

volumes, has been presented to the Rev. John Edgecumbe, rector of Trinity Church, Cranford, N.J.

Two-thirds of the total number of children under 10 years of age in the United Kingdom are insured in one form or another.

It is said that "all the blood in the body makes the entire round of the circulation in twenty seconds, so that three times in every minute all the red globules of the blood, which are the oxygen-carriers, must each have its fresh modicum of oxygen."

The English Black Friday was May 11, 1865, the height of the commercial panic of that year; the American Black Friday was September 24, 1869, when a group of speculators in New York suddenly advanced the price of gold and produced a disastrous panic.

Experiments made in the hygienic institute in the Berlin University have shown that cholera bacilli die more quickly on dry tobacco than on dry glass-plates; that they do not multiply, but quickly die, on moist tobacco; and that tobacco-smoke quickly kills them.

Professor von Stein, a well-known Moscow physician, claims to have discovered a new cure for rheumatism by means of electric light. The light used is a small incandescent lamp, whose rays are applied to the afflicted part through a funnel. The length of the treatment depends on the ability of the patient to endure the heat.

More than half of the hops grown in England are cultivated in the county of Kent, on 34,000 acres.

From the records of the Madras high court it appears that the practice of offering human sacrifices to idols is increasing in Southern India.

Lilies are raised as a regular field crop in the Bermudas. In one of the largest fields over 100,000 may be seen in bloom at the same time.

Several London carriage makers have received orders of late for sedan chairs, and a revival is anticipated of those unique vehicles that were the pride of fashionable ladies of former centuries.

The Rev. D. J. Davies, LL.D., of Chatsworth, has been appointed to the incumbency of Trinity Church, Blenheim, by the Very Rev. Dean Innes, of Huron, bishop's commissary.

The skeleton of the "whale wizard," discovered in Alaska last summer, weighs \$2,400 pounds. This is the second of the species so far known to science. It had both legs and wings.

Since the war with France, Germany has spent \$6,000,000,000 on her army. The indemnity of \$1,000,000,000 paid by France was mainly expended in the strengthening of Germany's fortresses.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, is lying ill in Minneapolis. He went there with the expectation of holding confirmation services at All Saints' and St. Paul's churches, but was taken ill on May 7. He is seventy-one years old.

The Emperor of China is the supreme head of his subjects, and is supposed to receive his instructions as to the management of the vast territory committed to his charge by decrees from heaven.

In England some striking forge workers recently decided they were in the wrong, and, besides going back to work at once, voluntarily paid their employers £25 indemnity for the loss caused by their striking.

On Sunday last the services at Holy Trinity Church, Pembroke, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Empringham, of Beachburg. The worshippers were much impressed by the power and originality of the young preacher.

The Rev. W. A. Read exchanged services with the Rev. James Empringham, of Beachburg. The ministrations of the latter were much appreciated by the congregation of Holy Trinity.

Cromlechs, found in many countries, are rude monuments to the dead. Nearly seventy round towers, from 30 to 135 feet high, are found in various parts of Ireland. They are believed to have been used in the ceremonies of fire-worship.

Recent catalogues show that entomologists have found 363 species of spiders in the upper Cayuga lake basin, 370 in the district of Columbia and 340 in New England. Dr. George Marx has compiled a list of 292 species which have been found in the polar regions of the globe.

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## British and Foreign.

The salary of one of the boys in the choir of All Angels' Church, New York, is \$1,000 a year.

The happy suggestion has been made that a cathedral church be erected in San Francisco as a memorial of the late Bishop Kip.

The Bishop-designate of Norwich is spending a brief holiday in Switzerland.

The Birmingham Bishopric scheme will be considered at the Church Congress in the autumn, at that place.

Bishop Barry is to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Columbia College, New York, this year.

The Bishop of St. Andrews and his family have taken up residence in St. Mary's Tower, Birnam. The Bishop's sermon at his Lordship's enthronement made a great impression. Apparently he has already gained all hearts, and won golden opinions.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of Shakespeare's birth-place, at Stratford-on-Avon, it was reported that Anne Hathaway's cottage had been purchased for £3,000, and that £50 had since been paid for the furniture. Sir William Flower and Lord Ronald Gower were elected life trustees.

Dr. Thomas C. Hall, of Chicago, has announced that if Dr. Briggs is condemned by the General Assembly, he will leave the Presbyterian Church. He is a son of Dr. John Hall, of New York, who is actively opposed to Dr. Briggs.

In a little hall in Latrobe Street, Melbourne, a unique service was held upon Easter Sunday morning, when Professor Harper, of Ormond College, dispensed the Lord's Supper in Arabic to a small company of Syrian Christians. Fourteen were present, six joined in the communion, the Rev. W. M. Alexander acting as deacon.

The Bishop of Worcester has accepted Dr. Lunn's invitation to take part in the discussions on Old Testament Criticism at the Lucerne Reunion Conference this year, and has also arranged to join in the Reunion Pilgrimage to Jerusalem which is being organized by Dr. Lunn, and the Bishop's son, Mr. Woolrych Perowne. As already announced, Arch-deacon Farrar will be a member of the party, and will deliver lectures to the pilgrims during their stay in Jerusalem.

