

improvement under the teaching of the Gospel. The abolition of slavery was a blessed event in the history of civilization. The doctrine of Christianity could not sanction a trade in human flesh. The Divine Being never created man in his own image to be the abject slave of his fellow man. The distinction of grades in society, however, was, he considered, a wise arrangement, which was likely to continue to the end of time. The relationship between nations had greatly improved, and wars were less frequent and destructive. The fearful and devastating wars of the past, which caused human blood to rush in torrents down the channels of this blood stained earth, were, happily, little known in our time. The badness of the human heart would account largely for many evils which afflicted the nations of the earth in the past. The social system was not what it ought to be. Personal gain was often the object of pretended friendship. How few were found to act up to the principle of "doing unto others as they would be done by?" Men's hearts could only be changed by the power of the Holy Ghost. Christ came on earth to seek and to save lost, guilty sinners. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. There was, in the words of his text, "none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

TORONTO.—Ordination at St. Stephen's.—An ordination service took place at St. Stephen's Church, on the 21st March, when the office of deacon was conferred upon two candidates. Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Provost Body, of Trinity College, Rev. Prof. Jones, of Trinity College, Rev. F. Bethune, of Port Hope; and Rev. A. J. Broughall took part in the service. After morning prayer had been said, Rev. Dr. Bethune delivered an address on the importance of the office of deacon. The office of deacon was the first one entered, and its importance was everywhere shown in the Scripture. They must not hope or labour for worldly success, for he who would do his Master's work must expect to wear a crown of thorns. There was no happiness on earth compared with the happiness of self-surrender and self denial.

Dr. Bethune presented Mr. C. H. Brent, of Newcastle, and Mr. G. H. Broughall, son of Rev. A. J. Broughall, for ordination. After a further exhortation, the office of deacon was conferred upon them by the laying on of hands. At the conclusion of the service, the newly ordained deacons took part in the celebration of the holy communion. The Rev. C. H. Brent has received an appointment in Buffalo, N. Y., and the Rev. G. H. Broughall, is appointed to Tullamore, Toronto diocese.

BEAVERTON.—The Rev. George Love, incumbent of St. Paul's Church, died very suddenly of heart disease on the morning of April 1st. He was appointed to this mission nearly three years ago, and was about removing to a new field of labour, when death cut him down at the early age of forty-one. He leaves a widow and four young children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of this community in their sudden bereavement. His funeral took place, on Saturday, the 8th instant. The Rev. Dr. Carry, of Port Perry, conducted the service in the church in which the deceased so lately officiated. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of sorrowing people of all denominations.

HURON.

SARNIA.—Through the kindness of Mr. R. S. Gurd, a member of St. George's Church, the Rev. T. R. Davis was enabled to spend a short vacation during the month of February, in New Orleans. He returned in time for the special work of Lent. Services are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings, with a large and increasing attendance. On Sunday evenings a course of sermons is being preached on "The Church unity lost—how is it to be restored." "The parables," is the subject for Wednesday evening, and "The Vows" for Friday evening. No collection is taken up at these services, but a missionary box is placed at the door, and Lenten offerings are asked for our North West missions. If every Church in the Dominion would adopt the same plan, it seems to the writer that the Ascensiontide appeal might be largely augmented, and the hearts of our brethren in the North West cheered. A special Easter offering from the Sunday school is also asked for the same purpose.

A Literary Society was organized last November, with some misgivings as to its success, but these have since vanished, and it is now in a flourishing condition, with an average attendance of from 60 to 100. The Ladies Aid Society have rendered valuable assistance to the Church in the past, and they do not intend to slacken their labours of love in the future. At a meeting recently held, they decided to keep the interest on the church debt paid, and also to work for a new organ which will cost \$2,000. About a year ago an old coloured man died in this town. He made his

living by fishing, and had accumulated about \$1,200. He had no heirs, and by his will his estate was to be equally divided among the religious denominations of the town. The Church will receive something like \$150 as her share.

RUPERT'S LAND.

As Easter this year comes very late, the parishioners in connection with the Rounthwaite Church held their annual meeting March 26th, in the afternoon at 3 p.m., the Rev. W. Langham Cheney, clergyman in charge of the mission, took the chair. After the reading and passing of last year's accounts, the following officers were appointed: churchwardens, Mr. Rounthwaite, Mr. Moody; clerk of the vestry, Mr. Alfred Birch; vestrymen, Messrs. Alfred Birch, James Wright, John Gregory, E. Morrison, W. P. Marley, John Prat, Wm. King, Richard Johnson, Walter Birch, John Marley; Mr. Samuel Rounthwaite was appointed lay delegate to attend the diocesan Synod of Rupert's Land.

During the meeting it was proposed by Mr. Alfred Birch, and seconded by Mr. John Prat, that the land be laid out as a churchyard and the graves in future disposed of for \$5 in advance. Arrangements were also made to erect a shed to accommodate people's horses attending from a distance. The Rounthwaite church is a very fine building in a beautiful country district about seventeen miles south of Brandon. The Church was built by English settlers between three and four years ago, but through bad crops and some well to do Churchmen leaving, a debt remains to the amount of \$800, hindering the work of the district. The congregation will, therefore, feel grateful for any assistance that may be given by friends interested in the welfare of the Church.

FOREIGN.

