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ON OUR INDIANS. Returns presented to the Dominion Parliament show that the number of Indians in Canada is 99,364, of whom 70,394 belong to some Christian denomination.

TO AND FROM PRELACY. Simultaneously with the announcement that Professor C. A. Briggs of New York has joined the Protestant Episcopal Church, it is stated that Professor H. P. Smith of Lanes University, Cincinnati, Ohio, has joined the Congregational Church, having secured a college professorship in that denomination.

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION. There was a considerable amount of debating whether the new Australian Constitution should specifically recognize or not the existence of God, when the various colonies should be come confederated.

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will not know which one it is." It was on hearing this remark that he added the words "of Carrollton" to his signature, and he was afterwards always named with this suffix. The A. P. A. who objected so vigorously against the placing of the statue of any Catholic in the statutory hall of the Capitol, will undoubtedly rage against the Maryland Legislature for selecting Charles Carroll for this honor, but the various States of the Union have too much patriotism to allow themselves to be turned from the paths of honor by the dark lantern association.

DR. BRIGGS. The celebrated Dr. Briggs, who has been Professor of Biblical exegesis in the Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary of New York, has been received into the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States by Bishop Potter. It will be remembered that the Faculty of the Seminary refused to obey the mandate of the General Assembly to dismiss the Doctor from his professorship, and thereby kept itself in a state of schism.

IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES. The Legislative Assembly of the State of New York, last week, before closing its session, passed unanimously a set of resolutions expressing sympathy with Ireland in her efforts to obtain Home Rule.

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Christian nation." Further, the report says: "We want no overtures from our Government nor to our Government for settlement of the burning questions confronting us as a nation, emanating from Rome. Let efforts emanating from that source exhaust themselves in humanizing and civilizing Spain. American institutions will guard their own honor."

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by establishing a stable government. For this purpose he asks authority to make such use of the military resources of the United States, as he may deem expedient. The message does not demand, as it was expected would be the case, that Spain withdraw from Cuba, nor that the Cuban Republic be recognized, for the President is satisfied that as matters stand the insurgents have no organization which can be styled a government at all, much less a stable one.

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difficult to resist the pressure which is being brought to bear upon him to force the country into a war which can be of no profit to the United States, there is still some hope that the horrors of actual hostilities may be averted. The only ground which would justify the United States in declaring war is that in no other way can the barbarities perpetrated by Spain on the Cubans be brought to an end; but there appears to be a reverse side to this picture. The sufferings which the Cubans are undoubtedly enduring are dreadful, but their destitution has come not from any intentional persecution on the part of Spain, but as a consequence of the unsuccessful civil war the Cubans have carried on for several years, and the inability of the Government to afford full relief while the country is so disturbed a state. In fact the existing distress is the result rather of the devastation of the homes and plantations of the sufferers by the rebels, and of the black mail levied by them, than of misrule on the part of the Spaniards or their Government.

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