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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.—The chimes of this Cathedral which have been discordant in tone for some time have been put in perfect order, and rang out a merry and tuneful peal on Christmas morning. The great tenor bell, weighing some two tons, after a lapse of two years performed its parts well. During the past year a sum of £300 has been expended upon the organ in the Cathedral. It is now supplied with water engines and wind reservoirs which greatly increase its power. On the Feast of the Circumcision a beginning was made of special early celebrations for the poor, and the pretty little Chapel of St. Lawrence, in the South transept, has been adapted as a convenient morning chapel for a small congregation. The new and handsome railing and gates erected on the Eastern side of the grounds surrounding the Cathedral are now disclosed, and add considerably to the beauty of the building. The gardens are planted with shrubs and creepers, presented by Mr. Samuel Dobbin, Vicar Choral, and bedding plants adorn the grounds, the gifts of Rev. F. Tymons, Mr. N. Hone, and others. The Kyrle Society have provided nice and comfortable seats where visitors can rest and enjoy the scene. All these improvements have been carried out under the direction of Mr. Drew, architect to the Cathedral, who takes a lively interest in the building and its surroundings.

UNSATISFACTORY.—Bishop Douglas, of Aberdeen, at the annual meeting of the Synod of the Scotch Episcopal Church in Edinburgh, stated that nearly one-fifth of Scotland was unbaptized.

GOOD BEGINNING.—The sum of £3,500 in local subscriptions has been received and promised against £5,000 required, for the erection of the new Church, St. Paul's, Scouthead, Dobcross, Rochdale. The Church is to contain 320 sittings, half rented and half free.

WELL DONE.—A new Gothic Church at Epleton, dedicated to All Saints, has just been consecrated by the Bishop of Durham. The Church has cost nearly £4,000, and the local subscribers have been so generous that the Church was opened near free from debt.

A JUBILEE GIFT.—St. George's Church, Oldham Road, Manchester, consecrated in 1877, has been completed by the addition of a belfry, stage, and spire to the hitherto unfinished tower, rising to a height of 156 feet from the ground. The cost of construction, amounting to about £2,000, has been borne by a gentleman who takes an interest in the Church, and who has chosen in this way to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty.

WELL RESOLVED.—At a conference of both clergy and laity held on the 16th December, at Cheltenham, it was unanimously resolved that a further increase of the Episcopate is necessary and that the creation of at least six new sees is urgently required. At a meeting of the beneficed clergy of the Archdeaconry of Southwark and Kingston a memorial to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury was adopted, urging the

necessity of uniting the separate portions of the county of Surrey into one Diocese.

NONCONFORMIST ACTION.—St. Columba's Church, Liverpool, has recently been re-opened after sundry repairs and improvements. The history of this building shows how Nonconformist desert decayed districts in English towns to build new chapels in new and better neighborhoods. Thus, St. Columba's was originally erected by the Wesleyans in 1839, afterwards disposed of to the Methodist Free Church in 1852, and sold to the Church of England in 1853, when it was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester. In the same way, as the Bishop of Durham lately testified, the churches occupying no less than seven Nonconformist chapels within the borough of Sunderland, and three more had been offered, but declined as unnecessary, being near existing churches. The Wesleyans are at present building a magnificent chapel in the most fashionable suburb of the same town, very near Christ Church, to cost £14,000, and when this is completed will vacate the old chapel in Sunderland proper, where it is believed John Wesley preached. No wonder there is so much of the population in large English towns uncared for when Nonconformity receives the gifts of so many of the more prosperous to be expended for their own benefit upon fine chapels and eloquent preachers to the selfish neglect of the masses around.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

REGRETTABLE.—*Truth* hears that Dr. Stainer contemplates resigning his important post as organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, to which he was appointed on the resignation of the late Sir John Goss, about sixteen years ago. Dr. Stainer has lately suffered from an affection of the eyes, and his retirement (says our contemporary) would probably be a prudent step, but he would be a very great loss to St. Paul's. He is happily independent of his profession.

PRESENTATION.—The Committee formed by H. R. H. Princess Christian, consisting of the following ladies:—H. R. H. Princess Christian, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Benyon, Mrs. Church, Miss Gould, the Hon. Lady Grey, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Kitto, Lady Helen Stewart, Hon. Mrs. James Stuart Wortley, and Mrs. Temple, met on Thursday, December 22, at London House, when H. R. H. presented to the Bishop of Bedford the sum of 700*l.* This amount was collected among personal friends as a memorial of respect and affection to the late Mrs. Walsham How, in order that the Bishop might 'use it for the maintenance of whatever portion of his wife's work he might think most suitable. The Bishop of Bedford, in returning thanks for the memorial, stated that it was his intention to devote the amount to the maintenance of the Walthamstow Home for girls, which was originated by Mrs. Walsham How, and in which it is well known she always took the deepest interest.

PAN-ANGLICAN.—The answers received thus far to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the 3rd Lambeth Conference in July next, indicate that the attendance will be much larger than at the Conference of 1878, when exactly one hundred Bishops were present. The An-

glican Episcopate now numbers 226 Bishops, of whom 64 belong to the Church in the United States, and 76 are Colonial.

A GOOD WORK.—Trinity Church, New York, has a down-town evening school, in which are taught German, telegraphy, shorthand, penmanship, arithmetic and book-keeping. It makes a long day for the toilers, but it is an unspeakable boon, and rescues many a girl and lad from a life of drudgery, raising them to a higher plane and giving them heart and hope.

SAD MISFORTUNE.—A letter to the *Pacific Churchman* tells of a sad misfortune which befell the Church people at Sierra Madre. A gale of great violence swept suddenly down from the mountains and leveled to the ground the beautiful little Church of the Ascension, recently completed with much effort, self-denial and prayer. Strange to say, while all other parts of the fabric are in ruins, the altar, the altar cross, and the Bible, were saved without a scratch. At a meeting held the next day among the ruins it was resolved to rebuild the Church forthwith, and plans have already been adopted.

STRIKING.—In a letter to Bishop Morris, of Boston, Bishop Talbot, the newly-elected Bishop of Wyoming and Idaho, gives the following interesting account of his life-long association with the Bishop-elect of Utah and Nevada (Leonard). "Strange, is it not, that we two boys—from the same little mission town, starting to school the same day, sitting on the same seat, confirmed and ordained both deacon and priest together, I marrying him and he me, and until lately at work in the same diocese—should be chosen for these vast Western fields!"

INVITATION ACCEPTED.—The Right Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, Bishop of Long Island, has accepted the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, England, to preach on the Second Sunday after Trinity, this year, before the Faculty and students of that institution.

NOTEWORTHY.—The Archbishop's letter brings to mind (says *The Church Kalendar*, of N.Y.), some interesting facts in regard to the growth of the Anglo-Catholic Church as a whole. At the first Lambeth Conference of 1867—only twenty years ago—its Bishops, English, Scotch, Irish, Colonial and American, numbered in all 161. The present number is an increase of over *forty per cent.* in twenty years; and the percentage is no greater in the United States than in England and her colonies. Again, we in this country think of ourselves as growing rapidly in numbers and our Mother Church as having hardly any increase in the number of her parochial clergy, especially in London. But we notice that the clergy of London are now four times as many as half a century ago. London has grown enormously in that time, but the Church has nearly kept pace with the population,—much more nearly than all other religious bodies put together. Within the Victorian age English Churchmen