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THE successor to the Rev. Robert C. Moberly, as Principal of the Salisbury Theological College is the Rev. Edward Bickersteth Otley, M.A., curate of St. Saviour's, Hoxton.

The council of the Persecution Company have decided that inasmuch as "The means to enforce the sentence of suspension against Mr. Mackonichie not being open to us by the undertaking which the judge compelled the promoter to enter into before he allowed the second suit to proceed, there is no adequate reason for incurring the expense of appearing on the appeal to the House of Lords!"

The Rev. Canon Cook, of Exeter, editor of the "Speaker's Commentary on the Bible," has resigned the Preachership of Lincoln's Inn, which he had held for 18 years, and the Rev. Henry Wace, the present chaplain, has been appointed to succeed him.

On the 14th ult., twenty-two candidates for missionary work were presented to the Bishop of London, in St. Paul's Cathedral, for ordination. One was a native African, from Lagos. He had shown himself exceedingly intelligent and studious.

A protest has been adopted by the Rural Deaneries of Barnstaple and Shirwell against the admission to Parliament of any person who has openly denied the being of a God.

In a recently published volume on "Monarchy and Democracy," the Duke of Somerset shows that the system of liberty propounded by John Stuart Mill and Comte is quite as oppressive and intolerant as any propounded by the ancient philosophers of Greece, and says that a Zulu king is not more arbitrary and despotic than a Radical philosopher. He regards the inhabitants of the United States as being in their hearts aristocratic people living under democratic institutions.

Among the advertisements in a recent number of the *Exeter Gazette* is one of a Nonconformist minister seeking engagement as a Lay Reader with a view to Holy Orders.

Taine, in his book on "L' Ancien Regime," reckons the number of persons of noble blood in France at the outbreak of the Revolution in the last century to have amounted to more than 180,000.

Mr. Bright, in his malice against the Church, sometimes overshoots the mark. He recently betrayed something worse than an affectation of ignorance, when, speaking of the Convocation of Canterbury, he said, "I don't know exactly what that is," and in enumerating the various classes of

the 13,600 clergy who had signed a certain memorial, "Here I am perfectly bewildered."

The Rev. R. W. Morgan has published a second edition of his essay, "St. Paul in Britain," originally published twenty years ago. He maintains that St. Paul without doubt preached in Britain, and considers the testimony of St. Clement of Rome as decisive on this matter—thus differing from the late Rev. A. W. Haddon.

The *Athenaeum* says:—"It is with regret that we hear it said that the form in which all Englishmen know, and most of them use, the Lord's Prayer is no longer to be the form which is to pass current. We shall rejoice if the report, which is widely circulated, proves incorrect; a greater calamity than such a change as rumor declares to be imminent it would be difficult at the present moment to imagine." But what, we would ask, could be expected from a revision committee, which includes a Socinian in its number? The revised translation of the New Testament is expected to appear in the autumn.

The "Cleopatra's Needle," intended for New York, sailed from Alexandria June 12th, in the English vessel, the *Dessouk*, there being no United States ship fit for the purpose, except at ruinous rates. It is expected in New York by the middle of July. The hieroglyphics inscribed on it can be seen in *Harper's Weekly* for July 3rd, by our Egyptologists—who are probably few in number in this country.

The Bishop of Manchester expresses an earnest hope that the Churchmen of his diocese may see their way ere long to raising a really grand cathedral instead of the parish church with which for thirty-two years Lancashire Churchmen have been content.

Mr. Elliot Stock is about to issue a pocket English Testament with copious notes, references, and introductions, three maps and twenty-four illustrations, for a penny!

It appears that the annual subscriptions to the stipend fund of the Disestablished Church in Ireland have decreased £47,000 stg., in four years.

The Dissenters in Wales are supposed by some to be the most Bible loving and religious people in the Queen's dominions. One of the favorite election songs used by Dissenters at the late general election gives glory to their candidate by blasphemously calling him their God. It was used in different counties varying according to the name of the proposed member. This election song dates back as far as 1868, and was then a great favorite in Cardiganshire. Another favorite is a variation of one of Moody and Sankey's hymns: "Hold the fort, the blues are coming." This has been taught in the "British" (Dissenter's) schools. Those dissenting parents who disapprove of such profanity send their children to Church schools.

The average potato crop in Ireland is sixty million cwt.; last year it was only twenty-two million cwt. The loss is estimated at ten millions sterling.

In the new Budget introduced to the British House of Commons, there is a readjustment of the wine duties, which are to vary as the alcoholic strength. The scale will effect a reduction of one-half in the lighter vintages. The malt tax is to be abolished, but the tax is to revert to one upon beer. The income tax will be increased to sixpence.

The appointment of M. Challemeil-Lacour as French Ambassador to England has been the occasion of a nine hours' uproar in the House of Commons. Mr. O'Donnell asked whether this gentleman was the citizen, who, as one of the Prefects of the Provincial Government of Sept. 4, 1870, ordered the massacre of Colonel Carayon Latour's battalion; and whether he had not also been ordered to pay £8,000 as compensation for plundering a convent. Sir Charles Dilke denied the charges. Mr. O'Donnell disputed the accuracy of the denial. Whereupon Mr. Gladstone moved that Mr. O'Donnell be not heard. Hence the confusion.

Bishop Moorhouse has done so much to retrieve the ground lost by his predecessor that on the 18th of April the Governor, the Marquis of Normanby, laid the first stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. A hundred choristers and sixty clergymen took part in the ceremony. The original estimate was for £100,000, but the design has since been greatly enlarged.

Twenty-one years ago the English Church Union started with 210 members; it has now 17,786, of whom 2,580 are clergymen, and 11 bishops. When it is recollected that the clerical members of the Union are chiefly attached to the new Churches supported on the voluntary principle, it will be seen that they must carry their people with them, and that their influence is correspondingly so much the more extensive.

On the Feast of St. Barnabas, Dr. Hyle, the great evangelical light, was consecrated in York Minster as Bishop for Liverpool; when such was the amount and nature of the ritual that had such a ceremony taken place in presence of our Canadian Protestant friends, they would have imagined themselves in the hotbed of ritualism, if not of Popery. There was a longer procession of surpliced clergy than was ever known at a consecration before. They all received the Holy Communion, kneeling before "the altar of York, on the table of which stood a cross and two candlesticks, while a beautiful terra-cotta representation of the crucifixion faced them." The music of the communion office was an arrangement of Dr. Monk. The Archbishop sang the Litany and his verse of the *Veni Creator* excellently. The Bishop of Chester was the Epistoler, the Bishop of Durham the Gospeler, and Canon Garbett preached an admirable sermon on Acts 11:24. The Bishop was presented by the Bishop of Chester and Manchester. It is believed that his Lordship will rise superior to his party, and prove a working Bishop.

Mr. Gladstone has from the beginning personally advocated Mr. Bradlaugh's claim to take his seat in the House of Commons. In the end he yielded on the urgent solicitations of his friends,