

The number of papers published in Japan during 1895 was 792, and the number of copies printed 244,000,000. Some papers are published in English and Japanese. Most political papers do not succeed owing to the strict laws and numerous fines.

The largest diamond in the world has arrived in London from Kimberley. It is said to be worth two million and a half dollars uncut.

The smallest inhabited island in the world is that on which the Eddystone light-house stands. At low water it is 30 feet in diameter; at high water the light house, whose diameter at the base is 28 feet, completely covers it. It is inhabited by three persons. It lies nine miles off the Cornish coast, and fourteen miles south-west of Plymouth breakwater.

The Rev. O. Tarrant, incumbent of St John's church, Havelock, has accepted an appointment to a parish in Michigan, and expects to leave for his new field about the 20th inst. The vestry met on a recent Tuesday and extended an invitation to Rev. Mr. McGuinness, of Hastings, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Tarrant's resignation.

Fewer deacons and priests were ordained in England last year than for any corresponding twelve months since 1876. But as the number ordained was 1,321, the supply must be regarded as ample.

Bishop Creighton, of London, wore mitre and cope at a recent confirmation in London, being the first Bishop of London to do so in 350 years. It will be remembered that objection was made to Dr. Creighton at his official confirmation on the ground that he intended to wear a mitre, and that he abstained from doing so at his enthronement.

British and Foreign.

The Cambridge House for South London is now an accomplished fact.

Great damage was done to many of the churches in the Isle of Wight during a recent gale.

The restoration of the west front of Peterborough Cathedral is being proceeded with satisfactorily.

The Rev. Canon Rhodes, Bristow, has been appointed to the Crown living of St. Olave's, Southwark.

The final completion of the work of restoration of St. Bartholomew's, W. Smithfield, is being proceeded with.

Father Maturin, one of the best known of the Cowley Fathers, has been received into the Church of Rome.

The Rev. Canon Galway, rector of St. Anne's, Shandon, has been appointed to the rectory of St. Luke's, Cork.

The Very Rev. Herbert Mather, M.A., Provost of the Cathedral of Inverness, has been appointed to the vacant bishopric of Antigua, W.I.

It is proposed to purchase a house of small dimensions at Canterbury for the use of the present and future Archbishops of Canterbury.

A font-grave, for the purpose of adult baptism by immersion, is to be placed in Lambeth parish church as a memorial to the late Archbishop Benson.

An anonymous contributor has volunteered, at the cost of some £600, to restore and improve the interior of St. Matthias' Church, Stoke Newington.

The suggestion has been made that on the occasion of the consecration of Canon Owen to the bishopric of St. David's, the service should be in Welsh.

A stained-glass window, having for its subject "The Apostolic Fathers," has been placed in Truro Cathedral as a memorial to the late Canon Wise by his sister.

The Rev. H. C. Strickland, one of the curates of Holy Trinity, Marylebone, has been appointed by the Bishop of London to the vicarage of St. Jude's, Bethnal Green.

It is proposed to completely restore the Church of All Hallows, Barking. This church is stated to be the oldest church in London and is situated quite close to Tower Hill.

Addington Park, near Croyden, which is the country seat of the Archbishops of Canterbury, is to be sold by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The estate consists of 475 acres.

Canon Scott-Robertson, one of the honorary canons of Canterbury Cathedral, died very suddenly on the 7th inst. He was specially famous for his archaeological publications.

The Rev. F. J. Hervey, rector of Sandringham, and domestic chaplain to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor a canon-residentiary of Norwich Cathedral.

The death is announced of the Rev. J. L. Heavyside, who died at Norwich, aged 88. He was the oldest canon-residentiary of Norwich Cathedral. He was also the senior member of the Cathedral Chapter.

The present number of adherents of the Universities' Mission in Central Africa is 6,297; all of these are also baptized. There are 1,688 scholars attending the schools of the Mission, in addition to the foregoing.

The Bishop of Derby (Dr. Ware) and the congregation of St. Werburgh's, Derby, have offered to build a church in the Diocese of Mashonaland, wherever the Bishop of Mashonaland may select, provided it is called St. Werberga.

The Rev. Charles Pressley-Smith, M.A., has been appointed by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles to the deanery in succession to the Very Rev. J. A. Maclean. Mr. Pressley-Smith is the rector of St. John's, Oban, and is only 35 years of age.

Two new aisles and a chapel which have recently been added to St. Gabriel's Church, Pimlico, as also a new gallerly and a new porch, the two latter being the gift of Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, were consecrated the other day by the Bishop of London.

A handsome and costly reredos has just been placed in the Lady Chapel of the Church of St. Michael, Headingley, Leeds, in memory of the late Alderman Eimsley, who was at one time the mayor of Leeds. The Church of St. Michael is said to have cost £24,000 and is a truly magnificent structure.

The Rev. Canon Pennefather, the new vicar of Kensington, was recently presented by his old parishioners at St. George's, Jesmond, with an album, a pair of handsome candelabra made of silver, a silver bowl and a cheque for £176 as a slight recognition of his earnest and successful labours amongst them.

