

results have accrued from men of like mature years undertaking such duties.

THE world was surprised some two years ago by the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, having been fined \$1,000 for engaging an Englishman, living in England, as its rector. It is satisfactory to know that an appeal to the Supreme Court at Washington, has reversed the decision of the State Court, which ordered the fine, and holds that the American Alien Contract Labour Law cannot be interpreted to apply to cases of that kind. Common sense evidently has its place in settling difficulties in Washington.

THE hideous ceremony of hook-swinging, though prohibited by law, took place in India last October in the presence of about ten thousand natives. Hooks are inserted in a man's back and by these he is swung out into the air at the end of a long pole. Several Christian Missionaries were on the ground preaching to the crowds up to within an hour or so of the cruel ceremony. The Madras Government has instituted an inquiry into the matter with a view to preventing a recurrence of it.

FOLLOWING upon Russia's ill-treatment of the Jews, there has come upon Russia itself a terrible judgment, and those who are turning out the Jews to starve are starving themselves. A small worm has attacked the rye and destroyed the harvest. Nothing miraculous in this, say the sceptics of the day, or beyond natural causes. It may be so to them, but the reverend student of the Bible will remember what happened in Egypt, and also the word of God concerning His people, repeated three times, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee."

THE *Annual Report of our Indian Homes* for 1892 is at hand, and gives a full and clear account of the position of the different homes under the control of Rev. E. F. Wilson. These homes are the Shingwauk and Wawanosh, at Sault Ste. Marie; the Kasota and Washakada, at Elkhorn; and the Sauketappi (now being built) at Medicine Hat. The figures given for the management of these different homes seem to be encouraging. They shew receipts amounting to \$15,555.89, with an expenditure somewhat more than that, but the auditors say that the deficit is only apparent, being caused by arrears yet to be paid by the Indian Department.

THE Tamil Church, of Southern India has lost one of its best and ablest leaders by the death of Rev. W. T. Saththianadhan. A native of Tinnevely, he was brought up in heathenism, but with heart and soul afterwards embraced Christianity. He married a native Christian,

the daughter of the Rev. John Devasagayam, the first native clergyman of the Church of England in Southern India. It was hoped at one time that Mr. Saththianadhan would have been appointed a bishop and so form the commencement of an Indian Native Episcopate, but his natural modesty and perhaps better judgment made him shrink from encouraging the project.

THE district between the Hudson's Bay and Winnipeg to be traversed by the projected Hudson Bay Railroad is said to be one of considerable promise. A writer in the *Free Press* thus speaks of it:—"I was agreeably surprised and delighted to find that it was not the barren desert I had supposed it to be, but, on the contrary, a delightful land; that there were hundreds of thousands of acres of arable land, rich in capability to produce, which was amply demonstrated by the rank vegetation and remarkable growth on every hand and by the gardens at the Hudson's Bay posts and mission stations, where we sampled the quality of the vegetables grown from this soil, of which we saw so much in our journey. The native fruits were not only abundant but of a fine quality. Raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, currants and cranberries were everywhere to be found in rich profusion."

CANON FLEMING, vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square, states that within the last twenty years, the Duke of Westminster, who is one of the richest men in England, has given in that parish alone, a site for schools to accommodate 1,000 children, worth £6,000. "He has also, during the same period, given two sites for vicarages, worth together, £10,000, also a site for a new Church worth £5,000, also a site for a mission and clergy house, worth £4,000. In addition to this sum of £25,000 the Duke has contributed to the erection of all the above, and to the extension and maintenance of the work of this parish, not less than £20,000, since he appointed the vicar of this parish seventeen years ago. This is only one parish on his London property. I leave others to tell, what is well known, how generously he gives in all the parishes in London and elsewhere, in which his property lies."

THE new Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, according to the *Missionary Review*, has added his testimony to the value of missions as judged from the standpoint of high Indian officials. "I make bold to say that if missions did not exist it would be our duty to invent them." This is what is said by the famous men who built up the administration of the Punjab, and who, when it was annexed in 1849, wrote home to the C.M.S. for a supply of missionaries as a part of the necessary equipment of the Province.