

ANIMALS IN CHURCH.

Questions Raised as to Their Admission in the Form of Statuary in Sacred Buildings.

Duke of Wellington's Monument.

The strange story of the monument to the Duke of Wellington, in St. Paul's Cathedral, which, erected half a century ago, has never been completed, owing to the refusal of the late Dean Milman and the Chapter of the Basilica to permit Alfred Stevens to surmount it with the equestrian statue, which was part and parcel of the design, on the ground that a horse, even in statuary, could not be admitted to the cathedral, serves to call attention to the question as to whether animals, either in stone or in bronze, can be accorded a place in consecrated buildings and grounds without detriment to their sanctity.

The issue has come to the fore once more, in connection with the movement recently initiated, to complete the tomb of the iron duke in accordance with the grandiose designs of Alfred Stevens, and the controversy on the subject is waxing fast and furious, the "London Speaker," in a recent issue, making the amusing suggestion that the tardy admission of Wellington on horseback in the cathedral may pave the way for the eventual erection over the tomb of Lord Curzon of a colossal statue of himself, mounted on an elephant, with these words emblazoned on its base: "The meek shall inherit the earth."

Memorial to a Horse.

Without going to the length of Frederick the Great, who erected one of the finest Lutheran churches in Prussian Poland—a magnificent edifice of white stone, which age has failed to deteriorate—as a memorial to his favorite charger, killed beneath him at the battle of Kunersdorf, there are hundreds of worthy Christians who do not understand why there should be any objection to burying animals in consecrated ground, while there are thousands upon thousands who will be disposed to regard as exaggerated the objections of the former dean and chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral to the presence of animals in stone and bronze in places consecrated to divine worship. Though it is true that there is as yet no equestrian statue in St. Paul's Cathedral, still there are several monuments which represent, on carved tablets and friezes, cavalrymen mounted on their steeds, one, indeed, showing a major general on horseback charging at the head of his men at the battle of Inkermann.

In Westminster Abbey there are two or three equestrian pieces of statuary among the memorials to the illustrious dead, and while a serpent forms a conspicuous feature in the memorial to Milton, a dolphin forms the base of the monument to William Pitt, Earl of Chatham. Moreover, in Kensal Green, the principal cemetery of the British metropolis, the grave of Tom Sayer, famous in the earlier portion of the Victorian era as the champion prizefighter, is surmounted by a slab of marble, on which crouches a colossal mastiff of the same material, a striking object among the crosses, the obelisks and the broken columns that constitute the ordinary memorials to the dead that lie in this big tract of consecrated ground.

Eagles on the Lecterns.

There is hardly a single church of the Anglican denomination in the United Kingdom where the lectern from which the lessons of the dead are read every Sunday is not constructed in the form of an eagle with outstretched wings. In many churches, too, the altars are surmounted either by stained glass windows, or else by paintings representing the Saviour riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, while some of the pictures on glass in these sacred edifices show the ram caught in the bushes in the scene portraying Abraham about to sacrifice Isaac, or else the various animals emerging from the ark after the deluge, the miraculous catch of fishes by the Apostles, and Sampson struggling with the lion.

Moreover, in an Anglican Church at Blackheath, near London, every second one of the handsome tiles with which the floor is paved, is adorned with the representation of a wild boar, the crest of the personage who built and endowed the sacred edifice, while old Lord Grimthorpe in restoring St. Alban's Cathedral at his own cost, and at an expense of near a million dollars, has plentifully adorned the interior of that venerable edifice with carvings and stained glass portrayals of the savage looking tuskers which constitute the principal feature of his armorial bearings. In fact, there is hardly a single animal in the entire creation that is not represented either in sculpture or else pictorially in the various churches and cathedrals of Great Britain, and this renders the prejudice entertained by the late Dean Milman and the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral against the presence of the statue of a horse surmounting the tomb of the first Duke of Wellington, extremely difficult to understand.

San Marco's Famous Horses.

While equestrian statues are not frequent in the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches and cathedrals, on the Continent of Europe, yet I have never heard of objections to their presence or to that of sculptural animals of any kind. I recall particularly the Church of San Marco, at Venice, where the most famous artistic features of the edifice are the bronze horses of Chian origin, carried off from Constantinople by the Venetians when they plundered the capital of the Eastern Empire in 1204, and which now figure over the five-arched doorways that constitute the entrance to the cathedral.