Negotiations are at present going on between the Congregationalist and Evangelical Union Churches in Scotland with a view to a possible amalgamation. This of course is a matter which primarily affects themselves; but any step that lessens the number of the sects is in the right direction, and we venture to express a hope that the negotiations will be carried through.

Father Hopkins, of the Seamen's Friendly Society, Calcutta, in his address at St. Augustine's, mentioned that he was an old sailor himself, and a convert from the Baptist denomination; but he was a Catholic priest of the English Church now, having been ordained in 1885 by the Bishop of Rangoon, with authority from the Archbishop of Canterbury to preach in any churches in England or Wales to which he might be invited to plead the sailors' cause.

In the House of Commons, Dr. Cameron's motion for leave to introduce a Bill for the immediate disestablishment of the Scotch Church was resisted by Sir Mark Stewart, who forced a division upon it, with the result that leave was given by 246 votes against 180, and the Bill was brought in and read a first time. In the House of Lords during the past week the Church Patronage Bill has been read a third time and passed, and the second reading of the Bishop of Salisbury's Elementary Education (Religious Instruction) Bill has been agreed to.

The work of the restoration of Cloyn Cathedral has begun, and is now considerably advanced. The old lath and plaster ceiling has been taken down, and is replaced by a very handsome panelled ceiling of pine wood, with diagonal work. The old ceiling was found to be in a very dangerous state, and on the removal of part of it some of the rest fell in a large mass. The old and dangerous flues built up and running out through the roof have been taken away. A heating chamber with external flues will be formed outside the building. The transept arches which had been built up are now opened, and the new sittings will shortly be put in. The Committee appeal for funds to complete the work this summer.

A House of Rest for clergymen is to be furnished by the Brothers of Nazareth at their beautiful Priory Farm, Verbank, Dutchess county. This beautiful spot is situated in the Shawangunk Mountains, 2,000 feet above sea level. Near by is the pretty village of Ellenville. Board will be furnished for \$5 a week. The idea of this House of Rest seems to us a good one, although it is a new thing in America. Clergymen of moderate means, i.e., the majority of clergymen, will find, we feel sure, every reasonable comfort and convenience in the hospitable home of the Brothers of Nazareth.—N. Y. Churchman.

Dr. Thornton, the Bishop of Ballarat, in Victoria, has been expressing his views on the financial crisis in that colony. "The Christian Church," he says, "cannot be accused of having failed to warn Victoria against, in particular, that gambling spirit which has pervaded and demoralized her national life." The picture the Bishop draws of the present condition of Victoria is dark enough:—"Her unemployed counted by their thousands, her suicide record portentous, her law courts blocked by the trials of fraudulent financiers, England reluctant to lend her money, and her very expensive Parliament unable to unite in devising a remedy for the maladies of the State."

We make the following extract from a personal letter addressed to us by the Rev. Dr. Satterlee, rector of Calvary Church in New York:—"The subject of organic church union has been in my daily thoughts for twenty-five years. It will not come suddenly, but it is coming surely. The progress which has already been made exceeds the expectations of past years. I never dreamed, a quarter of a century ago, that the year 1893 would find us so far advanced toward organic church union as we now are. Christ prayed, the night before His crucifixion, that 'they all might be one,' and the more earnestly we make His prayer our own the sooner the blessed day of unity will come."—The Church Union.

Whitaker's estimated membership of religious denominations throughout the English speaking world (1891).

Episcopalians .....	23,000,000
Methodists, all kinds.....	18,960,000
Roman Catholics.....	15,200,000
Presbyterians, all kinds.....	11,100,000
Baptists, all kinds.....	8,600,000
Congregationalists .....	5,500,000
Free Thought, various.....	3,500,000
Unitarians of several names.....	1,250,000
Minor sects.....	4,000,000
German, Dutch, Lutheran, etc.....	1,750,000
No definite religion.....	13,500,000

English Speaking Population.....104,360,000

THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD.

(From Schem's Statistics.)

Christians .....	380,000,000
Buddhists .....	340,000,000
Mohammedans.....	210,000,000
Brahmins.....	175,000,000
Confucianists .....	80,000,000
Sintoists.....	14,000,000
Jews .....	7,000,000

## Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

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.

### Mission Fund of the Diocese of Toronto.

SIR,—Considering the low state of our Diocesan Mission Fund, is it not about time that our July collection was restored to it? I have been informed that this quarterly collection was originally for "general purposes," from which it was diverted to meet the exigencies of the Mission Fund; but if it were desirable at that time to make the change, are not the necessities of the Mission Fund equally pressing at the present time? Are we not paying our missionaries in many cases their small stipends with borrowed money, even though our expenditure is in some measure reduced by reason of several of our missions being vacant from the dearth of men, caused no doubt by the insufficient provision we are able to make for them; we are also unable to open new missions from the same cause, so that our Church is not advancing in country places as it ought to be advancing.

I am not sanguine enough to suppose that the July collection is all that is needed to place our