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THE Bishop of Newfoundland has returned to St. John's after a three months' cruise in the church ship *Lavrock*, having visited all the missions in the Deaneries of the Strait of Belleisle, Fortune Bay and Placentia Bay, consecrated three Churches, and ten cemeteries, and confirmed upwards of 1,200 persons.

After being closed for two months for the purpose of being re-seated, the choir of Canterbury Cathedral was re-opened on the 18th by the Archbishop.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is said to have expressed his abhorrence of the Bordesley sacrilege, and to have directed that the consecrated bread which had been surreptitiously taken should be restored to the Rector.

The Bishop of Chichester has signified his intention of holding a nine days' mission in Brighton at the end of January.

There is a Church on Rigi Scheideck in Switzerland, which is used alternately by the Roman Catholics and English Churchmen.

A daily contemporary a few days ago, very triumphantly gave an account of the secession to the Church of Rome of the Rev. Arthur Wagner, of St. Paul's, Brighton. The enemies of the Church generally were delighted to notice the statement. It appears, however, that the Rev. gentleman has written to the *Post* denying the report altogether. It is also stated that neither Mr. Wagner nor any of the members of his congregation intend to leave the Church.

The health of the Queen has decidedly improved.

During a recent heavy cyclone in the Bay of Bengal, the storm wave swept over Maukishhall Island, drowning several hundred persons.

The operation of lowering the second of the Obelisks, termed Cleopatra's needles to a horizontal position, previous to removing it to New York, has been satisfactorily performed.

The idea of an Irish Church Congress, although objected to by the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishop of Derry, has not been lost sight of.

Dean Stanley, in opening a coffee tavern in London, incidentally stated that he had formed the opinion in the United States that their best institutions were the public libraries, and the worst their newspapers.

Considerable excitement exists in England about the proposed removal of the facade of St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice. Mr. Gladstone says the proposal is detestable, if true, but he thinks it scarcely credible.

A London physician recently obtained £16,000 sterling from the London and South Western Railway Company, for injuries sustained by an accident on that Railway.

Two 80 ton guns are to be placed on Dover pier for the defence of that harbor.

A harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at Rathclaren Church on the 11th. The Bishop of Cork was present, and seven clergymen besides the Rector of the parish. The Psalms and Canticles were chanted, and processional and recessional hymns used. The Bishop preached. The following gifts of the congregation were used for the first time:—A flagon, an altar desk of brass, a brass pulpit desk, and a brass font jug, the latter being a memorial to the late beloved Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. T. Day.

The twin towers of Cologne Cathedral are now the highest buildings on the earth, being now five feet higher than the tower of St. Nicholas Church, Hamburg. Ultimately they will be fifty-one feet ten inches higher. They are 524 feet high from the pavement of the cloisters.

The Bishop of Cork confirmed in his Cathedral on the 18th, about two hundred persons.

Hospital Sunday in Ireland, produces about £3,000 etc. annually. The Roman Catholics do not join in it, although seven-eighths of the benefit will go to the members of their Church.

Prince Alamayn, son of the late King Theodore of Abyssinia, who went to Leeds a short time ago to pursue his studies under Professor Ransome, died, at the age of 19, on the 14th November, of bronchopneumo-pneumonia. It was claimed for him that he was a lineal descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Queen of England received the news of his death with much concern.

It is announced that Miss Cecil, daughter of the Rev. Richard Cecil, died on the 15th, in the 98th year of her age, at St. Albans Road, Highgate. Miss Catherine Cecil, who edited her father's works, is still living, and is over eighty years of age.

The Chapel of New College, Oxford, has been restored at the cost of £25,000. The Bishop of Winchester, who preached at the 500th anniversary of the foundation of the College, stated that six years ago he had preached at the 1,200th anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral at Ely.

A new postage stamp is to be issued next January in Great Britain. It will bear the portrait of the Queen as she looks in her mature age, quite unlike the portrait of Her Majesty on the stamps now in use, which represent her as she was when just entering womanhood.

The fine parish church of Todenham was re-opened on the 28th ult. by the Bishop of Gloucester, who preached on the occasion. The building, which has been carefully restored by Mr. Cutts, is dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury and dates from the fourteenth century. It possesses many features of interest, amongst which may be noticed its lofty spire. The restoration, which includes the rebuilding of the north arcade and the reconstruction of the nave roof, has entailed an expense of £1,200.

It has been supposed that the Newton oak, which is 47 ft. 6 in. in diameter, was the largest in England. But Mr. C. A. Ward writes to the *Times* to say, that the Cowthorp oak in Yorkshire has a girth of 60 ft. almost as much as the base of the Eddystone Lighthouse. In 1715 it covered half an acre. A branch torn off at that date yielded five tons of timber.

A tenth of the students of the Lincoln Theological College since 1874 have come from the ranks of Nonconformity.

Eighty-six children are attending the new government school for Indians at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Among them are sons and daughters of the well-known chiefs Spotted Tail, Black Crow, White Thunder, Whirlwind, Brave Bull, Good Voice, and others.

One of the patriarchs of the English Church, and a clergyman to whom Cardinal Manning was formerly curate, died in his ninety-third year on the 8th Nov. The Rev. James Tripp was of an old landed family in Somersetshire, who changed their name from Howard in the time of Henry v. He was born in 1787, and was educated at Midhurst School. He took his degree at Cambridge in 1809, and was ordained by Bishop Brownlow North in 1810, in a private chapel in Cheyne-walk, Chelsea—a curious contrast to the practice of modern times.

The chancel of the tiny church of St. Mary's, Erinton, Essex, which was blown down by the tempest that destroyed Eddystone Lighthouse on 26th of November, 1706, has been rebuilt, by a curious coincidence while a new lighthouse is in course of construction on the famous rock in question. The new chancel and restoration of the nave, which has cost 600£, has been chiefly undertaken by the Rev. Francis Beadel, in memory of his parents. The architect has been Mr. Stone, of John street, Bedford Row.

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