THE ONTARIO WORKMAN.

ANOTHER AFRICAN WAR.

The English settlement at Sierra Leone has cost the English Government of gallant soldiers and able administrators. It was to be said, "that Sierra Leone always and two governors, one going out alive and the other coming home dead ;" and this ghastly extravagance does not do much injustice to the deadly and pestiforous climate of the nelony. The colony was founded in 1787 "for the suppression of the slave trade and the elevation of the negro." The slave trade has been suppressed by causes with which Sierra Leone had nothing whatever to do; but eightyseven years of pious and philanthropic labor among the negroes have not resulted in their elevation. On the contrary, some of them grow steadily, or unsteadily, worse; and they have recently been indulging in exploits which threaten to result in even a more "equivocal and entangling" war than the one which has just been brought to a close in Ashantee. One of the tribes whose elevation was sought by the establishment of the Sierra Leone colony are the Kossohs, a warlike and brave race. Their King offered to send some of his soldiers to aid Sir Garnet Wolse ly; the offer was accepted with thanks; the mon were duly forwarded, and are now with Sir Garnet in Ashantee. The King was paid for the loan of his men, and was supposed to be quite satisfied with his bargain. But the other day, either out of sheer "cussedness" or by reason of some grudge, he suddenly made an inroad into the British settlemont of Sherbors, burned and plundered a town called Mannoe, and carried off all its inhabitants-negroes-into slavery. He then sent word to the British commandant that he would return the captives upon the payment of an adequate Tansom; but as this is not the way England does business, he was informed that unless he sent the prisoners home and made compensation for the destruction of their town he would be chastised. To this he retorted, "Come and take me," and thus here is the probable beginning of another African war. Nor was this all, for a few days afterwards the British commandant, happening to be at Free Town, went across the river with three other Englishmen to enjoy a few days shooting. Shooting in plenty they had -but it was being shot at; for on the second night the house which they occupied was attacked by 200 armed men of the Shoosoo tribe, the commandant and one of his friends were wounded, the other two were badly beaten their arms were taken from them, and they escaped with difficulty with their lives. This little escapade occurred within four miles of the Government house, and in British territory. It would seem as if eighty-seven years of missionary effort and £8,000,000 should have produced a more perceptible progress in the civilization of Africa than these facts indicate.

MISAPPLIED LABOR.

In all ages the love of overcoming great difficulties, without any proportionate end in view, has prevailed in a greater or less degree. Some notice of os few of these impertinences (as they have been quaintly termed) may not be unentertaining to our readers. In No. 285 of the Philosophical Transactions," Dr. Oliver gives an account of a cherrystone seen by him in 1867, on which were carved one hundred and twentyfour heads, so distinctly that the maked eve could distinguish those belonging to popes, emperoys and kings, by their far from a million members. The organrto England, where it was considered an object of so much value that its possession was disputed, and became the ob-

of a bag. Pliny tells us that the Illeds of Homer, a poem of fifteen thousand verses, was written in so small a space as to be contained in a nutsholl; while Elian mentions an artist who wrote a dispatch in letters of gold, which he inclosed in a grain of corn. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, similar feats of penmanship were performed. The Harle in MS., 530, mentions "a rare piece of work brought to pass unrest. by Peter Bales, an Englishman, a clerk of chancery." This was the whole Bible contained in a large English walnut no larger than a hen's egg; the nut holdeth the book; there are as many leaves in his book as the great Bible, and he has written as much in one of his little leaves as a great leaf of the Bible; this wonderful performance, we are ufformed, "was seen by many thousands." In the curriosities of literature, we meet with very many accounts of similar exploits, which show what perseverance may effect, although they lead us to regret that so much industry and talent should have been so ill-bestowed.

There is a drawing of the head of Oharles the Second in the library of St. John's College, at Oxford, wholly composed of minute written characters, which at a short distance resembled the lines of an engraving. The lines of the head and the ruff are said to contain the book of Psalms, and the Creed of the Lord's Prayer. In the British Museum is a portrait of Queen Anne, not much above the size of the hand. On this drawing are a number of lines and scratches which, it is asserted, include the entire contents of a thin folio, which is there also to be seen.

The present ages does not have so many proofs of ill-directed and frivilous performances. Some object of utility is now generally proposed; and the rapid improvements which are daily being made in every branch of art, and the continued additions we in consequence receive to our means of comfort and convenience, seem to prove that the pursuits of the ingenious are more generally directed to objects of real

It is not enough to exert industry and perseverance; these are but the tools with which we work out some great end. The mind must be enlightened to direct and use these tools to good purpose, for the advantage of the workman and the general good.

THE PATRONS OF HUSBANI'RY.

The committee appointed at the last adnual convention of the Patrons of Husbandry, in Washington, to revise the ritual, met in St. Louis. It consists of T. A. Thompson, of Minnesota the Chairman; J. R. Thompson, of Washington; O. H. Kelly, (who is also Secretary of the convention); Rev. Mr. Grosh, of Washington; General Wilsonof Des Moines, Iowa; D. H. Robertson, of St. Paul, and Mr. Dudley W. Adams, Master of the National Grange. From the last named gentleman the St. Louis Republican has obtained the following information:

The convention or National Grange is the seventh annual meeting. In the works of the order it is denominated Sixth Degree Flora (charity) composed of Masters of State Granges and their wives who have taken the degree of Pomona. Past members of State Granges and their wives, who have taken said degree of Pomona, are honory members and eligible to office, but not entitled to vote. There are granges established in thirty-two States and two Territories. There is also in operation a provincial grange organized in Quebec.

Mr. Adams said there were between 11,000 and 12,000 organizations and not mitres and crowns. It was bought in pisation originated in Washington. It has Prussis for £300, and thence conveyed flourished more prosperously in Iowa than any other State. Newton Grange was put in operation in 1868, at New ton, Iowa, but it didn't live. It was not v Mormoriden, which was so small that a "hosbiek County and organized No. 4."

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The great worries of life are the so called 'little things" which are from day to day left unadjusted, till they fasten their victim like a net. The men who die of "overwork" are not so much destroyed by their great and useful labors as by the trifles which accumulate till they produce a condition of chronic fever and

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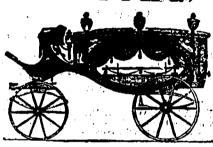
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