

Cats are being extensively used in New Zealand for the destruction of rabbits. The owners of one estate are so pleased with the efficacy of the new "cure" that they have just given an order for 500 cats.

During the time covered by the episcopate of Bishop McLaren, a period of eighteen years, forty-seven parishes and missions have been formed in and around the city of Chicago.

More than 1,500 communicants received in St. George's Church, New York (Dr. Rainsford), on Easter Day at the early (7 o'clock) celebration, and including those who took communion at the 11 o'clock celebration, about 1,800 received.

"Museum Sunday" in England has become popular, and the pulpits have been advocating it. Eighty museums, galleries and libraries were opened to the public on Sundays during the last year.

The *Paul Mall Gazette* says that 3,000,000,000 gallons of beer were imported in Europe last year, of which Germany consumed 1,051,000,000 gallons.

The number of horses and mules possessed by the British army is nearly 27,000, of which more than 12,000 are with the European troops in India.

It is claimed there is a lighthouse to every fourteen miles of coast in England, to every thirty-four in Ireland, and to every thirty-nine miles in Scotland.

The Rev. Lawrence Sinclair, formerly of Ilfracombe, in the diocese of Algoma, has been appointed to St. Paul's parish, Salem, Oregon, and assumed charge on the Sunday after Easter.

Mr. Libby, of the Libby Glass Works, has presented the Rev. Charles Scadding, rector of Trinity Church, Toledo, late of Orillia, with a stole made of woven glass, said to be the only one in the world.

Some Chinese coins are but one-twentieth the value of an American cent. The celestial kingdom has many enthusiastic coin collectors. In one notable collection there are more than 150,000 varieties of cash, the oldest of which date back as far as 2,300 B. C.

It is computed that the death rate of the world is sixty-seven a minute, and the birth rate seventy a minute, and this percentage of gains is sufficient to give a net increase of population each year of almost 1,200,000 souls.

Bishop Haywood, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south, has refused to continue Sam Jones as a regular preacher, on the ground that evangelism has no place in the Methodist polity.

In the jewel house of the Tower of London there is a book bound throughout in gold, even to the wires of the hinges. Its clasp is two rubies set at opposite ends of four golden links.

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Rochester is making satisfactory progress towards recovery, but some weeks must elapse before he is able to attend to business, and a longer period before active work can be resumed.

The Bishops of London and Truro have lately signified their approval of the Sunbeam Mission, the thirty-second branch of which has just been started.

The complete recovery of the Bishop of North China (Dr. Scott) is reported. He and Mrs. Scott sailed for England on Easter Eve.

Messrs. Isbister are shortly to publish a book of sermons entitled "The Tenderness of Christ," by the Bishop of Winchester.

The Church of Ireland claims that the present Primate (Dr. R. S. Gregg) is the lineal descendant of St. Patrick; and the claim, it is said, can be historically substantiated.

Bishop Selwyn (late of Melanesia) has consented to become a Vice-President of the Missions to Seamen. The Bishop has always taken a deep interest in the work of the Society amongst sail-

ors, and has for some time been a vice-president of the Cambridge branch.

A certain Bishop in Australia, when travelling with his chaplain, was flung into deep mud by a restive horse. Rising ruefully with his chaplain's assistance, and surveying the place, the Bishop consoled himself with the reflection, "I have left a deep impression in that part of my diocese at any rate."

The Right Rev. W. Saumarez Smith, D.D., Primate of Australia and Bishop of Sydney, is to leave his diocese by the Orient Company's steamer *Orizaba* on a visit to England. He purposes returning to Australia in August or September next.

The Queen has appointed the Rev. L. H. Wesley Wesley tutor to the young Duke of Albany. Mr. Wesley, who is vicar of Hatchford, Surrey, is a lineal descendant of John Wesley, and (says the *Daily Chronicle*) is a man of striking personality, being a powerful preacher and possessing a wonderful influence over boys. He is the author of *Prayers of Schoolboys*.

The result of the sales of Bibles in connection with the Scottish Bible Society in Italy, during the past year, shows an increase on every item. There have been sold 4,089 Scriptures (including portions) more than last year. The total number sold was about 19,000. The society had an additional number of agents at work last year.

It is probable that the next Australian Church Congress will not be held until 1900. It is not possible to hold one next year, and in 1896 the General Synod meet in Sydney, while in 1897 the bishops go to England for the Pan-Anglican Synod.

