

## RELIGIOUS.

## CATHOLIC.

There are 500 Convents of Mercy in the world, occupied by nearly 10,000 religious.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Scottish Reformation Society in Edinburgh that the Catholic population in Scotland numbered 342,000, and that it is steadily on the increase, mainly through the immigration of Irish persons.

A chancel which has been built for the use of the Catholic soldiers at the Guards depot, Caterham, England, was opened recently. The building cost £8,000. The War Office contributed £3,000.

The Pope, on receiving the congratulations of the American Cardinals upon the happy result for the church of the organization of the Catholic hierarchy in British India, expressed the desire to do everything possible to establish diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican, and stated that his views in this matter had the support of some high personages.

Monsieur Taschereau, Archbishop of Quebec, on his elevation to the purple was granted a court of honor by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Among its members are the following names: Right Revs. C. E. Legare and T. C. Hamel, Vicars General, made Prothonotaries Apostolic; the Right Rev. Mgrs. Bolduc, Method and Paquet, elevated to the dignity of Domestic Prelates; the Very Rev. Fathers Marois and Tetu are made Chamberlains, and Mr. Justice Jean Taschereau, brother of His Eminence, and L. G. Bailarge, Esq., Q. C., are made commanders of the Order of St. Gregory.

Collections are being made in all of the ecclesiastical colleges in Rome to aid in the construction of a grand monument of St. Thomas Aquinas. The monument will be erected in the Vatican palace, in honor of the sacerdotal jubilee of Leo XIII.

## BAPTIST.

Rev. F. Beattie, who has for some time occupied the position of pastor of the Baptist Church at Parrsboro, is about to remove to Ontario to take charge of a church in that province.

The Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association met at New Germany, Lunenburg Co. ty, last Saturday. The reports from the different churches were very encouraging.

Mr. Spurgeon's College seems to be in a healthy condition, there being at present eighty-three students in attendance.

The Baptists of the Northern States held their annual meeting this month at Minneapolis, Minn. The Publication Society reported the gross receipts for the last year at \$624,140.43, and the issue of 194 new publications. In the missionary and colportage department 78 missionaries were employed. The Baptist Missionary Union report receipts at \$406,639.30. In the foreign field there are employed 182 male and 66 female missionaries. In all the missions there are 248 missionaries (including lay evangelists), 1,730 native preachers, 1,265 churches, and 123,530 members. The Home Mission Society report having received for all purposes the past year \$327,773.81.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The meeting of the Synod for the election of a Bishop draws near. The names of four bishops have been suggested, all of whom decline to be nominated. Canon Norman has also declined. The Rev. Canon Hole, Rev. W. Cogswell, Rev. J. J. Curling and some others have been named; but no one candidate has taken any hold of the mind of the church so far as can be judged. It is very unlikely that anyone can be elected who is not more or less known, and as things stand now it would be hazardous to venture a prediction.

What is most needed in the new Prelate is administrative capacity and power of spiritual work. The latter is the peculiar need of the church to-day. A man who will visit his diocese regularly once a year, who will live among his people, who will go himself and help a struggling clergyman to build and strengthen, who will go through the length and breadth of the land, strong in faith, doing real apostolic missionary work, is the man this diocese desiderates at this critical period of its history. That such an one will be found can scarcely be doubted.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

During the past six years the number of missions stations and congregations in the North-West has increased from 129 to 400.

In the Irish-Presbyterian Church there are 557 congregations. The total income from all sources last year was £159,550.

At the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 264 ministers and 229 elders voted in favor of disestablishment.

## METHODIST.

A biography of the late Dr. W. Morley Punshon, the great English preacher, is about completed and will shortly be given to the public.

The first British Columbia Conference was organized on May 11th by the Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent.

The Methodists of the United States have 47,300 churches, 29,500 ministers and a membership of 4,500,000. During the past four years the number of ministers added was 5,000, and the membership increased by 588,000.

The Methodist Camp Meeting Association intends holding its annual gathering at Berwick from 27th July until 4th August.

## FROM MORN TO EVE.

BY ONE OF THE QUEEN'S CONTEMPORARIES.

Oh! fair was the morning sky,  
All cloudless and serene,  
When our girlish hearts thrilled high,  
As they crowned our Maiden Queen!

We smiled that gladsome day,  
When her bridal wreath she wore;  
For our Royal Rose—all say—  
There is nought but joy in store.

We wept when the clouds of sorrow  
Crushed heart and spirit down,  
For we knew no future morrow  
Could sever cross from crown.

We smile again at sunset,  
For peaceful is the scene;  
The evening's glow draws closer yet  
To us, our dear loved Queen.

Her jubilee we welcome now,  
Who've seen her life long story;  
When Britain's crown falls from her brow  
May she be crowned in glory!

Ode to the Queen, published in 1830, in "The Book of Royalty," edited by Mrs. S. C. Hall:—

## VICTORIA.

God save the Queen! all Britain through,  
One burst of joy repeats the prayer;  
And all are loyal, firm, and true;  
Subjects are lovers everywhere.  
Our tributes are the hearts we bring,  
The debt of loyal love we pay;  
God save the Queen we gaily sing;  
God bless the Queen, in fervour pray:—  
We think of days our sires have seen:—  
The brightest page of Britain's story  
Records her wealth, and power, and glory,  
When England's Sovereign was a Queen!  
God save the Queen!

Great, glorious, peaceful, firm and free  
God keep the reign of England's Queen,  
Who rules the Isle that rules the sea;  
Still proud as she hath ever been:  
But should a foreign foe assail  
Once more the land—once more in vain—  
We'll show how hearts with hands prevail,  
And turn our ploughs to swords again;  
Her troops will be her chivalry:  
There's something in the very name  
To promise triumph, honour, fame—  
Victoria must victorious be—  
God save the Queen!

At home, God keep us sound at heart,  
And bless us with domestic peace;  
May loyal love, in every part,  
Make rivals friends, bid discord cease;  
May knowledge spread all Britain through  
And bear its healthy fruit at length;  
And that Religion, pure and true,  
From which our land derives its strength;  
Still! Freedom be the right of all,  
And still the rich protect the poor,  
And Justice stand with open door  
To come at every Briton's call;  
God save the Queen!

God save the Queen! God save and bless  
A nation's hope, and joy, and trust—  
The spring-head of its happiness.—  
And keep her people brave and just:  
So that a long and happy reign,  
Great, glorious, peaceful, firm, and free,  
May cheer our British homes again:  
God bless the Queen! and may she be  
Blessing and blest where'er she's seen  
While subject-lovers all rejoice  
To hail her name with heart and voice;  
A heart-huzza for Britain's Queen!  
God save the Queen!

## OUR COSY CORNER.

We clip the following from the "Dorcas Magazine," a dainty little pamphlet, published at 22 Vesey St., New York. Price only 50 cents a year:—

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.—There have been pink teas, blue teas, and teas of all colors, but the ladies of the Brooklyn branch of the National Indian Association recently gave a novel entertainment under the name of a crazy tea. A large number of ladies and gentlemen, well-known in society, participated, and were attired in various twisted and wrong-sided looking costumes, well worthy of the unfortunates which they endeavored to personate. Bread served on dust pans, butter in pitchers, tea in glasses, and strawberries in cups, carried out the design of having everything in accord with the idea of craziness.

Very pretty hairpin receivers are made of the little Japanese globe-shaped baskets, such as can be bought for five cents each. A mossy-looking filling is knit of navy-blue split zephyr by winding the worsted around the finger five times with each stitch in every other row. Before the worsted filling is fastened in the opening, five oblong pieces of navy-blue velvet pointed at the ends are arranged around it somewhat like the petals of a sunflower, only they are fastened to the basket; the edges are finished with tinsel and trimmed with Turkish coins.

Another way to arrange these baskets for the same use is to remove the