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It has been resolved to erect an obelisk in the neighbourhood of Bolton Abbey, as a monument to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish.

The *Standard* says the Bishop of Bedford is gradually recovering from the injuries he sustained by an accident during his recent visit to Switzerland.

Bishop Elliott, of Western Texas, was at Sewanee, Tenn., when the fever began at Laredo; he at once left for the latter place, where he is doing what he can do for the suffering.

Nine memorial windows are to be placed in Grace Church, Philadelphia, the most prominent of which will be that erected to the memory of Mr. Charles E. Ilex, the same being the voluntary contribution of the William E. Ilex Bible class.

The Rev. Erasmus J. H. Van Deerlin, of Christ's College, Cambridge, who seceded some years ago to the Church of Rome, made a public recantation, and was formally reconciled by the Bishop of New Westminster in Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster.

Bishop Crowther, "England's black Bishop," reports that the average Sunday attendance at his station on the Niger is three thousand four hundred and seventy-two. Of this number one thousand five hundred and ninety-seven are nominal Christians and four hundred and fifty-one Church members.

A German statistician estimates that the world contains 1,155,923,000 inhabitants, or 16,778,000 more than it did a quarter of a century ago. He allots 831,707,000 to Asia, 315,929,000 to Europe, 205,979,000 to Africa, 95,405,000 to America, and 1,121,000 to Australia-Polynesia, and 82,000 to the Polar regions.

In acknowledging the receipt of a resolution recently adopted by the Hull branch of the Church of England Working Men's Society, in respect to Mr. Green's imprisonment, Mr. Gladstone's secretary said:—"I am directed to acquaint you that the matter is in the hands of the Lord Chancellor, who is most anxious to carry it through."

An official return of the census of France shows that the population of the country is 37,672,048. The French census was taken on the 18th of December last. The population of the country at the last preceding census—that taken in 1876—was 36,905,788, so that the present population of 37,672,048 shows an increase of only 766,260, which is at the low rate of a bare fraction over two per cent.

The memorial window to Lord F. Cavendish, which is about to be placed in the parish church of Edensor by the Duke of Devonshire's tenants, will be executed by Messrs. Hardman. The chief figure will be that of Christ as the "Man of Sorrows." In the lower part of the window will be the kneeling figure of Lord Frederick and the armorial bearings of the family.

The *Christian at Work* thinks "there is little doubt that the original, camp-meetings have ceased to exist here at the East, and the probability is that nine-tenths of the various permanent religious gatherings at watering places present a mixture of religion, real estate speculation, house-building, and hotel management, which is none the less incongruous that it has become popular and profitable."

According to Edwin Alden & Bro's American newspaper Catalogue, just issued, there are 12,158 newspapers published in the United States and the Canadas. Total in the United States, 11,522; Canadas, 636. Published as follows: Dailies, 1,152; Tri-Weeklies, 80; Semi-Weeklies, 150; Weeklies, 9,078; Bi-Weeklies, 23; Semi-Monthlies, 202; Monthlies, 1,290; Bi Monthlies, 12.

The Right Hon. Montague Bernard, Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford, who died recently, was one of the most distinguished laymen connected with the "Tractarian Movement." He had a principal share in founding the *London Guardian*, which, however, has rather departed from its first love. Mr. Bernard was one of the Joint High Commissioners who negotiated the celebrated Treaty of Washington.

If half that is told of the invention of A. L. Parcell, of New York, is true, a new era in telegraphy is opening. Its plan includes the transmissions of messages in clear Roman letters at the rate of 3000 words a minute. Incidental to this is a plan for writing with a chemical pencil or ink, by which facsimiles of messages can be sent at the rate of 400 words a minute. The instrument is almost automatic, and can be watched by girls at 88 a week.

