

accurate, viz.,—The Visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, &c. The author is, therefore, inaccurate in the statement that the Church of which the New Testament tells us was one visible body, for, as a whole, it was not visible. But it did consist of a congeries of churches, each of which was visible by itself, and each of which exactly corresponded with the definition of the Visible Church in the Prayer Book.

Fifth. *Holy Scripture knows of no Church which was not more or less corrupt—as corrupt, to say the least, as any national Church of later days.* This assertion, like a former one, is not accurate, in fact, it is grossly inaccurate. The word 'corrupt,' ecclesiastically speaking, has two broad general senses, namely—departure from true doctrine, and also grave dereliction from becoming conduct. Of the churches mentioned in the New Testament, there is no sign or indication of corruption of conduct in the Churches of Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, Colosse, Rome, Smyrna, or Philadelphia. The Church in Corinth had certain members who were guilty of scandalous malpractices. This Church was very sharply rebuked by the Apostle Paul, and why? for tolerating these abuses. The Church was commanded to call the offending persons to account, and to tolerate them no longer. The Church at Ephesus was commended because 'it could not bear' them that were evil. The Church at Thessalonica was commanded to 'warn them that were unruly,' but these had no greater fault than that of being idle and busy-bodies. In sundry other churches, teachers or upholders of false doctrine had appeared, namely, in Rome, in the Churches of Galatia, in Crete, in Smyrna, in Thyatira. What does the Apostle Paul say of these? Does he assert the modern heresy of freedom of thought? Does he even hint at breadth of comprehension in matters of doctrine? By no means. He sharply rebukes the teachers, and commands the churches to refuse to listen to them; to separate from them—to cast them out. The mischievous teachers of falsehood in Crete must have 'their mouths stopped,' says the Apostle Paul to Titus. There is nothing here of apology, either for corrupt conduct, or for false doctrine, but constant intolerance of both. Canon Hammond, in speaking of the Church of England as having been 'corrupted,' displays the same confusion of thought that is so marked a feature in this paper throughout. For we cannot but enquire, have the doctrines of the Church of England been corrupted—that is, of the Church as a Church apart from the teaching which has been pouring forth from her thousands of pulpits every Sunday for hundreds of years back? Considering that since the Reformation there must have been preached some millions of sermons from her pulpits, it would be odd indeed if a considerable leaven of corrupt doctrine had not been found within them. But where is the corrupt doctrine of the Church as a Church? Such sayings are not quite becoming on the part of one of her canons. As to corrupt conduct, that is an infinitely wider question; and it is an absurdity to attempt the discussion of it in a few paragraphs. How can any man attempt to define with even a shadow of accuracy, what is the measure of the corrupt conduct amongst all the millions of the members of the Church of England during the last three centuries? And how, therefore, can there be any rational comparison made in reference to it?

A LAYMAN OF MONTREAL.

(To be continued.)

BRIEF MENTION.

Over the door of a library in Thebes is the inscription, "Medicine for the Soul."

The largest private house in the British Kingdom is Wentworth Woodhouse, which belongs to Earl Fitzwilliam.

It may not be generally known that Paris is the great postage stamp market of the world.

President Cleveland has appointed Thursday, Nov. 30, as the "National Thanksgiving Day."

A tower is building in London which will overtop the Eiffel by 175 feet.

They say that time is a great teacher. That is true; but, unfortunately, he kills all his pupils.

The present title Holiness, as given to the Pope, dates only from the fourteenth century. Before that time it was used by kings and emperors.

The nearest fixed star is 21,000,000,000 miles from the earth.

The Bishop Williams' memorial mission fund at Quebec, which was intended to reach \$25,000, is now close upon \$40,000.

The moon is without water, and destitute of an atmosphere.

The original Royal Crown of the late Duke of Sussex, uncle to Queen Victoria, has been offered to the Columbian museum.

Some of the stars move with a velocity of nearly fifty miles a second.

In a single season the locusts and grass-hoppers have cost the Western farmers \$200,000,000.

The Rev. J. W. Plant, of Ompah, has returned well and hearty from a holiday trip to England.

The fixed stars are suns, and each may have its own planetary system.

The Rev. N. I. Perry, late curate of St. Paul's, Lindsay, has been appointed curate of St. Paul's, Halifax.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto has appointed Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D.D., missionary-secretary for the Church of England in Canada, to be an honorary canon of St. Alban's cathedral.

In the time of Charles II. there were but three English Dukes. Among the numerous other dignities he created not less than eight dukedoms.

The following words are to be found but once in the Bible: Ash, immortal, millions and reverend.

The Rev. Edward James Robinson, formerly of Exeter, Ont., is now rector of Yaverland, Isle of Wight.

The total number of capital letters in the whole Bible is 106,990; of small caps, 6,897, and of lower case, 3,452,593; grand total of letters, including one *Æ*, 3,566,481.

The Rev. W. H. Barnes, of St. James' church, Tweed, has been offered parishes in Oswego and Long Island, N.Y.

