

BRIEF MENTION.

Greece stands lowest in point of wealth of all the countries in Europe.

The new Provost of Trinity University, Toronto, Rev. Mr. Welch, arrived this week.

The Rev. John Carter, of Pusey House, Oxford, England, is on a visit to his parents in Toronto.

Rev. J. K. McMorine, of St. James' Church, Kingston, has returned from the Adirondacks greatly benefited in health.

Rev. Prebendary Webb-Peploe of St. Paul's Cathedral, accompanied by his wife and daughter, passed through Toronto last week.

Compulsory attendance at school is to be tried as an experiment in the Russian Governments of Kharkoff, Poltava, Kursk and Volonetz.

Protestants were at first so-called because their representatives protested at the Diet of Spiers, in 1529, against the action of the Emperor.

John Fletcher, M.A., since 1881 Professor in Classics in Queen's College, at Kingston, has been appointed to a similar position in University College, Toronto.

A movement is on foot to drain the delta of the Danube and restore it to its condition of five centuries ago, when it was covered with forests and fertile fields.

It is said that Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, will visit Ottawa on the 29th and 30th of September, and on the latter date he will address a public meeting on the Manitoba school question.

The railway bridge, the largest cantilever bridge in the world, spans the River Forth with two spans, each of 1,700 feet. It was erected at a cost of nearly \$20,000,000.

Salt cellars first came into use in medieval times; there was only one on the table and it held from two to three quarts. The salt was placed about the middle of the table's length.

A. H. Lord, Almonte, has been appointed first assistant in the Church school for boys at Berthier, Que. He will at the same time fill the position of curate to the parish of Berthier.

St. Patrick was an Englishman, if Nicholson, of the Bodleian library, is right. He thinks he has found out from the tripartite life of the saint that he was born at Daventry near Northampton.

The largest harvester in the world is now at work near Grayson, Cal. This machine, which is a forty-two foot cut, requires but two men to run it, and will cut 100 acres per day at a cost of \$1.10 per acre.

On the battlefield of Worth the monument to Emperor Frederick III. will be unveiled by Emperor William on his father's birthday, October 18. The Empress Frederick and most of the German sovereigns will be present.

Thomas Butler, an Englishman, does not believe "Chinese" Gordon was killed at Khartoum. He thinks the hero is a captive in the wilds of the Sudan. Butler was a companion of Gordon in many of his stirring adventures.

Miss Mary H. Henderson, daughter of the Rev. Canon Henderson, of the Theological College, Montreal, has been appointed first assistant teacher in Kingston Ladies' College, to succeed Miss Hooper. Her credentials are of the highest character.

A magnificent bell has been placed in St. James' Church, Perth, "In loving memory of William Marshall Matheson and Rose Thyme Matheson, sometime worshippers in the church, who entered into rest on the 5th and 10th April, A.D. 1895."

In Mr. Passmore, the publisher, one of the most notable men associated with Spurgeon has passed away. He was a prominent member of the Tabernacle, and it was he who suggested the weekly issue of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons, which proved such a success.

The ancient Egyptian cats were yellow, with red stripes, such as are occasionally seen nowadays and called by some Venetian cats. The cat was domesticated in Europe shortly after the Christian era, and the first specimens brought into England were very highly valued.

Sir Frederick Leighton's "A Coming Storm," which was exhibited at the Chicago Fair, has been sold in London for \$3,045; his "Greek Girls Playing at Ball" brought \$3,675; J. F. Millet's "Winter," a woman carrying fagots, was sold for \$5,775; Troyon's "Hay Cart with Horses" for \$4,200; and three Corots averaged \$2,380 apiece.

Near Horn Head, in County Donegal, there is a remarkable natural hole in the rocks of the sea-coast, which is known all over Britain as "McSwiney's gun." It is believed to be connected with a sea cavern. When the sea "runs full" the "gun" sends up jets of water 100 feet, each spouting being followed by loud explosions.

Last month Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher was eighty-three years old, and she started for her eighty-fourth birthday with her head full of plans for the future. She says she has enough literary work before her to keep her busy for twelve months, and it is her intention to write two books between the first of next month and New Year's Day.

Since the earthquake in Florence there is hardly a street in the ancient town that does not contain one or more lighted shrines holding figures of the Madonna and saints. In some streets there are as many as four or five of these shrines, with garlands of evergreens and flowers around them and rows of burning candles before the images.

The smallest book in the world is said to be a New Testament. It was printed with type of very small size, which could be used but once, as it was found impossible to distribute them after the impression had been printed. The page is an inch long by three-quarters of an inch wide, and the volume, including covers, is exactly a quarter of an inch thick.

Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland," is the Rev. Charles L. Dodgson in private life—a spare, severe, gray-headed man, who has spent most of his life within university walls, and who had a reputation as a mathematician before he developed the vein of humour that has made him famous. He is about 60 years old, and amateur photography is his chief recreation nowadays.

British and Foreign.

The bells of St. Matthew's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are to be dedicated in October next.

A peal of bells is about to be placed in St. Flannian's Cathedral, Killaloe, in memory of the late lamented Bishop, Dr. Charter.

Edna Lyall has given three bells to complete the peal at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne. They have been named Donovan, Eric and Hugo.

By the translation of the Bishop of Rochester to Winchester, the Bishop of Peterborough becomes entitled to a seat in the House of Lords.

