

The greatest depth recorded of Lake Michigan is 870 feet, or about one-sixth of a mile. The mean depth is about 325 feet, or one-sixteenth of a mile.

When Lord Palmerston was buried in Westminster Abbey the officiating clergyman threw into the grave several diamond and other rings as a peace offering.

The great Brooklyn bridge is a paying enterprise. Since it has opened to traffic it has paid to New York and Brooklyn a total of \$2,070,000.

The Bishop of Algoma has appointed the Rev. C. J. Machin, late incumbent of Port Arthur, to the charge of St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, until Easter.

Mortar boats were first built during the Anglo-Russian war of 1855 for a projected attack on Cronstadt.

Iceland is one of the few countries that has a smaller population now than it had twenty years ago. The past summer about 600 persons emigrated to the United States.

The Krupp works at Essen, Germany, turn out 21,000 cannon a year. Over 20,000 men are employed and an average of 1,666 tons of coal and coke are consumed daily.

In St. James' Cathedral, on Sunday morning, 18th inst., Mr. Frank DuMoulin and Mr. J. H. Heney were ordained to the diaconate by the Bishop of Toronto.

From a lobster farm at Southport, Maine, twelve miles in extent, 1,000,000 of the crustaceans are annually shipped to all parts of the world.

The shark is the fastest swimmer of the fish tribe over long distances, and finds no difficulty in keeping up with the swiftest vessels, swimming and playing round them, and ever on the lookout for morsels, small or large.

The Rev. R. W. Hudgell, L. S. T., formerly priest in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, N. B., has lately resigned and removed to the diocese of Massachusetts, U. S. A.

The end of time, according to the Kurds, will be ushered in by the appearance of four rainbows, which will cross at the zenith, furnishing eight passageways for God and his hosts.

Ants have brains larger in proportion to the size of their bodies than any other living creatures. They are endowed with a high quality of instinct, display reasoning ability and good judgment, and possess powers of reflection and calculation.

Cleanliness of the skin has a great effect on the assimilation of food. It has been proved that swine that are washed put on a fifth more flesh than those that are unwashed.

The Rev. D. P. Allison, M. A., formerly curate of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, has been appointed assistant rector of Saint Michael and All Angels' Church, Philadelphia, U. S. A.

Lightning is zigzag because, as it condenses the air in the immediate advance of its path, it flies from side to side in order to pass where there is the least resistance to its progress.

Although whales grow to enormous size, sometimes 80 and even 90 feet long, the throat of the common whale is so small that it cannot swallow a bite as large as a tea biscuit. The spermaceti has a month large enough to swallow a man.

The reason why red infuriates animals of the ox family is because red is the complementary colour of green, and the eyes of cattle being long fixed on herbage while feeding, when they espy anything red it impresses their sight with greatly increased intensity.

The Rev. W. C. Allen, of Millbrook, we are sorry to learn, met with a painful accident, from the kick of a horse, a short time ago, but we rejoice to hear that he is improving, and trust he may be long spared to carry on his work in the deanery of Durham and Victoria.

It has long been known to architects that the perpendicularity of monuments is affected by the rays of the sun. This phenomenon is due to the greater expansion of the side upon which the sun's rays fall.

That unpleasant sensation known as singing in the ear generally results from the hardening of the wax. It may frequently be removed at once by syringing the ear with a little warm soap and water, or dropping a little glycerine oil into the ear at bedtime.

Chief Annasoktah, of the Mohawk reserve, Tyendinaga, addressed a large congregation at St. Alban's Church, Odessa, recently, on the subject of diocesan missions. It was a most interesting and stirring address and was listened to with close attention.

Black is the almost universal mourning colour in Europe, but there are a few exceptions. For instance, in Russia black is never used for covering coffins, the cloth being of a pink shade when the deceased is a child or young person, a crimson colour

for married women, and brown for widows. Italians do not use black cloth, white being used in the case of a child and purple velvet in the case of adults.

British and Foreign.

The Church Lads' Brigade enrolled 149 companies during the year 1892.

The parish church of Swansea is to be restored at a cost of £25,000.

The Congregationalists of Madagascar have decided to employ ten additional missionaries in various parts of the island.

After many years of correspondence with the Queen's Printers, the Church Association has succeeded in getting them to restore the comma to its rightful place, after "grace," in the Catechism.

The total number of Oxford men who have joined the Universities Mission in Africa since the mission commenced has been thirty-six, including Bishop Tozer and Bishop Hornby; and of Cambridge men twenty, including Bishop Mackenzie and Bishop Smythies.

Bishop Pearson, late of Newcastle, N. S. W., has thoroughly recovered from the mental trouble which two or three years ago occasioned his resignation. He has now been offered, and has accepted, the vicarage of Leek, near Kirkby Lonsdale, in the diocese of Carlisle.

"Jebu-Egba" writes with regard to those who question the advisability of having a European Bishop on the Niger: "Let our friends go and live amongst the Africans for over a quarter of a century, as the writer has done, and I am quite sure they will form quite a different opinion. As one of many Europeans living in or near the Niger, I say do all you can to secure the Rev. Herbert Tugwell to take the late Bishop's place; failing his accepting the position, by all means find an experienced European that will."

