

been let alone by the infernal slave trader (cheers), encouraged by our ancient allies the Portuguese, there would have been everything to hope for in their prospects of amelioration. His lordship eloquently denounced the atrocities recorded as incidental to the slave trade as carried on by the Spaniards of Cuba and the Portuguese authorities. Of the United States' law on the subject no complaint could be made for any want of stringency, if it were only carried out ("hear, hear," and laughter). It was specially in the hope that it would be found a powerful agency in aid of the termination of that guilty traffic that he gave and encouraged support to this mission, trusting that the native chiefs of Africa would be led by increased knowledge to the promotion of civilised industry, instead of lending themselves to the purposes of the slave-dealer. He, therefore, proposed the following resolution :—"That the manufacturers and merchants are in an especial manner bound to assist in any scheme the result of which is likely to be the extinction of the slave trade, and the establishment of legitimate commerce over the extensive tableland of inter-tropical Africa."

Mr. Bazley, M.P., seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The Bishop of Oxford, who was loudly cheered, moved the third resolution :—"That Christians of every communion, and more particularly all members of the Church of England, may be expected to co-operate zealously and generously in such a work as that of the direct evangelisation of Eastern Central Africa." He said Lord Brougham had spoken of the hopes to be founded on the spread of civilisation and liberty, but this resolution drew attention to the religious aspect of the question. It was the deeper, more enduring, and transforming love of souls for Christ's sake that alone was sufficient to draw men away from the comforts of civilised life to reclaim their heathen brethren. Our possession of the Cape of Good Hope as a half-way or national citadel on the way to India was not only essential to our continued establishment in Asia, but it gave us such an intimate connection with the people of Africa as to constitute an especial charge from the Almighty to the people of Britain to lend their aid to the spiritual regeneration of that continent (cheers). The more emphatic was the call, because the harvest was now ripe for the reaping.

The Rev. Canon Clifton seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman and a collection on behalf of the mission.

HISTORY OF THE SEE OF CALCUTTA.

"If we review the history of this See, we shall be struck by the fact that every bishop, short as was the time for which some were permitted to occupy it, besides his ordinary works of government and religious ministration, has left behind him some trace of himself, some institution or benefit to the country which shows that the Bishopric has