

Elongated ear lobes are considered a mark of beauty in Borneo.

An intoxicating beverage, made of corn and decayed fish, is largely patronized by the South Sea Islanders.

In Asia and Africa, where grass will not grow, the most beautiful flowers and shrubs flourish to perfection.

This summer 150,000,000 feet of logs will be floated down Spanish River to be cut up in American mills.

Since the Cape diamond fields were discovered in 1867, 50,000,000 carats of stones, valued at \$350,000,000, have been exported. These would load up two big coal trains.

The deaths of 45 centenarians were reported in England last year, 22 men and 23 women. In 1891, according to the record, 48 centenarians died, and 36 in each of the three preceding years.

Eiffel's plan for a great bridge across the river Neva at St. Petersburg has just been accepted, and the St. Petersburg municipality has voted the 26 million roubles required to build it.

The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floors. They are made of chamois, with leather soles.

The officers of the German army are to have a new cloak, the novelty of which lies in the fact that by an ingenious device the cloak may be made thick or thin. It is adapted for winter or summer use.

It is estimated that it costs the well-to-do people in the U.S. \$125,000,000 annually to support charitable institutions, while at least \$500,000,000 are invested in permanent buildings where the needy are cared for.

No wonder the fish crop is never short. The flounder lays 7,000,000 eggs annually; several others from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000, while the turbot is credited with depositing from 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 during each breeding season.

It is claimed for the new magnesium flash light for lighthouses, introduced experimentally in Germany, that its ability to penetrate almost opaque atmosphere exceeds that of any other known light.

The first locomotive ever seen in Bangkok, Siam, was recently started on the Korat railway. The native population took immense interest in the trial run over the half-mile of railway now laid.

A rare visitor to English waters has been caught off the Lincolnshire coast between Skegness and Gibraltar Point—a file-black sunfish. The creature weighed nearly three-quarters of a ton, and was over 7 ft. long.

The twenty-one universities of Germany number 27,602 students at the present time, Berlin heading the list with 4,876. About a third of the total number are medical students.

Mr. Andrew Lang says that there are fully one hundred thousand novelists in Great Britain, but, fortunately for the public, only one author in a hundred finds a publisher willing to launch his book.

The Sultan has presented to the Emperor of Germany ten pieces of Oriental furniture inlaid with mother-of-pearl and engraved from the Sultan's arms and monogram.

About 200 dogs are used every year by the University of Buffalo for purposes of physiological experiments.

The next meeting of the Synod of Huron in June will be held in the handsome new synod buildings adjoining St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The structure is almost ready for use.

In England, France, Germany and Belgium the number of births per thousand of population is steadily falling. The rate of decrease is slower in some of these countries, but is marked in all.

The fleece of ten goats and the work of seven men for half a year are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide.

During the last twenty years more than \$53,000,000 has been spent in restoring cathedrals and churches in England, and more than \$48,000,000 in building new churches.

The Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., rector of St. Philip's Church, Toronto, at present sojourning in California for the benefit of Mrs. Sweeny's health, has been appointed a member of the advisory council on religious congresses of the World's Congress Auxiliary.

The Ven. Archdeacon Allen, of Millbrook, has been appointed a member of the advisory council on religious congresses of the World's Congress Auxiliary, in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

A match-cutting machine is an automatic curiosity. It cuts 10,000,000 sticks a day, and then arranges them over a vat, where the heads are put on at a surprising rate of speed.

Rev. J. W. Plant and Rev. C. T. Lewis have completed their missionary tour through Calabogie mis-

sion. The contributions are double the amount of last year.

In London the omnibus horse is worn out in five years, the tram horse in four, the post office horse in six and the brewers' in from six to seven, while the vestry horses last eight years. The post office horses cost £36, the vestry horses £75 and the brewers' at least £90 apiece.

Rev. D. W. Rainsford, New York, is out again with his novel idea of church saloons. In an audience before which he explained and defended his plan, was a tipsey man, who rose and expressed his satisfaction with Dr. Rainsford's proposal.

The total value of the crops of the United States during 1892 is estimated at \$3,000,000,000, of which the largest item is \$750,000,000 worth of hay. The animal products, including meat, dairy products, poultry and eggs and wool, are placed at \$965,000,000 more. Beside these figures the amount of our exports looks small.

Many of our readers will be sorry to hear that Trinity Church, Findlay, Ohio, of which the Rev. G. T. Lewis, L.T., late of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, is rector, has been totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Lewis is making an appeal, endorsed by his Bishop, Dr. Leonard, for help. We are sure that his many Toronto friends will remember him with practical sympathy at this time.

British and Foreign.

Forty bishops are now members of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor.

The English bishops in the House of Lords are opposing the disestablishment of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

The Chicago Church Club, at its meeting on February 2, discussed the duty of the Church in municipal reform.

The churches of Charlottesville, Va., have seats enough for every man, woman and child in the city.

The first convocation of the missionary diocese of Southern Florida was held at Sanford on Feb. 21st.

The Bishop of Lichfield has instituted Bishop Adelbert R. S. Anson, late Bishop of Qu'Appelle, as warden of St. John's Hospital and Chapel, Lichfield.

