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are too meagre to be of any real value. The lack, too, of explanatory notes, however brief, is to be regretted. Still, we think it should serve a good purpose by calling attention to the greatest literary work of antiquity.



The Month.

CANON FLEMING, the Vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square, was recently presented with a cheque for £2,000 on the completion of twenty-five years as a Vicar. The Duke of Westminster presided, and the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, was present.

A banquet to the Archbishops and Bishops was given at the Mansion House on July 11. The Lord Mayor, in submitting the toast of the evening, paid a tribute to the clergy for their self-denying labours. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who responded, remarked that just now they were getting some rather hard names, and strange accusations were being flung at them, but seeing what kind of work they were doing, surely some allowance should be made for them if they went wrong here and there. He believed their troubles would disappear if only they were allowed time to deal with them quietly. Personally he was not very much perturbed. There was no danger that they would let the Church go or slip into wrong ways because they were not attending to their business. He and the Archbishop of York were entirely at one in every step they had taken.

The Canterbury Diocesan Conference was opened on July 11 in the Library at Lambeth Palace, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Among those supporting the chairman were the Bishop of Dover, the Dean of Canterbury, Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., and Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, M.P., and there was a large attendance of members. In his opening address Dr. Temple said: I do not on this occasion desire to say anything about what is called the crisis in the Church. I will just briefly say what I believe myself, that by quiet endeavours on the part of the authorities we may gradually get rid of the crisis. I am not, I confess, very much afraid of it. There is something very serious in it; that I do not question; but I am not much afraid of it. And I certainly believe that the line that the Archbishops have taken will in all probability very seriously diminish the excitement of all sorts of agitation. We shall of course have a good deal of agitation about it, because, well, I remember once—I think it must have been about thirty years ago—reading in one of the High Church papers an expression to this effect: "We don't want to condemn our opponents; we only want that they shall cease to exist. We want them to get rid of their mischievous Low Church opinions." The other side are now saying plainly what they want is that the High Church party shall cease to exist. They have the highest respect for them, and think them very good men indeed, but they want them no longer to be inside the Church. Well, I do not agree with that at all. I do not think that will be the end of it. At the same time, I do very much want to restore peace to the Church. And as I should ask the High Church party to abandon such an idea as the turning of Low Churchmen out, or making them cease to exist in any other way, so I should now certainly ask the Low Church party to help me to make peace, and to keep the Church of England as comprehensive as it has been

for so many generations. We can live together and we can do work together, and the sooner we learn to tolerate each other the better. But for that purpose we must not irritate each other by allowing ourselves in our likes and dislikes to depart from the laws of the Church, and to make laws for ourselves without any authority from the Church in doing so. I hope I have not said anything that may rightly give offence to any one of my brothers here present.

The Rev. Prebendary Covington, Vicar of Brompton, has been appointed Vicar of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields. This is not exactly promotion as the world counts it, but it is well for cavillers at religion to be reminded that not all the clergy seek smooth things for themselves, and that many of their number are bearing heavy responsibilities upon a mere pittance. At St. Giles's, for example, which is a most arduous parish, there is, we believe, merely a small margin of income for the Rector after the necessary outgoings have been met.—*English Churchman*.

The announcement that two principal assistant secretaries are to be appointed under the new organization of the Education Department has (says the London correspondent of the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*) caused serious alarm among the supporters of secondary education, seeing that the new secretaries are named for primary and technical education, and it is therefore assumed that secondary education is to be subsidiary to the technical branch. Questions are to be addressed to the Government in the Lords by the Earl of Morley, and in the Commons by Professor Jebb, both of whom will press on Ministers the necessity for appointing a principal assistant secretary for secondary education of the same status as the two already announced. Dr. Jebb will remind the House of the speeches made by the Duke of Devonshire in August, 1898, and in May this year, which conveyed the impression that there would be a department for secondary education proper, separate from that for technical education, or including the latter as a subdivision.

