

There are over a million species of insects in the world.

The new British coinage will bear the Queen's head without a crown.

It is estimated that there are now 150,000,000 copies of the Bible in circulation.

Rev. C. H. Shortt, of St. Cyprian's, Toronto, has returned from Boston.

Rev. F. Prime, of New Brighton, Mass., has terminated his visit to friends in Toronto.

Rev. C. H. Shutt is collecting for a new church at St. Catharines. The present one is overcrowded.

Mr. Lutz, the new priest-vicar at St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, is a great acquisition, musically.

The Venerable Archdeacon Denison has met with an accident, injuring his hip severely.

The annual lectures in St. Asaph Cathedral will be delivered this year by Canon Scott Holland.

Sir Walter Phillimore, the famous ecclesiastical lawyer, is to succeed Judge Denman on the Bench.

Mrs. Maitland Maghill Crichton, lately deceased at 93, used to play the piano for Sir Walter Scott.

Enquiry is being made as to English churches having fonts for the immersion of adults.

The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. Mr. Fairlie, of Meaford, to succeed Rural Dean Craig at Clinton.

Mr. Walter Darling, Inspector of the Dominion Bank, son of the late Rev. W. S. Darling, died last week.

The Primate of Australia has an income of \$17,000 per annum—phenomenally large for a colonial bishop.

The Birmingham "Church Extension" Society has an income now of \$10,000 per annum for city missions.

The "three years" system of Methodist itinerancy in the United States has lengthened out to five years and over.

Congregations composed of men in boating flannels or cycle uniforms may be seen in certain English churches.

The Rev. T. W. Cunliffe, late of Fort Pelly, has been appointed curate to the Rev. J. P. Sargent, of Fort Qu'Appelle.

Among Tennyson's contributions to promotion of temperance principles is his "Northern Cobbler"—a favourite recitation.

Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, of St. George's Church, Hamilton, has declined a call to the Anglican church at Aylmer, Ont.

There is only room for about 100 more interments in Westminster Abbey—only three of them in "Poet's Corner."

Thomas Nelson, head of the great Edinburgh publishing firm, died lately. In politics he was "an impenitent Gladstonian."

Miss Kate Marsden, the Siberian leper missionary, has a "Victoria R. I." brooch from the Queen—a rare favour.

"General" Booth's "Darkest England" accounts are being investigated by Earl Onslow's Special Committee.

The Mayor of Sheffield has been run down and injured by a bicycle. These machines will now be "regulated"—in Sheffield.

Dean Hole, of Rochester, writes severely in the *Guardian* about the "miserable self-conceit" of so many Total Abstinents.

A whaling bark has been crushed in the ice in the Arctic Sea, and only five out of the thirty-five men were saved.

Torontonians were sorely puzzled between church services, home dinners and sham fights on Thanksgiving Day.

Ven. Archd. J. A. Mackay, Principal of Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, has returned from a tour of inspection of missions in the north.

Of the 10,152,000 artisans of France, there are 4,415,000 women, who draw 85 per cent. of the entire sum spent in wages in the Republic.

A passage beginning "Strong Son of God," from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," set to music by Oakley, was recently sung in Canterbury Cathedral.

The Queen expects to abolish her stag-hounds next spring, doubtless to the delight of the British tax-payer, for they cost the nation \$50,000 a year.

Rev. Mr. Price, Parkham, has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, at Brandon, who went there a few years ago and began farming.

The Bishop of Ontario held a confirmation service in Trinity (Memorial) Church, Cornwall, on Nov. 6th. The annual missionary meeting was held in the evening.

The clergy of Los Angeles celebrated Columbus Day by a choral service in St. Paul's Church, on the

evening of the 21st, at which Rev. A. S. Clark, rector of Christ Church, preached.

The average length of life is greater in Norway than in any other country on the globe. This is attributed to the fact that the temperature is cool and uniform throughout the year.

Rev. W. R. Clark, of Ancaster, who was recently appointed rector of St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, by Bishop Hamilton, has declined the appointment, and will remain in his present position.

The Queen has appointed Mr. Alexander Ogston, M.D., Regius Professor of Surgery, University of Aberdeen, to be Surgeon in Ordinary to Her Majesty in Scotland, in the room of the late Sir George H. B. Macleod.

His Lordship, Bishop Bond, has appointed the Rev. Samuel Massey to the charge of the new St. Simon's Church, St. Henri, a suburb of Montreal, which is growing fast, and is likely soon to become a part of the city.

Two officers of the Australian Banking Company of Sydney, New South Wales, have recently been found guilty of issuing false balance sheets for the purpose of defrauding shareholders, and sentenced to several years' penal servitude.

Dr. Goldsmith, Peterboro, who has been in attendance at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of London, Eng., for the past four months, has returned with the title of M.R.C.P., a title which, it is understood, is held by only one other in the Dominion, Dr. Sir James Grant, Ottawa.

## British and Foreign.

The Endowment Fund of St. George's parish, N.Y., now amounts to \$33,283 84, and the Endowment Fund for the Deaconess House is \$382. The offer of Mr. Pierpont Morgan to give a dollar for every dollar raised by the congregation still holds good.

