

## AFRICA.

Archdeacon Mackenzie, before sailing from England, thus writes to the *Guardian* concerning the prospects of the Mission to Central Africa—

Sir,—Several weeks ago I wrote a letter, which you were good enough to admit into your columns, in which I spoke of the want of men to accompany this Mission, and of the amount of funds we had then collected. Now that we have arranged to sail, God willing, on the 5th of October, it is due to your readers that I should say how far we have advanced in these two respects.

As to men. I have now three Priests, and I expect to have a Deacon, ready to sail with me. There is also a lay Superintendent, who will have charge of the commissariat and the secular affairs of the mission generally, but who, in his lot and station, is desirous of furthering the highest objects of the Mission likewise. A Carpenter and Husbandman are ready to go with us, and I hoped to have had a Mason and a practical Farmer, but these two have, for various reasons, recently withdrawn. I should much like, if possible, at once to supply their places, or, at all events, so to arrange that they could follow by the November mail, and join us at the Cape. I am sorry to say I have not yet found such a Medical man as I could wish, who is willing to accompany us.

Besides these, the second party which is to follow, if all be well, in about six or eight months, consists of one Clergyman (I want two more), a Blacksmith, a Shoemaker and Tanner, and a Printer, together with seven others, the wives or sisters of those I have mentioned.

For the planting of this Mission and its maintenance, it has been estimated, as I said before, that we shall require a sum of £20,000 and £2,000 a-year. Towards this we have on our lists promises of from £10,000 to £17,000 as donations, and of about £1,350 a year. At this moment, so far as returns have been made to us by the local committees, we have actually paid up the amount of £13,500 after the payment of all working expenses which have been hitherto incurred.

I should be very much obliged to those who have kindly given us promises if they would no longer delay in paying their donations, and subscriptions for the current year, into Messrs. Hoare's or Coutts's bank, or to our Honorary Secretaries at No. 5, Mitre-court, Temple, E. C. And I should be extremely thankful to see the whole sums required raised before we start. But my chief anxiety at present is to find a really earnest, as well as competent Medical man, willing to go with us as a Missionary, devoting himself and his talents and skill to God's glory and the good of his fellows.

May I also call attention to the advertisement, in another column, of the farewell service to be celebrated at Canterbury Cathedral on the 2nd of October. three days before we embark.

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## GREECE.

## AMERICAN CHURCH MISSION.

The communications from Athens during the year have deepened previous favourable impressions in regard to the wisdom and prudence of Dr. Hill and his co-workers, giving a renewed assurance of the fact that the faithful labours there bestowed have resulted in great spiritual good to the people of Greece. Thousands of the females of that land have been from early infancy to ma-

turo years taught daily, so soon as they were able to learn, the simple truths of the Gospel of Christ. The single aim of the Missionaries has been to sow in the hearts of the children the precious seed of the Divine Word. They have toiled through *twenty-nine years* in the holy purpose of training up disciples of the Lord Jesus. A multitude of these trained in the Mission have gone out into active life, and many are now heads of families. The importance of such an instrumentality in its bearings upon the future regeneration of the Church in Greece, no one can adequately measure. The pure Word of God which, largely through the agency of the Missionaries of the Board, has entire freedom throughout Greece, and is every where circulated among the people, is appealed to by the Missionaries at every turn. In the schools and elsewhere they not only present the simple truth, but in the light of that they exhibit to the people the errors of doctrine and practice into which the Greek communion has fallen, and strive by affectionate counsel and instruction to teach them the true and the right way. The Committee look with confident expectation for a glorious harvest at no distant day, as the result of the faithful labours of the Missionaries of the Board. The following is an extract from a letter of Dr. Hill, dated Athens, July 26, 1860:—  
“Our course through the present year as regards our usual Missionary work, has been of peculiar interest. We have never witnessed so many striking and interesting proofs of the silent but extensive influence of our Mission as during the present year. These have comforted us and been to us ‘as songs in the night.’ A wide field is open to us, in which we are called to work. This Mission is a noble enterprise, and the most successful, too, when regarded in its proper aspects, and even compared in its results with any Mission in the East. I speak advisedly and with perfect knowledge of what is actually going on. It is a great and powerful instrument of good throughout the length and breadth of this fair land. Our schools indeed are considered by us as very important instruments to enable us to carry out our great objects. At the beginning of our career, they were all important. We could not have taken one step without the aid of this machinery. Through them we do even now convey an immense amount of religious instruction. Still we regard them as but a small part of our work. We have been erecting a lofty and capacious building. Our schools have served as the scaffolding; but until we have reached the headstone and crowned it (through the Divine Blessing) we shall have need of the scaffolding.”