At the annual general meeting of the Corporation of the Church House, the president, the Archbishop of Canterbury, being in the chair, it was stated that the record of the work of the House during the past year was one of steady progress. Every room was occupied, and the necessity for the erection of the west front block was very great. The plans of the new building, which had been revised by Sir Arthur Blomfield, had received very careful attention. The plans for the Hoare Memorial Hall, which was originally designed to seat 300 people, had been enlarged, so that, with the addition of a gallery, an audience of 450 to 500 could be comfortably seated. The total cost of the new block would be £20,000, of which sum £11,000 was in hand or promised. The Council conclude their report by emphasizing the fact that the Church House is not identified with any party in the Church. The statement of accounts showed that the income for the year exceeded the expenditure by over £300.

Lord Halifax, speaking at the annual meeting of the Gloucestershire district English Church Union, said the Union had derived great benefit from the ritual agitation, which had increased their numbers in unexpected proportions. The Church must be governed according to arrangements which Christ made for its government, and not by a Parliament composed of men of all creeds.

The Bishop of Thetford, who presided at the annual meeting of the North Sea Church Mission, held at Church House, Westminster, on July 10, said that theirs was the only Church of England society working throughout the year among the trawling fleets. There were in the North Sea a number of what might be called permanent floating parishes, containing a population of over 14,000 men and boys. The North Sea Mission, by means of its two equipped vessels, aimed at providing these fishermen with a clergy of their own on their own fishing grounds. It was stated in the report that an anonymous donor had presented the mission with a new twin-screw hospital and mission ship of 146 tons, which had been dedicated and fitted up with reading and recreation rooms.

Progress is being made at last in connection with the Three Towns Extension Scheme. On June 21 the foundation stone of the first of the seven new churches was laid by the Bishop of Exeter. St. Mark's, Alexandra Road, is under the fostering care of the parishes of Charles, Emmanuel, and St. Matthias, the site being within the last named. A Plymouth Churchman is bearing the cost of the lower part of the new building, which will be used as a temporary church. The Mayor of Plymouth has given the granite and a handsome foundation-stone.

The members of the Convocations of Canterbury and York reassembled in conference on July 7, in the Great Hall of the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York presided as joint-presidents. At the close of the meeting the Press were informed that the following was the resolution unanimously carried after the private meeting of the joint committees of the whole Houses of the Northern and Southern Convocations, held on July 6 and 7: "That this meeting of the committees of the whole Houses of the Northern and Southern Convocations, after considering the various propositions which have been discussed during its sessions, is of opinion that further consideration of these propositions is necessary before practical steps are taken in the direction of legislation; and that the Archbishops be requested, in accordance with the law and custom of Convocation, to bring the matter before their respective Convocations at their next session." It was further resolved: "That, in the interests of the Church, it is desirable that a joint meeting of the two Convocations should be held in each year." Subsequently the Convocation of Canterbury was prorogued until October 31.

The programme of the Church of Ireland Conference to be held in Dublin, October 3-5, under the presidency of the Archbishop, has now been issued. The preacher at the opening service in Christ Church Cathedral will be the Archbishop of Armagh, and at the closing service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Dean of Canterbury.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr. Goschen were present at the Speech Day at Rugby School, and the Archbishop afterwards unveiled a statue of the late Tom Hughes, the author of "Tom Brown's School Days."

The Bishop of London has had a garden-party at Fulham Palace for the London Diocesan Branch of the Church Defence Committee. He expressed the opinion that he would rather have the Church disendowed than disestablished.

The most noticeable feature of the year's work in connection with the Palestine Exploration Fund has been (according to the report presented at the annual meeting of the Royal Institution) the discovery, by means of extensive excavations, of the remains of a number of fortresses built in the sixteenth century before Christ. They were erected by King Rehoboam, who built so many cities for defence, and several of them were referred to in the Old Testament as forming a girdle of fenced cities round Jerusalem.

The *City Press* states that two massive candelabra will shortly be placed in position at the entrance to the nave of St. Paul's. One of the bronze pieces is the gift of Mr. Douglas Murray, in memory of his father, a prebendary of the Cathedral; and the other has been presented by the members of the Decoration Committee. The subject-matter has been taken from the first chapters of Genesis, the underlying motive being *Benedicite omnia opera*.

