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ANGLICAN STATISTICS.

In reply to our correspondent "Anxious Subscriber" we would say that any statements or statistics originating with Hon. S. H. Blake in finitely wise and just, though to our an Anglican conference are usually tion. This is so well known in To- at times be evident. ronto and its neighborhood that no asking a question regarding the accuracy of the utterances of Samuel, An episode between some of the Toronto, on matters of this kind. French-Canadian residents of North Fortunately we are able to prove that Bay, and Mr. C. J. Hughes, the man's romancing powers is not ex- ter the Feast of St. John the Bapaggerated. The Catholic Dictionary tist, the former were disappointed in and Cyclopedia, a work to the ac- their intention of rendering special curacy of which testimony has been music in honor of their Patron, has est non-Catholic authorities, gives the and has evoked more comment from than 25,000; these figures being drawn incident seems to have been the renamely, the census of 1901, given in part of someone, and Mr. Hughes the British Empire Official Year Book, naturally feels somewhat chagrined Whitaker's Almanac, etc.

very definite information to "Anxious this paper he describes the matter as Subscriber" concerning the condition follows: of the Catholic Church in Wales and "Certain of the French-Canadians shire is not stated. The figures giv- ginary grievances.' en are for the year 1907.

A "READER'S" THEOLOGICAL PERPLEXITIES

tells me that according to our faith happy to avail himself. we must believe that God sent that on me. I cannot believe this, but feel QUESTIONS ON RECENT MARthat it was my own foolishness or sinfulness that caused me all the what I consider my own doing."

quoted. Anyone who grasps the met. meaning of the words of Butler's Cato have a special revelation from ister who represents Christ and the done, what was actually accomplish- ese Church with more of unity than

Heaven to this effect. As "Reader' does not pretend to be thus favored, the punishment consequent on sin can be regarded as coming from God indirectly, that is through the operation of those laws and agencies He has established. "I feel," says "Reader," "that it was my own foolishness or sinfulness that caused me all the trouble." Very well. That is a perfectly legitimate way of looking at the matter. But why did "Reader's" own sinfulness or foolishness cause all this trouble? Simply because God has ordained that the violation of the order He has established shall be followed by certain consequences. Whilst, therefore, "Reader's" trouble was the direct result of sin, that result, like everything else, was the outcome in the long run, of an all-ruling Providence.

We must take the strongest exception to "Reader's" words: "I cannot blame God for what I consider my own doing." "To blame God" is to suggest that God could be guilty of injustice or cruelty, and comes under the category of blasphemy. Of course no such thing is intended by 'Reader," but the expression, like the theology of "Reader's" friend, is exceedingly unfortunate. Whether His action cannot be other than in-

the progress it is making there. We did ask and obtain leave to sing the have consulted a Catholic Directory Mass themselves on the Feast of St. tracting parties, to also bless in her which gives detailed information of John the Baptist, but they threaten- name their union. ed to repeat this on the Sunday folthe various dioceses of the British lowing, and this without obtaining Isles and the population of each; but the Bishop's sanction, and as they England and Wales are there put topopulation of body's permission. On Sunday morn- raised by "Subscriber" the diocese of Menevia, which covers stormed by a number of the Frenchall Wales with the exception of Gla- Canadian residents, men and women, THE RESULTS OF INFIDEL RULE move the reproach that they were not Mother Superior of St. Joseph's Hosmorganshire, is given as somewhat boys and girls, numbering about under 9,000, whilst the diocese of twenty all told, bent on honoring St. Hereford and Monmouth, has a Ca- isfactory forthcoming, I determined tholic population of 42,000. How to hold my ground, and the invaders, many of these belong to Glamorgan- after a discussion of about fifteen

RIAGE LAWS.

Owing to pressure on our space we trouble. I cannot blame God for have been compelled to hold back the completion of our reply to the ques-In reply to this paragraph we re- tions of "Subscriber" regarding the spectfully suggest that Reader con- recent Marriage legislation issued sult in future some authority on "our from Rome. We now proceed to deal faith" other than the friend there with the solitary query not already

from God, or indirectly through the time its ministers and recipients. yet heard the name of Christ. laws or agencies He has established. This seems at firs, sight to the Ca- Catholic missionaries there were of the Pentateuch and Joshua a tis- ment. For example, the drunkard who is tholic something extremely peculiar, long before this time in every coun- sue of fables; and this was the re-"run in" and finds himself next morn- and creates a feeling of surprise and try. There was a well-established sult of Anglican missionary labor in ing in the Police Court, is not requir- almost of scandal, when it falls on Church in China, even though but a South Africa! order which owe their origin to God. dignity. A little consideration, ously to obey the commandment continent.

