

tors are Messrs. J. T. Hamilton, A. J. Wilkes, G. H. Wilkes, M. J. Kelly, Mrs. Henry Yates, Mr. Henry Yates, E. W. H. Van Allan, C. H. and J. E. Waterous; this leaves \$3,000 more to be subscribed, an amount which is expected to be speedily forthcoming.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

More than 60,000 stamps are found every year loose in the letter boxes of the United Kingdom.

The highest main road in England is that between Huddersfield and Stockport, which crosses Holme Moss at an elevation of 1,859 ft.

London contains 90,000 paupers—known as such, and receiving relief—costing the taxpayers on an average \$50 a head per year.

The village of Roblin and its vicinity is about to be canvassed for funds to erect a church in that village.

A letter from London, Eng., says Miss Frances Willard's health is entirely broken down.

The largest sheep ranch in the world is in Texas. It contains over 400,000 acres, and yearly pastures from 1,000,000 to 1,600,000 sheep.

The apple crop of North-west Missouri and North-east Kansas will be a failure this year.

Tea is very cheap in China. In one province of the empire good tea is sold at about two cents a pound.

There is a sea on the Californian coast which is coloured vermilion by the presence of vast quantities of minute shellfish and zoophytes.

The Rev. T. Greene, B.A., late of Qu'Appelle Station, N.W.T., has left to take up work in the Diocese of Columbia.

The German and Austrian Alpine Society has erected 419 taverns on the mountains, where students can board at reduced rates.

Poe always wrote with a brandy bottle at his elbow. A wine glass full of brandy to a page was his customary allowance.

Cowper wrote best in his garden, surrounded by his flowers and pets. His favourite season for work was the summer.

Toledo and Damascus blades were very popular in the middle ages and sold for their weight in gold.

A legacy of \$50 is about to be paid to the churchwardens and incumbent towards St. John's Church, Selby.

The first wooden bridge, so far as known, was the sublimic bridge at Rome, built in the seventh century.

The first mention of the pipe organ in history is in connection with Solomon's temple, where there was an organ with ten pipes.

The pin is no new contrivance. Pins are found among the mummies of Egypt, and in the prehistoric caves of Switzerland.

It is said that atheism in England is thoroughly organized throughout the country, and is most vigilant, seductive and aggressive in its efforts.

A sculptor is at work in St. James' chapel on the busts of the different prelates who have presided over the diocese of Kingston.

Burk's works were mostly done on the spur of the moment to meet an emergency. His sonorous style was rather natural than acquired, since he gave little attention to revision.

St. Jude's church, Kingsford, is to be enclosed by a suitable fence, Mrs. James Doyle having kindly undertaken to provide the wire, and Robert Sampson the posts.

It is a pleasant fact for women that their building at the opening of the World's Fair was in a better state of readiness than was any other. It set a good example.

Martin Luther wrote steadily ten or twelve hours a day. When engaged in translating the Bible into German he often remained at his desk eighteen hours out of the twenty-four.

The bones and muscles of the human body are capable of over one thousand two hundred different movements.

Coleridge, during his later years, wrote best under influence of opium, and when without the stimulus of his favourite drug rarely used his pen.

There is no record of paper having been manufactured in England until the end of the sixteenth century.

Assertion, unsupported by fact, is nugatory. Surmises and general abuse, in however elegant language, ought not to pass for truth.—*Junius*.

Rev. Canon Curran, of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, has received the offer of a position in India, but has not yet decided whether he will accept it.

The terrors of the famous whirlpool of Charybdis, or Golofaro, have been much exaggerated. It is hardly dangerous even to a small vessel, while larger ships do not fear it at all.

It is said that when Benjamin Franklin proposed to start a newspaper his mother tried to dissuade him from it, because she said there were already two papers in America and there was no room for another.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec arrived from England last week.

The oldest living tree in the world is said to be the soma cypress of Lombardy. It was a tree forty years before the birth of Christ. But Alphonse Karr says of the baobab: "It is asserted that some exist in Senegal that are 5,000 years old."

Rev. F. E. Howitt, of Stoney Creek, has been appointed assistant to the rector of the Church of Ascension at Hamilton.

Gibbon practiced the cultivation of style for years, as a preparation for the "Decline and Fall." He wrote slowly and referred to authorities at every step in order to make no mistakes.

Rev. Jos. Fennell, the respected incumbent of St. George's church, Georgetown, has our congratulations on his appointment as Rural Dean for the county of Hants.

Walter Scott preferred to write before breakfast, and much of his best work was done ere the guests in his house were astir in the morning. He could, however, write as well at any other hour of the day, and even far into the night, if pressed for time.

Cortez obtained in Mexico five emeralds of wonderful size and beauty. One was cut like a rose; another in the shape of a horn; a third in that of a fish, with diamond eyes; a fourth like a bell, with a pearl for a clapper; the fifth was a cup, with a foot of gold and four little chains, each ending with a large pearl. He had also two emerald vases, worth 300,000 crowns each.

The diameter of Mars is nearly 4,200 miles. Its volume is about one seventh and its density four-fifths that of the earth. A stone let fall on the surface of Mars would fall six feet the first second. The light and heat of the sun at Mars are less than one-half that which we enjoy. Its days are nearly of the same length. Since, however, its year is equal to nearly two of ours, the seasons are lengthened in proportion.

Mr. Edward Holmes, an English newspaper man, arrived in Ottawa and started out for a tramp to Vancouver, B.C. He intends walking twenty miles a day, following the Canadian Pacific Railway track, and sleeping at the station houses at night. On his return to England he intends to write a book.

