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will be pleased to learn that the circulation of the AVON DEANERY MAGAZINE has nearly quadrupled since this time last year, making it a much better medium by which they can reach the public of Hants and Kings counties. The rates, however, like the subscription price, remain unchanged.

—With this issue, as announced in the December number of the PARISH MAGAZINE, we appear in a new, enlarged, and greatly improved form, devoted, as its new title implies, to the interests of the whole deanery of Avon. Although enlarged to just double its old form, and therefore giving double the amount of interesting matter, the price has not been increased, but remains the same as formerly—50 cts. per annum.

A Good Man.

“There,” said a neighbor, pointing to a village carpenter, “there is a man who has done more good in this community than any other person who ever lived in it. He cannot talk very much in public, and he does not try. He is not worth \$2000, and it is very little he can put down on subscription papers. But a new family never moves into the village that he does not find it out and give them a neighborly welcome and offer them some service. He is on the lookout to give strangers a seat in his pew at church. He is always ready to watch with a sick neighbor and look after his affairs for him. I believe he and his wife keep house plants in the winter mainly that they may be able to send little bouquets to friends and invalids. He finds time for a pleasant word to every child he meets. He has a genius for helping folks, and it does me good to meet him in the streets.”—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

The Growth of Missions.

BY REV. W. FLEMING STEVENSON.

Almost the whole of Polynesia is Christian. Every coast of Africa is seized. Greenland and Patagonia have their churches. The feet of them that publish the Gospel of Peace traverse the roads from the Himalaya to Cape Cam-rin, from Burmah

to the Yellow Sea. A survey of Missions has become a survey of the world. And what obstacles have been overcome to reach this result? Within our generation China was inaccessible to the Gospel; Japan was impregnable; the heart of Africa was untrodden and unknown. Now look a little deeper into the figures. It may be only a handful of missionaries at a single point; but they are translating the Bible, pouring Christian thoughts into the literature of a whole race. These hundred years of modern missions have placed the Bible within intelligible reach of perhaps 500,000,000 of the race. Their light has gone out through all the earth, their words to the world's end. We see the plans of God unrolled before our eyes. And what are they? That the whole world may be touched by the Gospel; that it may not only touch the individual, but penetrate the tribal life and the national life in every place, and mould the proudest and most populous races by its teachings.

—Among the recent ordinations in the States we notice the following:—

“In St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, Sunday morning, Dec. 18th, Bishop Potter ordained deacon the Rev. Dr. Geo. H. McGrew, formerly a leading Methodist minister. Dr. McGrew will be assistant minister in Calvary parish. Dr. McGrew spent twelve years in India, where, having learned to appreciate the Liturgy of the Church of England, he was thereby enabled to reach many of the natives whom he could not have reached in any other way. The Bishop admitted to the priesthood of the Church the Rev. Manuel Moreno, formerly a Romanist, who contemplates mission work in the island of Cuba. He also advanced to the priesthood the Rev. Dr. S. A. Wekere, lately a minister of the Lutheran body, and the Rev. Hubert W. Wells, who comes into the Church from the Congregationalists. The Rev. Mr. Wells will assist Dr. Huntington at Grace Church.

—One of the greatest signs of the “levelling up” tendencies of the denominations is the formation of the “Scottish Kirk Society.” Read the following extract from its manifesto and you will see for yourself:—

“Its avowed principles and aims are the “Divine basis and the supernatural life of the Church, the necessity of a valid ordination to the holy ministry, the assertion of the efficacy of the sacraments, the restoration of Holy Communion to its right place in the worship of the Church, the revival of daily service, the observance of the Christian year, the restoration of discipline, the reverent care and seemly ordering of churches and church yards, the deepening of a penitential sense of the sin and peril of schism, and the furtherance of catholic unity.”

—Mr. Gladstone recently said: “The older I grow the more confirmed I am in my faith and religion. I have been in public life fifty-eight years, and forty-seven in the cabinet of the British Govern-