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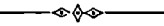
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The annual meeting of the Clergy Friendly Society was held April 25 at the church vestry of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, the Chairman of the Board of Management, the Rev. J. W. Horsley, Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth, presiding. The fourteenth annual Report stated that the number of members at the beginning of the previous year was 229, and that 34 applications for membership were received during the year. Of these, three were declined and 31 accepted, thus bringing the number up to 260. The total assets amounted to £4,105, which showed that the average amount of funds per member was about £16. The object of the society is to secure the clergy a guinea or two guineas a week during disablement through accident or sickness. The meeting concluded with an expression of deep regret at the death of the Rev. William Rogers, who had been a steady friend of the society since its foundation in 1882.

Great success is attending the labours of Mr. Rogers, the Vicar of Great Yarmouth, who has now been four years in the parish. With his staff of twelve curates, his six churches, his missions, the vast church of St. Nicholas, the recognition of his work and worth by a Canonry from the Bishop, and the population of 40,000, Mr. Rogers occupies one of the most important positions in the Church. The congregations are increasing, and the number of communicants is larger than the previous annals of the church record.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has appointed Canon Ainslie to be Archdeacon of Taunton, in succession to the late Archdeacon Denison. Canon Ainslie is one of the most popular and clear-headed men in Convocation, and a moderate High Churchman. The Bishop has presented the Rev. C. de Salis, Vicar of Milverton, to the Vicarage of East Brent. The Bishop has also offered a prebendal stall in the Cathedral of Wells to the Rev. H. P. Denison, who for twenty-five years has assisted the late Archdeacon in the parish.

Sermons in aid of the rebuilding fund of Swansea parish church were delivered in nearly forty churches in the neighbourhood on Sunday, April 12. Since 1885 the voluntary contributions to Church work in what was then St. Mary's parish, including now the four new churches of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Thomas, and St. Gabriel, have amounted to £74,167, of which £42,607 was given for church extension.



Obituary.



THE death of Canon Jenkins, the most frequent contributor to this review, is a loss not only to ourselves, but to the Church at large. In his own peculiar branch of ecclesiastical and historical learning Canon Jenkins was unrivalled. He was for a great number of years the intimate friend of the late Archdeacon Sinclair, of Middlesex, who corresponded with him on every subject of interest of the day. Although all his life engaged in controversy against the Church of Rome, he maintained friendly relations with Cardinal Manning and other dignitaries, both English and foreign, of that Church.

It is much to be regretted that so much learning, so facile a pen, and such enthusiastic loyalty to the Church of England as settled at the Reformation, should not have been utilized by the leisure and position of a residential canonry or deanery.

Canon Jenkins took his B.A. degree at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1841, and the M.A. degree in 1844. He was ordained deacon in 1841, and priest in the year following. From 1841 to 1843 he was curate of Willesden, and from 1843 to 1854 perpetual curate of Christ Church, Turnham Green. In the latter year he accepted the rectory and vicarage of Lyminge-with-Paddlesworth, and in 1869 became an honorary canon of Canterbury. He also held the position of honorary curator of the library of Lambeth Palace from 1881 to the time of his death, beside being a member of the Council of the Kent Archæological Society, and local correspondent for the Society of Antiquaries. He was the author of numerous valuable and interesting works on ecclesiastical and antiquarian subjects, among them being "On the Rite of the Pre-sanctified" (1840); "The Judgment of Cardinal Cajetan on the Immaculate Conception, with Introduction" (1858); "The Life and Times of Cardinal Julian, of the House of Cesarini" (1861); "An Account of the Church or Minster of St. Mary and St. Eadburg in Lyminge, from its Foundation in 633" (1858); "The Saxon Dynasty of Kent, and a Pedigree of Kentish Kings" (1867); "History of Canterbury," "Diocesan Histories" (1880); "St. Dunstan and the Church of Lyminge" (1881); and "The Jesuits in China, and the Legation of Cardinal Tournon" (1894).

Of Canon Jenkins' ecclesiastical researches and knowledge his works are the best evidence. His work on "Romanism: A Doctrinal and Historical Examination of the Creed of Pope Pius IV.," published by the Religious Tract Society, is an exhaustive treatise on the claims of the Roman Church.

His sincere love for and unswerving loyalty to our English Church, as established at the Reformation, caused him to regard with the deepest sympathy the Reformed Churches abroad; and his interest centred in the welfare of the French Refugee Church, which worships in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, and several of whose anniversary sermons he preached. The liberality of thought he exhibited towards religious bodies other than his own was great, and won for him true and widespread esteem. It was only in September last that he was the recipient of an expression of the good will entertained for him by his numerous friends from near and far on the attainment of his eightieth birthday.

The end of this truly learned and good man has followed very closely upon the death of his wife, which took place quite recently, and which, it is to be feared, he felt acutely.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rundle Charles, one of the most popular writers of a former period, has died at Hampstead, aged sixty-eight. She came of an old Devonshire family, and her father, Mr. John Rundle, represented Tavistock for some years in Parliament as a Whig. In 1851 Miss Rundle married Mr. Andrew Paton Charles (a brother of the present Mr. Justice Charles), who died in 1868. Before her marriage she had begun to write, her first published book being a translation from Neander, "Light in Dark Places: Memorials of Christian Life in the Middle Ages." Other works followed, and were well received; but a decided success was not achieved till, in 1864, appeared "The Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family." This may be described as one of the most spirited and sympathetic defences of the Reformation ever put into the form of fiction. In 1865 was published the "Diary of Mrs. Kitty Trevelyan"; in 1867, "On Both Sides of the Sea"; in 1871, "The Victory of the Vanquished." For some fifteen years or so Mrs. Charles had not written much; one of her last published works was entitled "Ecce Homo, Ecce Rex." She had always been a Churchwoman, and was the friend of distinguished Churchmen of all schools of thought.