

The Lord Bishop of Sierra Leone is paying a visit just now to the West Indies.

The Bishop of Oxford recently appointed the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, M.A., of New College, Oxford, lecturer and chaplain of Cuddesdon.

The new Bishop of Wellington (N.Z.), Dr. Wallis, is adopting a plan of visitation, staying for a week or two in each parish, and assisting the clergyman in charge.

The death of the Very Rev. Frederick Owen, Dean of Leighlin, took place recently. He was one of the oldest of the Irish clergy, and was ordained just seventy years ago by the then Archbishop of Dublin. He was a graduate of Trinity College.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Thorold) died at Farnham Palace on July 26th, after suffering some time from a bad attack of asthma. He was transferred to Winchester five years ago after having presided over the Diocese of Rochester for ten years. He was seventy years old.

The Dean of St. David's entered his ninety-fourth year on 15th July last, having been born on St. Swithun's Day, 1802. He is still in active health, attending daily service, and personally superintending all the business and restoration work of the cathedral.

The annual festival of the community of St. Margaret's, East Grinstead, was held recently. A large number of people were present at the high celebration, at which service the Rev. Arthur Cochs, vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Brighton, preached the sermon.

At a recent committee meeting of the C.M.S., a letter was read from the Rev. F. E. Wigram resigning his post of Hon. Secretary on the ground of ill-health. It was only recently that six months leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wigram, in the hope that rest and change might restore him to health.

The bells of the parish church of St. Mary, Wroxham, were formally opened lately, after restoration by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye. The bells are a ring of six, the tenor weighing about 9 cwt., and have been rehung in new frame and fittings. A special service, conducted by the rector (Rev. F. T. Bodington), was held at three o'clock.

The Canterbury Diocesan Conference was held recently at Lambeth Palace. The Archbishop presided. A very interesting incident in the subsequent proceedings was the presentation of a cheque for £1,000 to Archdeacon Smith in celebration of the jubilee of his ordination.

The Bishop of Dover has just dedicated a lichgate in connection with the parish church at Northbourne, Kent. The special interest attaching to the lichgate is that it is erected at a spot known as St. Augustine's Walk, where St. Augustine settled after landing at Ebbsfleet. The lichgate has been erected in memory of Mr. Wood, the late vicar.

A memorial to the late Dean Elliot, in the form of a recumbent effigy, was unveiled in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. A short dedication service was held, in which the Bishop of Hereford and Canon Ainger (Sub Dean) took part. Among the other clergy present were Archdeacon Robeson, Canon Tetley, and the Rev. M. G. Glazebrook, head

The ceremony of unveiling a mural tablet erected to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Milne took place last week in the Parish Church of Ardles. The tablet is made of fine Sicilian polished marble, and is beautifully designed. Dr. Milne was an able and cultured preacher, and much beloved by his congregation. He was also a man of scholarly attainments, and an accomplished writer.

The Dean and Chapter have placed the Crypt of St. Paul's at the disposal of the Bishop of Stepney, for the East London Church Fund Devotional Day on November 7th, many East London clergy having expressed a desire thus to be associated with the cathedral, and St. Paul's being for many by far the most convenient centre in point of locality. Canon Newbolt will conduct the services throughout the day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson gave their second party this year in the grounds of Lambeth Palace lately. Among the guests present were the Chinese Minister, the Earl and Countess of Carysfort, the Earl and Countess of Stamford, Viscount and Viscountess Newark, Viscount and Viscountess Middleton, the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Davidson, the Bishop of Gibraltar, and the Bishop of Calcutta.

The memorial to commemorate the jubilee of Archdeacon Dennison as vicar of East Brent, is to take the form of the restoration of the cross in the churchyard, the base of which has been standing for five centuries. The Bishop of Bath and Wells will be present during the jubilee celebration.

The Archbishop of Dublin and Miss Plunket have issued their annual invitation to Old Connaught, Bray, to many of the clergy and ministers of the various denominations in and round Dublin. Old Connaught is the lovely country seat of the Archbishop, near Bray, and there a very pleasant afternoon is spent, with opportunity for social enjoyment and conference between the members of the various Protestant bodies in the county. The dates are July 26th, August 9th and 23rd, and September 7th.

The Adelaide Home Mission Society's annual report has been published recently. Since the year 1883 (when it was first started by Bishop Kennion) the clerical staff of the diocese has been increased by 45, 22 of whom still remain in the diocese. The number of communicants has increased 1,720 in the missions, and 1,121 in the parishes; during the past ten years £43,039 is the total received and expended during that time; sixty-two new churches have been erected in the diocese and over £10,000 has been given towards the erection of mission churches.

master of Clifton. Canon Ainger paid an eloquent tribute to the late Dean's piety and Christian character, and the Bishop of Hereford spoke of his personal qualities, saying that he was a noble-minded Christian gentleman. The cost of the effigy, which has been placed within the most eastern of the canopied recesses in the north aisle of the nave, close to the tablet already erected to the Dean's memory, has been £500, contributed by his friends. It is of the finest Parian marble, of life size, and rests on a base of tinted marbles, with the inscription—"Gilbert Elliot, Dean of this Cathedral Church, 1850-1891." The effigy represents the Dean as he was some twenty years ago.

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 Pan-American Congress.

