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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.

Obitnary.

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.