

includes one donation of one hundred pounds, with a promise of an additional four hundred pounds, provided that the nave of Truro Cathedral is completed as a part of the memorial.

The Canterbury Cathedral Thirteenth Centenary Restoration Fund now amounts to £13,632, the latest contributions comprising a gift of £100 from Dr. Astley, and £50, the proceeds of a reading, by Mr. Bancroft. Sir Henry Irving has promised to give a recitation of "Becket" in aid of the fund.

Rev. Arthur Heintz Paine, curate of St. Margaret's, Prince's road, Liverpool, has resigned his curacy because he cannot conscientiously any longer assent to the Thirty-nine Articles and other formularies of the English Church. Mr. Paine has for twenty years been curate to the Rev. J. Bell-Cox.

The number of curates who have served the Church for more than fifteen years is close upon 1,300, and this number is annually increasing, because the increase in the number of curates is three times greater than the increase in the number of benefices, hence promotion for a curate is slow and uncertain.

The Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Sheepshanks, has been paying a visit to Nacton Workhouse, where he preached a touching sermon on "The Home Beyond." After the service, his lordship, accompanied by the chaplain, the master and matron, visited those who, through infirmity, were prevented attending the service.

A new vicarage is about to be built for St. George's, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Lord Calthorpe, the patron of the living, having bought up the lease of 52 Calthorpe road, Edgbaston, and promised to give the freehold, together with a donation of £200, for this purpose. The total cost is to be under £3,000, and already half that amount has been received.

An addition to the furniture of the Lady-chapel of Salisbury Cathedral has just been made by the anonymous gift of a pair of sanctuary candlesticks, some 7 feet high, executed in black walnut, and heavily mounted with solid silver, over 300 oz. of the metal being used, and embossed and saw-pierced, the wood portions showing through the openings.

A singular sight was witnessed recently in the Church of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap. The Rev. W. Carlile, the vicar, had the altar decked out with a large number of dolls, which were given by friends and members of the congregation. The congregation were allowed to walk round the church in order that they might get a full view of the show, and the collection was a very fine one.

From Ireland we hear that the mystery of St. Patrick's Cathedral apparition still occupies the minds of the curious. It has been asserted that it is but the appearance of a clergyman very similar in form and feature to the deceased dignitary who has been mistaken for the "wraith." Whether the spiritualistic canon who has told the story can make any further revelation remains to be seen.

An application was made for a faculty to erect chancel gates, and upon the screen a crucifix with graven images to represent the Virgin Mary and St. John. The Chancellor, in giving judgment, said that he considered he was fettered by the decision of Lord Penzance in "Bradford v. Fry," and must refuse the faculty as to the chancel gates; the case of the figures on the screen was covered by the decision of Lord Penzance in "Clifton v. Risdale," which was also refused.

At the suggestion of the Duke of Coburg, the Queen has conferred an honorary chaplaincy on Archdeacon Wilkinson, vicar of St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Dr. Wilkinson completed the jubilee of his ministry a couple of months ago, and has been vicar of the mother Church of Plymouth for twenty-six years. Archdeacon Wilkinson refused a short time ago one of the best livings in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, although he is anxious to undertake a less arduous post.

Describing a Christmas Day in the Punjab, a correspondent says: "Bannu is an important town and military station on the borders of Afghanistan. Our Christian community consists of about forty members, some of whom are local converts, and others come from down country. Early on Christmas morning we were aroused by a number of the men who came with a lantern, as it was still dark, to sing some Christmas hymns in Hindustani, such as 'Hark the Herald,' and 'Adeste Fidelis.' We gave them a hearty welcome."

The death of Bishop Tufnell, who was the senior

member of the Chapter of Chichester, has placed the canonry at the disposal of Bishop Wilberforce, this being the first stall in the cathedral which has become vacant since his translation to the See. The nominal stipend of each of the four canons of Chichester is £500 a year with residence, but agricultural depression has considerably diminished the chapter income, so the residentiaries are now reduced to £350 a year, while the dean is cut down from £1,000 to £700. There are now comparatively few deaneries which could be safely accepted by a divine without private means.

BRIEF MENTION.

The curfew bell was rung for the first time in Ottawa on New Year's night.

The horse in the art of the Roman Catacombs is an emblem of the swiftness of life.

A Sabbath day's journey among the ancient Hebrews was 1,461 yards, 1 foot, and 9 inches.

There are 600 women journalists, editors, and authors in England and Wales, according to the last census reports.

Sir Arthur Sullivan was content to part with his first ballads for a few pounds.

The languages used by the Emperor and Empress of Russia in their private intercourse are English and German.

A needle, be it ever so diminutive in size, has to pass through about one hundred and twenty operations before it is ready for sale.

Christ Church, Tamworth, is badly damaged by fire.

In most parts of Syria, Palestine and Arabia, fig trees and date palms are counted, and a tax is levied on each tree.

For some years a committee of revisers has been at work in France on the New Testament. The work is now complete, and will soon be published.

Although Dr. Charles John Ellicott, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, England, is in his 87th year, he is an enthusiastic wheelman.

There is but one monarch of Europe who can show the scar of a wound received in war. It is King Humbert, who received a severe sabre cut at the battle of Custoza.