The Gifts to educational institutions in the Republic are of wonderful extent. Liberality is growing both as to its prevalence and its amounts. They average a million and a half a year at least, and range from such princely benefactions as the gifts of \$3,000,000 of John Hopkins to the Baltimore University which bears his name, of \$1,000,000 to Cornell, of \$750 of Green to Princeton, of the \$500,000 of Mrs. Stone to New England College, down to innumerable tens and twenty thousands.

The population of the United States is now officially stated to be 53,155,773. The increase since 1870 has been 39 per cent. With 293 representative to every 169,080 of population. On this basis in the Forty-eighth Congress, Arkansas, California Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, and West Virginia, would gain one each, Alabama, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Ohio, Tennessee, and Vermont, will each lose one representative, Pennsylvania two, and New York three. There will be no change in the other States.

The population of Africa is over 290,000,000. Of these about 145,000,000 are absolute heathen, 50,000,000 are Mohammedans; 4,500,000 belong to the Coptic, Abyssinian and other Oriental churches; 350,000 are Jews, and about 500,000 are connected as adherents with the colonial Christian churches and mission stations, of whom about 125,000 are actual communicants. About sixty-four various societies are laboring for the evangelization of these myriads, comprising about 2,200 missionaries, ministers and teachers, one for every 100,000 of the population.

There are in Ireland a small number of Methodists who still remain true followers of the venerable founder of their society, and who, following his advice "never forsake the church," have continued in the Church of Ireland, and are numbered amongst her most consistent and devoted members. The very Rev. Charles Parsons Reichel, D. D., dean of Cloumacnoise, is president of

this Primitive Church Methodist Society, and he had arranged a meeting of conference in the Carleton buildings, Portadown, on Monday, the 11th of September. The Lord Bishop of Kilmore has always taken a great interest in the society, and was for some years its president.

A temporary church was provided and a waterside Mission commenced at Port Said last December; services were held also once a month at Suez, and a grant of land for church and hospital was made by the Canal Company. The English at Zagazig were also visited, children baptised and a service held. The war prevented the different plans being thoroughly carried out, but the Church at Port Said has been retained for services by one of the church wardens since the departure of the honorary acting chaplain at the end of March, excepting upon the Sunday after the bombardment of Alexandria and on the Sunday when Port Said was occupied unexpectedly by the British.

When Sir Charles Lyell, the eminent geologist, was in America, he seems to have had some curious advice given to him about travelling on the Mississippi steamboats. "Never pay your fare until you are compelled to," was the first piece of wisdom thrown at him. "And, pray, why not?" he asked. "Because your chances are better in case of trouble." "How is this?" asked Lyell. "Well," answered the American, "when I was travelling up the river last March, somebody cried out, 'Passenger overboard!' The Captain hurried to the office and asked 'Has the man overboard paid his fare?' On being answered in the affirmative, he turned to the pilot and said indifferently, 'Go ahead, it's all right.'"

All Saints' Church at Vevey, Switzerland, was duly consecrated on Tuesday, August 22, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. The ritual consisted of a blending of the consecration office of the American Prayer-book with the English order of morning prayer, and all the clergy present, including the worthy Swiss pastor Ceresole, who read the deed of transfer to the Colonial and Continental Society, took part in the Service. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Stevens, and produced a marked impression upon the large congregation, which was composed of English and Americans, with many of the inhabitants of Vevey. On Wednesday, the 23rd, the Bishop held a confirmation, and celebrated the holy communion.

The *Episcopal Register* of Philadelphia presents its readers with an engraving of Trinity Church, New York, and an account of its history and connected institutions. This quasi collegiate church is still the finest ecclesiastical building in the largest American city, Bishop Potter's scheme for a cathedral remaining still a scheme. The first edifice on the site was begun in 1696, the present one in 1839. There depend on it six important chapels; and eighteen churches besides receive help from the funds of its corporation, besides city missions and Hobart College. In the mother-church and dependent chapels there are thirteen guilds, two Dorcas societies, one infirmary, three sisterhoods, one choral school, five altar societies, one working men's club, and twenty miscellaneous societies. The rector of the parish has sixteen assistant clergy.



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