

Statisticians claim that the earth will not support to exceed 5,994,000,000 people. The present population is estimated at 1,467,000,000, the increase being eight per cent. each decade. At that rate the utmost limit will be reached in the year 2072.

Among both Greeks, Romans and other ancient nations, titles were frequently conferred in memory of some achievement. Scipio Africanus, for instance, was so called from his conquest of Africa, and other illustrations are very numerous.

The Rev. H. Jekill, B.A., has been appointed rector of St. Mary's Church, Montreal, in succession to the Rev. Alfred Bareham, who has gone to the diocese of Algoma.

Mr. Alfred de Rothschild possesses a lion cub, which he has trained to follow him about his house and grounds. Its food consists of rice and boiled mutton, of which latter article it readily consumes upward of five pounds per day.

The Very Rev. Dean Hole, the friend of Thackeray and John Leech, is about to leave England on an extensive tour in America and Canada, where he will deliver a course of lectures to be entitled: "Familiar talks on English life during the past fifty years." Part of the proceeds are to be devoted towards the restoration of the Rochester Cathedral.

Four hundred and sixty-one degrees below the freezing point of the Fahrenheit thermometer lies a mysterious, specially indicated degree of cold which science has long been gazing toward and striving to attain, wondering meanwhile what may be the condition of matter at this unexplored point. Its existence has long been indicated and its position established.

British and Foreign.

An alms dish, costing over £100, is about to be presented to St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Gregg.

We regret to hear of the somewhat serious illness of the Dean of Cork (Dr. Gregg).

Dean Stanley's Life will be published immediately. There will be two octavo volumes, and each will have portraits and other illustrations.

The building of the new German Evangelical Church at Jerusalem, the foundation of which was laid a few days ago, is said to be the first step towards the projected establishment of a German Evangelical Bishopric in that city.

In 1850, it is said, there were about ten Norwegian pastors in the United States. Now the Norwegians in the Northwest have 682 pastors, and 1,700 congregations.

When the missionaries first went to Uganda, sixteen years ago, there was no written language. Now 10,000 of the population are able to read their language.

In the midst of a famine a Hindoo said to the native Christians who were starving: "If you will renounce Christ I will give you all the grain you need." Not one accepted the offer.

We hear on good authority that Mr. Tom Mann has given up for the present the idea of seeking Orders in the Church of England: in fact, he has, or is about, to leave London for a lecture tour of some months in the country. Had he decided otherwise, a title would, it is said, have been found for him in the diocese of Rochester.

The *Sacred City of the Ethiopians*, by Mr. Theodore Bent, which Messrs. Longmans will publish immediately, gives an account of his journey last winter to Aksum, in Abyssinia. A feature of special interest will be Mr. Bent's chapter devoted to a description of the series of monoliths and other remains at Aksum, illustrated by photographs taken on the spot.

At the recent Keswick missionary convention, Mrs. Bishop, the great traveller, spoke and made

a profound impression by her eloquent dealing with the consciences of well-to-do Christians. "You have no right to pray for money for your missions," she said; "you have got it, God has given it to you; you have only to use it in the right way."

The *Missionary Herald* says: "About a year since, Mizra Ibrahim, a convert from Islam, was arrested at Oroomiah, Persia, and after making a bold confession of his faith in Christ, was put in prison, where he remained for twelve months. In April last he began to speak to some of his fellow prisoners of Christ. They beat him unmercifully, and, holding him by the throat, demanded of him: 'Is Ali true, or Jesus?' He replied: 'Jesus, though you kill me.' His injuries were so severe that death ensued on May 14th. Before his death he said: 'All is well. Tell the Church to pray for me, and commend me to Jesus.' The courage and faith of this man have made a deep impression upon the people."

Canon Liddon said: "A good Christian cannot be other than eager for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom among men, not only from his sense of what is due to the Lord who bought him, but also from his natural sense of justice—his persuasion that he has no right to withhold from others those privileges and prospects which are the joy of his own inmost life."

The Japanese Government is now closing the schools it has established for the higher education of girls. Missionaries think this retrograde movement is largely due to the fact that polygamy is sanctioned by the government, which fears that if Japanese women become educated and emancipated, they will oppose a custom so degrading to themselves and their children.

The Rev. H. H. McCreery, of Utah, states the essential principles of Mormonism as follows: "We have here a religious system with things in it which hold people. In the fundamental of unquestioning obedience, inflexible; in doctrine, eclectic with a counterfeit for every truth, and a place for every lie, on such familiar footing with the Lord that any essential principle may be suspended for the sake of policy."