## FREDERICTON.

(Correspondence of the Church Journal.)

Messrs. Editors:—The Lord Bishop of Fredericton has just completed his visitation of the Parishes and Missions on the River St. John between the capital city and the Canadian boundary. On the 5th September, accompanied by his son, the Rev. Charles Medley, he visited the Parishes of Prince William and Dumfries, of which the Rev. P. W. Loosemore, of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, is Rector. Divine service was held at 8 P. M., when prayers were said by the Rev. C. Medley, and the Bishop confirmed 6 persons and addressed them. On the 6th, accompanied by Messrs. Loosemore and Medley, he visited Magundy, a large and flourishing Missionary station, under the care of Rev. Mr. Loosemore. Service was held at 11 A. M., when the Bishop confirmed 41. This unusually large number for such a Mission, speaks well for the exertions of the Missionary; and as the majority of the confirmed were males, it portends

good results for the Church in this place. This circumstance was alluded to by the Bishop in one of his powerful addresses, which was listened to by a very large and attentive congregation.

On the 7th the Bishop, with his son, proceeded on his journey to the Missions on the upper part of the St. John river, passing through Woodstock, and arriving late on the evening of Saturday, the 8th, at the Tobique, one hundred and twenty miles from Fredericton, where he was the guest of one of the parishioners. In this neighbourhood are four Missions, covering a vast extent of country, with two churches finished, and a third in progress of erection. It is one of the most laborious Missions in the Diocese, but has happily been worked by men who were not “slothful in business.” The Church here has consequently made good and steady progress. It is not many years since the present Rector of Woodstock used to make periodic visitations of two or three weeks' duration, through this Mission, holding service whenever an opportunity offered, and baptizing all who were brought unto him. He was at that time the only Missionary between Quebec and Fredericton, consequently his visits were highly prized.

On Saturday, the 9th, service was held in the church at the Tobique, at 10½ A. M., when prayers were said by the Rev. C. Medley, and two candidates for confirmation were presented by the Rev. W. Henry Street, the Missionary. The Bishop preached from Ezekiel xviii. 4: “All souls are mine.” In the afternoon, service was held in the church at the River de Clute, nine miles distant, when five were confirmed, and the Bishop delivered an address. The congregation here was unusually large. On Monday, the 10th, the Bishop, accompanied by his son, and the Rev. Mr. Street, proceeded to the Grand Falls on the St. John river, twenty-two miles distant. On Tuesday, Service was held in the Town Hall, which was fitted up for the occasion, the church not being yet completed, when 3 were confirmed. The Bishop preached from 1 Cor. x. 13. This is the second Episcopal visitation of this Mission within a year past, which will thus account for the unusually small number of the candidates for Confirmation. In the evening, the Bishop returned to the Tobique. On Wednesday, the 11th, accompanied by Messrs. Street and Medley, he proceeded homewards, taking a circuitous route through a flourishing settlement called Greenfield, which is in Mr. Street's Mission. Here service was held at 3½ P. M., in a school house. Prayers were said by the missionary, and the Bishop preached from Psalm lxx. 9, 10, 11, 12. In the evening he proceeded to yet another station ten miles distant, where he was hospitably entertained by one of the parishioners. On the following evening he reached the town of Woodstock, where he was the guest of the Rector, Rev. S. D. Lee Street, during his stay. The present venerable Rector has been in charge of this mission for about thirty-two years, and has witnessed its growth from comparatively nothing, to its present vast proportions. Aided by only one assistant minister, five full services are performed on every Sunday, and four missionary stations are supplied with services during the week.

On Friday, the 14th, the Lord Bishop, with the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Medley, accompanied also by a goodly number of the laity, visited St. John's Church, Richmond, eight miles distant, and a part of this mission. Here service was held at 11 A. M., when prayers were said by the assistant minister, the Rev. W. S. Covert, and the Lessons read by the Rector, who also presented 14 candidates for confirmation. The Bishop then addressed the newly confirmed, as also the large and attentive congregation present, on the subject of “Apostolic Example,” dwelling strongly on