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MEN OF THE DAY.—No. DCCLIII.

CANON FLEMING.

THE REVEREND JAMES FLEMING, B.D., Residentiary Canon and Precentor of York, Prebendary of Driffield, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, Honorary Chaplain to the Prince of Wales, and Vicar of St. Michael's in Chester Square, was born nine-and-sixty years ago at Strabone. At twenty-three he was ordained, when he came down from Cambridge. Then he went to All Saints', Bath, and began to popularise Penny Readings. He has now done good service at St. Michael's (to which he was presented by the Duke of Westminster) for a quarter of a century; and so persuasive a preacher is he that only a few days ago he handed over to the Hospital Fund £1340 from the collections of this year. Last week he was presented by the Duke of Westminster, in the presence of Royalty, and on behalf of five hundred of his parishioners and friends, with a testimonial; which took the form of a snuff-box with a cheque for £2000 in it; and an address. For he is not only a most worthy man, but a most popular. He is indeed a cheerful, tactful, able Canon of liberal mind and much charity. He is also a scholar who has knowledge of the world, and is quite an authority on the art of speaking. Yet, like all really able men, he is nervous to a degree; and good speech-maker as he is he rises to this day without that boldness which is the mark of the imaginative, or foolish, person.

He is altogether a good fellow.

JEHU JUNIOR.