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WELLINGTON AND NEWMAN.—An opponent of the proposal to erect a statue of Newman, in one of the Oxford streets, compares that proposal with an imaginary one for the erection of a statue of Wellington—if he had, on the eve of Waterloo, "gone over to the enemy and devoted a long life to the service of his country's foes." This is putting it "fair and square!"

RURAL DEANS are declared by the correspondence column of *Church Times* to hold "an office purely spiritual, and the deanery is an 'ecclesiastical segment' of the archdeaconry, the boundaries of which the bishop can alter at his pleasure, taking parishes from one and adding them to another. In like manner, it is within his power to change the name."

THE VOLUNTARY PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENT for Missions at St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is at the rate of five cents per month for every child, ten cents for every woman, twenty-five cents for every man. No wonder that the rector, Dr. Campbell Fair, remarks in his circular that this arrangement will yield "an abundant total. No other appeal need be made."

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE IN AMERICA.—Referring to our neighbours South, *Public Opinion* says: "The general growth of the Church far exceeds proportionately that of the population at large, or of any other religious section of it in particular. It looks like the Church of the Future!" The *Spirit of Missions* suggests that it is proving itself the "Church of the Present," pushing out in every direction to reach the people, and draw them into its fold."

COLONIAL CHURCH WORK.—In the course of a very interesting retrospect of 1891 in *Mission Field* we find a statement that "never was the task before the Church so overwhelming. . . . In the Dominion of Canada, for instance, a year or two sees thousands of square miles not occupied but sparsely dotted over with settlers. How is the Church to follow them?"

HELL, AS A DETERRENT.—A writer recently in the *New York Sun* quotes largely from the famous preacher Edwards to show the extremes of statement to which such fiery advocates will go. Converts made by such a line of argument are not "worth much," perhaps, but better be so saved than not at all. Some of the statements, however, are hardly justifiable, even so used.

HIGH CHURCHMEN AND MISSIONS.—A recent contributor of light on this vexed question, offers a sensible solution when he draws attention to the fact that "Evangelical" interest in missions did not overflow to heathendom until England had been thoroughly revived at home. So he argues, High Church zeal will presently overflow towards missions. Then, we shall see!

PRISON AMENITIES.—The recent ridiculous complaints of the Anarchists imprisoned at Walsall only serve to accentuate the absurdity of much of the thing called "prison discipline." No wonder—when they get so much more than they deserve!—that they impudently ask for comfortable furniture, luxurious bedding, cheerfully tinted walls, evening papers, etc. "Howardism" gone mad!

POSTER PRUDERY.—The local "censor morum" of a great city has no light task before him when he tries to draw the line between Leo XIII.'s nude figure of Poetry (Glasgow Exhibition, 1888) and the average painted poster of a theatrical sensation. The *Mail* hints a timely warning to those who consider "the beautiful human body, the crowning work of nature, a dreadful and obscene thing."

FASTING COMMUNION IN FRANCE.—From a recent letter dated at Pau, it appears that the Roman Church in that country is not so strict as in some other places, and that the general tendency there is towards a relaxation of the cast iron rule, "no fast, no communion." A Roman priest had declared to the writer "the dispensation of their confessor is all that is required"—not Episcopal sanction.

"IDLE JOACHIMS."—Once when Martin Luther wanted to contribute to some Christian work, and had no money, he bethought him of a valuable medal given him formerly Joachim, Elector of Brandenburg. Going to the drawer, he apostrophized his little treasure on the score of idleness: "Joachim, how idle thou art! Come out and make thyself useful!" Have we any Joachims to spare!

A GREAT CHURCH PUBLISHER was the late George Josiah Palmer, of the *Church Times*. In the long run, the success of his newspaper has become one of the phenomena of the modern Church Press: but he had a very modest (and resolute) object in view from the first. He "had one and only one aim before him, the spread of Catholic Truth, and

the defence of the liberties of the Anglican Church as a means thereto."

"PRINCE EDDIE."—One of the most touching letters of condolence was received by the Queen from the widows and mothers of men and boys who lost their lives in the Oaks Colliery explosion, 1866. The language is as purely natural English as the Queen's own—and that is saying a good deal, for Her Majesty writes beautifully simple English—and refers to "poor Eddie's parents" in genuine sympathy.

TALENTS UNEARTHED late in life have been instanced more than once of late. Not long ago Dean Hole, of Rochester, flashed from the quiet *otium cum dignitate* of a rich "Squarson" into the public arena, as a platform and pulpit orator of rare power and excellence—a veritable Church champion. Bishop Westcott—the charming and unobtrusive scholar—is developing the same sort of talent to a remarkable degree.

ICONOCLASTS.—The old Iconoclastic controversy bids fair to break out among Japanese Christians, some of whom object to bow to the Emperor's picture. It brings up the whole subject of the reverence due to such objects in Church and State. All depends, really, on what one means by his bow. Englishmen bow naturally to the throne, regal or vice-regal; and, for similar reasons of respect, to Christ's Altar—but no idolatry is intended.

BLACK FOR BISHOP BROOKS, looks the rejoinder of Father Puller in the *Guardian* of 27th Feb. on the subject of the Bishop's complicity in and responsibility for the "Unitarian Scandal" at Boston in 1876. The letter is a powerful antidote to the Bishop of Albany's drastic remedy for such affairs as Father Hall's recall, viz., "abolishment of religious orders." It is evident that we have not reached "the last word" in this controversy.

DECLARATIONS ON HOLY WRIT IN 1864.—The current controversy about the Scriptures and "Higher Criticism" reminds one of the famous declarations (which we print in another column) put forth at the time of the Essay and Review judgment of Privy Council—by the then Archbishop of Canterbury and the clergy of Canada simultaneously. These had no "uncertain sound," defending God's Word "without reserve or qualification."

RITUALISTIC "PERPETUAL MOTION."—Thus has recently been aptly characterized that extreme fussiness which has been so constantly deprecated by all lovers of a simple and dignified ritual. It is the "fussiness" that does harm, and disgusts decent people with many honest efforts to improve our services—they are afraid of the extreme development. The reasons of gestures and motions should not be purely conventional and fanciful.

PRINCELY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Maharajah Dhulep Singh used to give \$5,000 yearly to the cause of Christian Missions in Egypt. He had secured a Christian wife from the school in Cairo. The other day he sent a draft for \$10,000 to the Egyptian Mission. The brothers R. L. Stuart and Alexander Stuart gave \$100,000 each per annum to the Presbyterian Mission Fund. The widow of the former has bequeathed \$5,000,000 to religious objects. At a C.M.S. meeting one woman gave \$25,000 for Uganda alone!