In one word, animals, whether in the shape of statuary or paintings, are not barred in any continental churches, and indeed there seems to be no particularly strong prejudice against the presence of even live stock in Roman Catholic churches. For I remember attending midnight mass on Christmas Eve in the church of an old Breton village, many years ago, where to the right of the altar a creche had been arranged, con-

structed of pine and fir branches. Under this canopy there sat on a low stool a young girl with long black hair falling in silky masses on her loose white garments, holding in her arms an infant a few weeks old. Beside her stood a young man wearing a gold embroidered robe, and leaning on a heavy staff, while an ox, a donkey and four sheep were quietly munching corn from a couple of mangers. It was an ideal scene, especially when seen from the dimly lighted church.

In the South of France, in certain parts of Provence, Christmas continues to be celebrated to this day by the famous "Feast of Asses" of medieval age, the ceremony comprising a procession of various Biblical personages up the central aisle of the church, one of the principal figures in the procession being Balaam, who rides up the aisle on a heavily caparisoned ass. When about half way up the church a young man with flowing yellow hair and dressed all in white, springs into his path and waves a gleaming sword in the air, whereupon the donkey stops short, the rider then begins to beat it rigorously. A child, who has meanwhile crept under the voluminous trappings of the animal, now cries out in a piteous voice: "Why do you hurt me so?" The scene as described in the Bible then follows, after which the angel goes his way with a parting admonition to Balaam to have no dealings with Balaak.

Mass for the Hounds.

Most of the readers of The Times will have either seen paintings or prints of the mass celebrated in all Catholic countries of Europe on St. Hubert's Day for the benefit of the hounds. The buying packs are held in leash at the church door, and at a given moment during the mass the celebrant priest, attended by his acolytes and choristers, and followed by the entire congregation, proceeds to the entrance, and after sprinkling the dogs with holy water, solemnly invokes the blessing of Providence upon their heads. Nowhere is this ceremony celebrated each year with greater magnificence than at Bonnolles, the country seat of the dowager Duchess of Uzes, in France, where the blessing is usually administered by some dignitary of the church.

At the ancient church of St. Michael, at Schwyz, in the Tyrol, the sacred edifice is invariably kept securely closed on the evening before every great festival, and the simple peasantry of the district are convinced that on these occasions when one is present an immense toad comes crawling before the altar, where it kneels and prays, weeping bitterly. No one ever hurts a toad in the Tyrol. For the population are imbued with the belief that toads are for the most part good Christians, who have made vows to go on pilgrimages, and who have died without fulfilling their pledges. So the poor creatures go hopping about astray, bewildered and perplexed, striving to find their way to shrines which have, perchance, long ceased to exist. There are some who may be tempted to laugh at this queer idea, but to my mind it is one of much pathos and productive of good, since it prevents cruelty to the poor, despised toad. It is almost as pretty a belief as that current among the European peasantry, to the effect that the robins are indebted for their red breasts to their efforts to pluck the nails from the hands and feet and thorns from the brow of the crucified Christ.

Canonization of Animals.

It is scarcely necessary for me to do more than merely refer to the existence of a regularly canonized "St. Wolf" and "St. Partridge" in France and of a "St. Fox" in the Claddagh district of Ireland, to demonstrate that our forefathers were far from regarding the intelligence, the faculties and the status of the brute creation with the sublime contempt of modern times. They held with St. Thomas that brutes have souls, a doctrine voiced in the Bible, since we read in the twelfth chapter of Proverbs: "The just man knoweth the soul of his beasts, but the heart of the wicked is cruel." The Bible, too, insists that beasts, like men, should have a day of rest provided for them. Indeed, all through the Scripture kindness and consideration for animals is taught, while in that benediction, which is used in the liturgy of the Church of England, the following verse occurs: "O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless yet the Lord; O all ye fowls of the air, O all ye beasts and cattle, bless yet the Lord."

In Scotland I have sometimes seen shepherd's dogs accompany their masters to church on Sundays, though I have never had an opportunity of inquiring of the masters whether they believed that the dogs understood the divine service, or were benefited thereby. Stories, however, are told, for the truth of which I cannot vouch, tending to show that the canine listeners were able to appreciate the character of the sermon, and that if the discourse displeased them they would leave the church with a sort of tired and dissatisfied expression on their faces. In this connection, however, I may be permitted to mention a personal experience which occurred to me up in Scotland, where the pastor of a country church, who was one of my friends, had asked me, owing to an attack of intense hoarseness, to deliver an address in the place of his Sunday sermon.