The Bishop of Montreal recently ordained Revs. Messrs. Overing, Eastman and Groulx, at St. Stephen's, Montreal.

A New York paper referring to the many remarkable discoveries and inventions of the great electricians, Edison, Tesla and Moore, says: The nineteenth century bids fair to go out in luminous splendour.

Mrs. Smith, a hundred-year-old lady of Grant-ham, England, does all her own housework, nurses an invalid nephew, and sells potatoes, which she has planted and dug up herself.

Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the Grand Old Man, has given up the principalship of Newham College, Oxford, which she has held for 15 years, in order to remain with her father and mother.

Ruskin once said, "Do not think of others' faults; in every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honour that, rejoice in it, and, as you can, try to imitate it."

Of the 300,000 Indians resident in the States, two-thirds are self-supporting, and 35,000 pay taxes. As many as 30,000 are engaged in stock raising and farming. 30,000 are also said to be Church members.

Miss Kate Grunoud, of the Wyandotte tribe of Indians, Miss Lily Wind, of the Canada tribe of the Ottawas, and Miss Phoebe Hood, the daughter of a Pawnee chief, have recently been graduated as trained nurses from the Philadelphia Hospital. So far as known, they are the first Indian women who have ever taken such a course.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury is said to be a staunch temperance advocate, and enjoys the distinction of being the greatest consumer of tea, as well as the worst dressed member of the clergy in England.

In the St. Sepulchre Church in London there was found in an old chest recently the bell which in Stuart times used to be rung by the crier outside the cell of a condemned felon on the night before the execution. The bell will be hung up in a conspicuous place in the church.

It is stated that Eccleshall Castle, Staffordshire, the seat of the Bishop of Lichfield, has just been sold privately to Mr. Vaughan Williams. "The castle was founded at a very early period, and is generally believed to have been the residence of St. Chad, in the 7th century."

The appeal for subscriptions for the Royal Victoria Hospital, to be erected in commemoration of her Majesty's long reign, is being very liberally responded to by the citizens of Belfast, and to-day the

amount reached over \$135,000. It is intended to raise \$500,000, and the promoters are likely to succeed.

At a recent English Diocesan Conference a clergyman said that whereas only 89 per cent. of baptized children in the Church of England are ever presented for confirmation, the percentage in the American Episcopal Church is 79. This would seem to indicate that an endowed and established Church does not necessarily do its work more thoroughly than a purely voluntary organization.

The Patience of Hope.

Winter is linked fast to the spring,
Nor storm, nor calm, nor frost, nor snow
Can long delay the angel's wing
That bears God's blessing to and fro—
How surely, swiftly, thou shalt know.

Beneath the heaps of faded leaves
The next year's crocuses grow strong,
The robin sings where stood the sheaves.
The blackbird has commenced his song
Hope lights the dark ways all along.

Do thou but wait God's little while,
And all these clouds shall clear away.
The child shall see the Father's smile
That was but hidden for a day,
And praise where now he can but pray.
—Marianne Farningham.

Church Terms Explained.

Way of the Cross.—A service used on Good Friday, consisting of short addresses.

Whitsun Day.—A great festival held seven weeks after Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles after the Ascension. Called also (and originally) *Pentecost*, because it is fifty days from Easter. It should never be written "Whit Sunday," but *Whitsun Day*. Dr. Neale has shown that it does not mean White Sunday, the name being actually derived from the word *Pentecost*, which in the German is *Pfingsten*, *Pingsten*, and *Wingsten*, the last form being easily further corrupted into *Whitsun*.

Worship.—Besides meaning the supreme homage and devotion done to Almighty God, it is also used in the Bible and Prayer Book to denote honor and respect given to men. Psalm lxxxiv. 12; Luke xiv. 10; 1 Chron. xxix. 20.

In the English Marriage Service the husband promises to worship the wife, that is, to render her all due respect and honor. In like manner they call a mayor or chancellor "worshipful."

White Alb, Plain.—An alb of linen, not of silk, without embroidery.

Y Cross.—The English form of Cross for the Chasuble, reminding us of that lifting up of our Lord's hands which first on Calvary, and now, by way of representation, on Christian altars, is the true and acceptable sacrifice.

Work.

Seek your life's nourishment in your life's work. Do not think that after you have bought or sold, or studied or taught, you will go into your closet and open your Bible and repair the damage or the loss which your daily life has left you. Do those things, certainly, but also insist that your buying, or selling, or studying, or teaching shall itself make you brave, patient, pure and holy.

Do not let your occupation pass you by, and leave you only the basest and poorest of its benefits, the money with which it fills your purse. This is the life that, indeed, "catches the quality of the life of God," and still it is a life possible to every one of us.

Blessed are the Merciful!

God bless a thousand times a patient worker who died a few years ago and left the savings of her hardly-earned wages to the cause of the London horses, and who each morning for years in frosty weather might be seen in the heart of the great city with her heavy load of sand, scattering it over the slippery thoroughfares ere she went forth to her daily toil.

She saved many a horse from a heavy fall, stirred up many a kindly feeling in the hearts of rough carters, and many a time felt the joy of doing a good deed.