

sending delegates to a Synod so constituted, it would be asking individual members of the Vestry to place themselves in a position from which they would shrink in the ordinary affairs of business; and that under these circumstances, it is not expedient to elect a delegate; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Lordship, the Bishop of the diocese."

#### GRAND BRITAIN.

The Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Bill, sent up by the Commons, was commented on with some severity by the Bishop of Exeter. The object of the Bill, as stated by Lord Cranworth on the second reading, is to transfer the offence of brawling from the ecclesiastical to the civil courts. The Bishop asserted that the Church could not forego her rights to tell the lady what was their duty, and, when they departed from it, to visit them with censure. He pointed out the fact that the passing this measure would destroy the only jurisdiction which could touch the offenders at St. George's-in-the-East. The great remissness of the authorities in the case of St. George's was also commented on by the Bishop. He also declared that Mr. King is guilty in having introduced ornaments into his church without a faculty.

The work of restoring Worcester Cathedral has been recommenced. The south side of the cathedral is the point to which attention will first be turned. The western end has already been made secure, but it is hoped that the re-opening of the ancient entrance there will form part of the proposed plan of restoration. So extensive are the works contemplated, that they will probably be four or five years in hand.

The many friends of Dr. Caswall of Figholdean will be glad to learn that his parish church, which was erected at various times from A. D. 1100 to 1600, was re-opened recently after undergoing a complete restoration and repair. The estimated cost of the restoration was 1100*l.*, of which a debt of about 200*l.* still remains to be defrayed. The porch has been almost rebuilt, and is surmounted by a cross, as are also the nave and the chancel. An unsightly wooden gallery has been removed, and a new gallery, fronted by a fine Norman arch, constructed in the tower. The organ has been placed on the eastern extremity of the southern aisle of the nave. The old figures of the two Crusaders have been removed from the chancel to the tower. All the pews have been changed into uniform open seats. In the chancel are two windows by Powell: one of them in commemoration of the intrepid African Missionary, the Rev. H. J. Leacock, who preached at Figholdean in 1855, and died in the midst of his labours in 1856.

**IRELAND.**—The Deanery of Derry is vacant by the death of the Rev. T. B. Gough, who had held that office for nearly forty years.—The late Dean was brother of Lord Gough, and was very much beloved and respected by the people of Derry. The gross income of the deanery amounted to nearly 3000*l.* a year, being made up of the tithes rent charge of the parishes of Templemore, Glendermott, and Faughanvale, and the rents of lands and houses near Derry. It is understood that the very Rev. Dr. Tighe, Dean of Ardagh and of the Chapel Royal, Dublin, will be advanced to the vacant Deanery. It is likely that the Parish of Templemore, along with the deanery lands, will in future constitute the *corps* of that dignity, leaving the future Dean a net income of about 1000*l.* a year; while the parishes of Glendermott (value about 600*l.*) and Faughanvale (525*l.*) will be probably constituted into separate rectories, in the patronage of the Crown.

The Archbishop of Dublin has announced his intention of holding the Annual Visitation of his diocese on Thursday, June 14th, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Should his grace not be able to attend in person, his place will be supplied by the Archdeacon and the Vicar-General.

The Rev. Dr. Atkins, Donnellan Lecturer in the University of Dublin for the present year, has just brought to a conclusion one of the most eloquent and useful courses of lectures which has ever been delivered from the pulpit of Trinity College. The subject was the duties of the Christian Minister.

The Committee of the Armagh Church Education Society has put forward an excellent address soliciting subscriptions in aid of its funds. The whole document breathes good sense and Christian forbearance. They commence with a very proper protest against the unseemly language in which the Bishop of Cashel thought fit to denounce the Primate's advice to his clergy. And they refute the charge of illiberality which Bishop Daly brought against that venerable prelate, by recounting the princely sums which he has for years been in the habit of contributing to the General and the Diocesan Church Education Societies—namely 200*l.* a year to the Central Society, 200*l.* a year to the Diocesan Society, 200*l.* a year to the Inspector of Schools, 219*l.* annually to the support of particular schools in his Grace's diocese, 50*l.* to the Diocesan Society of Clogher, besides generous aid to schools in other parts of Ireland.

#### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

We beg to call the attention of Churchmen in this Province to a very important association that has been formed in the colony of Adelaide, South Australia, and which might supply very useful hints for action here. It is called the "Church of England Endowment Society for the Diocese of Adelaide." Its President is the Bishop, and its Board of Directors includes some of the most eminent members of the Colony. Its objects are stated as follows:

1. The object aimed at is Permanent Endowments for the Clergy and Church purposes in this diocese.
2. The acquisition of such Endowments is sought to be obtained through the purchase of Land within the colony by means of borrowed capital at 5 per cent Interest to be redeemed by a sinking fund.
3. The selection of lands for purchase will devolve upon a sub-committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of gentlemen whose intimate knowledge of the territory and well-known reputation affords the amplest assurance for the effecting only such purposes as shall be judicious and advantageous.
4. For the redemption of the capital to be borrowed at 5 per cent. an adequate Sinking Fund will be created, by means of which, at no very long deferred periods, Endowments will be, from time to time, provided for the Church of England in this diocese in perpetuity.
5. Any member of the Church of England desirous of aiding the objects of the Society has the opportunity of doing so in all or any of the three following modes:
  1. By Donation, however small, in land, or money to be invested in land.
  2. By Annual Subscription, constituting membership, to be applied also to the purchase of lands.
  3. By Subscription to the Guaranteed Interest Fund.
6. Members so subscribing will be required to pledge themselves to the Trustees of the Society, by a proper instrument, for the payment, for a term of not less than seven years from the date of their respective engagements, of such annual sums, payable quarterly in advance, as they may determine to give.

**FRANCE.**—The Protestants of France, like their brethren of England and New York, hold their May meetings. From their reports we gather the following:—The Bible Society has received 60,000 francs, and circulated 16,000 copies of Holy Scripture. The French and Foreign Bible Society has issued 79,665 copies of the Scriptures, and had an income of 55,318 francs, but its expenditure has amounted to 60,106 francs. The Society of French Protestant History has undertaken or projected various important literary works, and the services actually rendered by it have been very considerable; but it languishes for lack of funds, and, while talent is accessible, subscriptions are slow to come in. The Society of Religious Tracts reports an issue of 925,000 publications, of all sorts and sizes, distributed in France and elsewhere; eighteen new publications have been issued, one of which, a small almanac, has reached a circulation of 200,000 copies. Receipts, 86,000 francs; expenditure, 90,000 francs. The Protestant Sou Society collects funds for charitable objects. Its income last year was about 20,000 francs. One feature of its operations deserves notice; it publishes a quarterly journal, or paper, in which are described the operations and actual condition of the various societies for which it is a collector. Among the remaining anniversaries we may mention that of the Sunday School Union, receipts 20,000 francs; the Missionary Society, receipts 128,450 francs; the Society for Primary Instruction, income 80,000 francs; the Evangelical Society reports an income of 118,572 francs; and the Central Society for Propagating the Gospel in France 105,672 francs.

#### UNITED STATES.

The Rev. Dr. Dyer has declined the Episcopate of Kansas.

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western New York will be held in Grace Church, in the city of Utica, on the 15th day of August next.

The quarterly report of Bishop Whipple, dated from St. Paul, Minnesota, gives a very interesting account of his recent tour; we extract one or two items:—The Rev. J. Johnson Enmegabowh, a full-blooded Chippeway, the deacon at St. Columba, presented to me a class of seven for confirmation, who bore a most excellent examination in the catechism and simple truths of the gospel. I preached on Sunday morning; the little church was crowded with red men. The service is in Ojibwa, using the Ojibwa Prayer Book of the English Church. The sermon is translated, sentence by sentence, by the interpreter. The breathless silence, the earnest look of these upturned faces, touch every sympathy of your heart. On Monday morning, at break of day, the chapel bell called us to the church to receive the Holy Communion. At the time of the offertory it would have moved your heart to tears to see those Indian mothers coming to the altar to bring their gifts of love, to lay them on the alms-basin held in the Bishop's hand; and often the babes in their arms held in their hands a piece of bead-work or a small coin, which they dropped on the plate. The communion was solemn and impressive, many of us wept as we knelt by the table of the Lord. At the request of the chief, "Bad Boy," I met himself and young men in council. After a little silence, the speaker arises and shakes hands with each one present, and then begins his speech. He said, the words of our great spiritual father to-day have been good words—that the Great Spirit must have told me. He described the effect of the fire-water upon himself and people; said he wished to take the pledge; that he thought the white man's religion the best religion; that when he met the bad white man he then doubted whether it was any better than the Grand Medicine. He spoke of Brothers Breck and Peake, and of their own missionary, Enmegabowh, as good men; said that if they did not become Christians themselves they knew that the hope of their children was to be educated in the Christian religion.—*Gospel Messenger.*