

understand ; but that there's no wicked place for ever and ever ; and a' pack o' things that ha' turned his senses topsyturvy ; and I knows it can't be good, for he ain't no longer kind like to me."—*Blackwood's Magazine*.

## JOAN WASTE.

Among many who glorified God by suffering martyrdom in the reign of Queen Mary, Joan Waste, a poor woman, deserves never to be forgotten.—Though blind from her birth, she learned at an early age to knit stockings and sleeves, and to assist her father in the business of rope-making, and always discovered the utmost aversion to idleness and sloth. After the death of her parents, she lived with her brother ; and by daily attending the church, and hearing divine service read in the vulgar tongue, during the reign of King Edward, became deeply impressed with religious principles. This rendered her desirous of possessing the word of God ; so that at length having, by her labour, earned and saved as much money as would purchase a New Testament, she procured one ; and as she could not read it herself, got others to read it to her, especially an old man seventy years of age, the clerk of a parish in Derby, who read a chapter to her almost every day. She would also sometimes give a penny or two (as she could spare) to those who would not read to her without pay. By these means she became well acquainted with the New Testament, and could repeat many chapters without book ; and daily increasing in sacred knowledge, exhibited its influence in her life, till, when she was about twenty two years of age, she was condemned for not believing the Popish doctrine of Christ's bodily presence in the sacrament, and burned at Derby, August 1st, 1556.—*Townley's Biblical Record*.

## INTELLIGENCE.

The following notice of Mr. Wolff's first lecture is from the Commercial Advertiser of the 26th July.

*Rev. Joseph Wolff*.—The first lecture of this extraordinary man, and most extensive missionary, was delivered last evening in the Broadway Tabernacle, to a very large and highly gratified audience. The astonishing travels, toils, sufferings and successes of this reverend gentleman as missionary to the Jews, have rendered his name familiar to all Christendom. To see and hear him will be a privilege highly esteemed in every place which he may visit, throughout the civilized world and especially when the subject of his lectures possesses so much of interest and attraction.

The first lecture consisted chiefly of a narrative of his travels among the countries and cities of the East, with notices of the religious character and habits of the people among whom he has sojourned. It was interspersed with interesting and important facts in relation to the Jews of the different tribes and nations ; and numerous illustrations of the fulfilment of Scripture prophecy were introduced in a most felicitous manner. The account of the awful earthquake which Mr. Wolff saw, and the religious use made of it by the Arabs, and Mohammedans, and Jews, held the audience in deep attention while the specimens of his own style of preaching to the Jews, his brethren after the flesh, the lost sheep of the house of Israel, to seek whom this devoted missionary goes forth in the name of his Master, through "every nation, kindred, tongue and people," possessed the highest interest. Truly it reminded us of the days of primitive Christianity, when holy men, in apostolic simplicity and faith, taught the Jews out of their own Scriptures, "proving that Jesus is the Christ."

No one could listen to this celebrated missionary without honoring his spirit of meekness, piety and zeal ; nor without feeling that he is indeed an extraordinary man. So full of comfort and happiness does he find his employment, "proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ" to those who never heard His name, his soul seemed to be filled with unearthly rapture when he referred to this topic, exclaiming, "O that I could transport you a brief space to those scenes of missionary labor, and introduce you to the divine enjoyments which flow from this delightful

work, and then you would know how unspeakably happy I am. Yes, infidel or Christian, you would see and feel the power there is in the gospel of Christ."

Such was the impression made upon all present, that no small anxiety will be felt by the auditors to listen to the subsequent lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the next week at the same place. We were gratified by the kind and respectful manner in which Mr. Wolff spoke of the travels of our townsman, Mr. Stephens, lately published, and he only paid a merited compliment to that admirable work, when he excused himself from a minute description of Mount Sinai and some other places, referring them to the book of Mr. Stephens in which they are so well described.

The following is from the New York Observer—

Most of our readers will recollect the name of this remarkable man ; that he was a Jew ; studied at the Propaganda at Rome ; became missionary to his own kindred according to the flesh ; visited the Levant, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, &c., then sought the descendants of the Ten Tribes in Bucharra ; travelled over a great part of India, even to the borders of Thibet ; and finally undertook to reach Timbuctoo through Abyssinia. In rendering assistance to Rev. Mr. Gobat and family in Abyssinia, his health failed. For its recovery, he took a voyage to Bombay, and from that place to America, where he had been invited by Bishop McIlvaine of Ohio, and others whom he had personally known in England. He arrived in this city on Tuesday of this week. He intends to remain for some time in this country, and among other objects if practicable, judge for himself whether the American Indians are the descendants of Abraham. For further information, see notice in another column.