In the course of the thirty-five years of his ministry, Whitefield is said to have preached 18,000 times.

Bishop Paret has given his opinion officially, and it is based upon an opinion given by Bishop Whittingham, that it is proper and desirable that persons coming to us from the Roman communion should be confirmed.

The Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales has laid the corner-stone of the Chapter House being built in Sydney as a memorial to the late Bishop Barker.

The new diocese to be formed out of Bathurst is to be called "Central Australian." The Hon. C. Campbell has given £1,000 toward the required £15,000 for the endowment. The town of Bourke will be the see.

In a London church the Holy Communion is celebrated in the Hebrew tongue once a month, for the benefit of converted Jews who do not understand English.

On March 16th, in Baltimore, Bishop Paret confirmed Mr. George L. Clickner, formerly rector of the "Reformed Episcopal" Church of the Redeemer in that city. Mr. Clickner, who began life as a Methodist, intends to apply for Holy Orders.

The Bishop of Lichfield has just addressed a second letter to his clergy on the subject of Church Reform.

A new church, accommodating 1,000 persons, (St. Germain), was lately consecrated at Cardiff by the Bishop of Llandaff. It has cost £12,000, defrayed entirely by voluntary contributions, and all seats are free.

The Bishop of Colchester lately opened a new church at Chadwell Heath. It is a Gothic building, costing about £3,800, of which sum £300 has been given by the Queen. A debt of £300 remains, and the porch, tower, and spire are still unbuilt.

The Bishop of Chicago appointed a Quiet Day for women at his cathedral, on March 30, for special devotion and instruction, to continue from 10 a.m., to 3:15 p.m. Those who attended were to bring luncheon with them and refrain from talking, except during recess.

A Presbyterian and a Congregational minister in Philadelphia, Professor Fullerton of the University of Pennsylvania is the former, are applying for Orders in the Church. The same is true of a Congregational minister in South Natick, Mass.

Mrs. Mary Packer Cummings proposes to build a memorial chapel in memory of her father, the late Asa Packer, at South Bethlehem, Pa. It will cost \$200,000, and it is hoped to have it finished in May, 1887.

In speaking of the progress of the church in India, *Church Bells* says: "A striking—though some fancy it a small—token of religious improvement is the establishment at Bombay of Mrs. Radhabai as a bookseller and stationer. This is the first time that a respectable Hindu widow has ventured to carry on business in her own name since the laws of Mana were written, three thousand years ago."

Emmanuel Church, Boston, has sent out seven clergymen, one of whom was a foreign missionary. Miss Mary Ball also went from that parish to the African mission, where she became the wife of Bishop Auer. They are buried there side by side.

In Exeter, Me., in 1872, the first church service was held, and there was in the town but one communicant. There is now in the place a beautiful church, Holy Trinity, costing \$4,000, and there has been sixty-one baptisms and forty-two confirmations.

The Diocese of Florida was organized in 1838 at Tallahassee by three clergymen and six parishes. Bishops Rutledge and Young were elected to the episcopate in the same place. There are now in the diocese thirty-five clergy, and forty organized parishes and missions.

Four university men, three professional men, an ex-student, and eighteen young men desiring training, have offered themselves for foreign mission service within twelve days (twenty-six in all), which remarkable exhibition of zeal is attributed by the Church Missionary Society partly to the February "Simultaneous Meeting," and partly to the effect of the sad news of Bishop Harrington's untimely death.

The Girl's Friendly Society for America is now represented in twenty-seven dioceses, and has three diocesan organizations. There are sixty-nine branches with 596 working associates, 1,930 members and 651 candidates. The General Secretary is Mrs. Alfred E. Johnson, Salmon Falls, N. H. There is also a Young Men's Friendly Society with much the same object.

The thirteenth annual festival of the London Church Choir Association was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on March 4th. The attendance was crowded. The Bishop of London preached on "Music as a Special Instrument of the Service of God," concluding with an earnest appeal to the singers to devote themselves to that service. The thirty choirs numbered about six hundred.

Rev. W. E. Richards, of the London Missionary Society in India, on visiting their mission in Raiatea, in the South Seas, was greatly impressed by the moral change there. "When I am in church," he says, "and hear some 600 or 700 voices sending up one glad song of praise to God, I can scarcely believe that, not a hundred years ago, these islands were in the bonds of heathenism, and that these lovely hills and valleys often re-echoed with the shrieks of living human sacrifices."

The Church Pastoral Aid Society, (the oldest home-mission association connected with the Church of England) held its jubilee lately in Exeter Hall, London. It was stated that the society had paid \$10,000,000, in stipends, for additional clergy and lay-helpers in neglected or destitute districts, going promptly to the resources of clergymen struggling with the urgent needs of crowded parishes, and giving aid in erecting many now flourishing churches, where such building would have been difficult without the assistance of this most useful society.

In his opening address at the meeting of the London Diocesan Conference, held on the 2nd inst., the Bishop of London expressed the opinion that a serious attack on the Church was imminent. He counselled the clergy not to hold themselves apart as though they alone constituted the Church, but to encourage active co-operation on the part of the laity, so that clergy and laity, united in heart and spirit, might join in furthering the work of the Lord.

The Rev. Rupert Cochrane, M.A., rector of Langton, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, has just completed the one hundred and thirty-third year of his family's service to the Church. For three generations, without the break of a year, this service has been going on. His