

sons of the poor liberated slaves of those days are now the merchants, and tradesmen and professional men of the colony and their sons want a liberal education. Many have been sent to England for this purpose; but it is far better to provide it on the spot. The Society has therefore thrown open Fourah Bay College as a high-class school for those African youths, whose parents are able to pay for a good education. The subjects taught comprise Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, History and Geography, Comparative Philology, Moral Philosophy, Political Economy, Logic, Mathematics, Music, some branches of Natural Science, French and German. And the University of Durham, has accepted the affiliation of this African college to it in such a way that the students may obtain the degrees conferred by it, without coming to England to obtain them. Special provision is made for the theological training of students for Missionary work.

The GRAMMAR SCHOOL, under Rev. J. Quaker, is self-supporting.

As regards the FEMALE INSTITUTION, the school building has been repaired and enlarged, and will now give accommodation to 80 boarders and 150 day scholars. The consistency of those who were formerly inmates or day-scholars of the Institution, but who are now scattered all along the coast, gives cause for thankfulness. Their difference from those who have not been under its influence is apparent in many ways, the devotion of the married to their home duties, their cleanliness and methodical habits, being amongst the most striking. "I was told," wrote Miss Caspari, "of an amusing instance the other day with regard to our young girls being easily distinguished. Two persons were talking together, when they saw a young girl pass. 'Oh,' said one, 'that is one of the Institution young ladies.' 'By no means,' answered the other, 'you would never see an Institution young lady walk in that affected way.'"

The most interesting news lately from Sierra Leone is that of the conversion and baptism of an old "lady chief" or considerable landed proprietor on the Pongo, Mrs. Lightburn, who had for more than 20 years been repelling the Gospel. The Rev. P. W. Donglin writes from Freetown, Sierra Leone.

"The principal event during this quarter is the baptism of Mrs. Lightburn, and her request that a Missionary should be sent to her town of Farrinjia. This certainly is one of the greatest triumphs which the Cross has achieved in this country; as Mrs. Lightburn is the old lady chief of Farrinjia. She was, in her day, by far the greatest slave dealer on this part of the coast, and the greatest person among all the natives—the Zenobia of West Africa. Alliance with her was eagerly coveted by all around, and to have a wife given by Mammy Beli was esteemed a great honor, even if that wife was one of her slave-girls. She had been the wife of a distinguished slave-trader, and had grown rich and powerful. Her personal appearance, her beautiful hand, and her train of girls, have been often mentioned.

Mrs. Lightburn, so far as I understood, did not profess to disbelieve what was told her by the Missionaries. She only doubted that it was the right thing for her and for her people. She was prejudiced against it. I contrived always to glide from ordinary conversation into talking and explaining to her the way of God, from every-day concerns to the things which belong to her peace. It was not long before I asked her to kneel down with me and pray to God through that loving Friend I had been telling her about, Jesus Christ. She knelt down, and uttered a very hearty Amen at the end of every petition. On rising from her knees she struck me on the shoulder and said, "You want to make a convert of me." I read the Bible with her regularly. Every visit found her learning more of Jesus, learning a prayer, and praying on her knees, but we had little

hope of getting Farrinjia during her lifetime. Her head-man Arribo, her confident, who had the charge of all her treasure, was asked very earnestly to be baptised. After satisfying myself that he had the root of the matter in him, I decided to go up and baptize him.

A very large number of people gathered in the three spacious piazzas of Mrs. Lightburn's house. I baptized Arribo (Arribo Nathanael) and four children, and Mr. McEwen baptized five children. I preached in Susu. Mrs. Lightburn herself came in during the service, assisted by Mr. Marsden, an English merchant living at Farrinjia, who married one of Mrs. Lightburn's granddaughters. During the sermon she continually exclaimed, "What he says, is true. It is true!"