SIR,—Many Anglicans have been exercised in mind on the subject of the absence of their leaders from the recent Congress. The Roman Catholics were there in force, the genial and eloquent Father Ryan, the learned and commanding Dean Harris, the thoughtful and scholarly Dr. Conaty; and they were received with applause and gratitude by Protestants as well as Roman Catholics. The Methodists were there with their leading men, President Burwash, President Rogers, Principal Burns. The Anglicans were represented by an American Bishop, admirable and eloquent indeed, but an American, and by a Professor of Trinity College, who consented, almost at the last moment, to give a hand, that Canadian Anglicanism might not be entirely unrepresented. How is this? Canadian Synods have proclaimed their desire for unity and the need of conference with other bodies. Only the other day, the Synod of Toronto loudly declared for religious education in our Public Schools, and appointed a committee to confer with representatives of other Christian bodies. And here is a Congress of religion and education, and they are conspicuous by their absence! What does it mean? Does it mean that all this talk about unity is mere wind? Or does it mean that the talkers are unwilling to do the very thing they were asked to do—confer with other communions on these pressing questions. To the ordinary mind their conduct is inexplicable.

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Thanks.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a short space in your widely read paper, to acknowledge most gratefully the following sums for our church building fund? Miss Morrison, Ayr, Ont., \$3; S. A. Giles, Blakeney, Ont., \$2. We have to meet a note of \$100 (one hundred dollars) by August the 25th, as well as one or two small bills before then. May I, therefore, earnestly plead with our friends for help? Any donations, however small, whether sent to Miss Hutton, 1013 Sherbrooke street, Montreal, or myself, will be most gratefully acknowledged.

REV. A. TANSEY.

Somerset, Manitoba.

Lay-Readers.

SIR,—Is not your correspondent, "Churchman," somewhat sweeping in his denunciation of lay-preaching? That the practice is being widely abused is certainly possible, but surely this can be remedied without abolishing a custom which is often indispensable to the Church's welfare. I think it is rather hard that earnest business men and hard-worked Divinity students who give up the day of rest, which they need as badly as other mortals, in order that services may be maintained where otherwise the churches would be closed, should have their work described as "an offensive scandal," and be told that "this lay-reader business has become a nuisance." Does "Churchman" really imagine that a congregation absolutely beyond the reach of clergy can be kept together by "a good man reading a sermon" (that sermon being, of course, another's, and probably written for an entirely different class of people)? If so, let him try it, and methinks he will speedily change his mind and advocate the judicious licensing of laymen to preach when occasion requires. But this would not do, for he declares that laymen may not preach, and that they have never been allowed to do so. Surely his anger against the "offensive scandal" has got the better of his memory! Has the preaching of the Word never been allowed to any but ordained ministers? I have not so read history. With regard to Article XXIII., I think "Churchman" has contrived in his wrath even to fall into error over its "unmistakable terms." Has he not overlooked the little word "or"? "Public preaching" and "ministering the sacraments in the congregation" are not necessarily joint privileges bestowed upon all who are ordained, for according to the strict letter of the Prayer Book, a deacon who may baptize may not preach, unless specially licensed to do so. This license a layman may have; the right to baptize he cannot have bestowed upon him as a layman. A priest is *ipso facto* licensed to preach, because theoretically he cannot become a priest unless he is sufficiently learned to teach his flock. If a Bishop "chooses and calls" to the work of preaching, godly and capable laymen, they are, by the terms of Article XXIII., "lawfully called and sent to execute the same." This is the interpretation put upon it by the Bishop of London, whose lay-readers preach even in the presence of clergy, and I am not aware that exception has been taken to his action by any considerable number of Churchmen, a fact which is significant in these days of gravamens and petitions. If in England, with its multitudes of clergy, it has been thought wise and expedient to allow laymen to preach, surely the time has not yet come in Canada for us to dispense with their services.

T.R.N.

Rev. Dr. Grant and Ignatius on Church Catholicity.

SIR,—The recent Synod of the Diocese of Huron was favored with a return visit from the Presbyterian General Assembly, then in Session at London, by a deputation consisting of Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, and Mr. Hamilton Cassels. In the course of his remarks Dr. Grant was evidently too desirous of underrating the merits of the episcopal office in the economy and constitution of the Primitive Catholic Church; and in his eagerness to prove by implication, at least, that episcopacy is non-essential to the existence or well-being of the Catholic Church, *i. e.*, to the *esse* or *bene esse*, and that any one religious body is as much and equally catholic as the church under episcopal regimen, he professed to quote from Ignatius; but in doing this was not governed by the strict rule of candour; and, I am sorry to believe, is amenable to the charge of virtually garbling and misrepresenting the meaning and spirit of that ancient author. The quotation given, as violently wrenched from its context in the VIII. Chapter of the Epistle of Ignatius to the Smyrneans, is in these words: "Where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." By citing this quotation, Dr. Grant's manifest objective aim was to infer, that as every Christian body claims to have the presence of Christ, therefore that presence is to them an assured fact with catholicity as its necessary concomitant; and that the latter, *i. e.*, catholicity, is not necessarily associated with the Episcopate or the orders of the Christian ministry connected with it; and he quoted Ignatius to prove this contention. Now whether this be the prevalent opinion of religious bodies is not the matter with which I am here concerned; and had Dr. Grant stated such as being his own opinion, or those of his denomination, they would be entitled to respect as expressions of personal belief, and should be estimated according to that standard of value, and be permitted to pass unchallenged; but when Ignatius is pretended to be quoted in support of such assumptions, the matter becomes quite different in its nature and aspect. I will give the section in full as written by Ignatius: "See that ye all follow your Bishop, as Jesus Christ