

many centuries idolatrous customs continued to prevail in our own isles! Yet here all traces of idolatry are utterly swept away.—*Missionary Herald*.

DURING the last forty years 120 missionaries have fallen victims to the climate of the west coast of Africa; but the converts to Christianity number over 30,000.

THE Fiji islanders, who within half a century were savages, give £15,000 a year to religious objects. The population is 120,000, of whom the Governor reports that 102,000 are regular worshippers in the churches.

THE increase in the number of native workers in connection with the missions of the London Missionary Society is given as follows:—Native ordained pastors in 1870, 106; in 1880, 371; native preachers in 1870, 1,644; in 1880, 4,529.

It is now six years since the Free Church of Scotland set about establishing the Livingstonia Mission Settlement in Eastern Africa, as a memorial of Dr. Livingstone. A sum of £21,000 has been expended, and not only has the gospel been preached to the natives on the shores of Lake Nyassa, but an effectual check has been put on the slave trade. Within the past year, eight new missionaries have joined Bishop Steers, of Central Africa, including a senior student of Christ Church and six other graduates of Oxford or Cambridge.

It is now seventy years since the first Hindoo baptism by Dr. Carey. There are in India, Burmah and Ceylon 500,000 persons of the native population professing themselves Christians. It is reported that about one-fifth of the subjects of the Maharajah of Travancore, Southern India, are nominal Christians belonging to various denominations. In Tinnevely, the adjoining district, the forty members of the Christian Church, one hundred years ago, have increased to 97,605, not including those who have died during the century. Mr. Clough, Baptist missionary at Ongole, India, reports 2,758 baptized in 1880, in connection with the Ongole mission, established in 1866.

### NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

UNIONVILLE, under Bro. Ebbs, is spiritually growing, and \$47.50 was collected by the little church there—an average of \$1.83 per member. Would that every Church gave such a record!

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—Unionville, Stouffville and Manilla were visited by Messrs. Powis, Ebbs and Kinmouth. Messrs. Ebbs and Kinmouth exchanged pulpits on the previous Sabbath, Dec. 4th, with great acceptance to the churches.

SOUTH CALEDON.—The roads extremely bad and the night dark and stormy, which gave us a small congregation.

MANILIA still pastorless; grateful that they were remembered by the deputation. Collection, \$3 90. May an under shepherd soon appear!

NEWMARKET.—The attendance, though small, was not without encouragement. We are happy to report Deacon Millard as recovering from a severe illness, and the little band gathering heart.

GEORGETOWN.—The evening dark and wet, yet the attendance was good and the meeting spirited. Collections large, and given with a good will. This congregation has suffered much from removals during the last two years; yet all financial matters progress in a manner highly complimentary to the church.

STOUFFVILLE had a very stormy night, which compelled friends away. Under Mr. Kinmouth the cause is growing, pastor and people united. The missionary collection was \$17.30, of which \$14 was collected in the Sunday school. Right, Bro. Kinmouth; train and interest the young, and our churches may look hopefully to the future.

WESTERN TORONTO.—The sixth anniversary of this church was held Nov. 27th by special services morning and evening, whilst the Sabbath school in the afternoon shared in the celebration. The young are rallying round their pastor, and our brother, Mr. McGregor, is receiving many encouraging tokens of success, among which we may note a handsome easy chair presented by the youth of the church as a mark of regard to their pastor.

CHURCH HILL.—The attendance at this church was good. Contributions not all gathered in. The following regarding these last two stations has been delayed:—Mr. Alcibiades Kaye (late of Owens College and the Lancashire Independent College, Manchester, England) was ordained at Union Congregational Church, Caledon, Ont., on the 31st October, 1881. The Rev. F. Wrigley, of Alton, gave the address on Congregational principles: the Rev. Jos. Griffith, of Hamilton, the charge to the Pastor; and the Rev. Jos. Mosworth, Georgetown, the sermon to the church and congregation. We have much pleasure in noting this fact and recording our esteem for our brother, and in stating that already encouraging tokens of a successful pastorate are appearing. Our best sympathies and prayers for church and pastor.

WINNIPEG.—The people of Winnipeg are good to their pastors. At the close of a largely attended prayer meeting of the First Congregational church in the Odd Fellows Hall, Dec. 14th, Mr. D. D. Foster, on behalf of the Sunday school and Bible class, presented the pastor of the congregation, Rev. J. B. Silcox, with a coat and mitts of the finest Persian lamb. Mr. Hector