

have continued the work, ministering chiefly to the large numbers of working people that reside in the district.

We note a few features that appear to us to have been under God's grace factors in the success of this missionary enterprise:—

Careful and constant parochial visitation.

A recreation ground which attracts the children of the church and helps to bring them in touch with the clergy.

A large surpliced choir, drawn from the men and boys of the congregation and numbering more than fifty voices.

Services in which the congregation join with one voice; and we may add, free and unappropriated sittings in a church open at all times.

WHEN Bishop Stanton arrived in Australia, he found to his surprise that hardly any stipend had been secured to him. He was not disheartened, and having private means of his own he soon set about providing an endowment for his see. Some years ago he got together the requisite sum, £15,000. He has established a Synod, raised a Mission Fund for the support of clergy in the poorer parts of his diocese, and built a small cathedral at Townsville, where he now resides. A small honorary capitulary body has been formed. Bishop Stanton is one of the most popular and energetic of the Australian Bishops. He has traversed nearly the whole of his enormous diocese on horseback. He takes his "swag" with him, and does not encumber himself with more episcopal raiment than is absolutely necessary. On one occasion he was returning to his Cathedral city after a visitation on horseback of more than 400 miles. The citizens hearing of their Bishop's proximity, and wishing to do him honor, determined to ride out and meet him. The Bishop was thirsty, it was still some little way from Townsville, and he was unconscious of the good intentions of his flock, so he dismounted, kindled a fire, produced a billy can from his "swag," and sitting down made himself a cup of tea. In this situation he was seen by the approaching cavalcade who mistook him for a stray Chinaman and were about to pass on when he made himself known to them. The Bishop is very considerate to his clergy; he is likewise a very plain speaker.

A meeting was once held in a small country township in his diocese in reference to the settlement of a clergyman in the place. The Bishop presided. Speaker after speaker arose, each stating what kind of a man the new clergyman ought in his opinion to be. The Bishop asked what stipend they proposed to offer? He had not yet heard anything said on that head. The sum was named. "I see," said the Bishop. "You want a man who has all the qualities which make a Prime Minister, and you are prepared to offer him a salary which a Prime Minister would be ashamed to give his butler."

It only remains to add that Bishop Stanton is now working most energetically on behalf of the proposed Church of England Mission to New Guinea, of which for the present he will take the superintendence. During his visit to England he has secured both men and money for this purpose. —*Church Times*.

DR. LIVINGSTONE speaks of a plant in South Africa called *ngotwane*, which bears a profusion of fine yellow flowers, which have so strong a scent that they perfume the air, but contain an active poison, and a mere taste of it is dangerous. In this plant we have an emblem of sin, which, as it grows in many of its forms, bears flowers or produces appearances that seem beautiful, and throw around a fragrant aroma; but, if the sin is partaken of, it is poisonous, if not destructive to the moral sense.

A POOR old woman, who was so deaf that she could not hear, a word, was remarkable, notwithstanding, for her constant attendance at church; and very forcible was her frequent exclamation of pity and true sorrow when she saw the carelessness and indifference of the great mass of hearers: "Oh, to think that they *can* hear, and *won't*!"

CARDINAL LAVIGERIE, presiding over a charity meeting in Algiers Cathedral recently, warmly acknowledged the liberality of English winter residents towards the poor of all nationalities and creeds. He urged in view of the increasing attacks of atheism, Christians should renounce sectarian animosities, and he referred, as an earnest of the era of fraternity, to the London meeting of the Anglican and Roman prelates against the slave-trade. The Cardinal mentioned that on his once expressing to Leo XIII. his esteem for the English, the Pope said, "So you like the English?" "Yes," replied the Cardinal, "I like the English Christians, Holy Father, on account of their innate virtues, of the nobleness of their lives, and of their having retained much more of the Roman Church than other Protestants; but especially on account of their sincerity, which allows us to hope, as to many of them, that if we are externally separated we are internally united in the soul of the same Church. How desirable it would be to see these hopes realized!" "I desire it as much as you," rejoined His Holiness; "repeat it to your English friends when you have the opportunity." "This," added the Cardinal, addressing the English present in Algiers Cathedral, "is what I am now doing, and though you are comparatively few here you will make it known at a distance."

THE *Christian Register*, (Unitarian) says: "We believe that no church is addressing itself so earnestly to the work of carrying Christianity to the common people as is the Episcopal Church."