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Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

UNITED STATES.

LIBERIA.

This is a settlement of free, colored people from the United States. The following is an extract from a letter written by the Rev. A. Crummell, a black clergyman who received his education in the University of Cambridge, and was ordained by an English bishop, and is now laboring amongst his own countrymen:—

"We have a noble field before us here for church effort and the evangelization of benighted men, and, singular as it may seem, a warm desire for our church amongst the ignorant emigrants who in America were brought up in other systems. I regret that my own work here is postponed by lack of funds. The colleges for young men are not commenced yet. Our church edifice has only its foundation laid, and thus remains even for several months: this is a cause of much anxiety to me, for our room is not a very good one, and our accommodation so small that there is no chance for increase beyond our present numbers. We are constantly on the increase in order, regularity, and the fruits of faith.

"I thank you for the suggestion that the Liberian church should strive to walk in the steps of the ancient self-denying christians, and that its pastors should be like-minded; I have already seen the necessity of it, and I have thought it my duty to show that I think

there is a dignity in labor. I have a farm, and I labor with my own hands in the field, and am better and stronger for it.

"The gift [of books] of the Christian Knowledge Society is a precious one. If duplicates of the following could be obtained they would be of much service to us here in our Sunday-school. We have had no Sunday-school books during the last eleven months, and yet we have a large Sunday-school, as also a day-school, in which such books are needed every week-day and every Sunday. The volumes I refer to are—1. Shades of Character; 2. Sketches of Church History; 3. The Old Testament History; 4. The Fruits of the Spirit; 5. Voice Parts of the Psalms and Hymn Tunes of Parochial Psalmody. But, in addition to these, if you could secure us some few books for the lower, simpler classes of a Sunday-school you would do us a very great favor; also a few bibles and testaments."

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SLAVE POPULATION.

We learn from the *Church Review* that "in the southern dioceses increasing attention is paid to the religious instruction of the colored population. Several of the bishops, in their addresses to their conventions, called their attention to this important field of labor, and urged the duty with great faithfulness; and in South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, and Alabama the reports of the clergy show an encouraging state of things in this particular. Bishop Green stated to the Convention of Mississippi that an amount of money sufficient for the support of another candidate for holy orders at Nashville had nearly been contributed by a congregation, of whom nine-tenths are slaves."

[What an example is this last fact to those who pride themselves on being free-men! When shall we hear of congregations in Canada supporting candidates for holy orders?]

COMMON SCHOOLS.

"We are glad to know that a change for the better has already commenced in

many of the best schools in our country. In Boston the Scriptures are steadily read; the ten commandments are thoroughly taught; the Lord's Prayer is regularly used; and in some schools, we believe, the Apostle's Creed is repeated. We commend this subject to our readers in all parts of the country, many of whom are in positions to put forth the right kind of influence."

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

A meeting of this Society was held on Wednesday, 9th instant, at the Society's Board Room.

Present—The Lord Bishop in the chair; Hon. James Gordon; Hon. J. H. Cameron; Rev. Dr. Beaven; H. Row-sell, Esq., and the Secretary.

Proceedings commenced with the usual prayers. The minutes of the December meeting were read by the Secretary, confirmed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

The statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past month, and the balances of the various accounts were read by the Secretary, and laid on the table.

The Secretary stated that the Hon. J. H. Cameron had that day paid over to the credit of the Mission Fund of the Society, the sum of £65, received by him during the past six months, as fees for various opinions.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the sum of £17 was ordered to be paid to Rev. Dr. O'Meara, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in visiting several Indian stations during the past summer.

The following letter was read from the Rev. Dr. O'Meara:

Toronto, Jan. 2, 1856.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

During my labours in England last winter in the cause of our missions on Lake Huron, I was often met with the objection that so little had been done by the Church in Canada for the support of her own missions among the Aborigines of the continent; in answer to which I always stated, that a large