

Paragraphic.

Great Britain has now 10,000 Sunday School Temperance organizations, with more than 1,000,000 members.

Bishop Wilkinson (formerly Bishop of Zululand) has become curate of Canon Holland at Quebec chapel, Marylebone.

The New York Diocesan Convention will probably at its next meeting consider the election of an Assistant Bishop, and the erection of a cathedral—for which a site has been at length selected.

There are six millions of colored people in the United States. They are mostly south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi. There has within a few years begun to spread among them a most astonishing inclination toward our Church.

On the festival of SS. Simon and Jude, the Rector of St. Paul's, Muskegon, Michigan, the Rev. W. T. Whitmarsh, admitted to his first communion Mr. W. Wilkinson, for several years a Congregational Minister, who came from England early in the present year.

According to the *Witness* (Belfast), it is rumoured in London that the Northern members of the Episcopalian Church in Ireland are anxious for the establishment of an Episcopal See in Belfast, and that overtures are to be made to the local authorities to induce them to petition the Queen to grant a charter making Belfast a city.

A writer in the *Witness* says, "No one with his eyes open can deny that a large number of Irish Presbyterians are lost to their own communion year by year; and that as a general rule this defection is to the Episcopal Church. Account for it as you will, the fact stands out with a prominence sufficiently glaring to attract attention to every serious mind.

At the September ordinations of the Church of England one hundred and twenty-six deacons and one hundred and nineteen priests were received into holy orders, one hundred and sixty-five being ordained in the southern and eighty in the northern province. Of these one hundred and sixty-four were graduates of Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Dublin and London, seventy-three were educated at theological colleges, and eight were literates, or educated out of England.

Bishop Benjamin Bosworth Smith, Presiding Bishop of the United States, completed the fiftieth year of his consecration on October 31st, which is an occurrence absolutely without precedent. He was born in Bristol Rhode Island, 13th June, 1794. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Griswold 17th April, 1817; and Priest in Marblehead, Massachusetts, by same Bishop, 24th June, 1818. He was consecrated Bishop in St. Paul's Church, New York, 31st October, 1832.

Above a thousand persons followed the late Bishop Merriman to his grave at Grahamstown. One who was present at his last moments writes: "The whole burden of his delirium was *pro Ecclesia Dei*. The clergy who wanted help, the schools, the native clergy, the missions, all passed in rapid succession through the poor fevered brain. At times he offered most earnest prayer that the present clouds overhanging our Church might be dispelled, or he would repeat the greater part of the

daily service, or give the final Collect and Blessing."

Dr. Pusey's successor in the Oxford Professorship of Hebrew and the annexed Canonry of Christ Church is the Rev. S. R. Driver, Fellow of New College. Mr. Driver, like his predecessor at the time of his appointment, has the advantage of youth, having taken his degree in 1870 after a distinguished University career. He has only recently been ordained. The new Professor has been doing good work as a member of the Old Testament Revision Company.

The bright side of Mission work was dwelt on by the Earl of Carnarvon at the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel meeting at Newbury. In the "Colonial Church" there is, he said, a simplicity, a straightforwardness, and an absence of many of our difficulties which perhaps brings her nearer to the true Church of Christ than many at home. What the Empire is to England the Colonial Church is, he thinks, rapidly becoming to the Church of England.

In Ceylon statistics have been compiled for the purpose of proportioning the numbers of lay representatives to be returned to the contemplated Diocesan Synod. The Anglican Church has a greater number of adherents within the island than any other Christian organization, except the Romanists. Our members worship in 107 churches or mission-rooms, where the Holy Communion is periodically celebrated, and in some sixty-eight schools, etc. The regular communicants exceed 5000, and there are 15,000 confirmed adults above the age of fifteen years. Of this body the C. M. S. is connected with 6069, and the S. P. G. with 4340.

On Wednesday the Bishop of Newcastle publicly instituted the Rev. J. T. Anderton as rector of Knaresdale. In his address, the first that he had delivered on such an occasion, his Lordship said—"You will observe the great difference there is between patronage and the spiritual part of our heritage and succession. The patron in the present day, be he clergyman or be he layman, can alone present. It is for the Bishop to accept and to institute him who is so presented to him by the patron. And why? Because the spiritual power, brethren, that is exercised by us, earthen vessels though we be, comes not from us, but from Almighty God Himself. It is handed down to us, we believe, in unbroken succession from those who in old days were sent here in the providence of God—from the Apostles who were sent by Jesus Christ Himself. There is our claim; there is our magnificent heritage."

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