The most remarkable stone formation in the world is the Giant's Causeway in the North of Ireland. It consists of basalt columns, most of them as regular as though hewn out by stonecutters' chisels.

Bishop Leonard, of Ohio, has rendered an official decision "that a Theosophist or Unitarian could not deliver an address during, or in connection with, the Burial Service, though it be had in a private dwelling."

A fac-simile of the first edition of the "Imitation of Christ," printed about 1470, is about to be published. The copy from which the reprint was photographed was found in the library of St. Peter's monastery at Salisbury. Canon Knox-Little has written an introduction.

Herat, in Afghanistan, is the city which has been most often destroyed. Fifty-six times have its walls been laid in ruins, and the same number of times have they been erected again.

Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey, tells of a woman who when there was a deficit in the missionary treasury three years ago, having no money to give, had the family plate and silver melted and sold, and gave the money to missions.

The largest sun spot ever noted by astronomers appeared in the fall of 1867. It was 280,000 miles long and 190,000 miles wide. Four hundred planets the size of the earth could have been laid side by side in that "spot" without touching each other.

Rebekah's brother's name was Laban, and the name of Abigail's husband was Nabal, which is simply Laban reversed. The nineteenth chapter of II. Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike, with the exception that verse 15 of the former comprises verses 15 and 16 of the latter.—*St. Louis Republic.*

The following standing committees have consented to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Hall: Albany, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Easton, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Colorado, Maine, Missouri, New York, Chicago, Central Pennsylvania, Milwaukee, Rhode Island. The following have refused to consent: West Virginia, South Virginia, Western Michigan.

A letter has been received from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, Bishop Reeve. It is dated Fort Simpson, Aug. 4th, and took nearly three months to reach Toronto. The Bishop speaks of having ordained, on the 15th July, the first of the northern Indians to the diaconate. The ceremony took place at St. Matthew's church, Peel River, within the Arctic circle.

Scrofula eradicated and all kindred diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by its vitalizing and alterative effects, makes pure blood.

British and Foreign.

Bishop Walsh, of Mauritius, is now in England on a brief visit.

We have reason to believe that the life and correspondence of the late Dean Stanley will be brought out by Mr. Murray before Christmas.

The Dean of St. Asaph has left England on a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Canon Overton, the historian of the Anglican Church in the last century, is preparing a history of "The English Church in the Nineteenth Century," which Messrs. Longman are to publish.

A contract has been entered into by an American corporation for building a railway through the Jordan Valley along the sea of Galilee to Damascus.

Archdeacon Fafrar is expected shortly at Rome, where he is always warmly welcomed by a group of distinguished archaeologists, comprising such men as De Rossi Lanciani, Marucchi Armellini, and others.

Canon Alan George Sumner Gibson has been appointed coadjutor to the Bishop of Capetown. The Bishop-designate graduated with distinction from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and was ordained by Bishop Wordsworth, of Lincoln, in 1879. He has been engaged in mission work in Kaffraria since 1882.

Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, is now the senior bishop in order of consecration having jurisdiction in the Anglican communion throughout the world. He was consecrated Oct. 29, 1851, and has therefore entered upon the forty-third year of his episcopate.

The Rev. Dr. Codrington, who lately left Auckland for England via the Canadian-Pacific route, being anxious to meet his brother nominators re the Melanesian Bishopric question, made a short visit to Fiji, which was very satisfactory. He found excellent work going on among the Melanesians at Suva, under the Rev. J. S. Jones, and good work at Levuka under the Rev. W. Floyd. At the former place, seventy of the Melanesians lately confirmed by Bishop Montgomery came to Holy Communion while he was there. More than one of these is anxious to be trained for missionary work among his own people.

The Bishop of Southwell has opened a new extensive Church hall, erected at a cost of £6,000, in connection with St. Mary's parish church, Nottingham. The Vicar of Nottingham (Canon Richardson) announces that the hall is the gift of his church and congregation to the poor of the parish of St. Mary's. Among other useful accessories, a parish kitchen has been provided in the basement of the building.

The Sultan has ordered the construction of a great lodging-house, with hospital attached, at Mecca, to accommodate 6,000 pilgrims, at a cost of £28,000, to be defrayed from his privy purse. It is thus hoped to alleviate in some degree the danger arising from the insanitary condition of the place.

Unlike the Bishop of Meath, who feared by so doing to foster an impression that all danger of Home Rule was over, the Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore has authorized a thanksgiving prayer to be used in the churches of his diocese, as a recognition of Divine mercy in the rejection of the Home Rule Bill.

The Noble College, Masulipatam, India, which was originally started as a small missionary school, in a very humble way, by the Rev. Robert Noble on November 21st, 1848, has now developed into a first-grade college, with branch schools in several parts of the town. It has been proposed to raise, in this its jubilee year, a fitting memorial of its successful endeavours in the past, and it is suggested that the endowment of scholarships for the B.A.