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About 7 per cent. of the English people still sign their name with a cross.

A Christmas morning service may now be regarded as general throughout England.

France has more persons over 60 years of age than any other country. Ireland comes next.

According to the Bishop of Ripon, it is said that a man may become a good golf player in seventy years.

As early as September orders were placed in Wisconsin, U.S.A., for 50,000 Christmas trees to be shipped to Europe.

It is said of Professor Max Muller that he has conversed and corresponded with more men of note than any living person.

The Rev. Dr. Ross Taylor, who has been nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, received the congratulations of the Glasgow Presbytery.

In view of the increase of Christian Endeavorers in the army, a special C. E. ring has been prepared for the use of the C. E. soldiers, who are not able to wear other badges.

Eight sections at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1900 will be devoted to the "history of the religions of the world, with the belief of all the known races of men, past and present."

The biggest idol in the world is Dia Buten, the Japanese god, which is over 60 feet high. The image is made of copper, tin, mercury, and gold, and has been worshipped for more than twelve centuries.

Each day of the week has served as a day of rest somewhere. Sunday among Christians, Monday with the Greeks, Tuesday with the Persians, Wednesday with the Assyrians, Thursday with the Egyptians, Friday with the Turks, and Saturday with the Jews.

Miss Charlotte M. Yonge, the authoress, is trying to secure subscriptions for the suggested memorial to Charles I., the restoration of the ruined church at Carisbrooke, where he once worshipped. This seems to be a counterblast to the erection of the Cromwell statue. So far only one-fifth of the sum required has been contributed.

The National Council of Christian Endeavor met in London lately. A considerable part of the business transacted was in connection with the World's Convention, to be held next July at Wembley park, where a huge encampment, as well as a number of large tents for the meetings, will be erected. One enthusiastic Endeavorer has described this "carnival city" as a foreshadowing of "the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven."

A remarkable case of zeal for knowledge was discovered at Gilmorhill the other day. One student was asked to explain why he was absent from a certain examination. He explained that he was working on an engine-driver and had to run a train for a couple of hours in the forenoon, and thus managed to get up to his class; but as he had to go back to finish out his twelve hours' day he had no more spare time. This student, in spite of the tremendous handicap he has had to face, has worked his way through most of the arts classes with a view to graduation.

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