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NAVAL BATTALION ON "ANXIOUS BENCH"

General Harries' Appointment of New Commander Watched by the National Guardsmen.

Disbandment of the Engineer Corps Causes Stir Among Members of That Organization.

Hopkins' Status.

Will Not Resign.

Accepted, and another match will be shot on the evening of March 28.

Service Changes.

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ago. Since his resignation there has been no commander, but Lieutenant Hopkins has served as senior officer. The latter is popular with the men in the battalion, and the reports in regard to his resignation created a stir among the men who are loyal to him.

Rifle Practice.
The guardsmen are beginning to take more interest in rifle practice, and better scores are looked for from now on. Orday range will be opened for practice within a short while.

The pronounced anarchy which prevailed in the Naval Battalion up to a week ago is no longer noticeable, and the men are greatly interested in Guard affairs which have come up for settlement within the last six days.

The order from headquarters Friday calling out the Naval Battalion at 9 o'clock last night for twenty-four hours' consecutive duty on board the United States steamships Fern and Onida, came as somewhat of a surprise, but it has practically no significance.

Monday and Tuesday evenings the regular company matches will be shot, and on the next two nights the officers will practice. The disbandment of the Engineer Corps caused a great stir among the members of the organization and other Guardsmen. It has been generally known for some time that there was something lacking in the corps. General Harries discovered a few days ago that the "something" was interest, and decided to order the organization disbanded, reform it, and have it on a firm footing before the annual encampment of the Guard in July. This will be done, and enlistments are now coming in.

A number of scientific students, and the best men in the Engineer Corps will make up the new organization, and it is believed that it will be conducted better than ever.

It was said that Lieutenant Niemyer had instructed the engineers in telegraphy, but that was incorrect. Lieutenant Niemyer is the instructor of telegraphy in the Signal Corps, while others are connected with the disbanded corps.

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The targets on which the Montreal Revolver Association shot its scores in the match with the District Revolver Association have been received here, and the cards on which the local sharpshooters shot their scores have been received by the Canadians. A comparison of the card showed that the local revolvermen won the match by a small margin. Exact figures were not given out.

The following changes occurred in the National Guard during the week:
Discharged on their own application: Privates Francis D. Keller, Company A, Second Battalion; Charles Whittington, Company A, Second Battalion; William P. Shuler, Company A, Third Battalion; William R. Stone, Company B, Fourth Battalion; James H. Stewart, Company B, First Separate Battalion.

Privates William Brown, Company D, Fourth Battalion; John J. Daly, Company D, Fourth Battalion; David L. Frazier, Company D, Fourth Battalion; John R. Gheen, Company D, Fourth Battalion; Harry H. Houchen, Company D, Fourth Battalion; John A. Johnson, Company D, Fourth Battalion; Harry H. Longworth, Company D, Fourth Battalion; Carlyle E. Schnell, Company D, Fourth Battalion; Landsman Arthur D. Taylor, First Division, Naval Battalion.

The following transfer has been made: Landsman William H. Duvall, First Division, Naval Battalion, to the corps of field music as private.

YONKERS, March 14.—John Grok, seventeen years old, of 1791 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, while stealing a ride was thrown off a freight train by a brakeman yesterday while the train was going at full speed. The boy rolled unscathed, but his right leg was crushed. He was taken to St. John's Riverside Hospital.

It is thought that Grok has sustained internal injuries, as well as a badly mangled leg. He was unconscious when picked up, but revived long enough to give his name and address. The name of the brakeman is not known.

One of President Roosevelt's notable callers yesterday afternoon was Dr. Robert Coltman, Jr., whose bravery in the beleaguered American legation during the siege of Peking was attested by every one of the Americans imprisoned there.

Dr. Coltman is a surgeon in the imperial maritime customs service, with headquarters at Peking, and is in this country on leave. He introduced to the President the Misses Coltman, Mrs. Hammer, Miss Hammer, and Miss Thompson.

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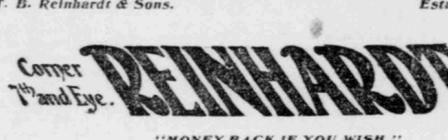
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