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break would probably ruin the work and prospects. Before they had been in my house an hour, I had a volunteer. She said, 'Let me go, I will hold it together until you find somebody else.' 'Do you mean it?' I asked. 'Yes!' 'Then wait till morning and we will discuss it!' So before breakfast, being pressed for an answer, I said 'Yes.'

"It was difficult to get a crew to face a November 'Skeeps,' which freezes in hummocks from end to end; but that same day, with a year's provisions, we started. . . . It was a dismal journey for both of us, camping and sleeping on the snow being but the least of the discomforts. At the end of fifteen days we arrived, and packed the provisions in the snug log house. I offered my crew an extra pound a piece if they would delay their return but a single day, but nothing would induce them to wait. So I left her behind among Indians and miners, the only white woman within 170 miles, and the first to ascend the river. The isolation was complete. Events forced me to visit England, but I had returned before she knew I had left the diocese, and travelled 14,000 miles! . . . At the end of a year I had found an excellent man for the new mission, so that I was able to fetch away my wife. The miners said she was the best person they ever had, and the Indians call her 'mother' to this day. It was a hard time. Her entire household consisted of two Indian schoolboys."—*Mission Field*.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Rents in the west end of London are said to have already doubled in expectation of the jubilee festivities next summer.

Spools are turned and bored by a simple machine, which is said to be able to complete from 5,000 to 6,000 per hour.

Rev. Arthur Gadd assisted in conducting a 12 days' union mission at Severn Bridge lately.

Slumming in the East end of London has been revived as a fashionable amusement, and the arrangements for personally conducted trips are managed by an agency.

The citizens of Belfast, Ireland, are to erect a statue of Queen Victoria, to cost \$25,000, in commemoration of the anniversary of her reign.

The traditional chronology of Egypt goes back 5,000 or 6,000 years before Christ. The first mention of Egypt in history was made by Herodotus.

Rev. E. I. Rexford, M.A., has been elected honorary president of the Montreal High School Old Boys' Association.

A remarkable success is claimed for the London Schools Swimming Association. During last year no fewer than 10,000 school children were taught to swim by its instructors.

In consequence of disturbances among the students, the Universities of Rome and Naples have been closed by order of the Government.

Colonial and American bishops will be invited to preach at Oxford University this year during the sitting of the Lambeth Conference.

Tom Burns, the Scotch diver, who some time ago jumped from the Forth bridge, recently succeeded in leaping from a moving train off the bridge over the Tay. The fall was 100 feet.

The Rev. Robert Ker, of St. Catharines, advocates a local fund for the St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital to commemorate the jubilee year.

Two hundred thousand barrels of souvenir buttons made and sold in the last three months is the record of one factory.

Mr. Gladstone is gradually transferring the bulk of the library to the institution of St. Deniniol at Hawarden, retaining only a few books which he treasures for personal rather than bibliophilic reasons.

Grand Duke George of Russia, the consumptive Czaritch, is to spend part of the winter at Syracuse, in Sicily. While he is there two Russian men-of-war will remain in the port.

Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's and of many other churches in Great Britain, had a presentiment when rebuilding St. Paul's that he would die before the completion of the work. He did die while the walls were rising, and was buried in a cavity purposely made to receive his sarcophagus.

Ripley Church, south-west of London, is being turned into a sort of bicyclists' Westminster Abbey. It has now a memorial window to H. L. Cortis, who held a number of records a dozen years ago, and another window put up by cyclists to the memory of the hostesses of the Ripley Inn.

John C. Sutton, of Denver, spent all his money, \$30,000, a few years ago in building a church in Denver, on condition that he should be allowed to live in the tower and be employed as the sexton of the church.

The death has been announced of Mrs. Knox, widow of the late Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, in the seventy-eighth year of her age.

The Rev. W. Stanton Jones, formerly curate of St. Mary's, Widnes, has been publicly instituted by the Bishop of Liverpool to the benefice of St. Polycarp's, Everton.

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, of Risley Hall, near Derby, whose gift of gold Communion plate to St. Paul's we recorded, has set aside £15,000 per annum for the relief of the very aged poor, the infirm and widows in his district.

The Rev. Edward Harman, Rector of Pickwell, Oakham, died recently at his rectory, at the age of sixty-nine. Mr. Harman, who graduated at Caius, had been Chaplain to Bishop Waldegrave, of Carlisle, and had held numerous curacies and preferments.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells held a Confirmation service recently in the church of St. Margaret, Tintinhull. There were thirty-nine candidates out of a population of 426. This was the first Confirmation held in Tintinhull within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Services were held recently in the Church of St. Margaret Pattens, City, in commemoration of the 248th anniversary of the execution of King Charles I. In the evening the building was filled by a congregation almost entirely dressed in mourning, many of them wearing in their button holes white Stuart roses.

A meeting on behalf of the Society of the Sacred Mission was held recently at Bishop's House, Kensington. The object of this society is to increase the number of Church workers; it offers education and free maintenance to those who, without means, are prepared to serve, unpaid and unmarried, at any work assigned to them.

