenal discipline and training of the British navy.

"RIGORISM is a sore wound to the spiritual life in the house of its friends. It is a revised Pharisaism 'which lays heavy burdens on men's shoulders and teaches for doctrines the commandments of men,' while it works hand in hand, so to say, with spiritual sloth and Laodicean lukewarmness, for by diminishing communions it diminishes also the wholesome frequency of self-examination." So writes Mr. Green-Armytage to the *Church Review* against the hard and fast rule urged by some priests, "no fast, no communion," without regard to reasonable impediments.

"WHY DON'T THE PARSONS SPEAK SIMPLY?" were the words of a workingman who conversed with the Bishop of Marlborough on the doctrine of the Trinity in Unity. The Bishop had so illustrated the doctrine from the Apostolic benediction, "The Grace, etc." as to make a convert of the man who had met and accosted him rudely at first as "mate," and gave him some gratuitous advice about "that nonsense of there being three in one." Illustration has more force with such people than straight reasoning.

IS LADY ABERDEEN A LIBERATIONIST?—A very telling address was delivered by Lady Elizabeth Biddulph, at a parochial bazaar in Kilburn, when she remarked that "Lady Aberdeen boasted of being president of a Radical Association of 75,000 women who were pledged to vote for the disestablishment of the Church of England." So the *Rock* reports, and we hope it is mistaken. Lady Biddulph exhorted her hearers to defend the Church against such conspiracies.

"DILAPIDATIONS" is a term which has special terrors for English clergymen. There are some

regulations about such things even in Canada. It is a serious thing to be held responsible for substantial repairs to church buildings. It so happens that Dr. F. G. Lee of All Saints', Lambeth—one of the most universally suspected and disliked Romanizing clergy in England—was the means of having the law defined for the benefit of his brethren, exempting them from responsibility for church repairs. Something to put on his monument!

BISHOP HILL—the new Bishop of Equatorial Africa—seems (like Sir Richard Cartwright) to be destined for some other fate than drowning. The singular circumstance is mentioned that he was saved by an African native who had actually been imprisoned for threatening to *take the life* of the first white man he could lay hands on. The Bishop goes out now to lead the soul-saving work in that part of the Dark Continent.

A CENSUS OF CANADIAN CHURCHES.—Census Commissioner Johnson, Ottawa, reports 10,480 churches in Canada, of which nearly 92 per cent. belong to the Methodists, 17 per cent. to the Presbyterians, 16 per cent. to the Roman Catholics, 12 per cent. to the Baptists, and 6 per cent. to all others. During the past ten years the new church edifices erected have been, Anglican 415, Presbyterian 411, Baptists 324, Methodists 322, Roman Catholics 299.

"THE EPISCOPATE A WANTON CAUSE OF DIVISION among the Reformed Christian communities," wrote Canon Liddon to "A. K. H. B." in 1881: but he adds the saving clause, "if not necessary to the Church." He also says, "I must frankly say that if I did not believe the evidence (for the Divine institution of Episcopacy) to be decisive, I do not think I should belong to an Episcopal communion." This is certainly putting it very strongly on the side of the *esse* against the *bene esse* theory:

THE SUNDAY QUESTION continues to agitate the mother country as well as her daughter colonies. Its recent treatment in Convocation proved how even Bishops can take sides on the question of opening museums and libraries. The reason of all this "pother" is, of course, the difficulty of adjusting modern modes of living and features of life to the old rules for Holy Living. The matter requires a good deal of patience and mutual forbearance, cooler reasoning, and judicious weighing of opposite views, before it can be satisfactorily settled. Both sides *mean* well.

"THAT GREAT WORD 'DUTY', which, above all other words, is the signal to rouse an Englishman's heart, and make him spring to whatever exertion may be required, and to whatever sacrifice may be demanded of him—how the great word has been *branded* into the memories and talk of the people of this country by the catechism of the Church." So spoke Bishop Temple of London lately, commenting on the probable effect of the proposed disestablishment of the Church in some parts of Great Britain.

WOMEN AS FELLOWS of the Royal Geographical Society were rejected after a gallant struggle on their behalf. Now there is an agitation to get the female element represented on the Bible Society management, and the *Rock* hints at their intro-