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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.
 "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude: 3.

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THE Pope has issued an order forbidding the sale of relics. He says the traffic has become an abuse.

THE conversions to Christianity in heathen countries, especially India and China, have never been greater since the earliest centuries. The movements are wonderfully wide and significant.

WHOEVER gives up his religious paper for a secular, because he cannot take both, has little interest in the cause of Christ, and very little concern for the spiritual welfare of his family.

THE Reception Committee of the Church Congress, to be held on the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th of October, at Swansea, are progressing with their arrangements, and inviting assistance by an early intimation from those who desire to be present of the accommodation they require.

FROM an official return, which has been recently issued, it appears that out of a total of 94,842 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, in the British army, 62,860 belong to the Church of England, 20,872 are Roman Catholics, 7,125 Presbyterians, and 3,985 are Protestants of other denominations.

THERE are in the Church in the United States four pastors who have never changed their parishes, and who have passed their fiftieth year of service. They are Rev. Dr. Brown, of Newburgh, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Mead, of Norwalk, Conn., Rev. Dr. Edson, of Lowell, Mass., and Rev. Dr. Shelton, of Buffalo, N. Y.

THE *Standard* hears of reciprocal proposals between the Vatican and Russia, the basis of which would be abstention from reference to the past, a general amnesty, and the recognition by the Holy See of the obligation to present nominations of Bishops for the approval and acceptance of the Government.

THE *Guardian* is informed that at Wells the dean and chapter have made the experiment of providing a "chapter lodging" open (free of rent) to clergymen benefited in the diocese, who, for business, study, or retirement, may wish to spend a short time in their cathedral city. Applications are directed to be made to the canon in residence.

At its Easter-Monday meeting a parish in Hartford voted that hereafter only baptized persons should be employed to sing in the choir. The reason for this vote was a conviction that the singing is a part of the worship, and that adult persons who will not acknowledge in baptism their obligations to God and their allegiance to him cannot be supposed to worship Him whom they thus deny. Their singing, therefore, is without meaning; and, though addressed to the Most High, is but an empty form.

We note the recognition of this with much satisfaction. It seems to be an indubitable fact that the praise which is addressed to the Almighty God in song is the praise of those who are singing. If they who sing do so without a thought of God, but only with a desire to please men and women who are listening, their performance is an hypocrisy, and so it must be an offense to the Almighty.—*Churchman.*

THE *Voce della Verita*, the organ of the papacy, admits that 700 converts have been the result of Protestant missionary efforts in the city of Rome.

THAT fearful plague, yellow fever, has again made its appearance in the South. Memphis, Tennessee, reports a number of cases.

THE Khedive has offered to the American Government the Egyptian obelisk standing at Alexandria, for erection in New York. The removal of the obelisk will be begun shortly.

THE Chamber has granted the sum of 49,000,000 lire, to be inscribed in the public debt, as an indemnity for the loss Florence suffered through Rome being made the capital of Italy.

THE Prince Imperial of France was interred at Chiselmhurst, England, on Saturday week. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Connaught, and the Crown Prince of Sweden, acted as pall-bearers. The funeral cortege was nearly a mile in length.

It is a watery season everywhere. Fresh inundations are reported in Moravia, Galicia, Silesia, and Hungary. Half Troppan is under water. The whole of the hay harvest has been destroyed. The railway from Granica to Warsaw is interrupted. Seven iron bridges have been demolished.

At a farewell breakfast to Prince Dondoukoff-Korsakoff on Sunday, the British Consul-General thanked the Prince on the part of England and Europe for the solid and progressive administration established in this country. The crowd accompanied the Prince for a distance of three miles, and only ceased drawing the carriage at the Prince's repeated entreaty.

THE Hudson's Bay Company reports that the decreasing supply of buffalo in the plains during the past year or two has unfortunately caused a great amount of distress among the native tribes depending on the chase, and latterly has prevented many of them from following their usual avocations. The Government of the Dominion have directed their attention to this important matter, with the hopes of thereby improving their condition in case, as there is some reason to fear, the supply of buffalo in the plains cannot be depended upon in future as in former years.

Of the Cabinet Ministers who at the Queen's Ascension, on the 20th of June, 1837, took the oath of allegiance to her Majesty at a Privy Council held at Kensington Palace, Earl Grey, then Viscount Howick and Secretary-at-War, is the sole survivor. Of the entire House of Commons of that time, which was dissolved as a consequence of the Queen's accession, only eight members are to be found in the present house. These are Lord George Cavendish, Mr. Cowper-Temple, Sir Philip Egerton, Mr. Ellice, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Christopher Talbot, and Mr. Villiers. Sir Philip Egerton and Mr. Talbot were members of the unreformed Parliament, having been elected for the city of Chester and for Glamorganshire respectively as far back as 1830.

