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A LEADING firm in the city of London has promised £500 stg. towards the building of Truro Cathedral, if other firms will contribute to the same extent.

One hundred and twenty new members are announced for the "City Church and Churchyard Protection Society," as the result of a meeting lately held in the Mansion House. The solicitors of the Metropolitan Railway have formally announced that no city church or churchyard will be interfered with by the railway.

According to the *Philadelphia Press*, in the northwestern prairies of Canada, wheat often produces 40 or 50 bushels an acre, whereas in South Minnesota 20 bushels is the average crop, in Wisconsin, in Pennsylvania and Ohio 15. Within five years it is calculated that four million acres of this fertile land will be under wheat cultivation. This means an addition to the wheat products of the world of a hundred million bushels, being the amount exported last year from the United States. A large opening will be immediately created for the work of the Church.

Mr. Gladstone is so unwell that it is considered likely that he may have to withdraw from the House of Commons for the rest of the session. His attention to public business and his constant attendance in the House have had considerable effect upon his physical powers. He has congestion of the lungs, and is in a decidedly critical condition.

A joint naval demonstration in Turkish waters is in course of preparation. All the powers are agreed in giving the command to England. The demonstration will be suspended should the Porte promptly settle the Montenegrin question.

The Rumba rebellion in India is not yet quelled. One of the leaders has been shot, and others have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

Further trouble has arisen among the Afghans. Through the mismanagement of General Haines, a weak and unreliable brigade was allowed to proceed seventy miles from its support against eight thousand men and thirty-six guns. Two-thirds of the British force were destroyed.

An international exhibition is expected to be held in Rome in 1885.

The Tichborne claimant's case is to be appealed to the House of Lords.

The Princess Louise and Prince Leopold embarked at Quebec on board the "Polynesian" for England, on the 31st ult.

The Rev. Dr. Maynard, F.R.H.S., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., leaves for England by the Cunard steamship Gallia, on the 4th inst., intending to spend his vacation in Scotland, collecting material for a new historical and illustrated lecture.

## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

THE invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, even His eternal power and Godhead." This is the manifestation of the truth of God to all mankind without exception. And very majestic and sometimes awfully grand, as well as benevolent and good, is this manifestation. To His people Israel He displayed other features of His character, which could never have been gathered from the works of nature. And sublimely glorious was the exhibition of the greatness and the lovingkindness of the I AM THAT I AM. So glorious was it, indeed, that "the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses." But this glory was to be done away. It was to be lost in the far greater splendor of the Sun of Righteousness. It was to fade into a magnificence of infinitely greater glory in the Advent of a Kingdom of Messiah. For after all, though the Mosaic system had sacrifices of atonement, it was the system of condemnation and had no sacraments of life. And "if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory."

In the new Dispensation the great gulf between earth and heaven has been bridged over, and a communication with God, through His Blessed Son, has been opened to man. The two natures, which in the person of Jesus are inseparably joined, touch two spheres of being—there, the uncreated and the Divine—here, the created and the human. And in consequence of His having these two natures, we lay hold of His pure and sacred manhood, and we come into real communion with Deity. It is God's perfection, it is God's example, it is God's teaching, it is God's pardoning love with which we are brought in contact. And eye hath not seen, nor hath it entered into the mind of man to conceive the infinite and eternal glories which shall, in endless succession, manifest themselves in the future developments of the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ. Now, with all the surpassing glory of the Christian's present position and privileges, yet in comparison with the future, we now "see through a glass darkly." Now, life and immortality are enlightened by the Gospel; but then, the full beatific vision which is the final goal of the present Dispensation shall be such an exhibition of transcendent glory that only an Infinite Mind can comprehend it. Now, we have sacraments as means of communion with the Saviour; but when we come to the presence of the Redeemer in His Kingdom, it will be by the pure river of the Water of Life, in the shade of the Tree of Life, the very leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.

## MODERN SCIENCE.

MARK TWAIN says:—"There is something fascinating about science in the present day. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of so trifling an investment of fact." The remark is a forcible one and commends itself to

every one who knows anything of the speculations of the present day in regard to the origin of species, the exact number of billions of years the earth has existed, or the pre-Adamite existence of man—for speculations they are, every one of them, all resting upon so-called scientific deduction, notwithstanding the circumstance that, as presumed matters of fact, they belong to history rather than to science. The *Living Church* in a recent number, after a review of Dr. Winchell's "Pre-Adamites," has the following:—"The 'developments' of modern science are truly wonderful. The way it demonstrates the antiquity of man is surprising. The famous Calaveras skull, which was taken from a tunnel under Table Mountain, was supposed to be proof positive that man existed before the present geological epoch, and therefore the book of Genesis must be a myth. Unfortunately for this 'pre-historic' man, however, Dr. Southall, in his 'Recent Origin of Man' (p. 188), tells us that a Mr. Brier, a miner, whose brother is a reliable minister of Alvarado, California, was one of the two men who took the skull from a cave in the sides of the valley, and placed it on the shaft where it was found; and that the whole object was a practical joke, to deceive Prof. Whitney, the geologist."

In order to prevent apparent disagreements between science and religion, it is quite as necessary for science to confine itself to its domain and to be sure of its facts, as it is for religion to discard mediæval interpretations upon scientific subjects.

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY AND THE LATE PRINCE IMPERIAL.

WHEN the proposal was first made to place a memorial to the late Prince Imperial, who fell a victim to his rashness in the Zulu war, almost every Englishman was astonished; and when it was found that Dean Stanley persistently advocated such a step, he would certainly have been thought crazy, had it not been remembered that he had already done some very extraordinary things, and had put up some very queer memorials in the Abbey before. It was also discovered that the Crown was very anxious to have the monument there. But this fact did not prevent the whole nation from asking, What service had the Prince Imperial rendered to England or to any other country? As an individual, he represented hereditary enmity to England. He went to South Africa, not to aid the country of his shelter, but to train himself more effectively to disturb a government friendly to England. He died, not in valorous battle, but in flight necessitated by a piece of the most perfect foolhardiness ever heard of. Had he lived and become successful to his heart's desire, he would have deluged France with blood, and waded through slaughter to the Imperial throne. But by a merciful Providence all this was prevented; and there were not a few who thought that gratitude to Almighty God was a fitting return for the evil that has been prevented. But however that may be, all England, except the Court and Dean Stanley, would have felt that another desecration of England's chief sanctuary would have taken place had the monument been erected there. But as most of our readers know, the subject was brought before the House of Commons and, by a large majority, a resolution was passed affirming that the erection of