

guished for his zeal, devotion, learning, and ability, the Rev. Wm. Butler, of Wantage, in the diocese of Oxford. Mr. Butler will accept the difficult and dangerous post if he is advised to do so by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford. Every true-hearted Christian throughout the world will wish him God-speed.

There is much controversy and much grief respecting a change made, in a posthumous edition of the *Christian Year*, by the executors of the saintly and lamented Keble. The state of the case seems to be this: Mr. Keble wrote originally, in his poem on the *Gunpowder Treason Day*, contrasting the doctrine of Rome and England,

"O come to our Communion Feast
There present in the heart,
Not in the hands, the Eternal Priest,
Doth His true self impart."

Keble's executors have taken upon them to alter this from "*not in the hands*" into "*as in the hands*," on the strength of a note from Keble to some friend, written shortly before his death, saying that he had made up his mind to amend the line. "But," it is argued, "he did *not* alter it; he did *not* put it in his will; he did not make the change, or formally direct it to be made—and, therefore, it ought not to have been made." This argument seems conclusive, and has the more weight, when it is considered that the *Christian Year*, which was a kind of lead to universal Christendom, will now be a book of controversy, shut out from the hearts and homes of millions. Here, certainly, is a sad instance of zeal without discretion. The Irish branch of the Christian Knowledge Society, with the express approval of Archbishop Trench, have, in consequence of this change, removed the *Christian Year* from their list.

At the Advent Ember season, ordinations were held in nineteen Dioceses in England, and 316 candidates were ordained. The same day the Bishop of Quebec held a most interesting ordination at the Village of Georgeville on Lake Memphremagog, when Mr. Thorneloe, for many years a Methodist preacher of some distinction, was admitted Deacon. The Reverend Mr. Thorneloe, who carried the most of his former Congregation into the Church with him, and who had continued ministering to them (for nearly three years) as licensed lay-reader, was appointed by the Bishop to the charge of Georgeville. We need scarcely say, how heartily we wish this interesting Congregation God-speed.

The consecration of thirteen new churches and the re-opening after restoration of fourteen others in England are chronicled during the past month.

On the 1st December last one of the worthiest and most genuine sons of the English Church, after a long life of faithful Christian work, was taken to his rest. William Cotton, well described as "a true gentleman, a true man of business, a true Christian," who died at the ripe age of eighty years, was for more than fifty years an active and zealous member of the great English Church Societies;