An anonymous donor has offered to meet the cost of entirely restoring the parish church, St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

It is announced authoritatively that Dr. Wilkinson, the late Bishop of Truro, has accepted the bishopric of St. Andrews, Dunkeld, and Dunblane, to which he was recently elected.

The Y.M.F.S. has now become the largest society for young men in connection with the Church, having over 600 branches and about 36,000 associates and members.

The second volume of the late Bishop Wordsworth's *Reminiscences* is in the press. It will be published in the spring by Messrs. Longmans. It will cover a period of about ten years (1846-56).

A correspondent informs us with reference to the hanging rood at St. Alban's, Holborn, that there is a hanging rood cross of considerable size in the church of St. John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood, S.E., of which the Rev. J. La Trobe-Bateman is vicar.

Canon Tristram has written to the *Record* to say "that in the year 1859 Bishop Wilkinson, late of Truro, now of St. Andrews, introduced the practice of Evening Communion when Vicar of Seaham Harbour, where it has continued ever since, with, as the present Vicar assures me, much spiritual benefit to the parish."

The Archbishop of York announces that he can accept no candidates for confirmation under twelve years, and the Bishop of Liverpool intimates that he has no wish for confirmands under the age of fifteen, and in no case under thirteen.

The Duke of Newcastle, in conjunction with the Cowley Fathers, is restoring, at an outlay of £3,000, the ancient Priory Gate House at Worksop. The building, when restored, will be used in connection with one of the late Canon Woodard's schools, St. Cuthbert's College, which is now being built on the Manor Hills, just outside Worksop.

The Serbian Metropolitan has sent to King Milan a document, signed by himself and all the bishops,

declaring that the Holy Synod regards the union between his Majesty and Queen Natalie as still existing, both canonically and legally, and conveying to their Majesties the Benediction of the Church.

At the annual meeting of the Bishop of Newcastle's Fund it was reported that only £2,850 is now required to complete the £100,000 aimed at when the fund was established. Since its commencement the fund has promoted eleven new parish churches, seven have been endowed, and twenty-nine additional clergy have been brought into the diocese.

We are informed that Bishop Wilkinson (North Europe) has just handed over to the Church Army an estate in Suffolk to be worked under the Social Scheme of the Society as a Labour Colony for testing and training youths and young men for emigration. We believe it was Bishop Wilkinson's original intention to have placed the management of this scheme with the Central Waifs and Strays.

Here is a story which is being told of one of the English Bishops. He entertained recently a party of American prelates, and being very desirous to see that they were all comfortable at night, he visited them shortly after they had entered their bed-rooms. The account he gives of this visit he sums up in these words: "I found all the reverend gentlemen in the same position—on their knees—trying to smoke up the chimney."

The *Manchester Guardian* understands that the negotiations which have been in progress for several years past for the conversion of St. Mary's vicarage, Ulverston, into a rectory, have been completed. Canon C. W. Bardsley will thus be the last vicar of St. Mary's and its first rector, the position of rector having been held by laymen for the past 351 years. The rectorship adds £42 per annum to the stipend.

Not many deans leave behind them such a fortune as that disposed of in the will of the late Dean of Peterborough, which has just been proved at over £90,000. Dr. Argles' wealth is not the result of parsimony during his life, for few men have contributed more liberally than he did to public objects. Peterborough Cathedral is his monument, *ere perennius*.

Professor Sanday preached his second Bampton Lecture, dealing with the canon of the Old Testament in the first century of the Christian era. Some attention was attracted by the preacher's declaration that, so far as an outsider could judge, he was inclined to accept the sober results of the "higher criticism" of the Old Testament, and that he intended to assume them hypothetically, as providing the *minimum* of data for a doctrine of inspiration, so that whatever could be proved from them might be taken as beyond doubt.

A correspondent of the *Times* points out that while at the last General Election 78,046 persons in Welsh counties and boroughs voted against Home Rule and Disestablishment, and 129,724 voted in favour of those measures, the former body are only represented in Parliament by three members and the latter by thirty-one members. The former represent the views of considerably more than one-third of the total voters of the Principality.

Addressing a meeting of Protestant working men in Derry on Monday night, the Bishop of Derry said: "One subject occupies the minds, thoughts, and hearts of every man and woman in Ireland. The shadow of the Home Rule Bill is over our homes and over our hearts. Let us warn England that it is mistaken if it concedes the present demand with any belief of finality. I appeal to Protestants in this momentous crisis to stand together and protect the unity of the Empire." Several of the Church vestries have met to protest against this Bill.

The Bishop of Lichfield has now two classes of lay evangelists working in his diocese, viz., (1) 'district evangelists,' who are authorized to assist in mission work under the direction of the clergy, while continuing to follow their secular calling; and (2) those who devote their lives to mission work, and who are authorized to preach and conduct religious services in mission and school rooms in parishes to which they may be sent. These will be known as 'Evangelist Brothers.' Of the latter there are now twenty-two licensed and serving in the diocese.

In New York City there are more than a thousand millionaires; adding the number outside the city, there are more than fifteen hundred in the State. Some of them are doing great good with their wealth, but how many? The great majority of them are doing scarcely anything for the benefit of the public. What is the public to them? Very much. Without the public they would be as poor as Robinson Crusoe. Their money has for the most part been made out

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