

THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY.

In the year 1500 the population of Europe was 100,000,000. The Roman Catholics numbered 80,000,000, and the remaining 20,000,000 comprised adherents of the Greek Church, Mohammedans, and Jews. There were no protestants—or none to speak of. Three hundred and eighty years later, or in 1880, there were in Europe,

Roman Catholics.....	159,315,155
Greek and Eastern.....	81,148,062
Protestants.....	76,688,882
Mohammedans.....	5,309,989
Jews.....	4,515,425
Not classified.....	524,487

327,502,000

The religious statistics of the United States show the increase of the entire population, and of the Protestants and Roman Catholics, at four different times—viz., 1800, 1850, 1870, and 1880. The data of the Roman Catholics are taken from their own authorities, and the Protestant data are compiled from the reports of the several religious denominations.

In the year 1800 there were,
Protestants..... 1,277,052
Roman Catholics..... 100,000
Unclassified..... 3,928,873

Total population, 5,305,925
In the year 1850 there were,
Protestants..... 12,723,158
Roman Catholics..... 1,614,060
Unclassified..... 8,854,718

Total population, 23,191,876
In the year 1870 there were,
Protestants..... 24,041,486
Roman Catholics..... 4,600,000
Unclassified..... 9,916,885

Total population, 38,558,371
In the year 1880 there were,
Protestants..... 36,031,074
Roman Catholics..... 6,307,090
Unclassified..... 7,753,892

Total population, 50,152,866
It will be noticed that between the years 1870 and 1880 the number of "unclassified," including Indians, Mormons, Chinese, Jews, and infidels, decreased by more than two millions.

A prudent man had his portrait painted recently. His friend complained to him that it was much too old. "That's what I ordered," said he. "It will save the expense of another one ten years from now."



INFLUENCE OF MARRIAGE UPON HEALTH.

M. Bertillon, lately having had to draw up a paper for the Academy of Medicine of Paris on the influence of marriage on mortality, consulted the registers of the only three countries in Europe which were carefully enough kept to give him a reply to his question, those of France, Belgium and Holland. He shows that if the male sex be first considered, we find that from 25 to 30, 1,000 married men furnish 6 deaths; 1,000 unmarried, 10 deaths; 1,000 widowers, 22 deaths. From 30 to 35 of 1,000 married men 7 die; of 1,000 unmarried men, 11½ die; and of 1,000 widowers, 19 die. From 35 to 40, of 1,000 married men, 7½ die; of 1,000 bachelors, 13 die; and of 1,000 widowers, 47½ die; and so on at all the following ages, the married man continuing to live with greater facility than the bachelor. It has been said that since the most fortunate men can afford to marry, it is not astonishing that these persons should live longer. But this will not, of course, account for the very great mortality of widowers at all ages, which, indeed, surpasses that even of bachelors.

However, it must be noticed that 8,000 young men marry in France yearly, under the age of 20. This is very fatal to such young men, for M. Bertillon finds that whilst 1,000 young men from 15 to 20 furnish 7 deaths, when unmarried, no less than fifty deaths occur among 1,000 young married men under 20. Women seem to reap less advantage from marriage than men, and there is but little difference in the mortality of unmarried and married women before the age of 25. It is but little marked even between 25 and 30.

Little Jack.—"My mamma's new fan is hand-painted." Little Dick.—"Pooh! who cares. Our whole fence is."

An auld kirk divine was one day walking along one of the streets of the capital of the Orcaides, when he met a well-known tinker. "Well, John, can you say the 'Lord's Prayer' yet?" "Och man," said John, "every man has his trade. Can you mak' a tin pail?"

NOT FAR WRONG.—Two young workmen engaged at the Black Prince colliery were lately discussing the various ailments of their respective sweethearts. "Aa say, Tom," said one, "that lass iv thine is a cliver singer, isn't she? Aa believe her nyem's Fanny." "Noa, man," said Jack, "her nyem's Phoebe." "Why," rejoined Jack, "aa's not see far wrong; aa knaa'd it began w'v a F!"

"Are there any fools in this town?" asked a stranger of a newsboy, yesterday. "I don't know," replied the boy, "Are you lonesome?"

		March			
SUN.	SUN.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN.	SUN.	MOON.
RISES.	SETS.		RISES.	SETS.	RISES.
4. 41	6. 41	1 Sunday.....	4. 31	6. 41	0. 41
5. 21	7. 40	2 Monday.....	5. 21	7. 40	1. 40
6. 01	8. 39	3 Tuesday.....	6. 01	8. 39	2. 39
6. 41	9. 38	4 Wednesday.....	6. 41	9. 38	3. 38
7. 21	10. 37	5 Thursday.....	7. 21	10. 37	4. 37
8. 01	11. 36	6 Friday.....	8. 01	11. 36	5. 36
8. 41	12. 35	7 Saturday.....	8. 41	12. 35	6. 35
9. 21	1. 34	8 Sunday.....	9. 21	1. 34	7. 34
10. 01	2. 33	9 Monday.....	10. 01	2. 33	8. 33
10. 41	3. 32	10 Tuesday.....	10. 41	3. 32	9. 32
11. 21	4. 31	11 Wednesday.....	11. 21	4. 31	10. 31
12. 01	5. 30	12 Thursday.....	12. 01	5. 30	11. 30
12. 41	6. 29	13 Friday.....	12. 41	6. 29	12. 29
1. 21	7. 28	14 Saturday.....	1. 21	7. 28	1. 28
2. 01	8. 27	15 Sunday.....	2. 01	8. 27	2. 27
2. 41	9. 26	16 Monday.....	2. 41	9. 26	3. 26
3. 21	10. 25	17 Tuesday.....	3. 21	10. 25	4. 25
4. 01	11. 24	18 Wednesday.....	4. 01	11. 24	5. 24
4. 41	12. 23	19 Thursday.....	4. 41	12. 23	6. 23
5. 21	1. 22	20 Friday.....	5. 21	1. 22	7. 22
6. 01	2. 21	21 Saturday.....	6. 01	2. 21	8. 21
6. 41	3. 20	22 Sunday.....	6. 41	3. 20	9. 20
7. 21	4. 19	23 Monday.....	7. 21	4. 19	10. 19
8. 01	5. 18	24 Tuesday.....	8. 01	5. 18	11. 18
8. 41	6. 17	25 Wednesday.....	8. 41	6. 17	12. 17
9. 21	7. 16	26 Thursday.....	9. 21	7. 16	1. 16
10. 01	8. 15	27 Friday.....	10. 01	8. 15	2. 15
10. 41	9. 14	28 Saturday.....	10. 41	9. 14	3. 14
11. 21	10. 13	29 Sunday.....	11. 21	10. 13	4. 13
12. 01	11. 12	30 Monday.....	12. 01	11. 12	5. 12
12. 41	12. 11	31 Tuesday.....	12. 41	12. 11	6. 11

Moon's Phases.—Third Quarter, 1h. 58m. p.m. New Moon, 4th. 41m. p.m. First Quarter, 4th. 21m. p.m. Full Moon, 11th. 41m. a.m.

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