The sum of £40,000 has been bequeathed to local charities by Miss Tuson, who died last week at Preston, Lancashire. Of this sum £6,000 is to be devoted to the fund of £20,000 which is being raised in Preston to bring the Church schools of the borough up to the requirements of the Education Department, and so to avoid the formation of a school board.

Canon Carter, of Truro, and the Rev. Arthur W. Robinson, of Allhallows, Barking, have been invited by the Bishops of Tasmania, Adelaide, Melbourne and Christchurch to conduct missions in their dioceses, and have left England.

Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., in opening a bazaar last Monday in aid of the church at Stanley which was recently destroyed by fire, said he was glad, as a member of the Society of Friends, to testify to the good work which was being done by the Church of England in colliery districts such as Stanley. He prayed that the time might soon come when the Church and the various nonconformist bodies, without sacrificing their particular opinions, might recognize each other as God's "fellow labourers," work harmoniously together, and present one common front to the enemy.

The news that Bishop Hornby, who left Sunderland about a year ago to take charge of Nyasaland, is returning home seriously ill, and that Mr. Cowley, a Sunderland volunteer who accompanied him, has died of fever, has caused deep regret among their many friends in the North of England. The Sunderland clergy have had the honor of producing from their ranks at least three bishops, viz., Bishop Hornby, of Nyasaland; Bishop Goe, of Melbourne; and Bishop Swaby, of Guiana.

Archdeacon Green, of Ballarat, who has been unanimously elected to be the third Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, in succession to the late Bishop Turner, is a comparatively young man. He is a graduate with honors in Arts and Law from both Melbourne and Sydney Universities; a student for some time in Trinity College, Melbourne, and afterwards examiner in history and political economy in the university there; and has been only fourteen years in orders. This will be the first instance of the advance to the Episcopate of one who has been educated in the colonies, and has graduated in a colonial university.

As the Primate proposes to make a short visit to England in April, it is supposed that there will be very little delay in the consecration.

News of a somewhat remarkable character has been received from Bishop Hirth, of the Roman mission in Uganda. He writes: "After much hesitation I have concluded that it is necessary for us also to print the New Testament, which the Protestants are spreading everywhere. The chief reason is that we cannot prevent our people from reading it—everybody wishes to know how to read for baptism—except women and old men. We are therefore preparing an edition, with notes drawn from the holy fathers."

Some of the government officials in China are becoming "westernized." An illustration is given by a missionary in the following extract from his report: "Both the civil and military magistrates regularly read the *Fukien Christian Advocate*. At a recent literary examination the subject for thesis was—'History of Christianity in China. Will it be an Impediment to Her in the Future?' Two Christians sent in theses which so pleased the magistrate that he required their publication in the paper. This officer has become very much westernized, and wishes the decisions of his court published in the paper."

The Right Rev. Bishop Huntington reached on Sunday, April 8, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration. The formal celebration of this event is postponed, as we understand, until the meeting of his diocesan convention in June. We cannot, however, let the occasion go by without remark. The episcopate of Dr. Huntington has been in many ways notable. The Bishop has made his influence felt in the right settlement of questions of importance which have concerned both the Church and the State, within the last quarter of the century. He has been a distinct power in the press, without sacrificing the great opportunities of the pulpit. As a preacher, he is mighty in the Scriptures, with a style singularly rich and pictorial. His wide sympathies, his catholic views, his potent pen, have extended the circle of his influence far beyond the limits of his own communion. He is a friend of education, and has greatly advanced its interests in Central New York. He is, in fine, one of those strong men who have proved a pillar of the Church at a very important period of her history.—*Churchman*.

SOUTH RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.—A new church has just been opened in this parish, of which the Rev. A. Fletcher is rector—the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Trew. In the course of an eloquent and instructive sermon, he congratulated Mr. Fletcher and his congregation on having accomplished such an excellent work, and referred to the fact that this was the second church erected by Mr. Fletcher at which he had the privilege of preaching the opening sermon, the other being built at Redlands seven years ago. Rev. Mr. Fletcher and his congregation are to be congratulated on having achieved such a work as their handsome little church in these difficult times; and we are sure that they will appreciate the privilege of having a House of God of their own in which to worship.

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Family Reading.

SS Philip and James.

The eternal gifts of Christ our King,
The Apostles' glorious deeds we sing,
And with glad hearts and voices raise
As is most meet our hymns of praise.

For they the Church's Founders are
Triumphant chieftains skilled in war,
The warriors of the court of heaven;
True lamps for earth's enlightening given.

Their's is the steadfast faith of saints,
The unconquered hope that never faints;
The love of Christ, which in them reigned
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