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Archbishop Benson Memorial, it was decided to recommend to the general committee, at a meeting to be held shortly, that a sum not exceeding £2,500 be set apart for the Canterbury monument, and that the balance of the fund should be devoted to some definite portion of Truro Cathedral.

On a recent Wednesday evening, at the parish room of All Saints' Church, Stoke Newington, the Rev. H. Shrimpton, vicar, was presented by the churchwardens, Messrs E. H. Randall and A. Mottram, on behalf of the parishioners and friends, with a cheque for £260 on the completion within four days of twenty-five years of his ministry in the parish.

A petition of Viscount Halifax, on behalf of the E. C. U., was submitted to both Houses of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, stating that, for various purposes, it was highly desirable that the old procedure of inviting objectors at the confirmation of a Bishop elect should be retained, and that serious objections, when such are forthcoming, should not be discouraged.

It is proposed by the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society to open a special fund, to be called the "Queen Victoria Fund," during the present year, in commemoration of Her Majesty's long reign, with a view to providing £25,000 for the establishment, enlargement, and rebuilding of Homes belonging to the Society, and for the payment of mortgages on existing Homes.

At a meeting of the Clerical and Lay Conference for the rural deanery of Spitalfields recently, in Oxford House Lecture Hall, Bethnal Green, the Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, Rural Dean, presiding, a discussion on "Rate Aid versus State Aid for Voluntary Schools" was opened by Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P., who said they might take it for granted that the Government's proposals were the best available at the moment.

There is a proposal on foot to restore the monument over the grave of Bishop Sawyer, the first Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, who was drowned twenty-nine years ago. It is also desired to erect some small memorial of the Bishop in the minster at Grafton, and friends who desire to contribute to these two objects should communicate with the Rev. Raynor Winterbotham, rector of Trinity Church, Edinburgh.

The condition of the Church in Scotland is highly satisfactory. The official statistics just issued for the last year show an increase in membership of a little over 3,000. The number of communicants during the same period has increased from 40,805 to 42,135. Other points worthy of notice are the large increase in the endowments capital of £14,000, and an increase in the aggregate of the whole of the Council's funds.

There is a rumour that the new Bishop of St. David's will be the Very Rev. Watkin Herbert Williams, Dean of St. Asaph. The Dean is at present in the south of Europe. He was appointed to his Deanery by the present Bishop of Asaph in 1892. Suggestions have been made to Lord Salisbury by Sir John Llewellyn and other Welsh Churchmen to divide the present diocese and create a new Bishopric at Swansea or Brecon.

The Ven C. H. Leigh-Lye, formerly Archdeacon of Bombay, has died at Badger Rectory, Shropshire. The Archdeacon graduated in 1851, at Wadham College, Oxford, and was ordained in 1852. He joined the Bombay Ecclesiastical Establishment in 1857, and was appointed Archdeacon of Bombay in 1864. He held this office for fourteen years, and subsequently became Rector of Badger, and occupied that living for the sixteen years previous to his death.

The announcement made recently is confirmed, and Canon John Taylor Smith is appointed to the Bishopric of Sierra Leone. Canon Smith, who was educated at the London College of Divinity, was ordained in 1885 to the curacy of St. Paul's, Penge. Five years later he went out to Sierra Leone as Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Freetown, and missionary in the diocese. He acted as chaplain with the Ashanti expedition, and has done excellent work on the West Coast of Africa.

An interesting event took place recently to celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of Canon Erskine's institution to the living of Battersea. For nearly a quarter of a century the Canon was proprietor and editor of "Church Bells," and made for it that position among Church people which it has so long enjoyed. At the evening service a new lectern with an inscription, presented by the past and present curates (upwards of thirty in number), was dedicated, and the vicar gave a short address.

A congregation entirely of men is always an impressive sight, but a congregation of over one thousand men is still more impressive, and one not often seen. But this large number now meets on Sunday afternoons at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, where the Rev. H. Terrington Sortwell, who is in charge during the temporary absence of the vicar, has exercised such an influence that, beginning in October last with little more than 100, the congregation has gradually increased until some 1,200 men are packed into the ancient edifice.

Recently there died in Newport Workhouse the Rev. Howell Thomas. He was ordained by the Bishop of St. David's in 1882. He held several curacies, and while in Monmouthshire his mind gave way. After a period in an asylum he was discharged, but though he obtained another curacy he was unable to continue clerical work, and became chargeable to the Newport Union; he bore an unblemished character, but was painfully shy and reticent. Upon his death it was found that he had made a will leaving to the Newport Guardians £150 due upon his insurance policy.

## 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 Sacrifice of the Death of Christ.

SIR,—Many efforts have been made to settle difficulties about the sacrifice of the death of Christ by reasoning. Have any been successful? After a show of reasoning touching various matters not strictly to the point, transition is made as imperceptibly as possible from trying to lead rationalistic doubters link by link to an incontrovertible conclusion, to helpless assertion of the faith in terms of inspired dogma. The missing links cannot be found. Has the human mind ever accomplished more than expose the fallacies of diverse explanations of the