The Duke of Argyll's new volume on "The Unseen Foundations of Society," which Mr. Murray promises, will be, says the *Athenaeum*, an elaborate work, discussing, in sixteen chapters, "The Fallacies and Failures of Economic Science, and the Elements to the neglect of which the failure is due."

The census taken last year in Newfoundland shows that in the seven years from 1884 to 1891 the Protestant portion of the population increased 6 per cent., or at the rate of 8.5 in ten years, whereas the Roman Catholic population decreased 3.1 per cent., or at the rate of 4 per cent., in ten years.

The Bishop of Exeter, in speaking at his diocesan conference on the Lincoln judgment, as confirmed by the Privy Council, denied that it involved a triumph for any party. The usages allowed had no connection with Romish and strange doctrine. The whole verdict made for liberty and order.

Being interviewed on the subject of the "growing increase of intemperance among women," to which his lordship alluded at a recent Mansion House meeting, the Bishop of London said that it would be important to ascertain, if possible, in what way the evil began, whether from greater facilities for secrecy or from different causes. As for the remedy, its foundation must rest in a permanent change for the better in the people's own character.

The Bishop of Lincoln, in his recent charge, spoke with singular moderation and dignity on the subject of the recent Privy Council decree, in which his interest was so personal. In the course of his remarks, he said that the liberty secured by the recent decision of the Privy Council in certain matters of ceremonial required two lines of caution: (1) The use of charity and edification; (2) the doctrinal significance which individuals of the clergy or laity amongst them might attach to ceremonies should be honestly in accordance with the teaching of the Church of England.

An alderman addressing the English Church Congress on "The attitude of the Church towards labour combinations in respect to their aims and objects," is not only an unusual event, but also a gratifying indication that the Church is putting itself in the right place with both men and things. Alderman Phillips' paper was based on true religious principles and did not lack spirit. "Win the men first, and then they will come to church," was one bit of advice, and he proved the worth of it by citing the fact that he had seen a mission church crammed with men at seven in the morning, and on a festival had seen fifty men at a five o'clock celebration. The workman would hold the baby while his wife went up to the altar to communicate, and then take his turn likewise.—*Living Church.*

Princess "May" has most kindly consented to become patroness of the sisters' and women's work in connection with the mission buildings opened last year in the Trinity College, Cambridge, Mission by the Prince of Wales and the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and has expressed her great interest and warm sympathy with the work.

It is stated that three brothers went down to Cirencester to vote at the recent election. Each had business in London, but sacrificed his time and calling for the occasion. Each voted for the Conservative candidate. Colonel Chester Master won the seat by just three votes. To Conservatives and Liberals alike, it needs no pointed moral to adorn this tale.

The S. P. G. has been informed by the Bishop of Cape Town that the Bishopric of Lebombo has been accepted by the Rev. William Edmund Smyth, who has been working as a missionary in the adjoining Diocese of Zululand since 1889. Mr. Smyth, the Bishop Elect, is an advanced Churchman. Before he left for South Africa he was Curate of St. Mary-the-Less, Cambridge, and of St. Peter's, London Docks.

The Bishop of Chester, writing to the secretary of the Durham branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, says he does not see why total abstinents should not support his licensing plan, which is a modification of the Gothenburg system. He firmly believes that, under the benediction of God, the experiment he is advocating will result in the re-orientation of the English public-house system, and will make the entertainment of the people a joy and a true refreshment—not, as at present, in no small measure a curse.

Many hundreds of people have daily visited the grave of Tennyson in Westminster Abbey. It has been filled and railed off to protect the many wreaths and emblems which lie around it. The beautiful pall worked at Keswick has been laid over the stone, and at the head of the tomb a magnificent cross has been placed, some four feet high, composed of white flowers, surmounted on one arm by a white dove.

The contemplated evacuation of Uganda by the East Africa Company, which has been ordered by the English Cabinet, virtually means abandonment of this point by the missionaries, and imperilment of the lives of the Christian converts. Surely a sad outcome of the enterprise inaugurated by the noble Mackay. The only hope now is in the action of the next meeting of Parliament.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, speaking at his Diocesan Conference at Bristol on Wednesday, said if it was the Lord's will that there should be a true reunion of Churchmen and Nonconformists in this Christian land, it would come about in His own good time, but it would never be hastened by unauthorised and precipitate action, and still less by the practical surrender of vital principles of Church government as embodied in the historic, or, as he preferred to define it, the apostolically-derived episcopacy. If they desired reunion they must be content to watch and wait.

We read with regret a dispatch to the *London Times* from Shanghai, which states that a mob of natives has attacked the English missionaries at Kieng Yong, in Fukien. The house of the Rev. Mr. Phillips was set on fire by the mob and completely destroyed. Mr. Phillips and his wife had a narrow escape from death at the hands of the bloodthirsty mob, and they would probably have been killed had not some of the Chinese officials intervened for their protection.

## 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.

### Give Authority.

SIR,—In Mr. Bisset Thom's chatty notes upon the different months we must conceive that every one feels a genuine pleasure. We must sometimes wish that he would give the whole black-letter series, but he may have that in store for some other day. There must still be much in his wallet, and we are always willing to learn. But can Mr. Thom give any au-