St. Chad's Chapel in Lichfield Cathedral was rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield after restoration on the 2nd inst. It had been in ruins for 254 years. A large number of bishops and clergy attended the dedicatory service. The sermon was preached by Canon Newbolt, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral.

A handsome marble tablet, subscribed for by the congregation, has been placed in St. Paul's Church, Goswell Road, E.C., in memory of the first vicar of the church, the late Rev. A. Styleman Herring, M.A. Mr. Styleman Herring was one of the best known clergymen in the Diocese of London, especially in his connection with works of philanthropy.

The Rev. F. E. Wigram, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, and late hon. secretary of the C.M.S., died at Hampstead on March 10th. He was 63 years old. Mr. Wigram was a very wealthy man and gave largely of his substance to the cause of missions. On one occasion he gave a donation of £10,000 to the C.M.S. He was for 15 years hon. secretary of the C.M.S.

Prebendary Stevenson, the rector of Lympsham, Somerset, who is 78 years old, has celebrated no less than three jubilees within the space of two years. He celebrated his golden wedding in March, 1892, and in December of the same year the jubilee of his entering the ministry of the Church. The third jubilee was that of his appointment to the rectory of Lympsham, which event was celebrated in February, 1894. From December, 1842, to the present date, Prebendary Stevenson has preached 10,133 sermons. He is still in good health.

During the work of restoration at the ancient parish church of St. Mary, Gosforth, Cumberland, several most interesting discoveries have been made. Amongst others may be mentioned a hogback or coped tombstone, curiously ornamented, lying amongst the rubbish of the lowest foundation of the north wall, which wall is supposed to date from the twelfth century. From beneath plaster and rough cast came forth two fourteenth-century doorways. The one on the south side was formerly the main entrance; the other door on the north was probably what is known as a "devil's door." Three or four

grave covers or sepulchral slabs have also been found marked with symbols of cross, sword, shears. In the churchyard of this church stands a Runic Cross, said by Professor Stephens, of Copenhagen, to be "the most elegant olden rood in Europe."

Correspondence.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

The Silent Missionaries' Society.

SIR,—I would be glad to hear from any one who has sent subscriptions or donations to "The Silent Missionaries' Society," through the Rev. Herbert Dransfield, late of Stonewall, Manitoba.

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Our City Walls.

SIR,—Pray permit me through your columns to call the attention of the moral, religious and philanthropic societies of Ontario to the following, with the fervent hope that they will unite in a strenuous effort to secure the passage of a similar Act in the Province of Ontario. And in passing, may say that the following information is from a Church newspaper of our city. Mr. G. W. Stephens, M.P.P. for Huntington county, has introduced the following bill in the Quebec Legislature, entitled, "An Act to prohibit indecent posters in the public streets and places. (1) The posting, or placarding, or exhibiting in the streets, lanes or public places, in any town or city, of illustrated placards, or show bills, for the purpose of advertising exhibitions, plays or operas, having depicted thereon nude or semi-nude human figures, or sensational show bills with delineations thereon of murders or attempts to murder, or figures using firearms, knives, or other offensive or deadly weapons, illustrating acts of violence, escaped convicts, or figures in convict garb, or executions, or any other show bills, placards, or posters of a nature to promote and familiarize vice and crime, is prohibited under a penalty of fifty dollars for each offence, and in default of payment of such fine, of one month's imprisonment in the common jail. (2) Every chief superintendent, or prefect of police, or other peace officer, will be responsible for the enforcement of this Act, and it shall be the duty of all such officers to cause the arrest and punishment of offenders, and the destruction and confiscation of all printed matter of the description mentioned in this Act so exhibited or in the possession of the parties committing the offence. (3) Prosecutions under this Act are governed by the provisions of Part Iviii. of the Criminal Code of 1892." In my own small efforts in the vast mission field, I often feel hampered by many of the pictured representations on our city walls. For instance, in speaking to a number of lads—most of them mere children—on the evils of cigarette smoking, after leaving the anti-tobacco club—organized by Miss Eliza Wills—what, I ask you, do those same lads see on our city walls and elsewhere? This: the smiling face of an attractively pictured street Arab, who perched aloft a barrel top, the smoke of the cigarette he holds in his hand curling above his little saucy face, as he says: "I only smoke Derby plug!" One cannot fail to see and deplore the numbers of children of Toronto who daily educate themselves on such like representations (and worse) displayed upon our city walls. Is this right? Would to God we were more consistent. Would to God our Lord's Day Alliance, our Christian Endeavourers, our Local Council of Women, the Salvation Army, etc., would deem it a duty to unite in the endeavour to secure the passage of an Act similar to above, and so remove all plague spots of sin from off our city walls, even as one would remove such from the walls of the home.

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The Church and the Sunday School.

SIR,—In your leading article for 18th March, 1897, under the heading, "The Church and the Sunday School," you quote from "old files of this paper," in which report of the Church Congress, held in Toronto in 1884, appears. From that report you felt justified in publishing the following quotation: "The correctness of the last statement was fully justified a few minutes later by the speech of a 'rural dignitary from another diocese,' who declared his utter disbelief in Sunday schools and Sunday school