## OXFORDSHIRE.

*Religious Destitution in Upper Canada*.—On the 29th of May, a public meeting was held at the Town Hall, Oxford, to detail the actual state of Upper Canada, in regard to religious instruction, in connexion with the established church. The Principal of Magdalen Hall (who was in the chair) opened the proceedings of the meeting.—The Vice Chancellor assured the meeting of his cordial concurrence in the object which had brought them together, and which, with much feeling, he commended to their consideration.—The Rev. William Bettridge, B. D., of St. John's College, Cambridge, entered very fully into the history of the church of Canada, from the conquest of the province to the present time. The clergy reserve question was already explained by him. Mr. B. passed a merited eulogy on the labours of the venerable Bishop of Quebec, once a Fellow of All Souls', who, with a self-denial rarely equalled, sacrificed a good living in Cambridgeshire, and all the prospects which nobility of birth and extent of interest held out to him, for the welfare of the destitute settlers in Canada. Twenty years of unceasing labour as a missionary, added to his continued exertions during his episcopate, have reduced him to a state of entire incapacity to prosecute his labour of love. Mr. B. concluded by some account of instances in which the destitution of spiritual instruction was lamentably apparent.—After addresses from the Rev. D. Cronyn, from the Warden of Merton, and the Rector of Exeter, &c., the meeting concluded.—On the whole we may say, few such meetings, for numbers and respectability, have been seen in Oxford. The collection exceeded sixty pounds, besides the sums before contributed, amounting to more than 100*l*.—*Oxford Herald*.

On Friday, the 26th of May, his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury gave a splendid entertainment to the stewards of the Anniversary Festival of the Sons of the Clergy. Amongst the guests were the Bishop of Durham, the Lord Mayor, Lord Bexley, Archdeacon Pott, Mr. John Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Shepherd, and many other distinguished individuals, clerical and lay. The dinner was served up in the new Gothic hall, the architectural beauty which, and of the other parts of the archi-episcopal residence, reflects great credit upon the taste of the present Archbishop, who has expended a vast sum of money in effecting improvements.—*Ibid*.

From the Quebec Gazette.

The late Lord Bishop of Quebec, Charles James Stewart, third son of the Earl of Galloway, in Scotland, was born in London, on the 13th of April, 1775. In 1795 he was elected a fellow of All Souls' College, in the University of Oxford. Having taken holy orders, he was presented in 1799 to the rectory of Overton-Longville, County Hants. In 1807, having conceived a strong desire to go abroad as a Missionary, he was introduced by the Bishop of Lincoln, in whose diocese he was situated, to the then Bishop of Quebec, who happened at the time to be in England ; and was in consequence appointed to the charge of St. Armand, in Missisquoi Bay. In 1819, the Bishop having provided for the appointment of a visiting Missionary to afford the occasional ministrations of the Church to destitute settlements throughout the diocese, was desirous of confiding the task to the hands of Dr. Stewart, and he accordingly assumed it. In 1825, the infirmities of the Bishop inducing him to desire relief in his extensive charge, his Lordship's son, the Archdeacon of Quebec, (now Bishop of Montreal,) was sent home with powers to effect an arrangement for the division of the diocese, and the surrender, on the part of Bishop Mountain, of one third of his income to Dr. Stewart, who was to have been consecrated Bishop of Upper Canada, and to have assisted, as need might be, in the Lower Province, during the life of Bishop Mountain. The decease of this venerable prelate took place while the Archdeacon was at home, and the intelligence was there received when the arrangement was upon the very point of execution. The plan was then altered, and Dr. Stewart was designated Bishop of Quebec, at Lambeth, on the 1st of January, 1826.

The great increase of the Episcopal labours from the continual accession of Protestant population, caused him, after a few years, to feel very strongly, especially as his health was rapidly declining, the same want of assistance which had been experienced by his predecessor ; and he determined to provide for it by precisely the same sacrifice of income. His endeavours to obtain this object resulted in the consecration of Archdeacon Mountain, in February, 1836, as Lord Bishop of Montreal, but without any division of the diocese—the new Bishop being simply appointed to assist Bishop Stewart, by commission from the latter, to such extent as might be required ; but having powers also to administer the affairs of the diocese, in the event of his surviving that prelate, till a successor to the see of Quebec should be appointed, (which is the footing upon which matters now stand.) No salary is attached to the See of Montreal, and no provision now exists for continuing to the person who may be appointed to the See of Quebec the salary enjoyed by the late Bishop and his predecessor. It is satisfactory to reflect that in the hands of both those prelates it was a blessing to many ; and that both were ready cheerfully to sacrifice a large portion of it, to provide more efficiently for the Episcopal services in the Church.

The character of the late Bishop has already been noticed in the journals which have announced his decease, and his labours have been too fruitful and too extensive to require that they should be proclaimed. In every office which he filled, from that of a Missionary in the woods to that which placed him at the head of the Church Establishment in the Canadas, he was alike humble, charitable, laborious devoted ; full of ardent zeal for the glory of his heavenly master and overflowing with benevolence to man. He was a shining example of the efficacy of the faith of the Gospel ; and in the approaches of dissolution, it was that faith, and not any reliance upon himself or his own performances, which sustained and refreshed him.

The present Earl of Galloway, at whose house the decease of his Lordship took place in London, is his nephew, and not, as has been stated by mistake his brother.

"Faith in Christ," said a Christian seaman "is at once my ship, my sails and my compass: it is all I need, to pass the waves of life, and get safe to the haven where I would be."—*Ch. Alm*.