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(if properly disposed) sacramental command of Christ was being obeyed, grace. We must have the giver and and was being as successfully carried ers that they scrupulously observed the receiver. The same person can- out at as rapid a rate as the means the restrictions imposed by them as not be both; hence the recipient and at their disposal made possible. Ja-minister of a sacrament must be dis-man British and French India Afriminister of a sacrament must be dis- pan, British and French India, Afritinct. Now in Matrimony we have ca, South, East, North and West, the the least infraction of these rules as two persons, one of whom represents two Americas, Australasia, and a sin. During the period 1887-1897 Christ and the other His Church, and Asia, had their centres of their mutual pronouncement and ac-missionary enterprise. ceptance of the marriage vows images Franciscans, Benedictines, Domi- Unitarians, and of the Higher Critithe union of Christ and His Church. nicans, Oblates, etc., had their cism from Germany, dogma and dis-God punishes directly or indirectly, It is not anything the priest says or devoted teachers who were preaching cipline, both became relaxed . . does that constitutes marriage. The the Gospel of salvation, not for the shock the old beliefe of marriage. mutual vows of bridegroom and bride, purpose of growing rich on the traffic tarian missionaries arrived from Amimited and oftentimes distorted vis- and these alone, constitute that un- of which their countrymen might erica and the new German theology marked by great boldness of imagina- ion the wisdom and justice may not ion, which amongst baptized persons avail themselves in order to become took root in Japan. . . . Dissensions is the sacrament of Matrimony. The rich, but solely because Christ had Christian sects represented in Japan priest cannot confer Matrimony on commanded that His Gospel should were on the increase. All these moresident would go to the trouble of THE CHOIR EPISODE IN NORTH an individual as he gives absolution be made known in the uttermost tives worked together to strengthen in the Confessional. Matrimony can parts of the earth. exist only by virtue of the mutual It was the proud boast of the Cavows of bridegroom and bride. Hence tholic Church that during the ages the sacramental action begins and which have elapsed since Christ gave Toronto's estimate of this gentle- choir-master, when on the Sunday af- ends with them. They are its min- a commission to His Apostles, she

cipients. Church so insistent on the presence been brought to Christ except those rendered in warm terms by the high- been given a good deal more publicity of the parish priest, or Ordinary, or which had received the Gospel from some other priest designated by eith- her missionaries. This boast was number of adherents of the Church of the secular press than the affair war- er, at every marriage, except under true, and there can be little doubt year, England throughout the world as less ranted. The somewhat disagreeable extraordinary conditions. For the that its force was keenly felt when very good reason that she wishes a used as an argument against Protesfrom the most authentic sources, sult of lack of forethought on the contract so sacred and vital to the welfare of religion and society to be entered into under proper conditions, at the notoriety given the affair. In and no one can look after this as We regret that we cannot give any the course of a communication to well as the priest who has charge of one, or other, or both, of the condesires the priest who is the witness and guardian of the fitness of the con-

This explanation will, we hope, together with our former article on the admitted that during the last half been stationed at St. Joseph's hospi-

