

THE Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee have just passed the following resolution: "The Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee have heard with great thankfulness that the representations made by them to the Anti-Slavery Conference at Brussels, with reference to the prohibition of the introduction of spirits into those parts of Africa which at present are free from them, have received such ample recognition at the hands of the Conference, and they desire to tender their hearty thanks to Lord Salisbury, Lord Vivian, the British Ambassador at Brussels, and to Sir John Kiak for the efforts made by them in support of their action."

THE estimate of the number of Christians in Ceylon is from 9 to 10 per cent. of the total population, as follows: Total population, 2,900,000. Romanists, 220,000; Anglicans, 25,000; Presbyterians, 13,000; Wesleyans, 23,000; Baptists, 8,000. Total of Christians, 290,000.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

A small meeting, but one of great significance, was held in the Synod Rooms, Toronto, on June 17th. It was a meeting of the Ontario members of the Board of management to consider the applications of two young men to be sent by the Church of England in Canada as missionaries to the foreign field,—both desiring to go to Japan. The Bishop of Toronto presided, and the following members were present:—The Bishop of Niagara, Rev. Canons Houston and Sweeny, Rev. Alex. Williams, Rev. A.W. Macnab and Rev. Dr. Mockridge, General Secretary.

The applications were considered and testimonials read. The applicants themselves were also invited to an interview with the Committee. One of them, Rev. J. G. Waller, will be recommended to be sent by the Board at its meeting next October; the other, Mr. Kennedy, of Trinity College, Toronto, not yet being in orders, was reserved for future consideration. This is the first meeting of the kind ever held in connection with the Church of England in Canada, and it is to be hoped will lead to great results in the future. Many have been longing for the time to come when the Church in Canada would be able to send out her own missionaries. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society have at length accomplished this much,—that young men will be sent through the great English societies to the foreign field as Canadian missionaries, supported by Canadian prayers and money. The society chosen by the present applicants is that of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

THE *Canadian Churchman*, speaking of a proposal to enlarge and extend the usefulness of the Church of England in Canada uses the following wise words:—

"In the Canadian Church we have a few men

of learning. It is not reasonable to expect that we should have many. There is too much work to be done and too few hands to do it, to allow of the possibility of learned leisure to any considerable number of our clergy. When, however, we have to demand not merely learning, but those other qualifications which are needed in 'Rectors of the principal endowed churches,' namely, that they should be good preachers and administrators, necessitating the possession of health and strength as well as many other things, we are forced to ask where they are to be had. Still it seems necessary that something should be attempted. The present Diocese of Ontario might be divided into two. So might the present Diocese of Toronto. A portion of Huron might be assigned to Niagara, and some interchange might be made with Toronto, in case of the latter being divided.

"But these are not the crying needs. Let us be quite honest with ourselves, and we shall allow that, in comparison with the Church in the Old Country, neither our Bishops nor our Clergy are oppressed by excessive labor. With a proper arrangement of the different departments of their work, it would not be at all beyond the possibility of accomplishment in a fairly satisfactory manner. What we really want is thorough devotion and zeal among clergy and laity alike, the willingness to labor and to make sacrifices for the work of Christ and His Church; and perhaps also a greater care to fit themselves for the doing of the work to which they are called.

"Some one is or has been to blame. Who is to blame? The clergy complain of the niggardliness of the laity. The laity complain of the clergy as not consulting them, sometimes as not being 'up to the mark,' and sometimes as being remiss in their duties. We are all to blame in so far as we are selfish, slothful, or coldhearted. When we have rid ourselves of these faults, we shall have also helped to deliver our neighbors from them. Let every one leave off blaming some one else and begin to do all he can in a spirit of love and devotion, and there will soon be less to complain about."

Church Bells (England) has the following notice of the 'Theological Monthly,' for June, published in England,—“It is full of interest from cover to cover. The article on 'Welhausen on the Pentateuch' by J. J. Lias, is quite of first rank and should be carefully noted by students of this controversy. Mr. Gath Whitley writes very charmingly on 'The Development of Natural Beauty,' and Mr. F. E. Irving learnedly on 'The Evangelistic Symbols.' There is also a pregnant Bible study—'A Neglected Son,' by Dr. Mockridge."

THE following are the Episcopal appointments made by the Bishop of Huron for July, 1890:—

St. George's Church, Goderich, Monday, July 7th, 8 p.m.; St. Paul's Church, Dungannon, Tuesday, July 8th, 11 a.m., and Christ Church, Port