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"ROPING IN" NIAGARA.—The scheme mooted of connecting Toronto and Hamilton with the Falls by cable for electric purposes, is one graphically illustrative of the improvements and enterprise of the age we live in. A few years ago that would have been a dream—nothing more.

"ASK AN ARCHDEACON" (says the *Church Times*), if you want to know why the bishops encourage so many new guilds and societies for performing the same duties as those already existing—such as supporting additional clergy. This would puzzle the archdeacons—give them something to do!

"THE APPLE OF DISCORD."—The prophecies of those who predicted that Mr. Labouchere would prove the impossible factor in Mr. Gladstone's following, have already proved true. He denounces the idea that Irishmen with their own Parliament in Dublin, shall be allowed to "hold the scales" any longer at Westminster.

CANADIAN EXAMPLE IN EUROPE.—The Grindelwald Conference has had under serious consideration Dr. Carman's pamphlet on the effects of the union effected among Canadian Methodists. It was spoken of as an "object lesson which must lead to similar unification all over the world?" How about the CHURCH which has remained united?

BIBLIOLATRY IN A STRANGE PLACE.—The current news note that "Father Ignatius" has introduced a special innovation of his own—*kissing the Bible* in Church—at Llanthony Abbey, ought to make some ultra protestants pause and calculate rather seriously. Is it wrong to do in Church ceremonially, what every one does naturally and formally in a court of justice?

"BETTER BE YOUR ASS than a curate in your diocese," said an angry Vicar to a Bishop, whose donkey had gained a prize at a show, but who had treated the Vicar's friend and coadjutor shabbily. There are Bishops—and bishops. Some are too busy—or "buzzy"—to spare time for such matters as the grievances of their clergy: others are never too busy for that!

THE C.P.R. with its *Empress of India*, &c., has come nearest to realizing Columbus' dream of reaching India by the Atlantic ocean. By rail and water—if not altogether by water-way—they are bridging the great spaces, covering the great route from Europe to Eastern Asia, by going west, and westward still. They have about squared the circle at last!

"A MEASURE OF HOME RULE" is the gingerly phrase by means of which people try to indicate that they would like to do something for Ireland, but they don't know what. "A small measure," we would suggest, would be the safest vessel to mete Home Rule out with. Divide Ireland into three or four "provinces"—Ulster, one!—and give each a "small measure" of it.

"THE METHODIST CREEDS" (says the *Methodist Times*), have had certain essential fundamental doctrines from the beginning, which a Methodist newspaper must take for granted." With such words the editor shuts out a controversy on the question whether baptism is necessary to membership in the Methodist Society. Still the question "will not down"—it is causing agitation.

HERESY-HUNTERS.—We are not concerned to express entire approval of anything and everything published by the Church Extension Association; but we are inclined to think that the accusation against the Kilburn sisters, at Ottawa, of teaching transubstantiation is very far-fetched. It is absurd to gauge the poetical language of hymns by the same hard logical rules as plain prose.

HOW TO BUILD A CHURCH.—St. Michael's, a magnificent old church of cathedral-like dimensions, was built in the 14th century at the expense of two brothers—worthy *fratres*!—who spent £100 upon it every year for 22 years. How much better was such deliberate and persevering piety than rushing into debt—as we moderns do in our church building. This church is at Coventry, Eng.

LONDON CLERGY HOLIDAY FUND, managed by Archdeacons, has yielded this year, so far, 128 grants for the benefit of the poorer clergy. Out of the 1,470 clergy in London dioceses, only 580 have "benefices" or settled livings—940 are unbeneficial altogether. Even of the former class, many cannot afford a holiday—indeed, it is argued that the unbeneficed are better off—less encumbrances, expenses and charges to meet.

THE COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY (*Church Bells* notes) seems to be boycotted in the great Dominion of Canada: and the reason is asked for the contrast between us and the United States in this particular. The fact is that Canadians do not seem to see that Columbus had so very much to do with it after all. They suspect that the honour rather belongs to a British king, and a British sailor. *That would not suit U. S.* Then there was the Welsh Madoc!

COLUMBUS OR ERIC'S SON?—The noise being made about the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America, has provoked the revival of the Norwegian claim that the continent was discovered A.D. 1,000 by Leip, son of Eric, sailing from Greenland, which had been colonized from Iceland long before that. They called the continent "Vinland"—Newfoundland was termed "Holland, and Nova Scotia, Markland. But they found Eskimo in possession.

"THE LOT FELL UPON MATTHIAS."—The undergraduate, not very familiar with King James' version, and scandalized by his modern vernacular interpretation of what he read thoughtfully, for the first time probably, in the Acts of the Apostles, must have felt special need of a "revised" version when he discovered from the examiner that the