A memorial window has been erected in the parish church of Revesby, Lincolnshire, in memory of Mr. Edward Stanhope, the late M.P. for the Horncastle Division.

For the first time in half a century the Welsh Boroughs are represented by a majority of unionist members. There is now no fear of Welsh disestablishment.

The funds for the Bishopric of Bristol are now complete and it is very likely that a bishop may be appointed to the newly created See within the next few weeks.

Lord Hylton has given the site for a new mission church about to be built at Merstham, Surrey, at a cost of nearly £2,000. About £400 has already been subscribed.

The new Dean of Leighlin is the Rev. Canon Finlay, a well-known clergyman of the Church of Ireland. The appointment is very well received in the Diocese.

A swarm of bees took possession of Newton Ferrers parish church, near Plymouth, on a recent Sunday evening, and in consequence thereof the service had to be abandoned.

A tomb, in red granite, in the Gothic style, has been erected in Ecclesall Churchyard, to the memory of the late Archdeacon Blakeney, D.D., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen.

A beautiful reredos of St. Nicholas, Blundellsands, has been recently further beautified by a gift of a cresting, representing Christ in glory surrounded by angels. The donors thereof are Sir W. B. and Lady Forwood.

Rochester is the only Cathedral in England where vestments are worn at the celebration of the Eucharist. The early celebrations in that Cathedral are well attended. The Dean is very often the celebrant at these services.

One of the last acts of the Bishop of Zanzibar before leaving England, was to preach at Christ's Church, Wolverhampton, of which church he was formerly assistant priest. The Bishop was vested in cope and mitre.

The Dean and Chapter of Lincoln have elected Dr. G. J. Bennett, Mus. Doc. (Cantab.) F.R.C.O., F.R.A.M., organist of St. John's, Wilton Rd., as organist of Lincoln Cathedral, in succession to Mr. T. M. W. Young.

The Rev. H. E. Fox, vicar of St. Nicholas, Durham, has been unanimously appointed Honorary Secretary of the C.M.S. by the General Committee of that Society in the place of Mr. Wigram, who resigned the post recently.

The rectory of Lydford, Devon, has recently become vacant. The Rev. A. Badger, curate-in-charge of Princeton, Dartmoor, has been appointed thereto. The parish of Lydford is the largest in England, and is about 20 miles square.

The Rev. H. Hensley Henson, vicar of Barking and Rural Dean, has accepted the chaplaincy of the hospital of St. Mary and St. Thomas, Ilford, which was offered to him by the Prime Minister. He will still remain Rural Dean of Barking.

The Rev. E. H. Morgan, Dean, Fellow and Tutor of Jesus College, Cambridge, died recently after a severe illness. He was the treasurer of the University Athletic and Boat Clubs. A very large number of people attended his funeral. He was 56 years old.

The Rev. T. Chapman, who was for many years a priest of the Roman communion, was recently admitted into the English communion by the Bishop of Lichfield, in the private chapel of the palace. He has joined the parochial staff of St. Matthew's, Walsall.

It has been suggested that the new Bishop of Winchester should be appointed domestic prelate to Her Majesty, thus reviving an office which for a long time has been allowed to fall into desuetude. In that case a stronger and more vigorous man might be appointed to Winchester.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. A. J. Mason, rector of All Hallows, Barking, and an honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral, to be a residentiary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral in the place of the present Dean of Ripon. Canon Mason will resign the living of All Hallows.

Lord Cadogan has conferred the rectory of Holy Trinity, Chelsea, upon the Rev. H. E. J. Bevan, vicar of St. Andrew's, Stoke, Newington. He is also Gresham Lecturer of Divinity and one of the Bishop of London's examining chaplains. He succeeds Canon Eytton, who has gone to St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The Dean of Norwich has presented to the church he has built on the Riffel Alp a credence table made of oak more than 500 years old, originally a portion of the rafters of the triforium of Norwich Cathedral, which were removed as decayed. The Dean saved such portions as were sound, and had the credence table constructed of them.

The annual festival of choirs connected with the village churches in the Diocese of Llandaff was held in Llandaff Cathedral last week. The Bishop of the Diocese was present, and took part in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. B. Lloyd, vicar of Mountain Ash. The choir numbered over 1,200 voices, and the Cathedral was crowded with visitors from all parts.

Bishop Barry, one of the Canons of St. George's, Windsor, and some few years ago the Bishop of Sydney, N. S. W., has been appointed by the Bishop of London to the valuable and important rectory of St. James', Piccadilly, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Prebendary Kemp, who has held the living for the past 40 years. The new rector will be inducted at Michaelmas.

In connection with the recent Denison jubilee celebrations at East Brent, a large tea was given to which some 800 people sat down. The village streets and houses were gaily decorated with bunting. Both the Archdeacon and Mrs. Denison were present at the tea and during the evening an illuminated address was presented to the venerable vicar enclosed in a massive frame of oak, walnut and gold.

The work of restoring Curdworth Church, Warwickshire, which is now going on, is one of great interest to students of ecclesiastical architecture. It has been undertaken by Lord Norton, who is a joint patron of the living. The restoration involves to a large extent, rebuilding, and the expenditure to which Lord Norton has committed himself—as a thankoffering to God on entering the ninth decade of his life in health and strength—is £15,000.

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