

children than indulgence. God may not use the means we would like, but He will produce the only results that are desirable.

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### SLAVERY.

That accursed thing, the Slave trade, is likely to be checked very effectually in East Africa and in the Pacific, by the prompt and earnest action of the British Government. We rejoice to say that Christian Missionaries were the first, the most persistent, the most effective friends of the slave. Were it not for Dr. Livingstone there would be no word of the horrible atrocities committed in Eastern Africa; there would be no philanthropic expedition under Sir Bartle Frere, no immediate prospect of the total suppression of a most hateful traffic. Livingstone's letters and appeals moved the heart of Christian England and caused the old philanthropic fire to burn. The Government promptly responded to the cry of humanity. A wise, able and experienced christian statesman, Sir Bartle Frere, a trusted friend of Foreign Missions, is at present at or near Zanzibar, with full powers to do all that is necessary, to stop the African slave trade in that quarter forever. He is backed not merely by the prayers and good wishes of the Christian community, but by all the power of the British Government. There is every reason to hope that his expedition will prove completely successful.

The other region in which the total abolition of the abominable traffic in human beings may be looked for is the South Pacific. Late intelligence from Australia reports horrible atrocities detected, exposed, and we trust, punished. The new act of the Imperial Parliament for suppressing the traffic, for stopping man-stealing and wholesale murder, is beginning to be enforced. The provisions of the act are stringent, and it is hoped that the disgrace of this modern slave traffic—cruel and bloody as anything known in history—may come to a speedy end.

We rejoice that Christian Missionaries are vindicating for themselves the right to be regarded as the friends and protectors

of the poor and the oppressed—and that they are a terror to evil doers. What David Livingstone has done on the East Coast of Africa, our own Dr. Geddie, with his faithful fellow-labourers, has done in the New Hebrides. We rejoice also that the British Government has the honour of once more championing the slave and rebuking his mercenary and cruel oppressors. May God richly prosper every effort put forth to lessen the weight of human woe, to check man's inhumanity to man, and to stop the reign of injustice and strong-handed villany.

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### ACADIA MISSION.

BY REV. N. MACKAY.

I promised the readers of the *Record* an early account of my recent visit to Grand Falls. I now propose to redeem that promise.

The journey to Woodstock by rail was easy and agreeable, furnishing no incident specially worthy of remark. From Woodstock to Andover on the up trip I proceeded by steamer, leaving Woodstock at 4 o'clock, A. M. and arriving at Andover at 4.30 P. M. The distance is only fifty miles. Our progress against the swift current was laborous and slow, though a cord of excellent hardwood per hour furnished energy to the panting engines of the steamer *Ida Whittier*. She could perform the down trip easily in four hours. I spent the following day at Andover and was sorry to find that our steadfast and liberal friend, Hon. B. Beveridge, as well as his son, Dr. Beveridge, were absent from home. This was a disappointment, as I had hoped to enlist their sympathies in behalf of the objects contemplated at Grand Falls. But I hope to do so still. The trip from Andover to Grand Falls was by stage, and occupied us from 9 P. M. till 3 A. M., and the driver, a loquacious Frenchman and a devout Roman Catholic, beguiled the weary hours with *ghost stories* and details of camp life in the lumber woods.

After a brief conference with friends at Grand Falls it was decided to hold two services in the Village on the Lord's day and