

of England. They are now building a church, for which help was solicited. F. R. H. the Princess of Wales had most generously assisted them, and a warm tribute of affection was paid to the Rev. Leo. A. Hoyt, the Bishop, and the Clergy and Members of the Church by whom the Danes have been most kindly received. The work among the Danish settlers is a most interesting one. Rev. Niel P. Hansen, a Dane, has been ordained, and has now the spiritual oversight of the settlement. In view of the importance of the movement, we shall be happy to take charge of any sums that may be entrusted to us by our readers at a distance, and to forward them to Rev. Mr. Hansen, to be used in the completion of his church.

BIBLE ILLUSTRATION.

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.—Matthew xix : 24.

A recent discovery has been made which beautifully explains our Saviour's language in this passage. Great difficulty has been experienced in reference to the word "camel." Some proposed to read "Ka milos," a cable, instead of "Kamelos," a camel, for which no authority could be possibly alleged. Another explanation was that our blessed Lord simply put an acknowledged fact in a striking way. But it has recently been shewn by travellers that "the low and narrow entrance into a fold bears in Arabic the name of a 'needle's eye.' The camel, in order to enter the fold through such a needle's eye, is obliged to kneel down, and with great difficulty succeeds in creeping into the fold."

How appropriate is the illustration, considered in this light.

THE INCONSISTENCY OF CHURCH PEOPLE.

Among the peculiar trials of a clergyman, there is scarcely one more sad or more dispiriting than for him to see his people drawn away from the Church and her services by almost any counter-attraction which may arise, or be brought to bear upon them.

A ranting "Revivalist" may appear, and they straightway rush to hear him, not because they account him to be "a man sent from God," and expect their own faith, knowledge and devotion to be quickened and increased in consequence, but simply because their curiosity is excited, and, being blessed with "itching ears," they *must* hear what he has to say. Their presence will, of course, encourage others to run after him also, while to the public generally it appears as a mark of approval on their part, and may even be mistaken for a sort of endorsement by the Church herself; so that they thus recklessly make themselves responsible for, and, as far as they can do so, commit the Church to they know not what extravagances; and, while they expose their own sense of reverence and devotion to the greatest and rudest shocks, they indirectly bring others under the same baneful influences, and do much to confirm many another in errors from which a consistent course on their part might have done as much to withdraw them. Certainly, they utterly fail to bear their own proper witness against what they conscientiously believe to be wrong, and are only pleasing themselves when they ought to be distinctly honouring God, and seeking their own soul's health.

But, again, perhaps there is a "commencement," or an "Anniversary Sermon" to be preached, when it is urged, that "everybody will be there," and more than insinuated, "your absence will be noted, and regarded as an evidence of want of interest in our school or college, when you cannot expect to retain its patronage." And, must we say it? All duty to the Church of God is made to give way before such considerations, and every monition of con-