When all was over, Mr. Marsden came to me and told me that the old lady had begged that I would baptize her. He did not like to interrupt me in the service, but the old lady was very anxious about it. She told that she could not stay any longer without being baptized. I put a few home questions to her as to whether she had renounced the devil and all his works, going into minute particulars. She had renounced all charms, greegrees, sarrakes (sacrifices), and country-fashions, and said in English, "I believe in God. I trust in Him. I put trust in Jesus Christ: in Him only." She promised to serve Him faithfully. I then requested Mr. McEwen to baptize her for me. She knelt, surrounded by her grandchildren and Mr. Marsden, who acted as witnesses, and by her people, and was baptized. As she was returning to her seat she chanted a short native ditty of thanksgiving. Mr. McEwen said to her, 'You belong to God now.' Large slave-owner as she is, she understood well what that meant. New slaves are entrusted to some responsible person to take charge of them, to show them what work they are to do, and the rules of the place. She caught the idea, and begged that she should not be left alone; but that we would send her some one to take charge of her, and to show her what to do to please God and to walk in His ways.

"Most earnestly do I appeal for help to enable me to go in and take up that place for the Master. I cannot leave that old lady to wander on alone during the few remaining years that are left to her. I cannot leave the Farrinjia people to go on in the dark."

### United States.

**New York.—Italian Mission.**—The Rev. C. Stauder, the missionary in charge, reports that in the six years that the mission has existed he has made more than three thousand visits, and has received three times that number from poor, disconsolate, destitute, and forsaken foreigners. He has held services every Sunday, with an aggregate attendance of 31,700 worshippers; has had conferences and public disquisitions, on week days, in church and private houses, and administered the Communion on the first Sunday of every month, at which there has been an aggregate attendance of 2,160. He has given consolation to 358 sick people, baptized two score of young children and adults, and presented for confirmation 250 candidates. He has officiated at 37 marriages and 31 burials, enrolled in the congregation 500 adults and as many children in the Sunday-school, printed and distributed 24,000 folio tracts, translated and distributed 900 mission books, 300 catechisms and hymnals, and donated about 750 Bibles and Testaments.

**Jewish Missions.**—Preparations have been some time making by the Church Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews for a course of lectures especially designed for the large class of educated Jews in New York.

**BROOKLYN.—Gold Medal Received.**—The Rev. Newland Maynard, F. R. S., rector of St. Paul's church, Brooklyn, E.

D., has received from the Royal Historical Society of England the gold medal of the association for the more extended knowledge he has given in sacred art and mediæval architecture, through his illustrated lectures on the cathedrals of England, France, Germany, and Netherlands.

**Massachusetts.**—The bishop admitted of the diaconate the Rev. F. B. Allen, who was formerly a minister in the Congregational church, Boston.

**THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS REPORTS.** The number of Missionaries, in eleven missionary jurisdictions and twenty-eight dioceses, receiving their entire or partial support from the domestic committee:

Among white people: Missionary Bishops, 9; Clergymen, 226; total 235.

Among colored people: White Clergymen, 18; Colored Clergymen, 8; Lay Readers, 3; Teachers, 15; total, 44.

Among Indians: Missionary Bishops, 1; White Clergymen, 12; Native Clergymen, 11; Lay Missionaries, 1; Native Catechists, 14; Women Helpers, 12; total, 51; net total, 330.

### News from the Home Field.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**QUEENSTON.**—On Sunday, Nov. 2, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Niagara consecrated the Brock Memorial Church, which has been erected at Queenston, and which, as its name implies, is another tribute to the memory of the gallant General, who died in the moment of victory on Queenston Heights. The church is situated on the banks of the Niagara River, is an extremely pretty one, and is built of that beautiful gray freestone so prevalent in the neighbourhood of Queenston, in the style which was in vogue in England toward the end of the 13th and beginning of the 14th centuries, which, while it maintains all the graceful simplicity of the early English style, admits of rich details and beautiful tracery of the decorated period. The tower, forming the main entrance on the northeast corner, will, when completed, form one of the principal features of the Church, terminating in a spire seventy feet in all. The seating capacity of the church as already built is 175, and the building is so arranged as to admit of north and south transepts being added at a future period, which will accommodate about fifty more, and at the same time improve the appearance of the church. An unique feature is the bell, which is the oldest in Canada with the exception of that in the Mohawk church at Brantford.—*Evangelical Churchman.*