Mr. Gladstone has thrown the library at Hawarden, which he built four years ago, open to students. It contains some 24,000 volumes, and will be called St. Deiniol's Theological and General Library. Those using it will be expected to live in the hostel attached to it, at a charge of 25s. a week for simple board and lodging.

When Bishops Oluwale and Phillips, says the *Record*, were in Durham receiving their D.D. degrees, their manner and bearing so impressed one of the leading men of the city that he requested the pleasure of providing at his own expense the hood for both, only on condition that his name should be kept secret.

During the last session of the General Synod of the Evangelical Reformed Churches of France, held at La Rochelle, some of the delegates made the acquaintance of an aged Protestant, a pensioner in the Hospice of La Rochelle, who seems fully to answer the description of "a walking concordance." This old man, Julius Tuset by name, astonished all his interviewers by his prodigious memory. He knows by heart the whole of the Bible, and can repeat any verse of it from any given chapter.

The S. P. G. have received an important communication from the Bishop of Mashonaland, in which his Lordship makes clear his position with regard to the force which has broken up the Matabele power. He is in no way acting as chaplain to the invading force, but was with it simply as Bishop of Matabeleland as well as Bishop of Mashonaland. The Bishop, who has volunteered to go to see Lobengula to try to arrange something that may bring peace to the people, emphatically repudiates the idea that "the sword" is a necessary factor in the Christianizing of such savage nations as the Matabele. His letter clears up some misconceptions.

We learn from the *Sun* that Yorkshire possesses in the Rev. J. Dalton, Hickleton, a Vicar who is such an enthusiast in the matter of gymnastics that he tutors the young men of his parish in manly exercise, and does not exclude the use of boxing-gloves. Addressing a meeting the other evening at Mexbro' he informed his hearers that he had worn a pair on the previous evening, and was not ashamed of it; and added that if any gentleman present questioned his skill in this branch of the manly art he was willing to have a few rounds with him.

Recently the *Times* published "A Relic of the Christian Persecutions," in the shape of the translation of a fragment of papyrus, which dates from A.

D. 250. It is a certificate that a native Egyptian, accused of being a Christian, had satisfied the requirements of the law and had sacrificed. The "libel" relates to the Decian persecution. It must be profoundly disquieting to the know-nothings that, one after another, testimonies are forthcoming to the veracity of historians, especially in respect of Christ and Christianity. The Old Testament and the New are constantly being authenticated by evidence which may be ignored but cannot be refuted.

The negro population in the United States is 7,500,000, or about one-ninth of the whole. They furnish more than one-third of our prisoners, and more than one-third of all imprisoned manslaughterers in the United States. If the manslaughterers are classed by age, one-half are under thirty, and more than two-thirds under twenty are negroes; and in the North the negro develops into a criminal twice as fast as in the South.

In the State of New York the negro is one in eighty-five in the population; he is one in sixteen of prisoners, and one in thirteen of manslaughterers. In the West there is one criminal for every 105 negroes, and one arrest for manslaughter for every 177. Away from the South the negro numbers one to every fifty-eight white; in the South he is one to every two white. If Northern manners roll South, what then will the terrible amount of negro crime be there unless it can be stayed or arrested?

A working man at Cromer has written to Mr. Nye expressing much gratitude for his book, *The Church and Her Story*. He says it most certainly has furnished him with strong arguments in favour of the truth as to "dear Mother Church, which many of her prodigal children to-day are trying to strip of that heritage with which God has graciously endowed her." A friend to whom he had shown the statement in which it was said that tithes are still paid in Ireland, wrote *Reynold's Newspaper* on the subject. The editor stated that there were no tithes gathered since the Disestablishment. We believe Mr. Nye is correct, and not Mr. Reynolds. The tithes have been secularized, but are still collected, though not for the Church. The tenants are not relieved of the payment by disendowment, nor should the unfortunate day dawn when the Church of England shares her sister's fate, would the English agriculturist obtain his land one farthing cheaper.

It is estimated on the most recent data that there are altogether about seven, or at most eight, millions of Jews in the world. According to the computation we have given—and it is based on the statistics of the secretaries of the various Jewish organizations, on the returns of schools, hospitals, etc., and on the records of the various foreign consuls—only about forty-two thousand of these are settled with any appearance of permanence in Palestine. Thus, only about one-half of one per cent. of the chosen people have yet found a home, and that a poor one, in the land of their fathers.

The entire population of the "colonies," as distinguished from the cities of Palestine, is estimated at rather less than 2,200, and more than one-half of these are actually supported by the Rothschilds. That is to say, in the Rothschilds' colonies an allowance of about sixteen shillings a month is made for each individual, so that a family of five enjoys a joint monthly income of four pounds, in addition to a free house, free schooling, free medical attendance, and free water. The Rothschilds pay for all these things for the colonists, as well as all the needful expenses of the synagogue, the object being to support those who are willing to become farmers while they are learning the business. The object is admirable; but the method is open to this objection, that it removes the spur of personal necessity. No community can attain to thriving prosperity under such conditions.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Separate Schools.

SIR,—The Roman Catholic Church will never give up her separate schools. Should the state be strong enough to withhold all government grants, still she would maintain her separate schools. She knows that her very life is bound up in the control of the religious education of her children. The Church o

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