There is a mistaken idea that the contributions of the Church of Ireland towards foreign missions have decreased since the Disestablishment. On the contrary, while the amount received for foreign missions in the year 1870 was £13,969, that received in 1892 was £16,857. The contributions to the Hibernian C. M. S. for the ten years immediately preceding Disestablishment—that is from 1860 to 1869 inclusive—amounted to £62,385, and for the ten years from 1883 to 1892 inclusive, to £83,325. It must also be remembered that since the disendowment of the Church two University Missions have been established, one in India in connection with S. P. G., and one in China in connection with C. M. S.

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In the report of the United States Commissioner of Education recently published it is stated that "Alaska has at present fifteen day-schools, supported wholly by the government, with a total enrolment of 1,110 pupils; nine contract schools, containing 302 pupils supported jointly by the government and the missionary societies; ten mission schools, with an enrolment of 297 pupils, supported wholly from the funds of the churches; and two schools containing seventy-nine pupils, maintained on the seal islands by the North American Commercial Company, under contract with the treasury department. In all, there are thirty-seven schools, with 1,788 pupils." He estimates that there are 10,000 native children in Alaska.

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Family Reading.

Love's Mastery: Or the Gower Family.

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Somerset glanced for a moment complacently at the whole equipage—the beautiful chariot, one of his own choice, with its pair of restive greys; the waggonette, equally dashing, and which, in default of more aristocratic burden, was to be occupied to-day by the ladies' private maids and his own man-servant; the "break," for the conveyance of other domestics and the family luggage; all was in the best style and order, and Mr. Gower was satisfied. The thought of vulgar display or unnecessary parade was very far from his mind; nevertheless, he was anxious that the old family name and dignity should in no way be disgraced, and that all due honour and respect should mark the return of his sister to the place of her birth. And so it was that, in locking round on all, Mr. Gower was satisfied and content.

The expectant tradesmen and the no-less-curious and interested townsfolk peered forth eagerly from their windows as the carriages drove rapidly through the streets of the little town: all knew to whom they belonged, and whither they were going.

There was a mile's drive through lanes which Stella thought (as she sat so sadly and quietly in her corner opposite her aunt) must be very lovely when the touch of spring came to awaken them; and then the carriage passed through the gates of a pretty rustic lodge. Somerset looked at Lora, and smiled.

"We are at home now," he said.

The sun had set just after they left the station; and twilight was stealing on. But Stella could see with tolerable distinctness the exquisitely-wooded scenery through which they were passing, now that they had reached the "Park," though for some time no residence appeared in view.

Rich slopes, with patches and crowns of trees, many of them evergreens; acres of golden heather, upon which here and there groups of deer were timidly grazing; and from time to time, in the dim landscape beyond, little snatches of the clear expanse, which Stella guessed rather than saw to be the sea—all was richness and beauty. "If so charming in its winter aspect, what must Croombe be in the depth and glory of the summer months?" thought the sister, as, upon every spot of unusual sweetness, or peep of distant beauty, she pictured the gaze of her little Tracy falling, with that intensity of enjoyment of which his spirit was so capable.

"I recollect it all, quite well, Somerset," Lora remarked, putting her head again out of the window: "only I really think the place has grown prettier than it used to be. Do not you, auntie?" "It was always considered one of the finest spots for situation and scenery in the kingdom," replied Lady Trevanion; "and I have always thought it a pity it should be so deserted."

"We will make up for it now," said Somerset-laughing. "See; the house looks anything but deserted this evening," he continued. For, at that moment, a turn in the drive brought them in full view of the mansion, which, seen from the acclivity just attained, and illuminated in almost every part, wore an air equally attractive and imposing.

As Somerset was speaking, a cheerful sound of bells broke upon the ear, peal after peal in the evening air ringing out a welcome.

"From the old church?" asked Lora. "We have not passed it, surely, Somerset?"

"No; it lies just the other way, and quite a mile from the house, if you remember. There is a new rectory, by-the-by, Lora, and a new rector too, within the last year or so. They will be wanting a new church to match, I can answer for it, before long. Aunt Loo, you must take that up."

"I am sure the old church does very well," remarked Lora, "and I like it best. I remember the comfort of that great square pew, as if it were only yesterday; it will be quite refreshing to revive the old feeling. We could talk and be naughty there, as well as possible, without its making the slightest difference to anyone. Whatever should

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