Newport, which includes GlamorganNewport, which includes Glamorganwas in charge of the choir and asked point out that every phase of intellectors and severy phas shire and the English counties of for some explanation. Nothing sat- tual life in France shows the blight- came on earth to redeem mankind by daily, the life of the deceased iming effects of its present Government. His sufferings and death. Strangers are struck with astonishminutes, retreated to air their imament at the vulgar ugliness growing missionary Churches the unexpected and rest of eternity, will be regretted more pronounced in Paris day by day, has happened. The movement began deeply. So far as we can see the small The good taste in architecture that at a time when Protestantism itself To her life's work the Sister Sustorm in North Bay would not have distinguished this city in the past was on the way toward its decline perior gave all that she had—and she did a work for the suffering and afoccurred if a little thought had been seems to have died out. "Gaudy, into Rationalism. Unitarianism had flicted which will ever prove a monupreviously exercised. Had our bre- flimsy, and destitute of reserve" are begun to be an important factor in ment to her devotion. We have already dealt with that thren to whom the great Precursor the terms in which the streets of the Protestant system, and though of St. Joseph's hospital is a tribute portion of a "Reader's" letter which has just been given as their accredit- city whose name was once synony- this form of Protestantism has not largely to dealt with Scriptural texts and Spaned Patron, used just a little precaumous with elegance, are now describmade very great progress as a disover whom she exercised a lovish bull-fights. There remains one tion in the way of obtaining permis- ed. The great German author, tinct sect, the Unitarians boast with ing control. It had long been her portion of that letter (which appeared sion from those within whose juris- Goethe, declared that: "All epochs truth that their principles are to-day ambition to see the hospital still furin our issue of June 18th) to be ans- diction the matter lay, there is no in which faith is dominant are bril- dominating Protestantism as a whole, ther extended, but "she has fought a wered. This we now proceed to do, doubt but that an amicable underafter reminding "Reader" and our standing could have been arrived at present and the future. Those on the members of the other sects to bereaders that the worthy cause of re- between the permanent choir, and contrary which are under the sway of come professedly Unitarians, the sects St. Joseph's evidenced what a gloricording the work of our educational these anxious to do special work on a miserable scepticism dazzle for a themselves have adopted the Unitar- ous work of sacrifice a woman may institutions has been responsible for the occasion. However, it is just moment, but are soon forgotten be- isn teachings to a greater or less depossible that good may arise out of cause worthless in the knowledge gree. The Unitarians also have par-"If not troubling you too much," the little encounter in the way of an which bears no fruit. Unbelief be- ticipated in the missionary movement writes Reader, "will you also tell if addition to the musical resources of longs to weak, shallow, retrograding of the sects, and in proportion to TRULY A STRUGGLING we are to believe that all our trials, the Church at North Bay, several ex- and narrow minds." These words of their numbers, they have had even afflictions, troubles, etc., are from tra and before unknown singers being this brightest star of literary Ger- greater success than the so-called God. For instance I committed a perhaps procurable from amongst the many are being proved in every de- evangelical Protestants, and what is sin which led me into much serious invaders of the choir, of whose tal- partment of intellectual activity over more astonishing still, these evangelitrouble and suffering. My friend ents Mr. Hughes may in future be which the atheistic Government of cals in some instances have been ab-France exerts its influence to-day, sorbed into sects which are rather to FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND. Gaudy, flimsy, undignified," describes be called Unitarian or Rationalistic, that Government and its works. May than Evangelical. a better state of things soon visit It will be remembered by some of that unhappy country ere it has gone our readers that an Anglican Bishop, too far downward to recover.

MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.

It was not till about the middle nouncing that he had succeeded in esof the nineteenth century which re- tablishing a flourishing church in cently passed away that Protestant- South Africa by giving permission to Benediction in a mean upper room. Yet, ism put forth really serious efforts his converts to retain several wives such as it is, this is the sole outpost of Catho-Subscriber asks: "How is it that towards Christianizing the Pagan at the same time, and be advised oth- licism in a division of the County of Nor-Sovereign Lord of Heaven and earth and of all things," must perceive that nothing can come into our lives the presence of a priest?" In sorts of the dead of the distance of t that nothing can come into our lives the presence of a priest?" In reply ously than ever before directed to orthodox Christians of Western Proexcept with at least God's permisto this question we would remark in the fact that our divine Saviour and testantism, and the Bishop was practically excommunicated by the other for Church and Presbytery. We have that nothing can come into our lives the presence of a priest?" In reply ously than ever before directed to orthodox Christians of Western Prosion. Nothing can be independent of God. But this does not mean that validly and lawfully administered in Apostles to make known his Gospel Bishops of Natal and Cape Colony. But the Bishop will not allow us to go we stock only the best of Catholic rect and immediate act of God. He of a priest, though a priest is the or- before that time only desultory ef- understand that a polygamous, so- I am most grateful to those who have has created an almost infinite num- dinary minister of that sacrament. forts were made in a few places to called, Christian Church is still found their charity ber of secondary agents, many of With regard to Matrimony, however, inform the heathen that there was in the diocese of Natal. them enjoying the gift of freedom. the priest is never the minister of any obligation on the part of the But Bishop Colenso went even be say-"For the sake of the Cause give This they may abuse, and as a rethat sacrament, the contracting par- Christian missionaries to make the youd this. It is well known that sult incur punishment either directly that sacrament, the contracting par-