A meeting of clergy and laity was held at Norwich recently, to promote the Victoria Clergy Fund. The Bishop of Norwich said there were 910 benefices in his diocese, and the incomes of 73 of them were less than £100 per annum, while in nearly 400 cases the income was below £200. The Bishop of Lichfield said during the last thirty years the income of the clergy of the diocese of Norwich had depreciated to the extent of £135,000 per annum.

The new Bishopric for Upper Egypt will soon be firmly established, and money is coming in for endowment. The inhabitants number 10,000,000, of whom 9,000,000 are Moslems.

There is a feeling current that the English missionaries in Uganda do not work smoothly with the Government officials. This is contradicted by Archdeacon Walker, who says the missionaries fully appreciate the advantages of the British occupation.

By the time that these notes are in our readers' hands, another great Protestant demonstration—this time at Cardiff—will have taken place. Lord Wimborne is to be the chairman; he will be supported by the Earl of Portsmouth, Lord Kinnaird, Canon Fleming, and others. The demonstration is fixed for July 26.

We sympathize with Lord Wimborne in view of the unjust attacks made upon him, and the aspersions cast upon his Churchmanship, owing to the position he has seen fit to take up in connection with the Church difficulties. In the course of a letter addressed to the press, Lord Wimborne writes as follows: "As I have in the last thirty years built, restored, and enlarged in the sees of Salisbury and Llandaff about a dozen churches and rectories, beside adding to their endowments and responding to appeals of a similar nature by large sums, I think I may without vanity fairly claim to have been hitherto a loyal and liberal upholder of the Established Church and the ministers, with whom, as self-sacrificing men, not sacrificing priests, I have always felt the deepest sympathy."

The offer of a wealthy American—Mr. Pierpoint Morgan—to light the interior of St. Paul's Cathedral with electricity has been accepted, and experiments in lighting the vast building have been made. These, says the *City Press*, have proved most satisfactory, and arrangements are in progress to equip the Cathedral with a most complete installation of

electricity. It is estimated that the cost of the work will be £5,000. If, however, that sum is exceeded, the balance will be met by the donor.

A sum of more than £21,000 has been raised in two years from voluntary sources for the restoration of the Church of St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, and for providing the parish with suitable buildings. The plans of the vicar, the Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, include the laying out of the old graveyard as a recreation-ground, and the erection of new schools, new mission buildings, men's club, etc. He also proposes very shortly to erect some model lodging-houses.

At a general meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, money and book grants amounting to £3,297 were voted. The former included £550 for the enlargement of St. Hilda's Training College, Durham, £500 for the additional endowment of the bishopric of Bloemfontein, and £508 for the building and rent of Sunday-school premises in England and Wales.

Sir John Stainer was entertained at dinner by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's at the Chapter House, on the 12th inst., in commemoration of the completion of the fiftieth year of his association with the Cathedral.

The Midland Clergy College, for graduates of Oxford and Cambridge only, will be opened for the reception of theological students in Edgbaston next October, with the Rev. J. H. B. Masterman, Vicar of St. Aubyn, Devonport, as first principal. The College will train students on the lines of Dr. Vaughan and Bishop Lightfoot, viz.: (1) A special devotion to the study of Holy Scripture; (2) a loyal adherence to the Prayer-Book, without unauthorized variations; (3) a large measure of instruction in practical work.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, on Friday, July 14, visited Kensal Rise, in order to lay the foundation-stone of a church which is to be a memorial of Dean Vaughan. Her Royal Highness performed this task on behalf of the Queen, who has taken much interest in the memorial.

The treaties have just come into force by which Japan is thrown open to all Western peoples, who will now, however, be under the general laws of the country instead of having their own Consular jurisdictions.

DONATION.—The Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, has received £5,000 for the erection of a young men's institute in Walworth.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of the Bishop of Limerick, which took place on Monday, July 17, in Dublin. His Lordship had been in indifferent health for many years, and had recently been in the doctors' hands under special treatment. The venerable Prelate, who was eighty-six at the time of his death, retained his faculties to the end, his mind being singularly clear. He was more of a scientist than a theologian, as his writings indicate. As an antiquary he was well known, and leaves behind him several valuable papers on mathematics and Irish antiquities in the proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy.