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Another noted Roman Catholic, in Rome itself, has become Protestant—Signor Catalano, Professor of Physical Science in the University at Rome.

Rev. Dr. H. J. Morton has been Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, for fifty-two years. He succeeded Bishop White in the Rectorship of St. James', a parish which has had but two rectors in eighty-two years.

Ninety years ago the first English missionary offered himself, and now the whole number of foreign missionaries is 5,000, and they are leaders of a native host of 30,000 helpers of all kinds.

With money furnished by Mr. J. H. Shiff, a Hebrew banker, buildings capable of accommodating one thousand persons have been erected on Ward's Island as a temporary home for the Russian refugees.

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education have examined for the first time the pupils of upper schools in the diocese in religious knowledge. Out of 129 boys and 109 girls examined, certificates were granted to 85 boys and 88 girls.

In the midst of ruined Alexandria, August 20th, with martial law still in force, and troops keeping order, there was service in the English Church. A strange contrast was the quiet, home-like interior of the Church, with the scene of wreck and confusion around.

The Duke of Albany has forwarded a cheque for £25 towards the fund for the restoration of the Parish Church of Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, in commemoration of Queenborough being the first place at which the Duchess of Albany sailed on her exile.

A writer in the Advocate complains that the Methodist Sunday schools are not even held, that they excel in reciting cantos or dialogues, or in getting up Christmas-trees, concerts, and picnics, but that repentance, belief, and conversion are but little thought of.

Mrs. Hammond, widow of the golly Captain Hammond, who fell in the Crimean war by the side of his friend, Hodley Vieux, has taken up her residence in Venice, Italy, and is maintaining a regular Sunday school and aiding generously in the work of Italian evangelization.

The restoration at Jerusalem, undertaken by order of the Sultan, is to be a restoration of the Great Mosque, and of the enclosure within which it stands, commonly called the Temple area. There are no ruins of Solomon's Temple existing, and the press should not confound the temple with the locality where it stood.

At a religious conference, a lady missionary reported that she had collected \$119.19; that her salary and her expenses for the time were \$70.75, leaving a balance to go to the treasury of \$48.84. If the forty-eight dollars is judiciously expended there is no good reason why the eighty-four cents should not reach the heathen all right.

Messrs. Hook & Hastings, the great organ builders of Boston, have, since the year came in, delivered fifty-three church organs of their build. Of this number thirteen were for Episcopal churches in New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 13, as the Vicar of Macclesfield was about to pronounce the Benediction after the children's floral service, a brass chandelier, weighing about 50wt, fell from the roof. Fortunately no one was injured, although a few minutes before the accident the school superintendent was standing underneath. The chandelier was presented to the church in 1744 by the then mayor of the borough.

The will of the late Senator Hill, of Georgia, contains the following clause: "I now give and bequeath to my wife and children, that which some of them now possess, and which I assure them in full view of death, is far richer than gold and more to be desired than all human honors. God is a living God and Christ came into this world to save sinners. I beg them to have faith in Jesus, for by this faith alone can they be saved."

Three important boundary stones from Babylon have lately been added to the collection in the British Museum: one bears the name of Meli-Sikhu, a King of Babylon, who reigned twelve hundred years before Christ. Another, that of Nabu-Kainabii, who reigned five centuries later, while the third is of the time of Nebuchadnezzar, and is a memorial of the recovery of a piece of land from the Elamites and its restoration to the country of the Akkad.

The change of policy with regard to the Jews in Russia, as indicated by a recent circular of the Minister of the Interior, seems to have had the desired effect of stopping the enormous emigration, and is also bringing many emigrants back to their native country. A conveyance has been requested by the Jewish Committee of Education for a daily train to be formed, and the State to contribute to the cost of the train of 500000 persons.

The generous gift from Bishop Whittingham to the Diocese of Maryland contains over 15,000 volumes. During the past year much progress has been made by the zealous and efficient librarian, Miss Margaret Whittingham, in the orderly arrangement of the books and pamphlets, together with a huge mass of Church and literary papers. Nearly one hundred volumes of pamphlets have been found. Progress also has been made in the preparation of a full catalogue of the library.

At a meeting of the Church Missionary Society held at Scarborough last week, the Rev. G. Nicol, British Chaplain of the River Gambia Settlement, spoke of himself as a fruit of mission labour, and pointed out that whereas in 1830 there was not one native able to teach his brother, at the present time there were over fifty and a bishop. In his own little Church, built for two hundred and fifty, he had only two communicants at first and now there were eighty.

A writer in the New York Observer has been tabulating the Churches in New York, according to their denominations; his purpose being to prove that Protestant Christians outnumber Roman Catholics. We use the tables to show the pleasant fact, that the Protestant Episcopal Church has erected a larger number of places for worship than any other religious body: Protestant Episcopal, 81; Presbyterians, 65; Methodist Episcopal, 61; Roman Catholic, 58; the whole number being 489.

It seems a serious, though not unnatural, mistake, to deprecate all resig-

nations of colonial or missionary bishoprics, when, after substantial devotion of time and labor, activity begins to fail, and its failure to suggest, for the sake both of the Church and of the individual, retirement to some quieter work at home. Much of what is urged on the subject appears to argue forgetfulness of that solidarity of the whole Anglican Church in England and elsewhere, which it is of great consequence to recognize and to maintain.

The Advocate says: "Among nearly all the 'revised' local church creeds substituted for the old ones, which come to our notice, nothing is apt to be so remarkable about them as their apparent intellectual feebleness. Either there is a studious evasiveness, or else a manifest inability to discern just what are the essential elements in the Gospel of redemption through Christ."

The London World says: "The Rev. Farber L. Winslow, a son of the celebrated 'mad doctor,' is not in the habit of speaking smooth things to his flock, who constantly get well rated for their churlish and illiberal giving. One of their number has taken the scolding meekly, and placed anonymously £10,000 at his pastor's disposal for church extension at St. Leonard-on-Sea. In the neighboring town of Eastbourne the Bishop of Chichester has just consecrated a church, erected and endowed by Lady Victoria Wellesley, at a cost of £30,000."

St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, England, goes back to 1130. Its walls are covered with tablets of every description, in Norman and the floor are 200 ft. of ancient grave-stones, some of the names being entirely illegible. The tower contains a pair of bells, of which is struck a bell and Westminster chimes. The organ is furnished with fourteen tones, sacred and secular, so that the tones are changed every day for a fortnight. They play every four hours, and peal every quarter.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, was opened for public worship in 1761, and it has preserved the sign of its venerable age. It was an offshoot of Christ Church, and for many years continued to be united to that parish. Among its rectors were Bishops White, Delancey and Olenchimer, and General Washington was once a regular worshipper in the church, while he lived in Philadelphia. The present rector is the Rev. Dr. Davies. To the visitor, St. Peter's and its churchyard are full of interest on account of the historical associations connected with it, and, like Independence Hall, in the same city, attracts many strangers.

The death is announced of the Rev. Edward Steere, Bishop of Central Africa. He was the son of a prominent English lawyer, and was born in 1828. He was educated at London University, where he received the doctorate, and a gold medal in 1847. After holding two curacies in England, Dr. Steere became Chaplain to Bishop Tozer in Central Africa, where he became the latter's successor in 1874, being consecrated in Westminster Abbey. The Bishop was the author of "Persecutions Under the Roman Empire," and of some essays on the "Being and Attributes of God." He also published handbooks of the Shamballa and Swabili languages, and translated the Gospel of St. Matthew and the Psalms into the latter tongue.



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