If "Reader" has sinned and suffered serious trouble in consequence such a result may possibly have come from the direct action of God. But in order to say so it would be necessary to have a special revelation from the however, of the immense difference between Matrimony and the other sacture of the immense difference between Matrimony and the other sacture of the immense difference between Matrimony and the other sacture of the immense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of Diocesan Trustees of the securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of Diocesan Trustees of Diocesan Trustees. The securely in the mense of Diocesan Trustees of Diocesan Trustee

recipient who asks for and receives ed seemed but small, nevertheless the

isters and at the same time its re alone had obeyed the command to teach all nations, for there was no Why, then, it may be asked, is the nation, small or large, which had tantism as a system, as was irequently the case in this form, or something similar:

> testantism is not a missionary eph's Hospital and House of Provi-Church of Christ.'

were undoubtedly true, the only way eternal resting place. to evade its force was to become missionary Church, and it must be of Guelph. During the years she has nade a very determined effort to become missionary Churches, and to re- out a sigh of regret that the good fulfilling the purpose for which Christ pital is no more. Kindly and gra-Recent reports of keen observers had instituted His Church, namely, cious in disposition, with a heart full

But in the race to earn the title of

no less a personage than the eminent Bishop of Northampton. mathematician, Bishop Colenso, created a very great sensation by an-

which he essayed to prove the books for a permanent Home for the Blessed Sacra-

ed by his faith to believe that it was unaccustomed ears. There appears small percentage of the population of Methodist missionaries in South God Who arrested him and put him to be something derogatory to the that vast and densely peopled terri- Africa have also permitted polygamy, acknowledge the smallest donation, and into his unenviable position. But the arrest was the result of lowe and this species of the and this species of Mcrmonism is the ful picture of the Sacred Heart and St. the arrest was the result of laws and never witnessed a marriage at which Church. The zealous religious or- kind of Christianity which now pre- Anthony. agencies for the preservation of social the priest did not officiate in all his ders had already been laboring strenu- vails over a great extent of the Dark (Episcopal Authorisation)

is to be found in the Protestant Churches of the West, but unfortunately, it must be added, with much less of Christianity; and so the result of all the vast expenditure of money, and of the time and other sacrifices of the devoted Protestant missionaries, Presbyterian, Scotch, English, American (including Canadian) Methodist, Anglican, Baptist, Moravian, etc., is to be practically a great Unitarian, that is a Rationalistic or Deistic Church, instead of the Christian churches which these earnest missionaries went forth to build up! We find this result predicted by a writer in the Tokyo Mainichi, quoted in the Literary Digest of June 27th:

"The period 1877 to 1887 was marked by movements opposed to independence; everywhere there were attempts at fusion with American and English Churches . . Students felt such confidence in their foreign teachsuch a degree that they considered the traditional theology, and the

Jesuits, Puritan morality began to be shaken. "Under the influence of Boston the desire for independence on the part of the Japanese.'

> It will be inferred that this fermentation will have little, if any, effect upon the converts to the Catholic Faith in the "Flowery Empire," who number now about 60,000, and who constitute a thriving community which will be a nucleus for a solidly founded Christian Church which is progressing rapidly from year to

Death of Mother M. Emerentia at Guelph

It was with sincere sorrow that the announcement was received of the "The Church of Christ is essential- death of Mother M. Emerentia Mcly a missionary Church. But Pro- Intosh, Mother Superior of St. Jostracting parties. Furthermore she Church, therefore it cannot be the dence. For some time she has been failing, and at last the frail body gave up its earthly toil and the soul As the premises of this syllogism of the departed one went into its

Than Mother Emerentia there was pressed itself upon the affections of patient and visitor alike, and her removal, even though it be to the bliss

perform. Though she is dead, her good works live after her. R.I.P.

MISSION

In The Diocese of Northampton.

This Mission of St. Anthony of Padua was started by me nearly three years ago by command of the late

I had then, and I have now, No Church, no Presbytery, no Diocesan Grant, no Endowment (except Hope.) I am still obliged to say Mass and give

their charity.

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