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**ALVINSTON.**—The social given in the Music Hall on the 22nd, in honor of Rev. W. J. Taylor, was in every way a success. The band came out at 7 o'clock and gave the signal that proceedings were about to begin. At about 8 o'clock the Hall was comfortably filled, and tea began to be served. Two tables were arranged side by side, at which about one hundred could easily be seated while the ladies unceasingly exerted themselves until everyone was satisfied. After supper the chair was taken by George Shirley, Esq. ex-Reeve, in whose hands was placed a very attractive programme. The speakers called upon were Dr. C. W. Marlett, Dr. Crawford, Rev. W. L. Hackett, C. M. Minister, Mr. Alex. Lucas, Church Warden and Mr. Taylor, himself. All the speakers expressed themselves as sorry at Mr. Taylor's departure, which sentiment was shared by everyone present. Mr. Taylor was the last speaker called upon, and in a few words gave a summary of his labors in the parish, ending with many deep regrets at leaving. Mr. Hughes, of Napier, then read the following address from the Napier congregation, and presented Mr. Taylor with \$40, over and

above the stipend paid by the Napier people.

**REVEREND AND DEAR SIR.**—We the members of your congregation at Napier, take this opportunity to express to you our full appreciation of your earnest and faithful work during the two years that you were among us. We beg that you will accept this little sum of money as a token of that respect and gratitude which we feel is your due from us. We sincerely regret that you are about to leave us, but we know that you are going where your labors will be less arduous, and where you will have fewer difficulties with which to contend; so that we can only wish you a heart, felt farewell, and earnestly pray that God, in whom we know you trust, will always be your Guide and Protector. And may we sometime meet in that "better land," where parting shall be known no more. Signed on behalf of the congregation by THOMAS MOYLE and JOHN HUGHES, Wardens of St. Mary's Church, Napier.

Before and after the meeting a number of other presents were made, to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Good music was rendered by the band and others. A little girl, daughter of Mr. Hughes, is worthy of special mention as a vocalist. Her singing was extremely good. Proceedings came to a close by Mr. Taylor pronouncing the benediction. On Friday the 24th Mr. Taylor and family moved to Wardville; and there we wish him a long and prosperous career. A very handsome brick Church has recently been erected here.—*Com.*

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**OTTAWA.—Thanksgiving Day—Christ Church.**—The attendance at Christ Church was very good, and the services of the most interesting character. The musical service was well rendered, Mr. Harrison presiding at the organ. The Venerable Archdeacon Lauder preached a practical sermon on the subjects for which Thanksgiving should be poured forth from every heart, and urged his hearers to beware of the great sin of ingratitude.

**St. Alban's Church.**—There were two sermons in this church, at 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m. In the morning the rector preached a thanksgiving sermon from the text psalm xxvii., vii., "Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord." The sermon was exceedingly appropriate for the occasion. It showed the correspondence between the thank-offering of the previous dispensation and the Christian Eucharist, and how incumbent it was on Christians to come to testify their gratitude to God for His mercies by offering this oblation in the Lord's dwelling.

**St. John's Church.**—A very good congregation attended this church. Proper psalms and lessons were used, and an appropriate sermon preached by the rector, Rev. Mr. Pollard, on St. Luke, vii., 48. After showing how nature required a due proportion of giving and receiving or ruin would ensue, the subject was applied to the many benefits God showers upon His people, and the returns they should make for His mercies.—*Ottawa Paper.*

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**ARCHDEACON AND PRINCIPAL WHITAKER** of Trinity College, now in England, has been appointed rector of Newton-Upon-Wells, by the Bishop of Salisbury. Mr. Whitaker will return to Toronto next month to set things in order at Trinity College, preparatory to his final departure from Canada.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—Thursday, 6th November, was observed as Thanksgiving Day in Quebec, when services were held in the different churches in the morning, and a grand union service was held in the Cathedral in the evening, when all the clergy of the city took part. A large congregation assembled and joined in a very hearty service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Hamilton, commissary to the Bishop of Quebec.