A watch in the form of a shirt-stud has been made by an artisan in Newcastle, Eng. Its dial is three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. It is to be worn in connection with two other studs. By turning the upper stud, you wind the watch, while turning the lower one adjusts the hands.

A remarkable hollow in the midst of the hills near Koberbrun in Silesia contains about 2,600 acres, and is filled with water and emptied in quite regular periods of somewhat less than thirty years. It is almost perfectly dry for a brief season. Water then oozes in through the ground and gradually rises in the basin, which is now half full and still filling.

### British and Foreign.

Bishop Littlejohn has returned from his sojourn in Bermuda.

Canon A. J. Mason, D.D., of Truro, will conduct the annual Ely-Diocesan Retreat this year at Queen's College, Cambridge, on September 4th to 7th inclusive.

The Roman Catholics have started to raise a fund of \$80,000 to build and equip a seminary in Baltimore for the training of priests who will work among the negroes.

The Queen has contributed £15, in lieu of Church rates, to the funds of Esher parish church.

The death is announced from New York of Dr. Abraham Percia Mendes, the well-known Jewish Rabbi, formerly of Birmingham and London.

The Churches of the Wesleyan, Bible Christian, and Free Methodists of New Zealand are likely to be amalgamated, a joint committee having agreed upon a basis of union.—*Rock*.

Lord Harrowby has sent £250 in response to the Bishop of Lichfield's appeal for a fund for the maintenance and improvement of Church day schools in that Diocese.

Another posthumous work of Canon Liddon's, his explanatory analysis of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, is soon to be issued by Messrs. Longmans.

The Bishop of Meath has recently been elected, for the third time, one of the select preachers before the University of Cambridge.

Professor Rendel Harris and Mrs. Lewis have now returned to Cambridge, and will be busy for some time to come in preparing an edition of the newly discovered manuscripts.

The statue which the public propose to erect in Boston to the memory of Bishop Brooks will be executed in bronze, and will be placed in Copley Square, opposite Trinity Church.

A volume of lectures to young men, entitled "Oats, or Wild Oats?" by a Methodist divine, is classified among "Cereals" in the Denver public library.

The Revision Committee of the Maratha Prayer Book has just held another session, and it is expected that the revised book will be ready for the printers at the end of the next session, which is to be held in July.

Bishop Perrin, who has left for British Columbia, was, on April 11, presented at a crowded meeting with a silver inkstand, the gift of the various Temperance societies of the town of Southampton. The presentation was made by Canon Wilberforce.

Lord Egerton, of Tatton, has, in memory of the late Lady Egerton, presented to the Dean of Manchester, for use in his cathedral, four silver communion cups, bearing date "the year of our Lord by the Virgin mother 1620," and recently exhibited to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. The cups, which are beaker-shaped, belonged formerly to the Scottish congregation at Campere, in the Netherlands.

The Birmingham Church Congress Committee have shown great discretion in their arrangements for sermons. There are to be three preachers—the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Durham, and Archdeacon Farrar. There seems every prospect of the Congress being warmly welcomed in Birmingham, even Nonconformists being resolved that the honour of the city shall not suffer in their hands.

The Bishop of Japan, in a recent letter to the members of St. Paul's Guild, says: "I hope to stay in England till October, and to be in Japan again by the end of November, just in time for the next Synod of the Nippon Sei Kokwai." The "Nippon Sei Kokwai" is the name of the Japanese Church. "You will have gathered from my former letters," he adds, "that the work in Japan is now so extended as to require the supervision of more than one English Bishop. It is a great cause of thankfulness that it is so. But what can be done I do not yet know. The whole question is under consideration."

The casting of the bronze door (north) for Trinity Church, New York, given by Mr. William Waldorf Astor as a memorial of his father, the late John Jacob Astor, has been completed. The subjects are as follows: 1st, Domine, quo vadis; 2nd, Acts xvi. 25, 28; 3rd, Exodus xii. 23; 4th, Revelation xxii. 14; 5th, Acts iii. 1, 2; 6th, Deuteronomy xix. 1-6.

*The Wesleyan Census.*—The Wesleyan Methodist census of membership in Great Britain is now about complete, and turns out more favourably than was at one time expected by the body. The increase is not large, being about 2,750. Twenty-seven of the districts, including Edinburgh and London, report an increase, the first London, Cardiff and Swansea, Sheffield, and the second London districts being at the head of the list. In the Scottish districts the net increase in members is 69. In Edinburgh there is an increase of 40, in Glasgow an increase of 27, in Dundee a decrease of 1, and in Aberdeen a decrease of 4. The total number of members in the Scottish district is 5,357, and in the whole Connection 427,789.

The octogenarian Archbishop of Armagh, at the meeting of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland recently, made an affecting appeal to the members of the Church at whose altars he has served for more than three score of years to be at peace among themselves. For forty-four years he has been a bishop of that Church, and has ever ruled it in wisdom. And now, when his Grace is approaching what must, humanly speaking, be the closing scenes of a great career, once more his voice goes forth adjuring its members to be at peace one with another. He warns them against intolerance and fanaticism, and beseeches them to lay hold on to "that charity which thinketh no evil, that love divine which sheds its hallowed light on the worshippers here on earth," and asks for them a "Christ-like mind, free from bigotry, free from intolerance, free from narrow-mindedness." We confess that we fear that his Grace's appeal, deeply pathetic as it is, will not restrain the busy zeal of the disturbers of peace. At the present time, much discord and bitterness is being promoted by an