A SIERRA Leone despatch says the French evacuated Matabele on the 5th June.

COLONEL BIDDULPH, the newly appointed High Commissioner of Cyprus, arrived at Larnaca on Monday morning from Constantinople, on board Her Majesty's ship *Antelope*, and met with a most cordial reception, his Excellency being, it is stated, very popular.

THE Italian Government having forcibly taken possession of the observatory established by Pius IX. for Father Secchi, which the Vatican considered to be Papal property, Leo XIII. has determined to establish another at his own cost, which shall be, in respect of equipment, second to none in Europe.

A LAMENTABLE accident which occurred in Naples during the procession of the Corpus Domini, has resulted in the death of Isabella del Medici, Duchess di Sangro. As she and her family were watching the procession from a balcony of their palace, the fastenings gave way. All escaped with severe contusions excepting the Duchess, who fractured her spine and only survived two hours.

A STRANGE occurrence is reported from Wetzikon, Canton Zurich. A few days before the Commune was invaded by an immense swarm of butterflies, a kilometre wide, and so long that the procession took two hours to pass. They were principally of the kind known in Switzerland as *Distelfalter*, which feed on nettles and thistles. They flew from two to ten metres above the ground, and went off in a north-westerly direction.

THE *Standard* learns that the destruction of the British Consulate at Pisagua by the Chilean fleet has been explained by the statement that a body of troops near the British Consulate opened fire upon the boats of the *Almirante Cochrane*, which were engaged in sinking the launches, necessitating their retiring to the ship, when the Chilean Admiral directed his fire upon the troops, silencing them and destroying the Consulate, and, unfortunately, killing some who had taken refuge in the building.

THE alarming news which reaches us from Austria and Italy shows that the heavy and persistent rains with which we have been visited have not been merely local. The Danube is rising rapidly, and will, it is feared, burst its banks; and the Tiber is threatening all the lower part of Rome. From Sicily we learn that Etna is once more at rest; but serious disturbances and outbreaks of rioters at Messina have succeeded to the convulsions and eruptions of Nature.

I HAVE not seen it noticed in the *Guardian* that the Emperor has created Professor Stokes, of Cambridge, a knight of the order *Pour le merite*, in company with Professors Curtius and von Siebold; Professor Drake, of Berlin, being at the same time made Vice-Chancellor, in the place of the late Professor Dove, who filled the office for twelve years. The order was founded in 1842, the first Chancellor being Alexander von Humboldt, and the Vice, Cornelius, the Düsseldorf painter. The historian Leopold von Banke is the present Chancellor.

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[TRANSLATION.]

LEIPSIĆ, June 15.

So profound is the veneration entertained throughout all classes of the population for our Imperial family, that the preparations for the Emperor's golden wedding have for some weeks past occupied the chief share of public attention. The magnificent celebration of the day in Berlin, to witness or take part in which more than 150,000 guests had assembled, found a joyous echo in every town and village of the Empire. It is characteristic of the piety of the Imperial pair, as well as of the gravity which for a long time past has colored our public as well as private life, that a warm response has met the Emperor's desire to have this commemoration celebrated, not by the customary enormous personal gifts to himself, but by the founding of benevolent institutions. Everywhere collections were set on foot and generously responded to, for founding hospitals, pension-funds, etc. Among the gifts of individuals for such purposes, that of a citizen of Leipzig, the Jewish banker, J. Plant, to his native town, Nordhausen, stands in the front rank. This gentleman has given a sum of 300,000 marks to found an Hospital. The National "Woman's Association" has presented Her Majesty the Empress with the sum of 270,000 marks for similar purposes. All institutions founded in commemoration of the Golden Wedding of their Majesties are to bear the name of William-Augusta. May they long remind our nation of the great time in which our noble-hearted monarch adorned the throne of Germany. For various reasons, more particularly on account of the repeated injuries sustained by the Emperor, and which make public ceremony irksome to him, the invitations to foreign princes were not issued, and only German princes or their representatives were assembled about the Nestor of Monarchs.

The religious ceremony of the marriage was a deeply impressive one.

The transactions of our present Reichstag form a curious spectacle. It is characteristic of the policy of our Chancellor who gathers support for his ideas wherever he can find it, that the central (ultra-montane party) has succeeded in bringing in a man from their own midst as first Vice-President. This circumstance has naturally aroused an expectation of a speedy termination of the politico-religious quarrel. But, notwithstanding, the Pope shows no placable disposition, nor is there any sign, on the part of our government, of an attempt at conciliation, which would be fruitless.

Much painful excitement has been caused by a new case of forcible conversion to the Church of Rome, this time of a German (Rosa Baur,) in Rome. The